

# Craft Night



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The Warm Springs Elementary School gym was packed on December 15 for the annual Family Craft Night. Families had opportunities to make various ornaments for their trees, get a face painting, decorate tsugar cookies, and create ice cream sundaes. Craft night is just one of the events held throughout the year to encourage parent and family involvement. The event has become a tradition that many look forward to attending even after students have moved on from the Elementary School.

# Elwha dam removal work resumes after 'fish window'

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Demolition work at the Elwha Dam is resuming Monday, about two weeks earlier than expected.

Work was suspended Nov. 1 for a "fish window" — to prevent sediment from harming the late fall run of chum salmon in the lower Elwha River.

The Peninsula Daily News reports the Olympic National Park says biologists confirm the salmon run has come to an end.

The Elwha and Glines Canyon dams are being removed in a \$325 million project to restore one famous salmon runs to the river. The work will continue into 2014.

# Jury dings Calif. tribe for \$31 million in casino dispute

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A Northern California jury has returned a \$30.4 million judgment against an Indian tribe for breaking its contracts with a company that was supposed to help build and furnish slot machines for a casino in El Dorado County.

The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok tribe said it would appeal the verdict returned late last week.

The jury awarded Chatsworth-based Sharp Image Gaming of Chatsworth in its long-running dispute with the

Miwok over the tribe's aborted plans for a casino in the late 1990s. The tribe instead contracted with a Minnesota company to build the Red Hawk casino in Placerville, which opened in 2008.

The tribe claimed that its contract was invalid because the slot machines the company planned to supply violated gambling regulations that existed at the time.

The Bee says Red Hawk has been not generating as much revenue as expected.

# Smith

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Carlos applied for, was interviewed, and hired as the new general manager for Kah-Nee-Ta. He began his duties on December 5.

"I am totally lucky to be a tribal member and the way that I got my training. Our tribe is built on perseverance. Our grandparents had nothing, but they didn't give up on us. I learned from them never to give everything in the job, whether it's deep-cleaning a room or doing a bit of maintenance."

Carlos is currently having

discussions with the Kah-Nee-Ta board to continue the same tribal management trainee program that gave him his start.

"At a franchise I learned the science of running a hotel and resort," Carlos says. "My goal is going to be making this a family-destination resort again, and to pattern a lot of that after the Hilton brand of hotels."

Carlos' own family couldn't be more thrilled to be back in Warm Springs. "My wife, Angela, is studying to become a metalsmith to learn to make jewelry," He said. "We've been married 15 years now. We met at

Pi-Ume-Sha."

The couple have two sons. Yancy, 13, will be in the seventh-grade. Killian, 11, is in the fifth grade.

"My sons are very heavy into Little League," Carlos says with a grin. "They also can't wait to get back to hunting and fishing down at Sherars Falls with Joe and Chico Holliday."

As for Carlos, Kah-Nee-Ta is a beautiful place. "There's so much you can do here. I'm excited for the resort's future!"



Girls of the Sacred Thunder Basketball Team along with Coach Shawn Harry and Mike Holyah, Youth Wellness Coordinator find out how much sugar they eat in a typical day.

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## A message from Brad Holiday, School Board Chair

On behalf of our school board, I'd like to wish all of our families and community members a happy holiday season. We are grateful



for your support and involvement with our schools and look forward to an exciting new year.

We would like to share an important update about our district facilities with all of you who take an interest in our students.

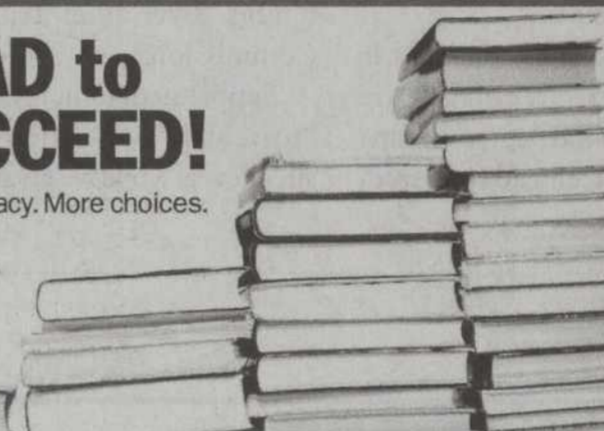
This month, our school board met with a committee of local community members to discuss the future facilities needs for our school district. The goal was to understand current needs and identify potential funding sources to meet them. Together, we reviewed the district's long-term facilities plan developed by a community committee back in 2000. We also talked about what our students will need moving forward. The board and district leadership presented priority needs for the committee's consideration:

- The construction of a new K-8 Building in Warm Springs
- Capital improvements including a 600-seat auditorium at MHS
- Upgrades to our athletic facilities including a new track
- General building improvements at all our buildings

The Warm Springs building is currently the oldest operating school in the district. A new K-8 building is a part of the recent Memorandum of Agreement signed with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in 2011. The school district is working closely with the tribes to secure funding for the new building. The goal is for the district and the tribes to each fund 1/2 of new school project. The cost is approximately \$21,400,000. Since there is no state taxing authority for Jefferson County on Tribal land, the Tribal Council and administration are each seeking 50 percent of the total cost (\$10,700,000) through a referendum to the residents of the Warm

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Southwell Auditorium in Prineville is a model for a similar auditorium in Jefferson County.

Springs Reservation. The district would seek the other half of the project through a voter approved bond.

Property taxes from local residents currently fund school bonds making it possible for the school district to pay for facility improvements. There are two financial bonds that currently fund JCSD facility needs and one is coming to a close in 2013. The board and district leadership are asking the committee for input on other facility needs and priorities as well as recommendations and ideas for funding sources (including the introduction of a new bond measure in 2012). The School Board's goal is to provide for the needs of the district facilities without increasing the tax burden on our district's residents. We look forward to hearing the committee's recommendations for enhancing and improving our schools. Please feel free to contact Superintendent Rick Molitor or any of our board members directly with questions or comments about facilities.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### JCSD Facilities Needs:

K-8 building	\$21,400,000
(District to fund half at \$10,700,000)	
Capital improvements	\$3,797,937
Performing Arts building	\$7,980,000

### Long Term Needs:

Capital improvements	\$12,285,499
<b>Total needs</b>	<b>\$34,799,737</b>

### Calendar

- December**
- 12/19 – 1/2 No School Winter Break
- January**
- 1/3 School Starts
  - 1/9 2-Hour Late Start
  - 1/10 Rescheduled School Board Meeting 7:00pm at SSB Board Room
  - 1/16 No School –M.L.K. Day
  - 1/23 2-Hour Late Start
  - 1/30 Rescheduled School Board Meeting 7:00pm at SSB Board Room

### Have You Seen the JCSD Video Yet?

Our school district recently created a video to make a bold statement and generate pride among teachers, staff, students and community members. Visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWvPmFVvi5w> and see what they have to say.

### New Website for JCSD!

Visit our new JCSD 509-J website for up-to-date information about our schools! [www.jcsd.k12.or.us](http://www.jcsd.k12.or.us)

