

Hands Around the Courthouse



Victims of Crime Services hosted the Fifth Annual Hands Around the Courthouse last week. The event raises awareness of child abuse and sexual assault. There were speakers, a drum, and the hands around the courthouse.



Jayson Smith photos.



Community notes...

If you are considering going into business, or are already a business owner, the **Indianpreneurship class** can help you reach your goals.

It covers business concepts, business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving and marketing a small business. The next course begins next week, on April 18. To sign up call 541-553-3148.

A **Pathways Home: Native Home Ownership course** will begin next Tuesday, April 19. Learn everything you need to find, finance, purchase and maintain a home.

To sign up call 541-553-3148. This is required for anyone using the IDA program for home ownership.

The next **Financial Skills for Families** series will begin on April 27. If you plan to open an IDA Savings for home purchase, business, education, employment or home renovation – you need to take this course. Call 541-553-3148 to sign up.

The Deschutes National Forest and others are hosting a **Natural Resource Career Fair** for high school youth. The fair is called Finding your Niche in Natural Resources. It's for high school students, grades 9-12, from Jefferson, Deschutes, Klamath and Crook counties.

It will be held on Thursday, April 28 from 3-6 p.m. at the Deschutes Public Library in downtown Bend. Youth can find out about volunteer, internship and job opportunities. A pizza party and raffle prizes will be on going during the fair.

Election: No on Constitution changes

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The membership this week also considered a proposal that would have made 15 changes to the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws.

This was a secretarial election, conducted by the BIA.

The BIA election board was to meet on Tuesday afternoon (after print time for this publication) to certify the

results. The BIA team was up until early Tuesday morning counting, as there were 15 separate question sheets for each ballot.

Reportedly, more than 560 tribal members submitted ballots. So the number to be counted—15 times 560—was substantial.

Based on the unofficial results, none of the proposed

changes received a majority of votes. The proposals ranged from eliminating the districts in the Council elections, to removing the Chiefs from life-time service on the Council.

There was a salary provision for the Council members, ranging from \$60,000 up to \$80,000 a year for the Chairman.

Summary of Tribal Council

April 5, 2016

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chief Alfred Smith Jr., vice chair Evaline Patt, Chairman Eugene Greene Jr., Carlos Smith, Kahseuss Jackson, Scott Moses, Reuben Henry, Raymond Tsumpti. Minnie Yahtin, Recorder.

2. Certification of Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council:

• Following the review of Tribal Council election results, there was a discussion regarding a Tribal Council member qualification according to the Constitution, By-Laws and Ordinance 44.

• A motion was made by Scott to have the Seekseequa District vote on the Chief's concerns during a district meeting. Second

by Reuben.

Decision to hold off on the certification until this meeting is held, then bring it back Council. By majority consensus: table the election certification until Wednesday, April 13.

4. Tribal Attorney update on Warm Springs Forest Products Industries:

• A motion was made by Raymond approving Mr. Kennedy's proposal. Second by Carlos. Question.

Chairman: the motion was made by Raymond and second by Carlos to adopt tribal attorney Al Kennedy's April 13 memo for consideration for four steps, and I would advise the tribal attorneys to bring the resolution with Mr. Kennedy's plan. This is an awfully hard decision to make, as we look after tribal mem-

bers. We heard from the community members present here as well as concerns about tribal members' jobs.

Chief Delvis talked about jobs, and we have been working with Human Resources, our Chief Operations Manager and with advisement from the Secretary-Treasurer how we will work with the plan going forward as far as employees are concerned; so I wanted to say this is just my closing thoughts.

With that the vote: Evaline/yes, Carlos/yes, Kahseuss/yes, Scott/yes, Reuben/yes, Alfred/yes, Raymond/yes, 8/yes, 0/no, 0/abstain, Chairman not voting. Motion carried.

• Follow up will be on Monday, April 11 at 1:30 pm.

5. With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Truck stop: location is key for success

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The financial feasibility study shows the truck stop would be a great business opportunity for the tribes:

About 1,000 people work at the Madras Industrial Park, and many more travel by on Highway 26.

Daimler Trucks North America, the largest truck manufacturer in North America, announced recently the company is going to develop an \$18.7 million truck proving grounds at the Madras industrial park. This is expected to create another 30 jobs at the industrial park.



Spilyay file photos.

The tribes' property is just past the entrance (above) to the Madras industrial park. On the 10-acre site now is a building that was once used for lumber storage.



WSFPI: no real option to re-open

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However, in order to re-open, WSFPI would require a loan of up to a \$1 million.

The proposed re-opening might have been for just 60 days, at which point Tribal Council unanimously agreed that another loan investment would be impossible.

The receivership process will involve the appointment of the receiver who will liquidate the assets.

The petition for receivership will be filed in Tribal Court, probably this week. A judge pro tem will oversee the receivership process.

Looking toward the longer-term, the tribes can continue to harvest reservation timber, which can then be sold to third parties at market value.

There are a number of business models the tribes can follow, in order to bring new revenue to the tribe.

End of an era

The tribal membership voted in 1966 to purchase the mill from Jefferson Plywood. The enterprise was very profitable for decades, paying substantial dividends to the tribes.

In more recent years, the

mill has struggled financially, due to a number of factors. The mill equipment, for instance, is suited for larger sized logs, which are increasingly rare.

The market for lumber has changed, and the allowable cut available on the reservation is declining. These and other factors have made the operation no longer viable.

WSFPI in recent years made significant cuts in the number of workers at the mill. About 85 people, mostly tribal members, were working until the closure.

Tribal employment

The tribal Human Resources Department was advertising these positions recently:

Chief Judge - Contact Lynn Davis/Alyssa Macy - 541-553-3212.

Appeals Secretary/Roving Clerk - Lynn Davis.

Deputy Clerk - Eliah Sorrelhorse - 541-553-3278.

Children's Mental Health Specialist - Caroline Cruz - 541-553-0497.

Adult Mental Health Specialist - Caroline.

Dual Diagnosis Therapist - Caroline.

Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline.

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline.

Teacher Aide - Cheryl Tom - 541-553-3240.

Bus Driver - Jodi Begay - 541-553-3242.

Family Service Advocate - Jodi.

Hydrologist - Jon Treasure - 541-553-

2020.

Wildland Fire Module-Squad Boss (2 positions) - Raymond Soliz - 541-553-8198.

Firefighter Fuels (18 positions) - Glen Smith/Joel Thompson - 541-553-8199.

Squad Boss/Fuels - Glenn or Joel - 541-553-8199.

Equipment Operator/Operations - Jabbar Davis - 541-553-1146.

Assistant Engine Operator - Vernon Tias Sr. / Lionel Smith - 541-553-8309/1147.

Engine Operator - Vernon or Lionel - 541-553-8309/1147.

BNR Conservation Law Enforcement

Ranger - Oswald Tias - 541-553-2033.

Fish Technician I - Keith Karoglanian - 541-553-2027.

Fish and Wildlife Technician II Plant Nursery Monitoring - Emily Davis - 541-777-2831.

LD Lamprey Project Tech I Willamette Falls - Cyndi Baker - 541-553-3586.

Fisheries & Wildlife Technician I - Marc Manion - 541-553-2042.

Oxbow F&W Tech II - Stephan Charette - 541-820-4521.

GIS/IT Manager - Bobby Brunoe - 541-553-2002.

Restoration Crew 541-553-3272.

Boss - Doug Dunlap/Bill Reynolds - 541-553-2001.

Restoration Crew Driver/Member - Doug or Bill - 541-553-2001.

Police Officer (4 positions) - Lt. Jason Schjoll -

Corrections Officer (6 positions) - Ron Gregory - 541-553-3272.

Journeyman Plumber - Don Courtney - 541-553-3246.

CRITFC employment

Position: Lamprey Collection Tech. Closing Date: May 4, 2016. Classification: Two Temporary, Full-Time, non-exempt (4-6 month duration). Salary/Wage: \$16.84-\$19.50 per hour. Location: Portland, OR.

Visit our website at www.CRITFC.org to learn more about the following position, or to view other opportunities.

Send application packet to: CRITFC - ATTN: Human Resources; 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 1200, Portland, OR 97232.