

Youth conference at Kah-Nee-Ta

The Warm Springs Community Counseling Center will present the Healing Wounded Spirits Youth Winter Conference Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 29-31.

The conference at Kah-Nee-Ta is designed to assist youth who are struggling to balance their every day lives. This conference is focused towards those working for their own personal benefit. There will be informa-

tion on mental health, alcohol and drug abuse, suicide prevention, and other topics.

The key presenter will be Dr. Clayton Small of Native HOPE (Helping Our People Endure).

Humorist, singer-song writer and motivational speaker Vincent Craig (Mutton Man) from Arizona will also be on hand.

The conference will provide

breakfast and lunch for all three days.

There will be a traditional meal on Monday night, Dec. 29, and dinner Tuesday night, Dec. 30, before a Round Dance that evening. The Counseling Center has held 30 rooms for special pricing at Kah-Nee-Ta.

To register for the event, please contact Carolyn Ribeiro or Alicia Adams at 553-3205.

Class can qualify drivers for insurance discount

The American Association of Retired People is offering a class that can reduce the cost of your car insurance.

The class will be in Madras at Mountain View Hospital from 1-5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29-30.

The people who took the class last year at High Lookee should attend this class to keep their discount in effect.

Anyone who has not taken the class before should attend in order to qualify for the insurance discount.

For information call Ruth Womack at 317-0610.

Womack said she is working on training an instructor in Warm Springs who can teach the AARP Driver Safety Program locally in Warm Springs. Meanwhile, the one in Madras

is the closest one.

The class is a nationwide accredited defensive driver program, focusing on driving safely, within Department of Motor Vehicle laws, and compensating for normal age related changes.

Each class is a total of eight hours conducted over two consecutive days. A person taking the class qualifies for the discount at age 55. All drivers are welcome.

Enterprises

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The current board of directors consists of Sehgal as chairman, Scott Moses as secretary/treasurer, Andrew Hofstetter as vice-chair, Priscilla Frank, Governor Victor Atiyeh and Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse.

Steps have been taken to modernize the casino this year, Sehgal said, including the replacement of about 150 slot machines and the relocation of the snack bar.

Taylor said he aims to increase the percentage of tribal members working for Kah-Nee-Ta—while the percentage of tribal member employees is currently around 50 percent, he said, he expects the percentage to reach over 70 percent in the future.

"I am making it my goal to hire as many tribal members as I possibly can," Tay-

lor said.

In addition, Taylor said, "We're one of the only casinos that I know of that's doing as well this year as last year."

In terms of the Cascade Locks Casino Project Team, Sehgal said, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) underwent a successful comment period.

"The process is taking a whole lot more time than we ever envisioned it taking," Sehgal said.

"The cost benefits of doing all this effort is definitely there in the long run," Sehgal added. "All it takes is time."

Sehgal said they expect the Bureau of Indian Affairs to publish the Final Environmental Impact Statement in early 2009.

Jim Manion, general manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise, spoke about the ongoing project at the

Pelton Round Butte Dam to install a selective water withdrawal tower.

"I think that's going to be a pretty good investment," Manion said. "It's the only one that's being done to this magnitude."

When the project is completed, Manion added, it will reintroduce a fish run in the Metolius Basin that has been gone for several decades.

In addition, he added, as fish are reintroduced there will be an increase in the fish harvest.

Manion also spoke about renewable energy activities currently being explored by the tribes, including wind energy, geothermal energy, and potential biomass projects.

Stwyer-Pinkham said these enterprises have all been reporting very regularly to Tribal Council.

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