

## Signature gatherers near target number

There is a voting process that allows for the amendment of the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The process involves collecting a certain number of signatures, which are then presented to the Warm Springs BIA Agency superintendent.

Working with the BIA regional office, the superintendent then determines whether a sufficient number of valid signatures have been presented. If indeed the target number has been met, then the BIA will conduct a referendum on the proposed amendment.

The referendum would be

a BIA secretarial election, meaning the eligible voters would be 18 or over. Tribal elections are for people 21 and over, or married.

A group of tribal members have been collecting signatures since December of last year, seeking a vote on whether to amend the tribal constitution.

The proposed changes include, for instance, eliminating the three Tribal Council election districts. Council members instead would be elected by the membership at large, rather than by district. This is one of the proposed changes under the petition.

Mike Clements, Wendell Jim and Sal Sahme have been

the main signature gatherers. They have been gathering signatures for a few hours each day at places such as the Warm Springs Market, and on the sidewalk area outside the Post Office.

They now are getting close to the point when they will present the signature petition sheets to Warm Springs Agency Superintendent John Halliday.

Last year, when they first began this process, they met with Superintendent Halliday regarding the number of signatures needed to call for an amendment vote.

The number is one-third of the total number of eligible tribal member voters.

At that time the number of eligible voters was about 3,600, so the number of signatures needed would be about 1,200. As of last week, the petition signature gatherers had collected about 1,100 signatures.

They have until December 4 to present the signatures to the superintendent, but they plan on presenting them sooner, said Mike Clements.

The process then calls for posting the signatures in a public place for 15 days.

Then, if enough valid signatures are verified, the BIA would conduct an election within 45 days.

— Dave McMechan

## On Council agenda

The Tribal Council worked on the 2016 budget proposal through September, and was expecting to post the document this week.

The Agency District then set a meeting on the proposal for Monday, Oct. 26. Seekseequa set their meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 27. The Simnasho District date was not yet available. The budget has to be finalized by Dec. 1.

Council last week discussed some other upcoming items on their October agenda.

Council will meet with the Jefferson County School District officials in October to discuss the education memorandum of understanding. The current agreement is set to expire next summer.

Council will meet in mid-October with Oregon Department of Transportation officials to discuss the use of the Highway 26 Safety Corridor funding, already appropriated.

Council has their regular meeting on the first Monday of the month, October 5, with BIA and Office of Special Trustee updates; Realty items; conference calls, and a meeting with the Education Committee.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6, Council is scheduled to meet with Utilities director Don Courtney regarding the water meter and other Utilities projects.

Housing will give an update on October 13.

Council has a meeting with CRITFC on Oct. 22-23.

## River housing discussion at Lone Pine

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission recently hosted a visit to the Lone Pine in-lieu site.

CRITFC chairwoman Kathryn 'Kat' Brigham, and Yakama Nation Fish and Wildlife Committee member Wilbur Slockish Sr. met with Congressman Earl Blumenauer at the fishing site.

The visit provided an opportunity for the tribal representatives to share their concerns about housing needs and public safety issues at the tribal fishing sites along the Columbia River.



A resident at Lone Pine from a previous tour shared the reality of living at the site, which lacks proper services for long-term stays.

Many of the sites are overcrowded like the North Bonneville Ft. Rains access site. Often this results in overwhelmed water and sewer systems and public safety problems.



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The CRITFC leadership shared how tribal members are contending with substandard living conditions, as a consequence of displacement by the construction and operation of the federal Columbia River dams.

They reiterated the tribes' position that as long as the dams exist, the federal government has the continuing obligation to address the impacts caused by the dams, including the loss of villages and homes along the river.

The visit closed with a discussion on how the tribes and Congress might work together to address these problems.

## Tribal Council summary

September 22, 2015

1. Roll call: Chief Joseph Moses, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Vice Chair Evaline Patt, Reuben Henry, Scott Moses, Orvie Danzuka, Kahseuss Jackson, and Carlos Smith. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Discussed and reviewed the proposed 2016 budget, more information was needed from the following:

- Land Services Administrator for the Buy Back program and Inheritance Act budget.

- Indian Head Casino Ventures

- A motion was made by Carlos modifying the agenda for Monday, September 23 to have the Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Deputy Director to go back and rework the 2016 proposed budget under current revenue and to modify the agenda to

bring the budget presentations in on Monday; Second by Reuben;

Glendon: Before you take action on the motion, is it for departments? Carlos: I think the departments need to look at reducing, and we need to ensure the senior pension through 2016—I think every option needs to be presented, with all information, and then the table will decide what is to be done, considering any ideas from general managers, managers, accountant directors, whatever they come up with;

Chairman: Anymore discussion? Question; Joseph/yes, Evaline/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Orvie/yes, 8/yes, 0/no, 0/abstain, Chairman not voting; Motion carried.

3. Meeting adjourned at 3:35PM.

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The class will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 2, with a one-hour lunch break. The location will be at the Family Resource Center. Call the library for more information, 541-553-1078.

Registration cost is covered by the Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch. Class limit is 15.

## Howlak Tichum

Sharon Lee (Rector) Penhollow

Sharon Penhollow passed away in the presence of her loving family at her home in Redmond on September 18, 2015 at the age of 77 after battling congestive heart failure and extreme arthritis.

Sharon was born to Herbert Henry and Geneva Louise (Bewley) Rector on March 13, 1938 in Gypsum, Colo.

She joined a brother, Bill, and brother Lloyd followed five years later.

The family came to Central Oregon in 1948 when her father was recruited as a vocational-agriculture instructor in Crook County for returning World War II veterans under a federal education program.

Later her father taught school in LaPine, Warm Springs and Sandy. They settled in Powell Butte, where she and her brothers grew up and attended the Powell Butte School.

During that time, her mother worked at the Powell Butte Store for the Ayers family, later working in the office of the Great Lakes Carbon Company diolite mine at Lower Bridge, and eventually for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs in Warm Springs and Portland.

After graduating from Redmond Union High

School in 1956 and attending the University of Oregon for a short time, she returned to Redmond and married Carroll Penhollow on June 2, 1957. During and after high school she worked at the Odem Theater in downtown Redmond.

Sharon then started fill-in and relief work at the Deschutes County Courthouse. In 1966, she began a 30-year career with the Redmond School District as a librarian and audio-visual aide at M. A. Lynch and Jessie Hill schools. Then she became the financial secretary at Redmond Junior High and Obsidian Junior High schools, returning to M. A. Lynch to finish her career.

Sharon was a member of the Powell Butte Community Christian Church having been baptized by her future father-in-law, D. L. "Penny" Penhollow on December 26, 1956.

She served as the general cashier for the BBQ at the famous Lord's Acre Day for many years until her health restricted her participation.

Over the years, she enjoyed working crossword puzzles (something she had in common with her mother), watching soap operas and television sports, especially football, baseball and golf. She also enjoyed listening to music from the Gaither Gospel Series.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carroll; her

son, Clay; her daughter, Cathy Kohanes and husband, Kelvin, and their son, Andrew of Cornelius; her son, Cary and wife, Melinda, and their sons, Brock, Holden and Grant; her brother, Bill Rector of Chico, Calif.; her brother, Lloyd Rector and wife, Frances of Pacific, Wash.; several cousins, nephews and nieces; and her special friend and fellow "Grammy," Helen Haseman.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Herb and Louise Rector.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Powell Butte Christian Church for the D. L. and Marie Penhollow Foundation Scholarship Fund, PO Box 2, Powell Butte, OR 97753 (541-548-3066), or to Partners in Care, 2075 NE Wyatt Court, Bend, OR 97701 (541-382-5882).

A family graveside service and burial was previously conducted. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Powell Butte Christian Church, 13720 SW Hwy 126, Powell Butte, OR 97753.

Redmond Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Penhollow family. Please sign our on-line guestbook at [redmondmemorial.com](http://redmondmemorial.com)

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