

Overview of Constitution proposed changes

The following is an overview of the significant changes that are being proposed to the tribal Constitution and by-laws.

Many proposed changes are focused on Article IV of the Constitution—Organization of Tribal Council. Changes being proposed include:

The election process for Tribal Council members would change from a tribal election, conducted by the Confederated Tribe, to a secretarial election conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The composition of Tribal Council would change from eight elected members to nine elected members.

The lifetime terms for

chiefs would be eliminated. Chiefs could be nominated for Council and, if elected, would serve as one of the nine members of Tribal Council.

The voting for all elected Tribal Council seats would change from once every three years, as is the current process. Instead, once implemented, the Council would see three new members elected each year, as three terms would expire each year.

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

The eligible tribal member voting age would go from 21 to 18.

The Tribal Council election

date would be announced 90 days instead of 30 days prior to the expiration of members' term of office.

Also regarding the Council:

“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 polices as budgeted...”

Additional changes are proposed to redefine the Consti-

tutional process for:

Vacancies and removal from office; impeachment, recall, and selection of officers.

By-laws changes being proposed include:

Adjustment to the language for qualifications of office for Tribal Council members.

Rewording the “Meetings and Procedures” article that has to do with disorderly behavior of Tribal Council members

Reword the article that states Tribal Council members will make reports to the people.

This election will be conducted by absentee ballot only and ballots must be returned by Monday April 11, 2016.

Birth

Bismar Andres and Courtney M. Smith of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Nimsay Andres-Smith, born on February 29, 2016.

Nimsay joins brothers Orel, 2, and Nasano, 1.

Grandparents on the

father's side are Esteben Andres-Tzintzunzan and Veronica Perez-Tzintzunzan, of Mexico.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Fancy L. Smith of Madras, and Mitchell Ranelle of Tacoma.

Family and friends are planning a **Memorial Service for Marie Smith Calica**. The Memorial is planned Saturday, March 26, at the Agency Cemetery and the 1910 Shaker Church. Prayer service and stone unveiling will be at 8 a.m., and the memorial service will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shaker Church.



Health: report documents diabetes among members

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Diabetes remains a leading cause of death on the reservation. In the most recent year for which data is available (2014), the number of deaths from diabetes was estimated at close to 100. This number was the same as for accidents and cirrhosis.

The incidence of death from diabetes was trending downward in the recent years, from a high of more than 140 in 2009. In that year diabetes was the leading cause of death among tribal members on the reservation, according to the report.

“The majority of patients with diabetes died from related heart disease and kidney failure,” the report says. “This remains an area that needs emphasis for our local population.”

The report says: “Diabetes can be combated through healthier diets, increased physical activity, and reducing the number of overweight and obese people in our community.”

Patients of the reservation who are identified with the chronic disease of diabetes increased from 600 in 2011 to 627 in the year 2014. Identifying people who have the disease, or who have pre-diabetes, is critical:

“Detection of diabetes and control of blood glucose levels are essential to manag-



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Prevention hosts health walks. At Prevention recently were Janet Bagley (signing up for a walk), and Prevention team members Kelli Palmer, Joy Ramirez, Montell Elliott and Amanda Smith (from left).

ing the progression of the disease, and delaying or preventing the resulting damage to the health of the individual.”

And most importantly: “Monitoring this group of patients, counseling and educational efforts can have a great impact on the health status of the patient, and the future health care costs of caring for patients with diabetes.”

There has been an increased focus on diabetes treatment at the clinic, as documented in the Joint Health Commission annual

report on the Diabetes Program services.

The report shows the number of total Diabetes Program patient visits increased dramatically from the years 2011 to 2014.

In the year 2011, there were a total of 3,963 Diabetes Program visits. This increased steadily over the following three years, to 7,337 visits in the year 2014.

The increase is due mainly to “clinician clinical visits,” which went from 1,931 in 2011 to 5,254 in the year 2014.

The Diabetes Program

was fully staffed during 2014, the report says. The staff included the Program Coordinator, Nurse Practitioner, RN, Certified Diabetes Educator and Administrative Assistant.

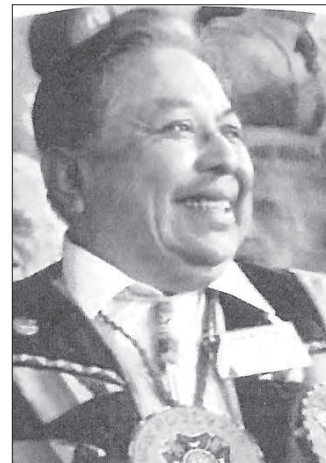
There were major awareness events during the year as well, including the Diabetes Awareness Day Conference, the Heath Smart Dinner, Honor Seniors Day, the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair, Senior Center Diabetes Support Group dinners, the Youth Support Group, the Food Demo and Support Group, and the Culture Camp.

There will be a market setting for **Christopher Culps** on March 18 at 9 a.m. at the Simnasho Cemetery. Lunch to follow at the HeHe Longhouse. Waashat and lunch, and giveaway on March 19 at the Celilo Longhouse.

Market setting for **Shawn Robert Culps - Sammy Lloyd Culps Sr., - Elizabeth Culps** - at Celilo Cemetery, March 19 at 10 a.m. Waashat / Big Drum, and lunch and giveaway to follow at Celilo Longhouse.

Family and Friends are welcome to attend Memorials for **Erwin Stwyer and Pearl Stwyer** - March 19, beginning with Waashat at the Agency Longhouse.

Memorial



Family and friends of **Harvey Jim** are planning a memorial in April. There will be a traditional blessing at 7 p.m. on April 29 at the Agency Longhouse. The unveiling of the Veteran's Monument will be on April 30 at the Simnasho Cemetery, dinner and name giving to follow at the Agency Longhouse. Contact Eliza Brown-Jim at 541-460-1921; or Winona Strong at 541-460-0391.

If you are considering going into business, or are already a business owner, the **Indianpreneurship class** can help you reach your goals. The next course begins April 18. To sign up call 541-553-3148.

Members needing to update address information

Vital Statistics has a new list of tribal members who need to update their mailing information. If you know how to contact any of the following, please call Vital Stats at 541-553-2236; or email: olivia.wallulatum@wstribes.org

- Aguilar Jr., Ralph Titus
- Anderson, Hazel Ruth
- Anstett, Randall
- Antekeier, Susan Kay
- Aragon, Tianna Francina
- Arce Jr, theodore
- Arce, Joanna Francisca
- Arntson, Susan Patricia
- Arthur, Benjamin K
- Barney, Rachel Dawn
- Barney, Theodore L
- Barta, Marcella Mae
- Becerra, Bianca Geneva
- Blackwolf, Edward Sam
- Blankenship, Renee Dawn
- Boise, Lawrence Charley
- Brown, Billy Dave
- Brown, Gloria Marree

- Brunoe, Alexis Laree
- Bryant, Lara Jane Louise
- Cassimiro, Marcelina
- Castro-Taitague, Felicitas
- Gandar
- Chastang, Edward IV
- Chastang, Francillia Tyese
- Ching, Elmina Lee
- Clements, Chantel Elaine
- Clements, Christin Leigh
- Clements, Christopher
- Lloyd
- Cline-Magers, Keta Marie
- Cooper Jr., Elliott Lynn
- Coronado, Gilbert
- Courtney, Sheena Dawn
- Marie
- Craig, Nathan Joseph
- Queto
- Culpus Jr., Emerson
- Danzuka, Doreen Lois
- Danzuka, Penny Alexandra
- David, Samantha Marie
- Demmert Jr, Alan Jasper
- Denny, Richard Leigh
- Drew, Faye Isabel
- Eyle, Alane Susan

- Fent, Lesly Lynn
- Fisher, Glenda Loretta
- Florez, Kista Lynn
- Frank, Miguel Delberto
- Frank, Stephanie
- Frank-Arce, Annette Gaye
- Gibson, Urban Christopher
- Gilbert, Ellen Vernida
- Green, Dominique
- Shaunte'
- Guerin, Anthony Todd
- Hansen, Lilli Patricia
- Hanslovean, Loree D
- Harris, Murray
- Heath, Chelsey Quereda
- Heath, Waylon Charlie
- Heitstuman, Sharondee
- Larac
- Henry, Jerome Earl
- Henry, Tamara Louise
- Henry, William Anthony
- Howtopat, Kevin Dale
- Jackson, Morris Bruce
- Jackson-Meanus, Vesta
- Laura Tone
- Johnson, Doreen Lois
- Johnson, Natalie Marie

- Johnson, Orlando James
- Kalama, Angeledith
- Saramaylene
- Kalama, Marie Leann
- Katchia, Nicolas Jordan
- Katchia, Nocolas Jordan
- Kentura, Falena Sue
- Lawson, Essie Gail
- Leonard, Richard Charles
- Lira, Jessica Enid
- Long, Loni Livian
- Lopez Jr, Jaime
- Lucci Jr, Edward Lance
- Macy, Michelle K
- Made, Ori Marcia
- Martinez, Falan Hope
- McCloud IV, Andrew
- Mitchell, Rayfield Jeff
- Mitts, Randi Lee
- Ortiz, Michael Joseph
- Palmer, Amos Yemowat
- Ryan
- Palmer, Sr., Jay Seth
- Paulsen, Shana Renee
- Pennington, Drew Jackson
- Pennington, Samantha Jo
- Perez, Angelina Elvira
- Perez, Santos Emmanuel

- Perez-Frank, Adriana Rae
- Poitra, Wilona Rae
- Robinson, Nogomo
- Devennoni Jo
- Ross, Mary Madeline
- Ruiz-Switzler, Ernestine
- Elena
- Sahme, Vannessa Nichole
- Sahme, Vannessa Nochole
- Sando Jr., Wilfred Joseph
- Sargeant, Roshena Jane
- Schneider, Rosanna Emilia
- Scott, Clara Jean
- Scott, Jaime La Shawn
- Scott, Jake Mardell
- Scott, Natasha Marie
- Shaw, Bodie Keith
- Slockish, William Frank
- Smith, Andrew Elias
- Soto, Jolene Victoria
- Spino, Casper Eli
- Spino, Crystal Morningstar
- Spino, James Wesley
- Spino, Jesse James
- Spino, Mattie Louise
- Squiemphen-Yazzie, Amanda Jo
- Stacona, Briana Marie

- Stroschein, Samantha
- Cherelle
- Switzler, Amanda Rose
- Tewee-Rescorla, Karen
- Grace
- Thomas, Corey Trey
- Thomas, Dionne Marie
- Thompson Sr, Curtis Lee
- Umtuch, Dejohnne Jewelius
- Van Vorst, Lona May
- VanPelt, Marjorie Ann
- Waheneka, Dawn
- Waheneka, Gerald
- Waheneka, Zeena
- Wallulatum, Ivy Rose
- Wallulatum, Julia Rose
- Watson, Virgil Lee
- Wheeler, Dustin Royale
- Williams, Edwin Josh
- Williams, Francelia Tyese
- Williams, Timothy Hilbert
- Wyman, Pearl June
- Yahtin, Cecil Mack
- Yahtin, Lillie Anna
- Youmans, Brittany Rose
- Youmans, Mary Beth