

Holiday Powwow



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Captain Moody on the microphone announces the winners in the high-step shell dress special at the Thanksgiving Mini Powwow held at the Agency Longhouse over the holiday weekend. Pictured from left are Leona Scott, Bridgett Whipple, Amelia Davis-Smith, and Miss Warm Springs Tamera Moody, who sponsored the special. There was a packed longhouse to enjoy the dancing, laughter, and good feelings. Charlotte Herkshan shared "We were unsure if it would happen due to the death, but when we got to the longhouse there were kids waiting at the door... they crave this."

General Council

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Anita Jackson was glad to hear that Legal Aid is being considered necessary on the reservation.

"There is the Law and Order Act that requires tribes to provide legal assistance," she said.

Jackson was also worried about jobs at the new casino, the interest rate on the financing for the construction of the new Indian Head Casino, the hiring of educated, qualified tribal members throughout the organization, among other issues.

Speaking to budget matters, Councilman Raymond Tsumpti explained that the reason the tribes got into gaming was to give something back to the future generations who were not yet born. As to timber, he said,

the tribes have cut five generations into the future.

Regarding travel, Tsumpti said, it is needed to protect tribal rights and ceded lands. This includes treaty rights, claims made by other tribes, Senate Bill 412, and IHS affairs.

"We have to learn how to become constructive," Priscilla Frank said. "We talk about our elders and what they left us. They had a lot of wisdom. How do we use that? Warm Springs is going to copycat what they're seeing on the news. Soon, we're going to be marching on our meetings and having activist groups. I think we can come up with a constructive process and use our energy in a productive way. We can sit here and say to you, 'Council, we voted you in. If we voted in you in,

then we need to be working with you, and vice-versa. We need to learn how to embrace and support one another."

Marcia Soliz went through a spreadsheet which contained the numbers for employees within the tribal organization.

These figures were broken down into tribal members, MITs (married into the tribes), other Indians, and non-Indians. The spreadsheet also showed figures by age range.

"Between January and November 14, there were 1,340 applications picked up, filled out, and processed. 1,049 more were filled out online. That's 2,489 applications submitted by tribal members. So nobody can convince me that tribal members do not want to work. Job creation is crucial."

Memorial scholarship for Mary Calica-Bailey

Family, friends, co-workers and elders of atwai Mary Calica-Bailey have formed a committee with the goal in mind of raising \$500 for a memorial scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded to a Warm Springs tribal member, Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham said. The recipient must be attending college with an emphasis for

studies on early childhood education.

A bank account has been set up at Mid-Oregon Credit Union in Madras.

The scholarship committee will have a vendor table at the Christmas Bazaar on December 10 at the Community Center. Hand-crafted items and baked goods will be sold to raise funds for the scholarships.

Donations will also be accepted.

There will also be a raffle to include numerous items, included a leather belt made by Raymond Tsumpti Sr.

For more information, please see Rusty Calica, Wauna Calica, Floyd Calica, Shirley Allen, or Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham.

Casino: grand opening at the end of Feb.

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Dedication, opening days

The current plan is for the Feb. 4 opening dedication to begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. The ceremonies and celebrations during this time at the casino would be for tribal members and invited guests only. Afterward, everyone is welcome.

Grand opening ceremonies are now scheduled for Feb. 25-26.

In other developments last week, the gaming enterprise conducted a job fair in Warm

Springs. This was the second casino job fair in recent weeks, and more can be expected.

When in full operation, the new casino will create 200 new jobs, both at Indian Head and Kah-Nee-Ta.

For information on the new casino, check out: www.Indianheadgaming.com.

Smith on board soon

As the newly-hired manager of Kah-Nee-Ta, Carlos Smith can longer serve on the Warm Springs gaming board, which

left a vacancy on the board. The Council approved the appointment of Jason Smith to fill the vacancy. Smith was the first runner-up in the most recent gaming board appointments. The Council also indicated that two upcoming vacancies would be advertised in the near future.

Carlos Smith will be starting work at Kah-Nee-Ta in a few weeks. He gave several weeks notice to his current employer, the Hilton Garden Inn in Lake Oswego, where he has been the general manager.



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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Mollitor
Superintendent



Welcome back from Thanksgiving break. I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday and time with family and friends. I'd like to thank the parents and family members who took part in our parent conferences this month. The parent conferences are a very important part of the school year because they offer an opportunity for families to be involved and engaged in education. Your participation means a lot to us and your children.

This month, our school board meeting was focused on two important goals:

1. Putting together a community-based team to research the future facility needs of our district; and
2. Finding potential funding sources to strengthen our education system and take us into the future.

We continue to see dramatic improvements in our students' academic performance and our team is working hard to continue these efforts. While we continue to strive to meet the state standards, our progress has been remarkable at all grade levels. We'd like to invite you to attend a district-wide parent informational meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 6 p.m. in the Madras High School Commons area. This will be a good opportunity to hear what's happening throughout the district. We hope to see you there.

Now that winter is officially here, we ask that you prepare for winter activities and the potential for school cancellations and/or late and early release due to weather conditions.

As always, I welcome your comments, questions and involvement. Please don't hesitate to call or stop by. I look forward to hearing from you.

JCSJ Students Honor Veterans

JCMS celebrated Veterans' Day with an assembly and parade this month. The assembly included patriotic choir and band performances, Native American dance and a presentation of the flags by the MHS JROTC.

In preparation for the celebration, students participated in a Veterans' Day writing competition including speeches, poems and power point presentations. The competition asked students to consider:

- What is patriotism to you?
- OR
- What does it mean to be American?

Each category was awarded prizes. Following the event Veterans, parents and visitors enjoyed cake and coffee in the library.

Writing Contest Winners

Tyra Thomas
Poem
"The Honorable Brave"

Rhiana Carlson
Powerpoint
"Patriotism"

Mari Rodriguez
Video
"A Tribute to Native American Veterans"

