

Former coach resigns due to comment

By Rick Molitor,
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To the parents, students and citizens of Jefferson County School District 509-J:

I believe the health of a community is directly related to the issues it chooses to focus on.

We have recently had to deal with some issues that have a negative impact on our schools and community.

We must give attention to these issues, deal with them in the most effect and efficient manner as possible, and bring closure.

This will allow us to refocus our attention on the great things we do each and every day for the students in our community.

I ask you, the community, to understand and trust your school district is constantly striving to create the best environment for all students. I hope this message helps us move forward together and continue a great school year.

Late last week, Physical Education teacher and coach Dan Hiatt made a comment to a student during an athletic practice—a comment that he deeply regrets and has apologized for. As your superintendent, I have also apologized because everything said and done in our schools is a reflection of the culture in our district.

It is important to understand that we must follow our policies and procedures regarding staff discipline. Our procedures are based on local board policies, plus state and federal laws that protect our constitutional rights as citizens.

Consequently, these laws require confidentiality when handling personnel matters such as discipline.

As a result of our investigation, Mr. Hiatt has agreed to resign from all coaching assignments.

While Mr. Hiatt will continue in his teaching position, all policies and procedures in this matter were followed and steps have been taken to assure this will not occur again.

Mr. Hiatt returned to his teaching position as of Monday, Oct. 20.

As your superintendent, I have chosen to view this experience as a lesson and I invite you to do the same.

Our growth and forgiveness as adults sets a good example for our students—and it allows us to move forward and focus on the positive. Please contact me if you have any questions. My door is always open.

Tribes agree to relicensing plan for hydro project

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is among the parties to an agreement for the relicensing of the Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Project on the upper McKenzie River watershed.

The tribes are among 16 parties who were to sign the agreement in Eugene on Tuesday of this week (after deadline for this paper).

The agreement outlines the environmental, recreational, cultural and historical improvements that the parties believe should be part of a new operating license.

The Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project is operated by the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB).

Along with the Confederated Tribes and EWEB, other parties signing the agreement are:

The U.S. Forest Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Oregon Wild, McKenzie Flyfishers, American Whitewater, Cascadia Wildlands Project, Oregon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Trout Unlimited.

School of Social Work information meeting in W.S.

Portland State University School of Social Work is offering a three-year Master of Social Work program based in Bend beginning in the fall of 2009.

To learn more about this opportunity, please join the PSU School of Social Work representative for an information meet-

ing from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 27 at the Family Resource Center.

The School of Social Work distance option utilizes classroom and online instruction with field instruction provided, whenever possible, in the community of the student's residence.

Students attend weekend classes on the PSU campus in Portland four times a term for the first year. Classes are held in Bend every Friday during the second and third years of the program.

For more information contact Diane Cole at 389-9012, or diane@pdx.edu.

Or: Erika Gitchell at 800-547-8887, ext. 8065; or erikag@pdx.edu.

To learn more and download an application, please visit: www.ssw.pdx.edu.

The application deadline is Jan. 2, 2009.

Fall, holiday specials at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Casino

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino is currently offering new rates for Warm Springs tribal members, Kah-Nee-Ta employees and their families and friends.

In addition, the new fall promotional rates will be in effect daily beginning Oct. 31. Certain restrictions of blackout dates may apply.

Rates are as follows:

\$59 – Warm Springs tribal members and Kah-Nee-Ta employees.

\$69 – Friends or family members of Warm Springs tribal members and Kah-Nee-Ta employees.

\$79 – Thursday, currently offered on certain mid-week dates, will be the fall promotional rate, beginning Nov. 2. Includes \$10 in slot play and

based on double occupancy.

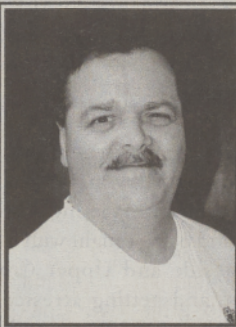
\$89 Friday and Saturday, effective Oct. 31. Includes \$10 in slot play and based on double occupancy. Other fall packages:

Thanksgiving dinner for two: \$119.

New Year's Eve package for two with party in ballroom: \$229.

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