

Around Indian Country

# Land victory for Yakama Nation

A U.S. District Court has issued an order in *Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation v. Klickitat County et al.*, affirming the reservation status of more than 121,000 acres within the southwestern corner of the Yakama Reservation, including Mt. Adams and the Glenwood Valley.

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation ceded certain rights to more than 10,000,000 acres of land for the rights reserved in the Treaty of 1855, including the right to the exclusive use and benefit of the 1.4 million acre

Yakama Reservation.

The treaty includes a tract of land south of Mt. Adams known as "Tract D" within the reservation boundaries.

The United States outlined the boundaries on a treaty map in 1855, but the map was lost in government files until 1930.

Klickitat County argued at trial, before the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, that the reservation boundaries were changed by Congress in 1904.

The alleged changes, Klickitat County argued, were based on an erroneous

survey referenced in a surplus lands act passed while the treaty map was misplaced.

In the ruling Chief Judge Thomas Rice stated in the order, applying the canons of treaty construction, that the Yakama Nation would have naturally understood the Treaty of 1855 to include Tract D within the Yakama Reservation.

"The 1904 Act did not change the Treaty boundaries of the Yakama Reservation and did not effectuate a diminishment of the Reservation," the Judge ruled.

## Vehicle hauled from river



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

A Prince's Towing crew last week pulled this vehicle from the Deschutes River. Details of the circumstances were not readily available.

## COCC board meeting in Madras

The Central Oregon Community College board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at this Wednesday, September 11 at 5:45 p.m. at the Madras campus. The meeting will be in the Community Room, 1170 E. Ashwood Road.

The board will first meet for dinner at 5 p.m. on the campus. Prior to the dinner and meeting, the board will attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony, open to the public, at 4:30 p.m. for the Madras campus's new electric vehicle charging station.

The board's agenda will

include reports on the Madras campus and partnership with Deer Ridge Correctional Institution, as well as an update on the college's accreditation. For more information, contact Ron Paradis, executive director of College Relations, at 541-383-7599.

## Community notes...

The Office of the Special Trustee is working to resolve the matter **multiple per capita checks** that some tribal members have never negotiated.

Charles Jackson, from the Warm Springs office, said the priority for now is on cases where one members has several outstanding per capita checks. When these are resolved, cases involving fewer checks will be dealt with, Mr. Jackson said.

You can visit the Office of the Special Trustee at the tribal administration building. The phone number is 541-553-2409.

All expectant families and families with newborns 1-3 months old are invited to the **Community Baby Showers**. There are free events with gift bags, free raffles, light refreshments, and activities to celebrate new moms.

There will be a Community Baby Shower on Friday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum at Warm Springs.

A second one will be in Madras on October 19 from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Madras High School Performing Arts Center.

If you are experiencing issues with your **Warm Springs Telecom services**, please call 541-615-0555. You must call in for technicians to respond, troubleshoot and resolve your issue. they ask you please call them at 541-615-0555.

**Childbirth Education classes** are Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at the Family Resource Center.

This is a three-week week series focusing on Pregnancy, Labor and Delivery, and Mom and Baby Care.

To learn more or find out when the series starts, contact Allie Anderson, MCH Nurse at 541-553-2460. A class is coming up this Sunday, September 15.

## YouthBuild recruiting for fall

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is recruiting youth ages 16-24 yrs for our Fall 2019 cohort starting October 14.

YouthBuild works primarily with youth who either have dropped out or are on the verge of being dropped from traditional high school.

The YouthBuild members earn their GED, high school diploma, college credit, and job skills. They work on credit recovery and serving their communities through building affordable housing.

Members in the program divide their time between classroom, field (construction sites), and leadership development.

Through AmeriCorps service at YouthBuild they can earn the AmeriCorps Segal Education Award worth \$1,612.43 towards post-secondary goals. This is a one year, 12-month, commitment to the program along with one year of follow-up services.

YouthBuild is hosting information sessions. You must attend one of the information sessions to be considered for the YouthBuild program.

Please bring a government issued photo ID, Birth Certificate, and Social Security card to the information session. You will need these for the program.

Contact Katie Bauer,

program assistant, at 541-526-1380 to sign up for one of the following information sessions:

- Thursday, September 12, 5-6:30 p.m., YouthBuild: 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

- Tuesday, September 24, 5-6 p.m., Deschutes County Juvenile: 737 SW Cascade, Redmond.

- Thursday, September 26, 5-6:30 p.m., YouthBuild: 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

- Thursday, October 3, 5-6:30 p.m., YouthBuild: 68797 George Cyrus Road, Sisters.

Interviews will be scheduled shortly after information sessions are completed.

## Warm Springs Voc Rehab can help find employment

Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation assists underrepresented or underemployed eligible American Indian consumers become employed.

To learn more, attend a scheduled Orientation at Culture and Heritage (Education) building, or at the Behavioral Health Center:

Mondays at the Culture and Heritage building at 3 p.m.; or Tuesdays at the Behavioral Health Center at 3 p.m.

Voc Rehab also accepts 'walk-ins' between 8 and noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. each day except for scheduled Orientation times and Wednesday mornings.

You can call the Warm Springs Voc Rehab director 541-553-4952. Vocational Rehabilitation is located at the Culture and Heritage building, 1110 Wasco Street.

Some things to keep in mind:

After Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation receives a signed application, an Intake is scheduled. (Note: Intakes can take up to 2 hours to complete).

Please bring: You identifi-

cation (tribal ID card or Oregon Driver's License); and any health insurance card and income you are currently receiving.

Any medical condition is diagnosed by a medical doctor or specialist, and the medical condition has prevented a person to go to work.

Warm Spring Voc Rehab has 60 days after receiving a signed application to make an eligibility decision.

Warm Springs Voc Rehab works with any federally recognized American Indian tribal member (within the continental U.S.) starting at 18 years old, and living in the service delivery area.

Eligible recipients then meet with the Counselor to discuss the objectives that need to be written in your Individual Plan for Employment (IPE).


After eligibility is determined and you receive a letter, Consumer works with the Job Coach/Developer or Counselor to do a job search. Warm Springs Voc Rehab advocates for a job that matches Consumer's skills, interests and abilities.



As the start of the 2019-2020 school year was approaching, the Warm Springs Academy, school district and community partners hosted the annual Back to School Barbecue, featuring the supplies giveaway and barbecue (above); while KWSO gave away many t-shirts. As in previous years, the event was well attended (right)


Jayson Smith photos/Spilyay





### Abby's Monday Night Football Pizza Night

Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



**Come and enjoy the Madras Football & Abby's Pizza!! Enjoy good pizza, salad, and breadsticks and help support the MHS football program.**

*A portion of all proceeds collected during that time will go towards the Football program.*

A big thank you goes out to Abby's Legendary Pizza

