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Enterprise named Manufacturer of Year

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Warm Springs Composite Products received statewide recognition recently from the Small Business Association.

The association made award presentations this month during Minority Enterprise Development Week.

As a tribally-owned enterprise, Composite Products was recognized as Manufacturer of the Year for Oregon.

All minority-owned manufacturing companies in the state were considered, with Composite Products named the best overall.

Jake Coochise, director of global business at Composite Products, said the enterprise has had steady work over the past year, even during slow economic times.

For instance, Composite Products recently finished supplying the fire-resistant doors and frame material for the Burj Dubai Tower.

The tower will be the tallest building in the world when completed.

There are 3,000 door openings throughout the tower, and Composite Products was the supplier for this aspect of the construction.

The Burj contract was the biggest

project ever for Composite Projects, surpassing its previous work for the World Trade Center in Bahrain.

Composite Products is now working on some projects going on near Hong Kong and Southern China, said Coochise.

He said that about 35 percent of Composite Products work is for construction projects overseas, with the rest here in the U.S.

The amount of overseas contracting for Composite Products has increased each year for about the past five years, he said.

The enterprise, located by the mill,

employs about 50 people, and manufactures a variety of products, mainly the fireproof construction parts, but also bulletproof material, and specialized secondary wood products.

Composite Products was founded in 1993 by Phil Rhodda and Alan Earnest. The mainstay of Composite Products is Tectonite.

The substance is used in components of doors used in public buildings such as hotels, schools and hospitals, which must meet fire protection standards.

Flu shots available in limited supply

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center has been giving flu shots—both for the seasonal and the H1N1 flu viruses—to the people most at risk, and to those in certain sensitive occupations.

The H1N1 vaccine has been given to health care and emergency response providers, to children and people who work with children such as at Early Childhood Education, and to pregnant women, said Roberta Queahpama, director of community health.

The H1N1 vaccine will be made more available to the community as the clinic receives the shipments from the manufacturer, she said.

The H1N1, or swine flu vaccine has been available in a limited supply, but the clinic expects to receive more shipments in the coming weeks, said Michele Gemelas, pharmacist and public information officer at the clinic.

The clinic has closely followed the Center for Disease Control guidelines in distributing the H1N1 vaccination, she said. "And we'll continue to follow the CDC guidelines, as the vaccine becomes available," Gemelas said.

Nearly all of the diagnosed influenza Type A flu cases at the clinic since the month of September have more than likely been H1N1 flu cases, she said. Younger people—school age children through folks in their 40s—seem to be at higher risk of contracting the H1N1 flu. Very few people over the age of 65 have come down with the swine flu, said Gemelas, but you do worry about people in that age group in regard to the seasonal flu.

The clinic has received about 2,100 doses of the seasonal flu vaccine, which is about enough for the number of people in the community who usually want the vaccine, said Gemelas.

The clinic is also expecting to receive enough H1N1 vaccines for everyone who wants one, "but we still do not know when this will be," she said.

The symptoms of the H1N1 and the seasonal flu are a rapid onset of fever, cough and sore throat, headache, body aches, chills, fatigue, etc.

The illness can last between seven and 10 days, and as long as two weeks.

Art show features variety of work

By Duran Bobb
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The Museum at Warm Springs is hosting the Sixteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit, which opened earlier this month and will run to January 3.

Each year tribal members are called upon to submit their works of art for the exhibit, giving new artists a chance to emerge.

This year's exhibit features such creative works as an exquisite painting from tribal artist Anthony Littleleaf; fine beadwork from Lucinda Jim; and dolls dressed in traditional regalia by artists Lolita Greeley, and Sandra Danzuka.

Jacqueline Simtustus submitted several sets of earrings from her personal beadwork collection.

"I started making beaded earrings in 1995, using my own patterns after doing assorted requests," Simtustus said. Today she continues striving to discover new patterns and ways to bead.

"I think it's beautifully done," says Carol Leone, executive director for the museum. "Every year the exhibit is different, and you never know what people are going to submit."

Evaline Patt, museum archivist, and Natalie Moody, curator, worked



Painting by Anthony Littleleaf at the Sixteenth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit, Museum at Warm Springs.

especially hard on this year's exhibit, sponsored by Warm Springs Composite Industries.

"One of the things that Natalie loves to do with the exhibits is to have the artist make a statement about their work," says Leone. "How they learned to do it, why they did a particular piece... and those histories make it really special, because it's about the artist."

Reina Estimo received an Honorable Mention in this year's exhibit for a medallion depicting the image of her beloved grandfather, Raymond Shike

Sr. Estimo tries to make a beaded item for her family and friends on their birthdays.

"This medallion is a gift that I made for my grandmother," Estimo said. "She cried when I gave this to her."

Other Honorable Mentions went to Reva Johnson for her amazing Beaded Gold Horse, Marjorie Kalama for her elegant Lilies Girls Beaded Dance Set, and Rose Ball for her charming Seneca's Blue Board.

Each year, an art show judge who has expertise in the field is chosen at random.

This year's Judge's Choice Award was given to Kelli Palmer for her elaborate Wasco Turtle cornhusk bag.

"This past year," Palmer said, "I have been working mainly on cornhusk bags and baskets. I have even given teaching a try. I enjoy seeing people's willingness to learn. I myself will continue to learn and make baskets the best I can."

Several of the items in the exhibit are up for sale. The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week through November.

Hundreds attend media center open house

Over 300 people attended the open house for the new tribal media center earlier this month.

There was a cookout and t-shirt giveaway. The t-shirts are part of the effort encourage tribal members to participate in the upcoming U.S. Census.

Speakers at the open house included Nat Shaw, who worked at the radio station and in tribal relations.

At tribal relations, Shaw worked with the late Warren R. Clements, for whom the media center is dedicated.

"If you knew Rudy, you knew he was always an optimist, and that was the case with the media center," said Shaw.

In the mid 1990s, Mr. Clements proposed the idea of housing all the tribal relations departments in a single building, said Shaw. At that time, the departments in the branch included printing, tribal relations, the radio station and the newspaper.



William Robbins photo for the Spilyay.

There was a cookout for the people who attended the open house.

Tribal planners Ray Rangila and Dale Parker even had drawings of a proposed building, said Shaw.

"Looking back on that, we were all thinking it could never happen," said

Shaw. "Rudy was the only one who believed it could."

The printing and tribal relations departments are gone now, and KWSO and the Spilyay are under the govern-

ment affairs branch. But the vision of the media center was fulfilled through the hard work and dedication of several people.

Tribal Council provided part of the funding, while Sue Matters pursued grant money through the Corporation of Public Broadcasting. Media advisor Bill Rhoades pursued other grant money, in particular from the Meyer Memorial Trust.

A finishing touch on the media center might be solar energy panels. The roof was designed in a way to accommodate solar panels, and Rhoades is pursuing grant possibilities to fund their purchase and installation.

During his comments, director of tribal government affairs Louie Pitt said that Tom Strong, construction project manager, and his crew, including Nathan Williams and Eli Smith, did a great job.

General Council meetings next week

Two General Council meetings are currently set for next week.

Both meetings are scheduled in the Agency Longhouse.

The first meeting, on Monday, Oct. 26, includes these agenda items:

Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises; Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino; and Warm Springs Composite Products.

The second meeting, on Tuesday, Oct. 27, includes these agenda items:

Warm Springs Credit Enterprise; High Lookee Lodge; the Museum at Warm Springs; Warm Springs Housing; and Warm Springs Ventures.

The meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.