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Sonia Heath, left, was presented a \$500 check by Jennifer Leonard, gaming marketing assistant, for submitting winning entry in "Name the Gaming Facility" contest. A logo for the facility is now needed. Deadline for submitting entries is April 28.



A demonstration slot machine was set up at the gaming offices for visitors to try their luck. Ten different games amused and frustrated the sometimes eager players.



Stella Hrones, cage manager, Fred Roach, operations manager, Ty Huff, accounting consultant and Aurolyn Stwyer, gaming general manager, were present for Open House April 5.

should eventually be operated by tribal members. Training to be provided to tribal members will teach management skills and will be of critical importance to the gaming facility. This upper-management training may require college courses in addition to on-the-job training.

Consultants working with Indian Head Gaming Center have developed training plans for these upper-management positions. This plan calls for employees to work specified minimum amounts of time in each of the job categories prior to advancement to the next level of management. This type of advancement training plan will benefit the tribal members who have the most drive and ambition, eventually ascending these members into upper-management positions. These individuals will also have a comprehensive background, having worked their way up the ranks.

Types of training which will be offered to tribal members include floor/pit/shift manager training; security; gaming management; poker; accounting; surveillance; internal controls; food and beverage and customer courtesy.

For more information contact the gaming office at 553-6123.

Gaming Hours

The temporary gaming facility will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. daily beginning May 1. Among the 150 slot machines will be Video Poker, Wild Cherry, Red, White and Blue, Double Diamond, Slam Dunk and many more. Live Keno will be available June 1.

The 25,000 square foot permanent facility will be open 24 hour a day, seven days a week and will feature 300 video slot machines, live Keno and five poker tables. It is expected that 150 employees will be working once the permanent facility opens. Opening is expected in August with grand opening in November.

509-J teacher awarded scholarship

A fourth grade Madras Elementary teacher has recently been awarded a scholarship to the 1995 Summer Program for Teachers of Spanish and King Juan Carlos Fellowship.

Lisa Jones McLean (wife of Scott McLean, Director of The Robert Wood Johnson Healthy Nations) will be attending classes and practicing her Spanish for a month this summer in Madrid, Spain, with a scholarship from the King of Spain and the University of Minnesota.

The \$1300 scholarship provides one third of the total cost of the program. Consequently, Ms. McLean and her husband Scott McLean will be having an early yard sale.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for bilingual teachers to be in an environment where they can quickly raise their level of speaking and reading ability.

This enhanced ability will be a resource in the Jefferson County 509-J School District where the need for Spanish-speakers is growing each year.

The program is administered through the Global Campus at the University of Minnesota.

Ms. McLean with undergraduate degrees in Chicano studies, Bilingual Education and Spanish from Washington State University, previously studied at the University of de Seville, Spain.

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Deschutes River and Sherars Falls during the spring chinook run time period.

"1. Beginning the first Saturday in April 1995 after the Root Feast and ending Saturday, April 29, 1995, fishing will be conducted from one-half hour before sun-up to one-half hour after sunset Thursday through Saturday.

"2. The use of hoopnets and setnets will be permitted.

"3. Hook and line fishing allow, one pole per person, single hook (no treble hooks).

a.) Harvest limit of two fish in aggregate per day for chinook and steelhead. Unmarked steelhead must be released and returned to the river.

b.) No fishing for another person (hook and line only). Each person must harvest for themselves.

"4. The Natural Resources Department and Police Department shall closely monitor the fishery and strictly enforce the regulation requiring the release of unmarked steelhead as well as the provisions of WSCT 340.310 (8) requiring that setnets and hoopnets are attended continuously.

"5. Monitoring of the fishery will determine if in-season closures are appropriate due to harvest rate.

"6. Beginning May 1, 1995, the Treaty fishery for anadromous fish on the Deschutes River will be completely closed.

"7. This closure is subject to reconsideration if new biological information becomes available showing that harvestable fish are available during the spring chinook salmon run time period."

Head Start kids allowed to dig roots

The Head Start children and their teachers have been going root digging at Webster Flat throughout April. Root digging is part of the cultural curriculum at Head Start, the children learn about Warm Springs cultures in their classrooms and during field trips, in addition to their regular curriculum.

This year, there was question of whether or not the non-tribal member children and staff could actually dig roots. The tribal laws and traditions as set by Tribal Council and the Cultural and Heritage Committee stated that there would be no root digging before the Root Feast, and that only tribal members would be allowed to dig roots. Council also required that the tribal Natural Resources and Public Safety Branch would enforce these rules. The children and staff observed the patrol personnel in the root digging fields this year.

Initially, non-tribal member Head Start children and staff were barred from participating in root digging. However, Tribal Council on Friday, April 7, informed the Early Childhood Education that all Early Childhood Education children and staff were allowed to dig roots.

The roots the children dig are used in their classrooms to make cookies or prepared to take home to their families, and some classrooms take theirs to give to the senior citizens.

Title V Parent meeting scheduled

The Title V Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on Tuesday, April 18 beginning at 7 p.m. A report on the Oregon Indian Education Association conference will be given. The liaison job description will be discussed.

Title V meetings are open to all members of the public. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Linda DuPont at 475-6192.

JOIN WARM SPRINGS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION IN RECOGNIZING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

Child abuse prevention focus of awareness campaign

Nationwide, the number of children who are reported abused and neglected each year has risen to approximately three million. Sadly, as many as three children died each day during one calendar year.

Because there is a great deal of concern for abused children and their families, the entire month of April is being celebrated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This observance, which was begun in 1983, has become an annual event throughout the country. In all 50 states, in communities both large and small, there are a wide variety of activities which involve thousands of people.

Child abuse is a community problem, therefore it is there that the responsibility for preventing child abuse lays. The goals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month are:

1) to raise the public's awareness of child abuse; 2) to encourage involvement by local community organizations and businesses, and, 3) to create a climate that supports families and provides alternatives to abusive behavior.

Although the public has become outraged in recent years about the escalating numbers of children who are abused and neglected, many people are unclear as to the role they might play in being part of the solution. Local child abuse prevention organizations offer programs and opportunities for many types of involvement.

The many events which are sponsored during April by community organizations are a testimony to community partnerships and a growing determination to put an end to child abuse.

Sahme presents testimony to IHS panel

Human Resources Director Sahme, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, presented testimony to members of an IHS panel March 22. The Panel, consisting of Dr. Lee, Dr. Trujillo and Julia Davis, was in Clackamas, Oregon to hear issues concerning the 1996 IHS budget.

"The Federal commitment to provide health care to our people was purchased with the cessation of 10 million acres of land to the US government. This commitment was formalized in our Treaty of 1855 and has been reaffirmed in numerous statutes and policies. Over half of our health care delivery system is operated by our tribal government, insuring local control.

"Last week in our testimony to the House Appropriations subcommittee for Interior and related agencies, we made an appeal to maintain our funding ceiling and protect our programs. We believe they are under attack. Our primary concern is to ensure that the IHS honors its staffing commitment for the Warm Springs Joint Venture Demonstration Project. It would be disastrous to have across-the-board cuts or a recession of selected budget authority.

"We feel our health care program demonstrates one of Indian Country's more successful partnerships with IHS. The Joint Venture Demonstration Project, which was conceived by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, is a good faith bargain between IHS and the Tribe. The Tribe financed and constructed a new 'state of the art' health facility and IHS provided the necessary equipment, staffing and operational costs. This type of arrangement is an optimal situation for both parties and we are disappointed that more projects of this nature have not been supported. We encourage you to examine the cost/benefit ratio of this concept and believe you will come to the same conclusion:

"First, IHS cannot and should not rely exclusively on the appropriations process to obtain necessary health care facilities. Second, tribes can finance and construct quality health care facilities at less cost and in more timely fashion than can be done by the federal government.

"Our health program has at its focus primary prevention and we are committed to changing unhealthy attitudes and lifestyles that exist in our community. We invite you Dr. Lee, to visit and see first-hand what these

partnerships can accomplish.

"We are pleased that President Clinton has proposed a budget to maintain the current level of funding, despite all the pressures to reduce government spending. However, we feel there are some serious un-met needs that have been overlooked:

"A. The proposed budget does not address 2.6 percent annual growth of the IHS service population

"B. Virtually no funding is included to support provisions of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

"c. The budget does not provide adequate contract support costs to allow tribal governments that ability to assume more control of health care.

"D. There is inadequate support for ambulatory care facilities.

"e. There is insufficient increases in contract health services to compensate for population growth, medical inflation, deferred services and catastrophic cases.

"Therefore we recommend the following:

"A. Provide funds that allow IHS to address the 2.6 percent population growth.

"B. Provide some nominal program increases to respond to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

"C. Increase the catastrophic reserve fund to cover all qualifying cases.

"C. Increase the IHS scholarship and loan repayment program and assure more geographic equity in student selection.

"E. Support creative financing of five ambulatory care facilities through joint ventures, loan guarantees and grants.

"F. Fund contract support costs shortfall of \$5.5 million in recurring obligations for FY 1995 and an additional \$6 to \$8 million to meet commitments for FY 1995 contract support for tribal shares.

"All of which should be conditional to a requirement of national/regional IHS financial plans.

"We support the concept of budget principles developed by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. We see these principles as the means for this administration and the Congress to meet its health care obligations to our people. I encourage you to review the analysis and recommendations contained in this document."

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April is National Environmental Month as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April 23-29 is the "Week of the Young Child" and National Volunteer Week, locally chosen as Environmental week.

PARENTS OF THE MONTH
 Congratulations "Parents of the Month" for March 1995:

- Patsy Lenbek
- Lois Smith
- Nadine Scott
- Annette LeClaire
- Gene Sampson
- Trudy Thompson
- Esther Culpus
- Lila Martinez
- David/Becky Lucei
- Andrea Smith
- Loretta Danzuka
- Serina Wolfe
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- Lillian Brunoe
- Bill Yeo
- Cheryl Smith

You guys are all terrific! Thank you for the time and energy you put into supporting our Head Start programs, as well as your own child.

ECE PARENT CLUB RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Parent Club "MADE IN WARM SPRINGS" Raffle. All items to be raffled are made or donated by ECE program parents/guardians and staff. For those parents who would still like to donate an item, they are due to ECE by May 23, 1995 by 5:00p.m. The drawing will be held May 25, 1995 at the ECE Center. You need not be present to win. Proceeds go towards the ECE Parent Club general fund. Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5 available from some program parents/guardians and staff and Parent Club Officers. If you are interested in selling tickets for this fundraiser stop in and ask Becky Van Pelt at ECE. Buy your chances now to win one of these terrific Warm Springs hand made items!
 Remember to donate your Erickson's Sentry Saver Shields!!

ECE EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday, April 16th, at 1:00pm it's the annual ECE Easter Egg Hunt at the Warm Springs Community Center. Anyone interested in helping hide the eggs can meet at 12:00pm that day. The hunt is designed mostly for children under 8 years old. The hunt will be divided into three parts: for ages 4 and under, 5-8, and 9 and older. They'll be hunting for colored Easter eggs and for plastic eggs that can be turned in for prizes. The community's young children and parents are invited to come on down for some fun at the community center, Easter Sunday morning for the annual ECE Easter Egg Hunt!

ECE EVENTS

All of our Head Start programs were closed on Wednesday March 29 because our staff went out of town to visit Head Start programs on the Yakama Reservation. Staff plan to use their new found information to improve the quality of the work in their classrooms. When they re-

turned, they had many questions and comments about the differences between our program and their programs. The trip proved to be very insightful and informative and we thank you for your understanding and support in sending our staff to further their training.

April is root digging month for our Head Start Children. Each Head Start classroom will pick a day that they will go into the root fields and dig after the Root Feasts are held. Parents are welcome to join their children on these excursions. Ask your child's teacher for more information.

HEAD START REGISTRATION!

Do you have a child who will be 3 years old on or before September 1, 1995? Then he/she is eligible to enter Head Start for the '95-'96 school year.

Thursday April 20th is pre-3 Physical and Immunization Day at the Health and Wellness Center. This is to allow parents/guardians of eli-

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