

Petition: would change Tribal Constitution

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This proposed amendment is summarized in the BIA "Proposed Amendment Comparison":

"The elected members will be numbered 1-9 based on a drawing of numbers 1-9. Numbers 1, 4 and 7 will be in the first election after three years; 2,5 and 8 will be in the second election the following year; 3,6 and 9 will be in the third election the following year. The election process for Council will follow this numbered process annually thereafter."

So after the initial three-year period, there would be an election of three new Council members each year, under the proposal.

And according to the proposal: The Council members would be selected in secretarial elections by eligible,

entitled voters. This would be another significant change, as current Tribal Council elections are conducted tribally.

Districts

Under the existing Tribal Constitution, three Council members are elected from the Simnasho and Agency districts, and two are elected from the Seekseequa District.

Under the proposed amendments, the Council members would be elected by the membership at large, rather than by district.

Salaries

Also among the proposed Tribal Constitutional amendments:

"The Tribal Council members shall receive as compensation for their services as

follows: Chairperson \$80,000; Vice-Chairperson \$70,000; all other members \$60,000, and mileage from home to place of meeting and return at a rate used by the federal government. Expenses shall be paid from available tribal budgeted funds. Benefit programs and reimbursement expenses will follow tribal organization policies as budgeted. Tribal Council members will be available to the membership, committees and necessary business on behalf of the tribe beyond the monthly Tribal Council agenda from their office."

Another of the proposed changes reads: "The Council may expel a member for cause by a 2/3 vote, after notice of charges and allowing that member an opportunity to be heard."

Initiators

The petition initiators are Mike Clements, Sal Sahme, Wendell Jim, Grant Clements Sr., and Ruth "Pinky" Beymer.

"It has been a long process for those of us that have carried the proposal," Mike Clements was saying recently.

"Now that we are done with this effort, as initiators we want to thank all those who listened, considered and signed the petition. We look forward to what the future brings with this historical effort."

If the election is carried out, and is successful, it would be the first amendment by members in the history of the Confederated Tribes, Clements said.

Toy, clothing drive for youth

A Warm Springs Holiday toy drive is under way.

The volunteer organizers are looking for new, unwrapped toys, plus coats, hats, mittens and socks.

These items are for local children and youth ages 2 to 17. You can drop off items

at the Warm Springs Media Center, the Social Services/Commodities building, or at the Let's Talk Diversity office in Madras.

Drop boxes are also located throughout the community, and donations will be accepted through December 21.

Water Rights Settlement Agreement

Public Meeting Notice

The Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises will host public meetings on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Community Center social hall.

This will be a chance to learn about the tribes' Water Rights Settlement Agreement.

Agenda items include: What is in the settlement agreement; how the water agreement was reached; and what opportunities there may be for water marketing.

There are two meetings to choose from on Dec. 8: the first from 2-4 p.m., and the second meeting will be from 4 to 6 p.m.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, Nov. 26

The tribal organization is closed today and Friday.

The Warm Springs Shaker Church will be open on today through the weekend. They will serve dinner at 6 each night with prayer services to follow at 7. On Sunday at 10 a.m. will be weekly Garment Service.

Friday, Nov. 27

The tribal organization is closed.

The Warm Springs Shaker Church is open. They will serve dinner at 6 with prayer services to follow at 7.

Saturday, Nov. 28

There is an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Saturday mornings at 10am at Warm Springs Community Counseling.

The Warm Springs Shaker Church is open today.

Sunday, Nov. 29

The Warm Springs Food Bank is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

The Warm Springs Shaker Church will have its weekly Garment Service this morning at 10.

Monday, Nov. 30

The Rise & Shine program offers something for kids at the Warm Springs k-8 Acad-

emy activities before the start of school from 7:45 to 8:50am. Today, the Culture and Heritage department will have Kiksht Language for the kids.

The Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. If you or someone you know has or may have a disability that is a barrier to employment or employment advancement, they can learn about their options at an orientation or by calling 553-4952.

Community Counseling has their Aftercare Relapse Support Group today at 5:30.

The Soaring Butterflies - Warrior Spirit class meets Mondays at 3:40 at the Warm Springs k-8 Community Room. This is for third- to eighth-grade youth, and includes culturally based teachings, hands-on activities, as well as drug and alcohol prevention education.

Warm Springs Recreation is open afterschool for kids. Carol's Arts & Crafts, the game room, gym activities, and Snack Attack are open to youth from 3:30 to 5.

Fitness Opportunities today include: Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center at 10:45. At noon there is basketball in the Community Center gym, and Functional Fitness in the aerobics room. And at the Health & Wellness Center, Pilates-Yoga Class is

at noon. It's the final bonus activity for the November Fitness Challenge, worth 120 minutes.

The Community Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today. Game room hours are 4-5:30. There's ladies night basketball from 6 to 7:45 this evening.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

The Warm Springs K-8 Academy's Rise and Shine program is open to kids at the school from 7:40-8:50.

Today is an early release day for South Wasco schools. Students will be released at 2:15

The Mobile Medical Unit will be at Simnasho today. Call IHS for more information.

Powwow, hoop dance and drum practice for beginners, and anyone who would like to practice, is today from 5:30 to 7 at the Community Center aerobics room.

The Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at Community Counseling. Reach Voc Rehab at 553-4952.

The Warm Springs Senior program will have its thanksgiving luncheon today at the Senior Center.

Managing Diabetes Class is today from 10-11 a.m. at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center Kitchen Conference Room. Everyone is welcome and no sign up is required.

The Jefferson County Food Bank is located at 556 SE Seventh Street. They are open for distribution this afternoon. All food banks and pantries do take donations of

non-perishable food or cash.

On today's fitness schedule: at noon there is Functional Fitness class in the Community Center Social Hall, Turbo Kick Class in the aerobics room, and volleyball in the Community Center gym.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Culture and Heritage will teach Numu language this morning at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy's Rise & Shine program, 7:40 to 8:50 a.m. Rise & Shine is open to students who arrive before school starts.

Today is the deadline for November Fitness Challenge log in sheets to be turned in.

Warm Springs Community

Counseling has an Aftercare Morning Class this morning at 8:30 in their conference room. You deserve peace and happiness, to be healthy and to be heard.

Community Counseling has an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting this evening 7.

The Women's Group at Community Counseling meets today at 1 p.m.

Recreation, CPS hosting toy drive

Recreation and Children's Protective Services are hosting a toy drive this holiday season.

You can donate a new un-

wrapped toy or gift for youth-infants to 17 years old-and drop them off to either the Community Center or CPS office.

The rate of amputation for people with diabetes is 10 times higher than for people without diabetes. Learn more by talking with your health care provider this month, Diabetes Awareness Month.

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