

# State's first tribal affairs director

Shana McConville Radford, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, will join Gov. Tina Kotek's administration as Oregon's first tribal affairs director.

Mrs. McConville Radford, 39, since May 2022 served as deputy director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Shana lived in Warm Springs until the fifth grade before her family returned to the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

She later worked several years for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs as the Tribal Liaison of the Health and Human Services Branch. The in 2020, she worked with the U.S. Census Bureau as a tribal and Congressional lead to improve census counts from tribal nations in Oregon, including Warm Springs, and in Idaho.

She holds a master's degree in International Law and International Relations from the University of New South Wales in Kensington, Australia; and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Portland State University.

"Governor Kotek's trust in me underscores her respect and commitment to strengthening, addressing, and understanding the distinctive needs and the unique political relationship with our tribal nations," Mrs. McConville Radford said.

The tribal affairs director role is new to the Governor's office. Gov. Kotek's top priority for the tribal affairs director is to foster positive relationships with Oregon's tribal



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nations through meaningful and transparent consultation.

The governor said she chose Shana based on her "extensive experience in tribal matters, policies and government-to-government relations."

Ms. McConville Radford said she will work to foster collaboration and cooperation between the sovereign governments of the nine Oregon-based tribes, and the federal and state government.

"I will promote and practice transparent and integrative policy design and implementation by centering true collaboration through curiosity, empathy, candor, and reciprocity," she said.

Before becoming deputy director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Shana also worked with a number of state leaders, federal agencies and tribal governments, including Warm Springs as mentioned above.

# COCC Madras campus expansion

Central Oregon Community College's long-planned Madras campus expansion has moved closer to its fundraising goal, thanks to a recently awarded \$1 million grant.

The funding from the JTTF Foundation will support COCC's development of a 24,000-square-foot building designed for early childhood education programs, registered nurse and other health career pathways; and a 100-capacity child care center to serve the community. Groundbreaking for the new Madras campus facility is expected in the spring of 2024.

Founded in 2020, the JTTF Foundation partners with causes and organizations across the Pacific Northwest that strive to make a profound difference in communities, with a special focus on improving the lives of children, veterans, seniors and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

COCC's expansion project in Madras is a response to Jefferson County's needs related to early childhood education and health care workforce gaps, along with a major shortage of child care options in the region. Funding is coming from public and private sources.

"This is a monumental gift from the JTTF Foundation and a major investment in the future of Jefferson County, with a reach that will benefit countless lives," said Laurie Chesley, president of COCC.



Architect's rendering of the COCC Madras expansion.



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## Story of legendary Indians football team

During the early 20th century, the Carlisle Indian School, of Pennsylvania, was a national football powerhouse, regularly competing against other major programs such as the Ivy League schools Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Dartmouth, Yale, Princeton, Brown, and Army (West Point) and Navy (Annapolis).

Coach Pop Warner led a highly successful football team and athletic program at the Carlisle School, and went on to create other successful collegiate programs. He coached the exceptional athlete Jim Thorpe and his teammates, bringing national recognition to the small school.

By 1907, the Carlisle Indians were the most dynamic team in college football. They had pioneered the forward pass, the overhand spiral and other trick plays that frustrated their opponents. The Carlisle Indians have been characterized as the "team that invented football."

"If there was ever a book that should be a mainstay in collections strong in Native American history, culture, and issues, or early civil rights efforts, it should be *Gridiron Gypsies*," according to the Midwest Book Review.

### The story

*Gridiron Gypsies: How the Carlisle Indians Shaped Modern Football* by Tom Benjey is a new book about the legend Carlisle Indian School football team.

After pleading with the school superintendent to play football against other schools, the small complement of students old enough competed against college men from coast to coast.

Some had never seen a football before, and most were learning English. Located in a small town in Southcentral Pennsylvania, they traveled considerable distances to play all their important games on the road, but still won most of them.

This is an incredibly detailed story of one of the most legendary of college football teams, one whose reputation is still strong more

than 100 years after its final game was played.

"Indeed, it would be a shame to relegate *Gridiron Gypsies* to sports collections alone, or limit its audience to sports history enthusiasts, because its accompanying insights into a small town Pennsylvania school whose football team become known nationwide against all odds offers rare glimpses into the politics of the sport." — Midwest Book Review.

### Story behind the story

"In the middle of a discussion about a draft of an article about the 1908 Carlisle Indian School football team—the first year Jim Thorpe was a starter—with the editor who had requested the piece for his journal, he asked why I hadn't written a complete history of the team.

"The only previous attempt, made in the 1950s missed some games and included errors. So, I took it on during my covid incarceration and brushed up on the ever-changing rules." — author Tom Benjey.

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