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Search crews locate lost children

Warm Springs Fire and Safety and the Police Department conducted a successful search for three children who were lost overnight recently in the woods.

The 12-year-old girl and two 7-year-old boys were camping with their parents in the Trout Lake area when they became lost.

The parents were setting up camp and the children went wandering nearby in the woods looking for bugs, said Warm Springs Fire and Safety training officer Karla Bagley-Tias.

"The kids started walking back to camp and realized they were lost," said Bagley-Tias.

The father went searching for the children while their mother alerted the authorities.

Search teams were called out. As many as 60 people from various agencies – Warm Springs tribal, and Wasco, Marion and Clackamas counties – were involved in the search. A K-9 unit, a posse team on horseback, and a fixed-wing aircraft were brought in.

At some point during the night the father found the children, though now all four of them were lost, said Bagley-Tias.

The father waited until daylight and then went walking with the children until they came upon a road, forest road B241. He built a fire for them by the roadside and went looking for help.

Warm Springs police encountered the father walking on the road, and he led them back to the children.

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Community clean-up at West Hills

Jefferson Greene, as coordinator of the West Hills Beautification Project, is seeking volunteers to help with neighborhood improvement. "We are calling for all volunteers and participation necessary for this project to be a success," said Greene.

A main goal of the project, set for Oct. 25-26, is to remove the weeds from the sidewalks in the West Hills neighborhood. Volunteers are needed for cutting the weeds, bagging and removing them. Donations of water, other beverages and food are also needed.

The clean-up project will begin on Saturday morning, Oct. 25 with an opening ceremony at the corner of Foster Street and Bray Avenue in West Hills.

There are many ways that volunteers can help, said Greene:

By getting out the word and talking to people about the project; donating food and beverage items; making a monetary donation toward the project, as supplies, equipment and water are needed.

Greene asked that people in West Hills try to keep their dogs close to their homes on the days of the clean-up. Also, he asked that people park their vehicles away from the sidewalk work areas on the clean-up days; and reduce the amount of waste and garbage around homes in the neighborhood.

Anyone wishing to learn more of this project, or to contribute, please call Greene at 460-3004; or email at jgreene@wstribe.org.



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Fourth-graders Savannah Holliday (left) and Mascena Nava arrive at Warm Springs Elementary School for the first day of the 2008-09 year. Students returned to school last week at the elementary, middle and high schools.

Maintaining government-to-government relations

By **Dave McMechan**
Spilyay Tymoo

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs maintain government-to-government relations at the local, regional, state and national levels.

These relationships are a part of tribal sovereignty, and a way to make the outside governments aware of life within the reservation.

"Educating the non-tribal public about who we are is a large job," said Louie Pitt, director of tribal Government Affairs. "Invisibility of Indian tribes is still a problem in America."

In recent weeks, the tribes had representatives at the Democratic and the Republican national conventions.

For the Democratic National Convention in Denver, the tribal represen-

tative was Council Vice-Chairwoman Aurolyn Stwyer.

She attended the convention as a state delegate from Oregon. Apparently, this was the first time that a Warm Springs Tribal Council member attended one of the national political conventions.

The experience was amazing, said Stwyer. The convention itself was great to experience, as were the other important political activities surrounding the convention.

For instance, Stwyer attended the Native American policy meeting, which had 500 registered Native Americans from many tribes. The conference was coordinated by Alyssa Macy of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, "and she did an awesome job," said Stwyer.

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Kah-Nee-Ta hires new general manager

By **Leslie Mitts**
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The new general manager at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is definitely familiar with the gaming industry.

He works behind a desk in his new job at Kah-Nee-Ta, but Harry Taylor started his extensive career in gaming behind a dealer's table in a Las Vegas casino.

Taylor recently began work as the general manager at Kah-Nee-Ta after moving to Central Oregon from California.

Taylor has spent a combined total of 24 years in the gaming industry at a variety of casinos.

His first casino experience came from working for seven years at the Mirage casino in Las Vegas.

After that Taylor spent 14 years at Sycuan Casino and Viejas Casino, both of which are in San Diego.

Prior to coming to Kah-Nee-Ta, Tay-



Harry Taylor

lor worked for three years at the Gold Country Casino in Oroville, Calif.

Taylor said he has always been interested in gaming.

"I thought it was fascinating and I enjoyed it," he explained.

Before his career in casino management, Taylor lived in Wyoming and owned a bar and restaurant.

When he decided to sell those businesses, Taylor said, he wanted to get involved in a career he knew he would enjoy.

For that reason, Taylor chose to move to Las Vegas to become a poker dealer.

From there Taylor went on to deal blackjack and later moved up into casino management.

The decision to come to central Oregon was prompted by a desire to move closer to family members, Taylor said.

He has four children, three of whom live in Portland, as well as three grandchildren.

"When I saw an opportunity to move closer to the family I jumped at the opportunity," Taylor explained.

His experience with rainy Portland weather originally left him skeptical about a move to Oregon, Taylor said, but the central Oregon sunshine

changed his mind.

He made the move to Oregon with his wife of 13 years and their two Labrador retrievers.

Taylor enjoys sports and poker, and said he particularly likes to spend time playing golf.

So far Taylor said a few changes are being made at Kah-Nee-Ta, including moving the snack bar to a more accessible location and replacing machines with newer versions.

Taylor said he also hopes to possibly develop a more extensive system of buses for customers traveling to Kah-Nee-Ta from Portland or Bend.

Though the busy season is over for the year, Taylor said he is looking forward to what the upcoming seasons will bring at Kah-Nee-Ta.

"I'm just really excited to be here," Taylor said. "The team is real great to work with and we're looking forward to having a great year."

Taylor began working at Kah-Nee-Ta in mid-August.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The work crew from Warm Springs Housing Authority is working on the media Center. Last week the crew – Eli Smith, Joel Holliday, Rob Kalsukis, Tom Strong and Nathan Williams (from left) – poured the concrete floor.

Media center progressing

Construction is well underway on the new tribal media center. Most recently, workers poured the concrete floor.

The building is being constructed on Highway 3 just above the intersection with Highway 26, before the industrial park. The 3,000-square-foot building will be named the "Warren R. Clements Media Center."

The project is funded by the tribes, through a large grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust, and through a grant to KWSO radio station from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The media center will house KWSO 91.9 FM, Spilyay Tymoo, and in the future a television station, if the tribes eventually create one. It was a vision of the late Mr. Clements to house the tribal media in a single building.

Tom Strong, construction coordinator, said the building could be completed by the end of 2008.