

Smith on ag committee

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Jason Smith has been appointed to serve on the Oregon Farm Services Agency Committee.

The committee oversees the activities of the Farm Services Agency. These activities include carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community, and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

Smith has been a rancher and livestock owner his whole life, and is the Range and Ag manager for Warm Springs Natural Resources.

In the past he owned and managed Deschutes Crossing Restaurant, and was the president of the Warm Springs Roddeo Association for two years.



Jason Smith

He is a champion Wild Horse racer.

Smith has been an Inter-

Tribal Ag Council board member for four years and Water and Soil Conservation District board member for six years.

Others appointed to the FSA Committee include Peggy Browne of Baker City, Vernon Frederickson from Boardman, and Robert VanderZanden, who farms grass seed in Washington County.

The FSA's efforts include facilitating income support, disaster assistance and conservation programs, providing operating loans for the procurement of farm equipment, seed and fertilizer, as well as offering ownership loans to help new and veteran producers purchase a farm.

FSA also works to procure various commodities to benefit low-income families through domestic food assistance programs.

Skyn Style open at Plaza

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People traveling Highway 26 can see a new business open in the Warm Springs Plaza with clothes, shoes and accessories.

Skyn Style began operating in March with a variety of new and used items for sale.

The proprietors are Scott Moses and Nicole Main. They wanted to make it easier for tribal members to purchase affordable items.

He made note of the tribal unemployment rate, which currently exceeds 60 percent.

"I see lots of tribal members without drivers' licenses sneaking out of town to buy clothes in Madras or Redmond that cost a lot of money," Moses said. "I'm just trying to offer great quality clothes for a reasonable price."

Along with new and used clothes are locally crafted items—jewelry, embellished accessories and other gift items.

T-shirts with the store's feather logo also are available.

"Times are tough now. People can't spend a lot of money," Moses said. "We knew there was a need for clothing on the reservation. Right now, all the money goes across the river."

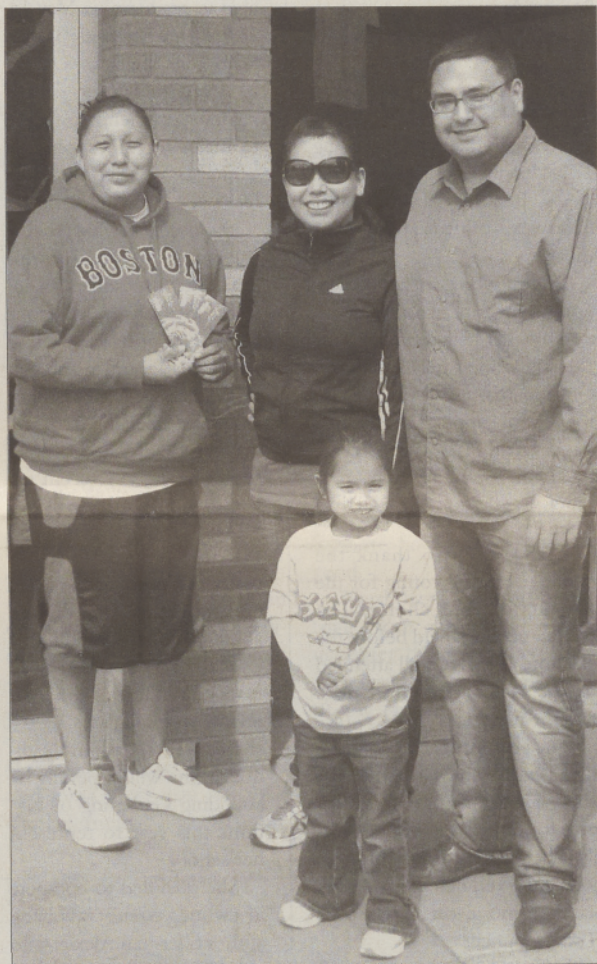
Specific types of merchandise are moving fast: Athletic wear, items for children, baby shoes, and name-brands.

The store is taking gently used clothing donations and looking for tribal craftspeople with items to sell.

Not only are tribal residents coming to the store; people driving Highway 26 are stopping to look around.

The store is in a small 525 sq.-ft. space, but Moses and Main intend to add wall racks so they can display more merchandise.

Skyn Style is in the Warm Springs Plaza, next to the Tepee Deli. It's open Tuesdays through



Courtesy photo

Wendy Manuelito, a customer, stands with Nicole Main, Scott Moses and Lily Ann in front of Skyn Style, a new business in the Warm Springs Plaza.

Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

The plaza is across from The Museum at Warm Springs.

Moses will serve on the 25th Tribal Council for the Seekseequa District and is the executive director of housing for the tribe. He and girlfriend Main have a daughter, Lily Ann, age 4.

For details, telephone 541-325-2773. Also visit: Myspace.com/skynstyle. Or e-mail: skynstyleclothing@gmail.com.

Spirit Fest in July at HeHe

The Fifth Annual Spirit Fest happens at the HeHe Longhouse in July. The fest and campout, supporting sobriety in Central Oregon, is set for July 9-11. Contact Jamison at 541-553-9326. Friday night potluck, Saturday night dinner provided. Sunday "Real Men Cook Breakfast" and clean up too. Camping, pow wow, salmon feed, talking circle, crafts, music, and family fun! Registration - \$10/person. Everyone welcome.

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Clinic hosting Diabetes screenings

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For more information, please call 541-553-2478. The screenings are

scheduled on the following Thursdays:

April 22: Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

May 13: Warm Springs Post Office.

May 27: Commodities.

June 10: Administration.

June 24: ECE.