

Small business classes offered

YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS IDEA

This short class focuses on helping anyone who is thinking of going into business. This class lays a foundation for Starting a Successful Business. Tuition: \$10, which applies toward the Starting a Successful Business class if you choose to continue.

Lower Elwha, WA. -- June 21
Neah Bay, WA. -- June 28
Portland -- Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Warm Springs -- Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Umatilla -- Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Grand Ronde -- Sept. 17 at 6 p.m.
Klamath -- Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.

STARTING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

It provides the framework for successful business start-up by assisting students in writing a bankable business plan and training them to prepare a successful application for financing. Tuition: \$100 (5 college credits available).

Neah Bay, WA. -- July
Portland -- October 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Warm Springs -- October 1 at 6 p.m.
Umatilla -- October 1 at 6 p.m.
Grand Ronde -- October 1 at 6 p.m.
Klamath -- October

SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Participants get help solving real life problems encountered as their business grow, while creating a network and forming alliances within the Indian business community. Instructors may allow students to enroll mid-course. Meets monthly for 12 months. Tuition: \$100 (6 college credits available).

Portland -- July 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Grand Ronde -- August 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Warm Springs -- July 30 at 6 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL SHAWN AT
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
879-2476 OR 1-800-422-0232

~ AUGUST ~ Computer Classes

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Mondays ~ Beginning Windows
Thursdays ~ Beginning Word

FREE to tribal members
\$10 for non-tribal members
To register for classes contact
Small Business Development at
879-2484 or 879-2476.

Mason elected Chairman of OLS

By Chris Mercier

When the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services (NAPOLS) first started over a decade ago, it was a program dedicated to the restoration of American Indian tribes, who had lost their recognition by the Western Oregon Termination Act of 1954. Then, the program was run by now-Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse. Now, the person in charge is **Mike Mason**.

The tribal attorney was elected as chairman of Oregon Legal Services (OLS) just last month, and is now determined to foster the program's new direction. OLS was established in 1978, and its NAPOLS component has since then helped not only Grand Ronde reassume its tribal identity, but the Siletz, Coquilles, and Cow Creeks as well. Having attained its original goal, since then it has been devoted to providing legal services to tribes and low-income Native Americans who are unable to afford the high costs of hiring a lawyer. Almost all the cases deal with Indian legal issues, or with civil suits: divorces, social security, welfare, etc. Oregon Legal Services does not deal with criminal cases.



Mason's new responsibilities as chairman include presiding over all meetings in which new policies and budgets are implemented, supervising the executive director, overseeing legal issues, and dealing with the various contract negotiations that come through OLS. But Mason is more concerned with what he can accomplish given his new control.

"I'd like to see more of our money come from donations and private benefactors,"

Mason says, pointing out that two-thirds of OLS's budget comes from the Federal Government, an increasingly reluctant funder. Less than ten years ago, in 1988, all of OLS's budget was Federally supplied, and Mason likes that. Since the induction of the new Republican Congress, NAPOLS has seen a reduction in Federal aid to the program by more than twenty-five percent. Some contracts paid for by tribes from casino dollars have helped alleviate the burden which would have accompanied such a cut, but even then Mason claims it still hurt. More cuts are anticipated. "Holding on despite the Federal cuts is my first objective," Mason says.

Increasing the efficiency and the availability of legal services is his next goal. "A lot of people just don't know how to acquire legal services," Mason also contends, stating that it can be a fairly elaborate process, even when cheap or free. People working minimum wage jobs suddenly finding themselves in need of a lawyer are faced with a difficult problem. Seeing legal services deployed to the needy with no hassle is one goal that Mason rates as long range, but not impossible.

GED reminder

You're still invited to join ABE/GED classes for the next two weeks. The instructor will be JoAnn Leathers from Chemeketa Community College.

CLASS TIMES are Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and Thursdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

STUDY CENTER is open Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All classes are held at the Education Classroom in the Training Building at 28840 Salmon River Highway. Classes for the summer will run through August 15.

For more information please call Gayla Tulensru, Adult Education Coordinator at 879-2282 or Hollie Larsen at 879-2275.

Deadline change

Due to the increase of news and activities happening in the Grand Ronde tribal community, our deadline has been effected. **OUR NEW DEADLINE WILL BE THE 5th AND 20th OF EACH MONTH.**

Deadline is **AUGUST 5**
for August 15 issue.

Deadline is **AUGUST 20**
for September 1 issue.

Please note: If you move or your address changes, it is important that we have your correct address. Please contact the *Smoke Signals* office at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Attn: Kim Mueller. Thank you.

Help needed in locating Elders

The Tribe is in the process of implementing programs for all Elders, and we need your help in locating certain members who do not have their current address on file, or are otherwise unreachable. If you have any information on any of the following Elders, please contact Margo Mercier at 1-800-422-0232.

Harry A. Jeffries
Frank A. Hamilton
Charles O.F. Gilman
Thomas Taylor
George M. Hamilton
Clissie Knighton
John Kane Olney
Gerald O. Tipton
Mary L. Seward
Dorothy Dowd
Mary Patricia Dowd
Henry Tipton
Elizabeth Ann Dowd
JoAnn Dowd
Lavina B. Bueno
Beatrice Taylor
Nora M. Michelle
Clyde Sorenson
Franklin Langley
Ronald Crosby Smith
Joyce Craig
Orville B. Michelle
Glenda G. Gilman
Robert Craig
Frankie Allen Thomas
Carol Elizabeth Williams
Barbara Jean Dowd
Ronald Vernon George
Rudolph Bueno

Computer instructor gets classes going



Small Business has a new Computer Trainer for the lab. Welcome **DOUG HAMPTON**. He has taught everything from Kindergarten to college, and has many years of experience working with computer technology.

Doug was raised and still lives in the Lyons area. He enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and skiing.

Hope to see you in computer classes, they resume August 5. There are many different program trainings available. Call for group or individual appointments at 879-2476 or 879-2484.