

## New manager at Community Health

Katie Russell is the new manager of the tribes' Community Health program. She has been a community nurse at the clinic for a number of years.

Katie started working for the Confederated Tribes in 2004, when she and her husband moved to the area.

Katie grew up in Southern California. She went to Azusa Pacific University, near Los Angeles, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

After school, Katie's husband got a job in Central Oregon. They moved here, and Katie began working at



Katie Russell

the clinic.

She had been serving as interim Community Health program manager—with Edmund Francis and Fay Hurtado—for the past few months.

Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services director, announced last week that Katie was hired as the permanent manager of the department. Community Health has about 22 employees. These include Maternal Child Health, Nutrition, Community Health Nursing, Community Health Representatives, and social workers.

## Malheur standoff threatened artifacts

There are thousands of Paiute cultural artifacts at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. The area includes tribal burial and other sacred sites.

Members of the group that took over the refuge are now in custody, facing federal charges. Archaeological crimes should be among the charges, said BIA Superintendent John Halliday.

During the militia standoff, Mr. Halliday spent a few weeks at Burns, meeting with the Burns Paiute leaders, and

federal law enforcement agencies. "Those were tense times," Halliday was saying recently.

Some of the artifacts at the refuge date back at least 9,000 years, he said. There was a video, Halliday said, of some of the militia members handling Native artifacts. And they were using backhoes, digging in areas that should not be disturbed.

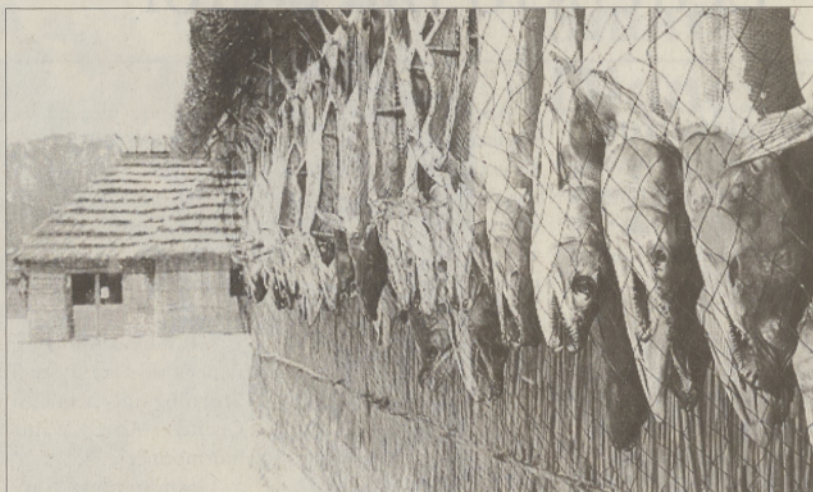
A BIA presence was an important aspect of the federal response, to ensure that

the tribal perspective was fully represented. For instance, the prosecution should include violations of the Archaeological Protection Act, Mr. Halliday said.

The tribal archaeologist should have the opportunity to go through the collection and ensure its safety, he said.

A Warm Springs police officer accompanied Halliday to Burns, and the BIA, he said, will reimburse the department for the expense.

## Visit from Native Ainu of Japan



Courtesy Shiraio Ainu Museum.

Dried salmon outside a building at the Shiraio Ainu Museum.

The Ainu are the Native people of the Shiraio area of Northern Japan. They have fought to keep their culture alive through centuries of Japanese government policies of forced assimilation.

Clearly, the Ainu have much in common with the Native people of the North America. And last week, a delegation from Shiraio visited Warm Springs.

They shared gifts, and talked with tribal members about the cultures of

the Ainu, and that of the Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute.

The Shiraio delegates are interested in developing a closer relationship with Warm Springs, said Tribal Council vice-chairwoman Evaline Patt.

An exciting idea would be to develop an exchange student program between the Confederated Tribes Warm Springs and the Shiraio-Ainu, Councilwoman Patt said.

The Shiraio delegation brought information from

the Shiraio Ainu Museum, explaining some of the history of the Native people of that region of the country.

The Ainu lived on the indigenous foods of the region. Their culture was distinct from the dominant Japanese culture.

The Ainu people today continue to keep the traditional food knowledge and traditions alive—identical to the cultural aspects of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.



Tribal Council vice chair Evaline Patt meets with Shiraio Ainu delegates.



Shiraio Ainu gift bag presented to Confederated Tribes.

## Council to meet on education MOU

Tribal Council is scheduled to meet next week with the Education Committee. The discussion is on the education memorandum of understanding

between the tribes and the Jefferson County school district 509-J.

The meeting is set for Tuesday morning, Feb. 23. Later that day, Tribal Council

is scheduled to meet with Vital Statistics and administrative services on adoptions. This is for discussion purposes only.

## Election: registration a BIA voting requirement

(Continued from page 1)

These meetings would result in candidates who would run for election under the current Constitution.

Meanwhile, the BIA will conduct an election on a number of proposed amendments to the tribal Constitution. This will happen sometime before April 11.

One of these proposed amendments would result in Tribal Council members being elected from the membership at large, rather than by district.

If this amendment passes, then the election process under the current Constitution—based on the district nominations and candi-

*Only those who register will participate in the Constitutional vote. There is no minimum requirement regarding the number of registered voters.*

dates—would appear to be nullified. And this would require another election in order to seat the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council.

One of the proposed Constitutional amendments calls for the Tribal Council elec-

tions to be conducted by the BIA. So, if this amendment passes, then the BIA would conduct the election of the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council.

Under the current Constitution, the Tribal Council election—conducted by the tribes—will decide eight positions: Three members from Agency, three from Sinnasho, and two from Seekseequa.

A proposed amendment calls for the election of nine Tribal Council members.

A critical aspect of the upcoming Constitutional amendment vote is the requirement that eligible members—18 years and over—

register to vote with the BIA.

Only those who register will participate in the Constitutional vote. There is no minimum requirement regarding the number of registered voters.

So, registration is paramount. As Tribal Councilman Kahseuss Jackson pointed out at Council last week:

It is entirely possible, in theory at least, that a small number of people—say, a couple of hundred members, for example—register to vote in the BIA election.

In that case, a small fraction of the overall membership would decide whether to make these fundamental changes to the Constitution.

### PIONEER ROCK & MONUMENT

www.pioneerrock.com  
Find map to shop under CONTACTS on website

Specializing in Native American Design For Over 25 Years

HEADSTONES  
GRAVE MARKERS MONUMENTS & STONE SIGNS

201 Crafton Rd. - PO Box 348  
Goldendale, WA 98620 509-773-4702

### OSCAR'S EXPERT AUTO REPAIR

Complete Service Foreign & Domestic

Logos for VW, Nissan, Ford, ASE, Chevrolet, Suzuki, Honda, Toyota, Subaru, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge.

Serving Central Oregon Community ~ Warm Springs  
You need to get back on the road call Oscar's Expert Auto Repair. Towing available...If you fix the car with us, we give you the towing for half price. Call Oscar or Byron for more info

541-390-1008 541-923-3554  
821 SW 11th St. ~ Redmond www.autorepairedmond.com

### Cash & Release

Always Looking to Buy

Voted the #1 Pawn Shop in Jefferson County

For your convenience we are now open Saturdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

PB - 0339

915 SW Highway 97 - Across the Madras Truck Stop ph. 541-475-3157  
All your items are bonded and insured while in our care.