



Tribal Councilman Jody Calica (above) addresses the audience. Opening the dedication were Councilman Ron Suppah, Fish and Wildlife Committee member Emerson Squiemphen, and Council Chairman Austin Greene (picture at right, from left).



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## Pitt an honored alumni

Tribal artist Lillian Pitt is among the Madras High School graduates who will be honored at the Inaugural Distinguished Alumni event during Homecoming Week.

The event is set for Friday, October 7 at the high school. "These are former Madras High School students who have made tremendous contributions to our city, state, country or world," said high school vice principal HD Weddel.

"We are proud to be welcoming them home and honoring them for their great accomplishments."

There is a full day of activities planned on October 7 at the high school, with the Distinguished Alumni as the guests of honor.

With Lillian Pitt, the Distinguished Alumni are Jacob Deshazer, Dr. Porfirio Pena, Rick All, and Dr. William Ramsey.

## Recovery conference at HeHe

The Recovery Never Ends conference is coming up this Friday, September 30 at the HeHe Longhouse.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The conference will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the longhouse.

The day will include speakers,

talking circles, healing activities, sweathouse and meals.

For more information or to register contact Sarah Frank at Community Counseling, 541-553-3205. See page 8 for more on the conference.

## 5 year anniversary at COCC Madras

Central Oregon Community College this week is celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the Madras Campus.

The celebration will be from 5 to 7 p.m. this Wednesday, September 28. Guest presentations will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and information booths. There will also be a bouncy house where children can play.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, call 541-383-7700. In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola: 541-383-7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Anne Jenkins: 541-383-7743.

## Spiritual Marathon Friday at Deer Ridge

The Deer Ridge Correctional Institution will host its first ever 500 Mile American Indian Spiritual Marathon. Owen Wallulatum is helping organize the event. He volunteers spiritual services such as sweat lodges at Deer Ridge a few times each month.

The spiritual marathon is planned for this Friday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Deer Ridge.

The tradition of the 500 Mile

American Indian Spiritual Run began in the 1980s in California. The tradition has since spread to many other prisons, including several in Oregon.

On September 30 the day will start with a pipe ceremony and drumming and singing, followed by the marathon at the running track at Deer Ridge.

Owen estimates there are about 45 Native Americans at Deer Ridge, including about eight from

Warm Springs. He has participated in the Spiritual Marathons at other prisons, and is looking forward to starting the tradition at Deer Ridge.

## Bill to protect cultural property moves forward

Efforts to protect tribal cultural property are moving forward on Capitol Hill. The House considered H.Con.Res.122, the PROTECT Patrimony Resolution, last week.

According to the House Majority Leader's schedule, the measure was considered under a suspension of the rules, a process reserved for non-controversial bills that are expected to pass with near-unanimous support.

"This is really a very large effort ... to simply say we can do better in the world and do better in this country," Rep. Steve Pearce (R-New

Mexico), the sponsor of H.Con.Res.122, said in May.

The Protection of the Right of Tribes to Stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional Patrimony Resolution condemns the sale, transfer and export of tribal property.

It calls on the federal government to work with tribes and spiritual leaders to come up with ways to stop the practice and repatriate items back to their rightful owners.

A companion measure, S.Con.Res.49, is also moving for-

ward in the Senate. It was approved by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 7.

"These items are not pieces of art—they are sacred objects, deeply important for tribal identity and we need to put a stop to the trafficking of these objects," Sen. Tom Udall (D-New Mexico), the sponsor of S.Con.Res.49, said at the business meeting.

The legislative efforts are being discussed this week at the Indigenous International Repatriation Conference, hosted by the Association on American Indian Affairs.

### Around Indian Country

## Grand Ronde yet to add chief descendants to roll

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in Oregon are moving slowly when it comes to putting the descendants of a chief back on the rolls.

The 86 descendants of Chief Tumulth won a major tribal court ruling more than a month ago. But the tribe has yet to restore them to membership and they've already

missed an election as a result, The Salem Statesman Journal reports.

"We are descendants of Chief Tumulth and he signed the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855. That's the original Grand Ronde document," descendant Debi Anderson told the tribal council at a recent meeting, the paper said.

Chief Tumulth signed the 1855

Willamette Valley Treaty that set aside a reservation for the Cascade, Kalupuya, Shasta and other tribes. But he was executed by the U.S. government before he had a chance to move to the reservation or join a base roll that is used to determine Grand Ronde citizenship today.

## New law to promote tourism in Indian Country

President Barack Obama last week signed a bill promote Native tourism into law.

The Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act (NATIVE Act - S1579), does something rather simple, but supporters say it will help draw more people, and their dollars, to Native communities.

It requires federal agencies to update their existing management plans and tourism strategies to include tribes, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians.

"This bill will empower Native communities to tell their own stories and build their own economic opportunities," said Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), a member of the Senate Committee on Indian

Affairs and the sponsor of the NATIVE Act.

"For too long, tourism has focused on so-called major destinations and while that's important, we have the opportunity to support cultural revitalization and economic renewal through the passage of this bill," Schatz said.

"Visitors are increasingly seeking out a more authentic and historically rich travel experience, and there is nothing more authentic and unique than the cultural tourism experience our native communities provide.

The Senate passed the bill on July 13. It cleared the House on September 12.

The bill does not require federal agencies with tourism programs to spend additional funds.

## School district jobs open in Warm Springs

The Jefferson County School District 509-J is advertising the following positions in Warm Springs. The positions are open until filled, and start upon hiring. The district is an equal opportunity employer.

**Educational assistant 1 at the Bridges Center at Warm Springs.** Four hours per day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Starting wage \$12.57 an hour. Bridges Center is looking for an Educational Assistant to work with our on-line credit recovery program. Qualifications: High School Diploma. Collaborative team player and positive attitude. Experience working with high school students. Educational

Assistant requires a high school diploma or the equivalent, and one of the following: An Associate's degree; two years of study at an institution of higher education - 72 credit hours. Passed the District Assessment for educational assistants in the areas of reading, writing, math and pedagogy. Candidates must apply at: jeffersonco.schoolrecruiter.net with application, cover letter, current resume, letters of recommendation, and copies of transcripts. Current employees use same link and select "Internal" at the top right corner of the page.

**Assistant Custodian at the**

**Bridges Center at Warm Springs.** One hour per day, \$15.10 - \$20.56 and hour. Qualifications: Current employee, high school diploma or equivalent, custodial experience preferred. Good attitude, good work ethic, and willing to learn. Participation and successful completion in district sponsored in-service and training related to this position. After a conditional offer of employment has been extended to the applicant, a pre-employment physical may be required. Current employees are required to submit a letter of interest to: Jefferson County SD 509-J - Jeanie Traxtle, Human Resources - 445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741.

Phone 541 475-6192. Email: jtraxtle@509j.net

**Educational Assistant I at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.** 5.75 hours/day - Starting wage \$12.57/hour. Qualifications or experience: High school diploma. Collaborative team player and positive attitude. Requirements and application process same as for Educational assistant 1 above.

**Educational Assistant I - Two positions available.** Grant funded subject to availability of funds. At the Warm Springs K-8 Academy. 5.75 hours/day - starting wage \$12.57/hour.

**Educational Assistant II (Life Skills)** working with K-4 grade students at the Warm Springs Academy - 3 open positions. Hours: 5.75 hours/day (Probationary Permanent). Starting wages \$13.09 /hour. Qualifications: high school diploma. Experience in Life Skills. Educational Assistant requires a high school diploma or the equivalent, and one of the following: An Associate's degree. Two years of study at an institution of higher education - 72 credit hours. Passed the District Assessment for educational assistants in the areas of reading, writing, math and pedagogy. Candidates must apply at jeffersonco.schoolrecruiter.net