

Council session with Rep. Walden

The Tribal Council hosted a visit from Congressman Greg Walden last week. The group was joined by Warm Springs Managed Care director Mike Collins; Government Affairs director Louie Pitt; and tribal attorney John Ogan.

Rep. Walden is a sponsor of a bill that would remove the Huntington document from the federal record books. The Huntington document of 1865 purports to repeal some provisions of the tribal-U.S. Treat of 1855.

Walden said the Huntington document is an 'historical anomaly' that is a blemish on the federal government relations with the tribes. He said he is happy to work with the tribes on its official removal.

The Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council will be leav-



Tribal Council members Carina Miller, Brigette McConville, Lee Tom and Ron Suppah met with Rep. Walden at the Museum at Warm Springs.

ing office soon, and the removal of the Huntington document is a final priority project, said Councilman Ron Suppah, who has worked with Walden on the issue.

From Managed Care, Mike Collins said the tribes are contending with expen-

sive patient bills from tribal patients who are referred to outside medical providers.

The tribes have been responsible for bills up to \$200,000, in one case at least. The situation would not be sustainable for the tribes, Collins said. The

tribes would be a pioneer in resolving this problem, he said.

Other items of discussion were protection of the Crooked River wildlife area; and the tribes' water and other infrastructure needs.

\$1.36 million grant for housing

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will receive \$1.36 million to support affordable housing on the reservation.

The grant is part of a \$15-million HUD package to the nine tribes of Oregon. U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley made the announcement last week.

Of the eight other tribes, the Siletz will re-

ceive \$3.95 million; and the Grand Ronde, \$3.08 million. And other awards:

Burns Paiute, \$117,109. Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Confederated Tribes \$929,652. Cow Creek Band of Umpqua, \$923,649.

The Klamath Tribes, \$2.77 million; and the Umatilla, \$1.87 million.

Community notes...

There will be a **Food Handler's Class** this Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Warm Springs clinic atrium.

For information you can call the clinic at 541-553-1196.

The Warm Springs Walking Club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Physical Therapy Clinic by the courthouse.

The walk is weather dependent. For questions, or day-of conformation call 541-777-2663.

New position to research tribal economic development

The Warm Springs Community Action Team is seeking to hire an economic development researcher.

The person will be responsible for conducting a detailed 18-month study of the Warm Springs tribal economy, and will work with the Community Action Team staff and tribal leaders to develop solutions to the problems vexing the reservation economy.

The position is full-time, 40 hours per week. Funding for the position is in place through October 31, 2020, through a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation and its *Vital Tribal Economies* program.

The study will be rooted in the economic history of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and will assess the current and potential efficiency of the community's economic development vision, strategy, indicators of success, planning processes, business networks, local purchasing initiatives, and much more.

The researcher will work with partners including the tribal administrators, department heads and staff, Warm Springs Ventures and enterprises, community business leaders, the Warm Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon Native American Chamber, the Northwest Area Foundation, Rural Development Initiatives, and other partners in conducting the research.

Essential job functions

1. Study economic history of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs:

Literature review—Consult the Culture and Heritage Department, the Museum at Warm Springs, Planning Department, and others to review tribal documents and plans, and written literature on the tribal economy.

Interview tribal historians, elders and respected leaders, including former and retired business owners and Chamber of Commerce leaders.

Develop bibliography of literature and source materials on tribal economy.

Develop report on economic history of Warm Springs peoples in pre- and post-contact periods, highlighting the strengths, weaknesses, successes and limitations of previous tribal and tribal member efforts to create and build the economy.

Create a public platform sharing information with the community.

2. Study the Warm Springs entrepreneurial ecosystem:

Assess the current and potential efficiency and effectiveness of the community's economic development vision, strategy, indicators of success, planning processes, business networks, local purchasing initiatives, community capital providers, and building

block organizations at providing the community with services.

Study elements of an effective entrepreneurial ecosystem, including market access, capital, workforce/human capital, business assistance, specialized infrastructure and facilities, community culture and effective regulation.

Gather key economic data (unemployment, wages, income etc.) and conduct leakage analysis.

Assess how and the extent to which community plans for placemaking, tourism, business expansion, attracting cutting edge industries, and developing profitable tribal enterprises are building (or not building) the tribal economy.

Study market and business feasibility across sectors.

3. Study macro-level barriers to economic development, and identify opportunities to improve the economy:

Study the existing stock

of constructed infrastructure, including buildings, sewer and water systems, broadband, roads and more—to assess how these may be improved for future economic growth.

Study the tribes' business laws and codes to determine what may be done to make laws more friendly to small business owners without compromising the community's social and cultural values.

Conduct a by-sector analysis of the workforce needs of a viable, expanding, demand-driven Warm Springs economy.

4. Recommend solutions and develop tactical plans to keep financial resources recirculating, strengthening, and reclaiming the Warm Springs economy:

Provide formal report and a series of presentations to the Tribal Council, tribal administrative and business leaders, and other stakeholders in the Warm Springs community.

Work with the Warm Springs Community Action Team staff to assist tribal businesspeople and other stakeholders in utilizing lessons learned from the study.

Develop Uniform Commercial Code and other laws and processes to reduce red tape and improve business conditions in Warm Springs.

Develop a plan for workforce development that supports a stronger, more locally-controlled Warm Springs economy.

Job Qualifications

1. Bachelor's in community development, economics, history, Native American studies, or related field.

2. Strong research and writing skills.

3. Strong skills at visually displaying complex data and information.

4. Ability to work independently.

5. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with various community stakeholders and the general public.

Other requirements

1. Must possess a valid driver's license and meet at Community Action Team insurance requirements.

2. Must be bondable and insurable.

3. Must agree to (by signature) all rules and requirements of the Community Action Team's drug and alcohol policy.

4. Must be able to pass a criminal background check.

If interested

Please submit resume to the Warm Springs Community Action Team at: chris@wscat.org

1. Salary is dependable upon experience. Salary range will be discussed at interview.

2. Closing date is Thursday, May 2, 2019. Interviews will occur from May 6-8. Hiring decision will be made May 9, 2019.

3. For questions, please contact Chris Watson, Warm Springs Community Action Team executive director, at 541-553-3148.

Community notes...

There will be a Women's Prayer Group—**Praying for Our Children and Grandchildren**—on Mondays from 12:15 to 12:45 at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

A **victim impact panel** will be meeting in Warm Springs one time each month through 2019.

The meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Warm Springs Baptist Church, 2230 Elliot Heights Rd., Warm Springs. For the impact panels in June and December, the meetings will be June 11 and December 17.

Community members are welcome to attend and listen. Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Meth and Opioid Work Group.

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