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\$500,000 jobs project starting

A new tribal business venture, Warm Springs Environmental Services, has received \$500,000 in start-up money.

With the initial funding in place, the priority now is the hiring of a supervisor for Environmental Services.

This job is scheduled to be posted on March 11, and will be open to applicants until March 25.

In addition to a supervisor, the new venture will employ an assistant supervisor, and between six and 10 work crew members.

In time, the hope is to employ up to 30 tribal members, said Mike Clements, director of the Warm Springs Economic Development Department.

Clements said he has already had some enquiries from people interested in working for the new program.

The employees of Warm Springs Environmental Services will be involved in outdoor kinds of work, including tree planting and marketing, seed orchard maintenance, hand-line construction and fencing.

The plan for Environmental Services calls for the enterprise eventually to generate its own revenue through contracts with land management agencies including BIA Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, BLM and others in the region.

The focus of work initially will be on the reservation and the areas of the Confederated Tribes ceded lands, said Clements.

The work that Environmental Services will be performing is currently being done by non-tribal work crews.

To become competitive in this field of work, the employees of Environmental Services will need some training, to be coordinated through the tribes' Education Branch.

Tribal Natural Resources is providing some general oversight of the program, which will have its main office at the Forestry Seedling warehouse at the Industrial Park.

To learn more about employment with Environmental Services, the person to contact is Sal Sahme of Economic Development, 553-3468. Environmental Services is the first example of a job creation project that is the result of tribal employment benchmarks established approximately two and a half years ago.

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Other tribes concerned about Gorge casino

Opposition is from Grand Ronde, Cow Creek

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Most other Indian tribes in the state of Oregon are supportive of, or have taken no position on the Columbia Gorge casino proposal of the Con-

federated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The Gorge casino plan has met with opposition, however, from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.

Warm Springs tribal leaders have

said that this opposition comes as a surprise and a disappointment.

During a recent gathering in Simnasho to discuss gaming, Orthelia Patt said that the opposition from Grand Ronde and Cow Creek goes against the long-standing tradition that a tribe does not interfere with the business of another tribe.

At district and family meetings over the past few weeks, other tribal members have expressed the same feeling.

Warm Springs gaming spokesman Rudy Clements said that Grand Ronde most likely opposes the Gorge casino idea because this venture would cut into the Grand Ronde casino revenue.

The support that Warm Springs gave Grand Ronde and Cow Creek during reinstatement makes their opposition especially hard to accept, said Clements.

Clements said he is not sure why Cow Creek is opposed. Their casino is near the town of Roseburg.

Grand Ronde, on the other hand, operates the Spirit Mountain Casino, located about an hour and 45 minutes from the Portland area.

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Jingle Dancer

Tiana Tuckta performs at Eagle Watch 2002. See page 3 for more on Eagle Watch 2002.

New strategy to help Plaza

In the past, there has been some difficulty in keeping businesses operating successfully at the Plaza and at the nearby information center.

Recently, management of both the Plaza and the information center transferred from the tribal Economic Development Department to Warm Springs Ventures.

The hope is that this change will help in bringing businesses to the empty space at the Plaza and at the information center.

The Plaza is located across the street from The Museum at Warm Springs, and the information center is located near Deschutes Crossing. The information center has been unoccupied for the past few years.

Besides Indian Trail Restaurant,

operated by Richard Macy, the Plaza in recent times has also had vacancies.

Warm Springs Ventures is a tribally-funded corporation dedicated to development of profitable businesses for the tribes. The offices of Warm Springs Ventures are now housed at the Plaza.

Corporation chief executive officer Tom Henderson said that he has some prospective business people who may want to rent space at the Plaza.

There is also a good chance that the information center could also be rented to a new tenant, said Henderson.

This would help in developing the local economy, and would also provide a benefit in that the rent money would go to the tribes.

Wreck claims tribal member

Tribal member Eunice Wolfe Esquiro was killed in a two-vehicle wreck that happened early Sunday morning, March 3. She was 48 years old.

Seriously injured in the accident, which happened on Highway 3 near Sunnyside, was tribal member Abraham Schuster, 35.

Schuster, a passenger in Ms. Esquiro's vehicle, was transported by ambulance from the scene, and was treated for injuries at Central Oregon Community Hospital in Redmond.

The driver of the other vehicle in this accident was Gunner Herkshan, 33, who was not seriously injured.

The wreck happened at about 2 a.m., March 3, as both vehicles were traveling on Highway 3 toward Warm

Spring.

The accident apparently occurred as Herkshan, in a pickup, went to pass the car driven by Ms. Esquiro, according to a finding by the Oregon State Police accident reconstruction team.

Ms. Esquiro lost control of her car, and Herkshan then attempted to avoid hitting her vehicle. In the process, Herkshan lost control of his truck. Both vehicles rolled.

Alcohol appears to have been involved in this incident. Herkshan could face a charge in tribal court of driving under the influence, depending on laboratory test results, said a Warm Springs police spokesman.

Responding to the accident Sunday night were Warm Springs Police, and Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

New director joins The Museum at Warm Springs

Marketing plan is an initial priority

The Museum at Warm Springs recently welcomed the new museum director, Carol Leone, who moved here from Flagstaff, Ariz.

Before coming to the Warm Springs museum, Leone was working at the Museum of Northern Arizona, where she was the diversity programs coordinator.

In her job she worked closely with the Native American and Hispanic communities. She had been with the Northern Arizona museum since 1993.

Leone has a master's degree from Arizona State University.

She studied anthropology, focusing in the area of cross-cultural communication.

Leone also has an education background in the field of museum admin-

istration.

Leone had set up the heritage program at the Museum of Northern Arizona, and at that point was ready to try a new job.

She saw the advertisement for The Museum at Warm Springs director position in the American Museum Association newsletter.

She applied for the job, was interviewed with a number of other candidates, and then was offered the position earlier this year.

She began work at the museum last month.

An initial project she and staff have been working on is a new marketing plan for the museum.

Over the past year, as the museum has been without a permanent director, marketing has not been a priority.

Serving as interim director, Ed Manion felt that development of the



Carol Leone is the new director of The Museum at Warm Springs.

new marketing plan should be something the permanent director should work on.

So development of the plan has been one Leone's first priorities. Part of this, she said, is learning how the

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Carol Leone

museum can best work with Kah-Nee-Ta, tribal relations, and other entities on the reservation.

"I feel honored to have been chosen for this job," Leone said.

"It's very beautiful here. The board members, the staff and the community are very committed to the museum."

Leone originally is from Sebastopol, Calif.

She attended undergraduate school at the University of California at Santa Cruz.