

From Tribal Human Resources

Open enrollment, provider fair May 27

We are excited about our next open enrollment, coming up on Wednesday, May 27. This will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center gym.

We want to be of better service to our employees by being helpful, and apprising them about diverse local medical, dental, eye care, prescription and alternative medicine providers—along with the traditional engagement with our third party insurance administrators.

This year we are going to try something new, and invite local providers to set up a

table to introduce themselves to employees.

We are asking for your full cooperation by informing employees about the open enrollment, event and allowing employees to participate for two hours, depending on if they are new to the tribes' system or simply changing their enrollment status.

If you want to make it an hour, it is up to individual departments.

We will have a similar system as with our December 2014 open enrollment by providing 'passports' for employees to get signed or stamped

as proof they attended. The employees can then bring the passparts back to the departmental supervisor.

This is what we hope to accomplish:

Provide a variety of medical-dental-eye-Rx providers an opportunity to learn about the Confederated Tribes; to interface with our third part administrators; and to have an opportunity to engage and inform potentially 1,500 employees.

Provide employees an opportunity to learn more about local providers; the ability to research diverse healthcare

services in Central Oregon, and explore all of their many options and resources.

To allow employees to enroll, change enrollment status or delete any coverage they are not utilizing.

To allow employees the opportunity to interface with insurance third party administrators, retirement plans and ancillary services directly.

To allow employees to engage with Human Resources staff from the tribal government and enterprises.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: Elizabeth.sato@wstribes.org
Enthusiastic regards,
Elizabeth Asahi Sato, director of Human Resources.

Mini powwow, salmon bake at COCC in Bend

The Central Oregon Community College First Nations Student Union welcomes you to the 2015 COCC Salmon Bake, set for Saturday, May 30.

The salmon bake will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the COCC athletic field. This is a free event (donations are accepted for the First Nations Student Union Scholarship Fund).

The salmon lunch will include salmon, salad, fry bread, beans, ice tea and lemonade. There will be vendors; Wasco and

Polynesian dancers; Ed Edmo storytelling; kids' table with free crafts, and more.

For more information contact Gine Ricketts, director of the COCC Native American Program.

You can reach her at 541-318-3782; or by email at:

rricketts@cocc.edu
The annual salmon bake is sponsored by the Associated Students of COCC; the First Nations Student Union; and the COCC Native American Program.

All are welcome to attend **Social Dance Class** Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Center aerobics room.

Around Indian Country

Yakama Nation removes gaming board

TOPPENISH—The Yakama Nation Legends Casino has been operating without a board of directors for more than two weeks after the Tribal Council fired the three board members.

Citing mismanagement of the casino's \$90 million expansion project and failing to communicate with the Tribal Council, the council's executive committee voted to remove

Shay-Anne Spencer, Portia Shields and Leanne Umtuch from their positions as the casino's board of directors, according to tribal documents obtained by the Yakima *Herald-Republic*.

The decision was made April 21 by a three-person executive committee, composed of Chairman JoDe Goudy, Secretary Athena Sachey-Yallup and council member Warren Spencer, who filled in for the absent

vice-chairwoman.

Goudy said in an email that the casino's executive management team, which has over 20 years of gaming experience, has taken over day-to-day operational oversight of the casino.

He declined to comment on the circumstances of the board's dismissal, saying that it was an internal matter of the Yakama Nation.

From the Range and Ag Committee

The Agricultural Act of 2014, or 2014 Farm Bill, makes the Livestock Forage Disaster Program a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible losses back to Oct. 1, 2011.

The program (LFP) provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses for covered livestock on land that is native or improved pastureland with permanent vegetative cover or is planted specifically for grazing.

The grazing losses must be due to a qualifying drought condition during the normal grazing period for the county. LFP also provides compensation to eligible livestock producers that have suffered grazing losses on rangeland managed by a federal agency if the eligible livestock producer is prohibited by the fed-

eral agency from grazing the normal permitted livestock on the managed rangeland due to a qualifying fire.

The grazing losses must have occurred on or after Oct. 1, 2011.

LFP is administered by the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Eligible Counties for Drought: An eligible livestock producer that owns or leases grazing land or pastureland physically located in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a:

Intensity in any area of the county for at least eight consecutive weeks during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to one monthly payment;

Intensity in any area of the county at any time during the normal grazing period is eli-

gible to receive assistance in an amount equal to three monthly payments;

Intensity in any area of the county for at least four weeks during the normal grazing period or is rated a D4 (exceptional drought) intensity at any time during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to four monthly payments;

Exceptional drought in a county for four weeks (not necessarily four consecutive weeks) during the normal grazing period is eligible to receive assistance in an amount equal to five monthly payments.

A map of eligible counties for LFP drought may be found at:

disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

The usda.gov website has additional information on qualifying for this program.

THE COCC FIRST NATIONS STUDENT UNION WELCOMES YOU

2015 Annual CENTRAL OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SALMON BAKE



Saturday, May 30
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
COCC Athletic Field

FREE
(Donations accepted for the FNSU Scholarship Fund)

Salmon Lunch
Traditionally cooked salmon by Geraldine Jim from Warm Springs, plus salad, fry bread, beans, ice tea and lemonade.

Vendors
Wasco & Polynesian dancers
Ed Edmo storytelling
Kids' table with free crafts and more!

For more information, contact Gina Ricketts
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In advance of College events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Jen Vaila, 541-383-7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Annie Jenkins, 541-383-7743.

Employment

Lost: A female tan/gold chihuahua, answers to Chachi or Sunshine. Let her out to go potty and she followed someone. Please return her to Myrna at 730 Bray Ave. It was Mother's Day present.

Lost on April 29 at the Papoose fields: A black Net10 Wireless Huawei G l o r y S m a r t phone. Memory card has family pics and important numbers - returned would be greatly appreciated. No questions asked! Please contact Tim Jensen at 541-325-2077.



A puppy was found in the Sidwalter Area. She is approximately 6-7 months old, black with tan legs and resembles a German Shepherd. She is also wearing a pink collar. She is currently at the Holliday Ranch. Please contact Rosemary Holliday if this is your dog at 541-460-0970.

Employment

Visit the Personnel Department to submit an application, or call 541-553-3262. View full descriptions and apply online at www.ctws.org.

Watershed Technician - Contact Johnathan Treasure - 541-553-2020.

Fisheries Tech I (Fence Crew) - Keith Karoglanian - 541-553-2027

Fisheries Technician I - Cyndi Baker - 541-553-3586.

Fish Tech I (Habitat Surveyor) - Keith Karoglanian - 541-553-2027

Lookout (Eagle, Sidwalter) - William Wilson - 541-553-8312

Custodian - MayAnne Mitchell - 541-553-3242

Dual Diagnoses Therapist - Vincent Wallulatum - 541-553-3205

News Director - Sue Matters - 541-553-1968

Day Care Substitute Teacher - Edna Campuzano - 541-553-3241

Corrections Officer - Lt. Ronald Gregory - 541-553-3272

Part-time Observer - Pam Douglas - 541-460-7762

Warm Springs Ventures - Business Development & Marketing Director

Jobs Indian Head Casino

The following are recent positions advertised at Indian Head Casino:
Slot keyperson - full time - Contact Yvette Brunoe or Jason Williams 541-460-7777 Ext. 7724
Controller - full time - Contact: Jeffrey Carstensen 541-460-7777 Ext. 7706
Host/cashier - part time - Contact: Esten Culpus 541-460-7777 Ext. 7710
Shuttle driver - part time - Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 Ext. 7749
Server - part time - Esten Culpus 541-460-7777 Ext. 7710
Security officer - full time - Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 Ext. 7749
Table games dealer - full time - Mindy Thornton 541-460-7777 Ext. 7724

Warm Springs Ventures - Tribal Employment Right Office (TERO) - Director. 541-553-3565

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort - Pool Attendant - Seasonal - Part Time. Call 1-800-554-4786; or go to: kahneeta.com