

Council appoints new committee members

The Tribal Council last week made the tribal committee appointments.

After reviewing all applicants, the Council made the following appointments:

Culture and Heritage Committee

Paiute: Joseph Henry, Joan Moses; alternate, Brigitte Scott.

Wasco: Radine Johnson, Lepha Marie Smith; alternate,

Ramona Baez.

Warm Springs: Roberta Kirk, Lavina Colwash; alternate, Margaret Suppah.

Education Committee

Ardis Smith-Clark, June Smith, Deanie Smith; alternate, Anita Jackson.

Fish and Wildlife Committee

Ryan Smith Sr., Emerson Squiemphen, Jonathan W.

Smith, Anthony Holliday, Donald Winishut Sr., Bruce Jim Sr.; alternate, Brigitte Scott.

Health and Welfare Committee

Yvonne Iverson, Urbana Manion, Janice Clements; alternate, Lepha Marie Smith.

Land Use Planning Committee

Joel Holliday, Jonathan W. Smith, Francelia Miller; al-

ternate, Jimmy Tohet Sr.

Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee

Delford Johnson Sr., Magdalena Colazo-Holliday, Stanley Buck Smith Jr.; alternate, Terry Squiemphen.

Timber Committee

Levi Vanpelt, Terry Squiemphen, Anthony Holliday; alternate, Lyle Rhoad Sr.

School BBQ Sept. 5

The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue is set for Thursday, Sept. 5.

The barbecue and school supply giveaway

starts at 4 p.m. at the Campus.

The Back to School Barbecue is sponsored by the Health and Human Services Branch.

Support for off-reservation Wisc. casino

The Bureau of Indian Affairs held a public meeting on Thursday to discuss an off-reservation casino for the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin.

Local support in Shullsburg is strong. Mayor Tom Lethlean and residents

said they welcomed the tribe's proposed development.

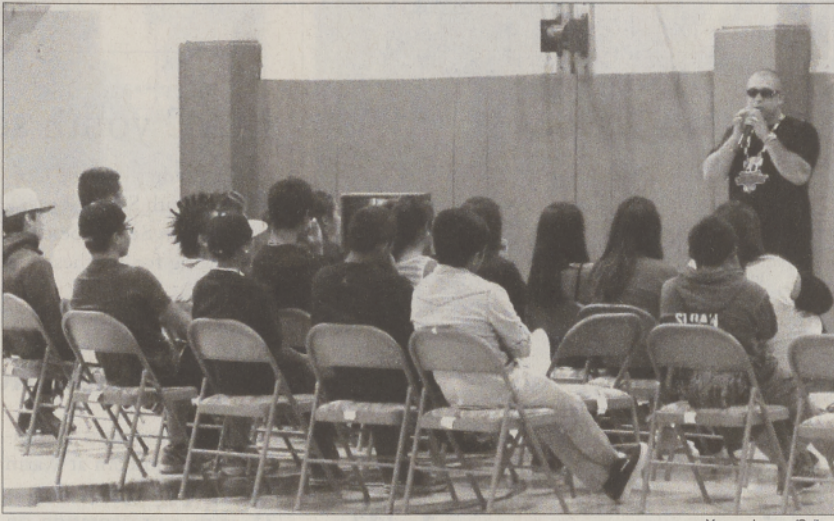
"It's overwhelming in support of the casino/hotel venture," Lethlean told the BIA, Wisconsin Radio Network reported.

The BIA is preparing an environmental impact statement for the project.

Smoke Youth Conference

The rapper Smoke and his wife spoke to teenagers about bullying and its negative impacts on families.

The topic hits home as some Jefferson County Middle School students received news that a classmate had taken her own life. The presenters also shared their experience of losing their own daughter.



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

California casinos going off reservation

Another off-reservation tribal casino has been approved in California, and there's more to come: Three others are contemplated across the state from northern California to nearly the Mexican border.

Weeks ago the California Legislature approved the governor's compact with the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians to begin con-

structing a 2,000-slot machine casino in Madera County, over 30 miles from tribe's historic lands. The agreement culminated lengthy and complex negotiations, not only between the tribe and the government, but between the tribes themselves.

The dispute is far from over — an anti-casino group already plans to place a referendum before voters to

block the project.

Others are in the works for in Enterprise in Yuba County, Barstow in San Bernardino County and Calexico in Imperial County. An off-reservation casino already is under construction in Rohnert Park and is expected to be completed in the fall.

"There's a healthy debate about whether casinos are good or bad for a community," said David Tooley, Madera's City Administrator. "But from an employment standpoint and from a revenue standpoint, I would have to say the City of Madera and Madera County would see an economic benefit."

"In a city that has chronic unemployment, just the impact of the construction alone would be significant," Tooley added.

The North Folks casino stems from an agreement — or compact — approved by the tribe and Gov. Jerry Brown, a document that was

then ratified by both houses of the Legislature.

Although attention on the state's gaming rules typically focus on the governor because of his compact authority, his power actually isn't that sweeping, one critic of the Madero casino said.

"The role of the governor is very limited in the state of California...relative to other states. [He] lacks the authority to grant concurrence for gaming off of Indian lands," said Cheryl Schmit, who leading the effort for a referendum. Her campaign committee, called Keep Vegas-Style Casinos Out of Neighborhoods, is an extension of the long-time tribal gaming interest group Stand Up For California.

Congress legalized tribal gaming in 1988, but according to some interpretations of the law this only applied to lands belonging to tribes prior to that date.

Weight-loss surgery seminar

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For more information call 541-322-1765.

This seminar is sponsored by Stephen Archer MD, co-founder of Advanced Specialty Care's obesity surgery program, Stephen Archer. Dr. Archer serves as the director of the St. Charles Bariatric Surgery Program in Bend.

Childbirth classes in fall

A six-week series of Childbirth Education Classes will begin on September 11.

The classes will meet on Wednesdays in Warm Springs at noon and in Madras at 7 p.m.

This series is recom-

mended for parents of babies due before November 13.

To sign up for Warm Springs classes call 541-553-2460; or Madras classes 475-3882.

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