

Referendum: new tallying method

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Each ballot sent, to non-resident tribal member voters, is coded for identification to ensure non-duplication of ballots.

Paper ballots will still be used. Voters will then feed their ballot themselves into the vote counting machine. The machine records the vote and then the ballot automatically drops into a locked Ballot Box.

Absentee Ballots will be brought from the BIA Superintendent's office, where they are kept secured, to the voting location, the morning of May 21. They will then be processed early in the day.

The ballot counting machine automatically tallies the number of votes. Absentee ballots must be received at the voting location by 8pm on May 21.

The tribal referendum vote on the motorsports park is the same day as the Oregon vote-by-mail election. The local state ballot features director seats for several local boards. The only contested seat in Jefferson County for the 509-J school board with Courtney Snead challenging incumbent Lyle Rehwinkel. There is also the Madras Aquatic Center Recreation district tax levy that would provide them additional operating funds to allow the dis-

trict to remain open 12 months a year.

Oregon vote by mail ballots are due at your county clerk's office by 8 p.m. on May 21.

The motorsports referendum asks the membership to authorize continued pursuit of the project, which would be located on about 1,000 acres on Miller Flat, off Highway 26.

The tribes have been studying the project with the Lionshead group for about three years. There is a potential for hundreds of new jobs, and a significant new source of tribal revenue, from this project.



Utilities maintenance foreman Alvis Smith III and Jerrod Allen (in lift) paint the tribal administration building, in preparation for the Council swearing-in ceremony.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Outstanding per capita checks

The following people have outstanding Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs per capita checks. If you see your name on the list, contact the Office of the Special Trustee to arrange for payment. (Year check was issued followed by payee's name.)

2003: Dyamelle Castilleja, Delvis George Sr., Clara Gleason, Bethany Savala, Eva George.

2004: Galen Burgess, Sampson Price, Keena Heath, Valena Sargeant, Hester Scott, Joseph Arthur, Kayla Godowa-Tufti, Pearl Jack, Sandra Jim, Veronica Redfox, Keta Magers, Edwin Williams, Christopher Arthur.

2005: Rachel Savala, Joe Greene.

2006: Timothy Williams, Leidy Caldera, Jody Miller, Clinton Tohet.

2007: Frank Sahme, Sophie Earl, George Aguilar Jr., Alexis Anguiano, Demira Schroeder, William Gurrola-Smith, Camille Clements, Allen Charley, Carlo Wallulatum.

2008: Alveda Charley, Nicola Stwyer, Candelaria Rhoan, Aaron L. Hart, Colleta Torres, Vera Pili, Andre Thomas, Rosa Chiquito, Kimberly Bookout, Tyree Stormbringer, Richard Leonard, Bradford Heath, Vaylon Calica, Thurman Tufti Sr., Tilden McDonald Sr., Leon Chase, Elmina Ching, Raymond Torres, Owen Danzuka Jr., Vanessa

Sahme, Martha Alvarez, James McInturff, Anna Brunoe, Larry Switzler, Leah Rodriguez, Colleen McComb, Hector Gonzalez, Manda Suppah.

2008: Skyla Thompson, Krystal Tanewasha, Tommie Smith, Foster Gillie, Alyssa Macy, Cecil Brunoe III, Jo Smith, Kevin Ruiz, Andrew James, Alicia Adams, Bernadette Winishut, Leonard Bailey, Ester Lawrence, Stephen Miller, Sharondee Mitchell, Elizabeth Martinez, Angel Daniels, Christopher T. Arthur, Ulysses Jefferson, Jackson Heath, Brittany Trujillo, Leanthony Minthorn, Alvin Moore.

2009: Loree Hanslovan, Naomi Nelson, Rhonda Johnson, Corey Johnson, John Katchia Sr., David Kampstra, Bruce Brunoe Jr., Levi Dowty, Alyssa Santos, Loretta Kreger-Rogers, Elliot Cooper Jr., Samantha Stroschein, Austin Smith Jr., Nicola Stwyer, Susie Thompson, Rhonda Polk.

Deschutes attractions open

(AP) - Several attractions in the Deschutes National Forest south of Bend - the Newberry National Volcanic

Monument Lava Lands Visitor Center, Lava Butte and Lava River Cave - have opened for the season.

Around the Region

Cow Creek Band buying land near treaty site

MEDFORD (AP) - A Native American tribe in Southern Oregon is buying a cattle ranch outside Medford near sites significant in the Rogue Indian Wars of the 1850s.

Wayne Shammel, attorney for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, said Wednesday that the pending purchase is part of a continuing effort to diversify economic development, so the tribe is not so dependent on its casino in Canyonville.

He added it has no intention of building a casino on the ranch to compete with another tribal casino proposal in Medford.

The Rogue River Ranch covers 1,700 acres on the north side of the Rogue River between Upper and Lower Table Rocks. Shammel said it is near, but does not include, the site where a treaty was signed in 1953 creating a reservation for local tribes, and where an encampment of local Indians was attacked by a group of settlers, rekindling the

wars. "Historically, the location is absolutely unparalleled in terms of Southern Oregon native and pioneer history," Shammel said.

While the Rogue Valley was south of the Cow Creek Band's traditional territory, there was intermarriage, the two groups shared a common language, and ancestors of modern Cow Creek tribal members lived on the Table Rocks reservation, Shammel said.

Indians from the Table Rocks reservation were marched north to reservations on the coast, where many died of diseases.

If the purchase goes through, it would double the agricultural holdings of the tribe, said tribal spokeswoman Susan M. Ferris.

"Everyone knows Indian casino gaming will not last forever," she said.

"Tribes working to diversify their economy know that."

The Cow Creeks own the Seven Feathers Casino on Interstate 5 in Canyonville

and have opposed a proposal by the Coquille Tribe to build a second casino in Medford. The Coquille Tribe owns The Mill casino in North Bend on U.S. Highway 101.

There are about 150 Cow Creek tribal members in the Rogue Valley, and the tribe is opening a medical office in Medford, Shammel said. The tribe hopes to use the ranch, which includes a small feedlot, to grow hay and alfalfa and raise cattle.

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