

Recreation garden teaching healthy lessons

A new garden designed for the youth who attend the Warm Springs Recreation program is flourishing as it heads into its first fall.

Carol Sahme of Recreation credits John Brunoe with volunteering to get the garden going. He donated labor, apple trees and the materials needed to construct box gardens.

His wife donated seed to get some vegetables going. The garden wasn't ready until July, once a fence was installed, paid for with program funds.

Now, radishes, sugar snap peas, carrots, lettuce and spinach bring green to the garden boxes, with a circle of



Roshanda Clements-Poitra and Sharon Williams at the Community Center garden.

apple trees in the center of the fenced area.

Carol is proud to say that the garden is organic, and that kids in Summer Recreation helped tend the plants, weeding and watering them. The

reward was a radish to eat.

At the garden there are planters with some flowers near the gate. More boxes are lined out in the empty space, with plans for expansion.

Carol hopes the exposure

to gardening for her Community Center kids will teach them some basics about growing their own food.

"Maybe if kids see how we can plant and care for fruit and vegetables here at the Recreation Program, they will want to plant a garden at their home too," Carol says.

In Warm Springs there are several efforts to bring back gardening as a healthy activity for families. The Community Garden is tended by Edmund Francis of the Diabetes Program with help from OSU Extension, which also has its small garden behind the Old Boys Dorm.

— Sue Matters

Ceded Lands hunting tags

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Ceded Lands hunting tags are now available for pronghorn antelope, black bear and cougar.

The tags are available at the Natural Resources front office. There will be four Bighorn Sheep tags available this year on ceded lands. Bighorn tags are on a lottery system. You can sign up at the Natural Resources office.

The drawing for big horn tags will be on Friday, September 20 at noon.

Cobell payments in the mail

A federal judge has approved the final payment from the \$3.4 billion Cobell trust fund settlement. The judge in the case last week issued an order to distribute the long-awaited Trust Administration Class payment.

The firm appointed by the court to administer the settlement will mail checks to hundreds of thousands of Indian beneficiaries who have been waiting for the money for nearly two years.

The first checks were expected to be in the mail this past Monday, Sept. 15.

The payments will total nearly \$941.6 million. Each member of the class will receive a base payment of \$869.

But many members will receive more, based on the level of activity in his or her Individual Indian Money (IIM) account. At least one person will receive about \$10 million.

Woman sentenced for costly 2013 arson

Sadie Renee Johnson, 23, was sentenced this month to a year and a half in prison for arson.

Johnson pleaded guilty to arson in connection with the 2013 Sunnyside Fire on the reservation.

The fire cost millions to contain, and cost Kah-Nee-Ta hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost revenue.

Johnson was arrested after a Facebook posting saying, "Like my fire?"

She said she started the fire to give her fire-fighter friends work.

She was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Port-



Sadie Renee Johnson

land. During the hearing Johnson said she suffered from alcohol and drug issues.

She promised the judge that she would turn her life around.

Judge Marco Hernandez also ordered Johnson to perform 200 hours of community service in the fire-dam-

aged area. In her earlier plea, Johnson said she had been riding in a car in July 2013. She lit a small firework and threw it out the window, where it ignited brush, court records say.

The fire spread to about 80 square miles, costing nearly \$8 million to put out.

Johnson said she was surprised the fire grew to the size it did.

"Time cannot be reversed nor choices taken back once made," Johnson said in her statement. "I will not be making this mistake twice."

In the courtroom during the sentencing were about 10

members of her family.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed to a recommendation that Johnson spend 18 months in prison, followed by 180 days of alcohol and drug treatment. The maximum sentence was five years in prison, plus a \$250,000 fine.

Hernandez said he was taking Johnson's previous struggles with alcohol into account when sentencing her.

He noted that she had been in substance abuse in-patient programs four times, the most recent time this year.

Summaries of Tribal Council

August 26, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Sr., Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Discussed the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, consulted with the nine Oregon Tribes.

3. By consensus of Tribal Council members, gave permission for the TANF Office in The Dalles to be used.

4. Motion by Scott to place the Ventures Board in abeyance and to release Jeff Anspach from his job for lack of confidence and no economic development results; second by Carlos; Scott stated, results, not discussion is key, question called for; vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/out of room, Delvis/no, Orvie/no. motion carried, 4 yes, 2 no, 1 out of room, chair not voting.

5. Motion by Kahseuss to have the Secretary Treasurer meet with Don Sampson to see who can step in as an Interim Ventures Board; second by Scott; question called for;

vote: Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Delvis/out of room, Alfred/out of room, Orvie/yes; 5 yes, 0 no, 3 out of room, chairman not voting.

6. Discussed the draft Interim Agreement between the state of Oregon and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

August 29, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Kahseuss Jackson and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Meeting with Oregon Department of Transportation.

3. Discussed State Issues – Off Record.

4. Off Reservation Hunting Records – Off Record.

5. Discussed 2014 Counter Proposal Long Term Agreement – Off Record.

6. Motion by Orvie to go

ahead with Hunting Season on Ceded Lands, to open August 30, 2014, and to go with self-regulating hunting on Ceded Lands. Second by Reuben question called for; vote: Joseph/out of room, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 1 out of room, Chairman not voting.

7. Motion by Carlos to adopt Resolution 11,915: 2014 Hunting Regulations; second by Reuben; question called for; vote: Joseph, out of room, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 1 out of room, chairman not voting.

8. Conversation with John Ogan – Off Record

9. Motion by Carlos to go back on record; second by Kahseuss.

10. Motion by Carlos to approve the 2014 Short

Term Hunting regulations agreement, have John set up a negotiations schedule and get back to Tribal Council next week; second by Orvie; question called for; vote: Joseph/out of room, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, motion carried 6 yes, 0 no, 1 out of room, chairman not voting.

September 8, 2014

1. Members Present: Chief Joseph Moses, Eugene Austin Greene Jr., Raymond Tsumpti Sr., Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Kahseuss Jackson and Carlos Smith. Rhonda Smith, Recorder.

2. Office of Special Trustee Update.

3. Bureau of Indian Affairs update.

4. Realty Items

Motion by Carlos to adopt Resolution 11,916, Greeley Height phase VI; Second by Scott; question called for; vote: Joseph/abstain,

Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Orvie/yes, Raymond/no; motion passed, 4 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, chairman not voting.

5. Motion by Joseph to approve Tribal Council Minutes June 2013 to December 2013; second by Orvie; question called for; vote: Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/abstain, Orvie/yes, Raymond/yes, motion carried, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, chairman not voting.

6. Motion by Scott to adopt Resolution 11,917 Museum Board of Directors; second by Carlos; question called for; vote: Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Orvie/yes, Raymond/yes; motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no 0 abstain chairman not voting.

7. Tribal Attorney update - Motion by Joseph to approve to have the Chairman sign Comment Letter to the Internal Revenue Service; second by Orvie; question

called for; vote: Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Orvie/yes, Raymond/yes; motion carried, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, chairman not voting.

-Discussed Grand Ronde ceded and treaty areas.

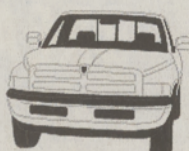
8. Motion by Carlos to adopt Resolution 11,918 2014 Ceded Lands Hunting; second by Orvie; question called for; Vote: Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Orvie/yes Raymond/abstain; motion carried, 5 yes, 0 no 1 abstain, chairman not voting.

9. Motion by Carlos to amend September 15 agenda, add Fish & Wildlife Committee to discuss the inventory in the freezer; second by Orvie; question called for; vote: Joseph/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Orvie/yes, Raymond/out of room; motion carried, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 out of room, chairman not voting.

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