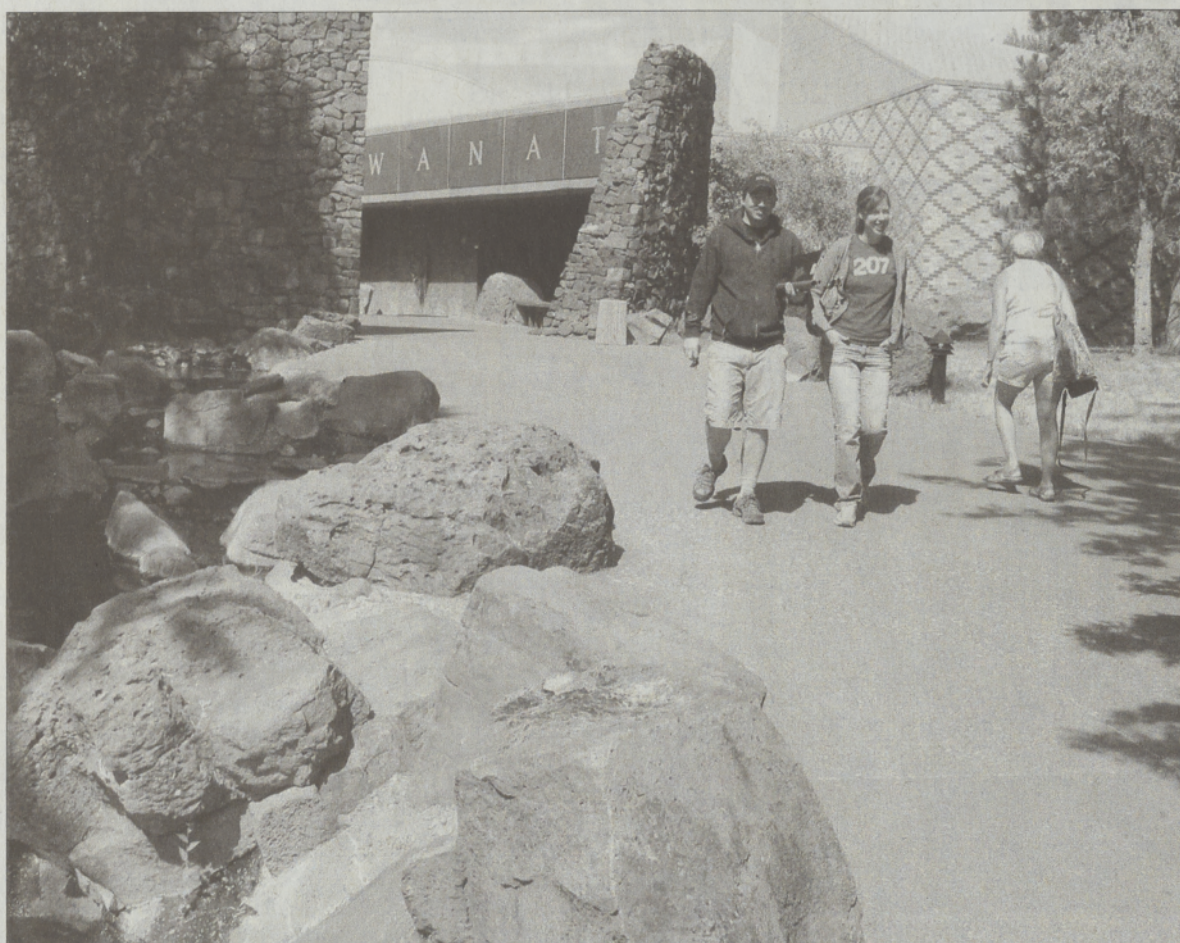


Museum benefits from casino, restaurant



The museum is a busier place with the nearby casino and restaurant.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The Museum at Warm Springs is a busier place these days.

The extra visitors are due mainly to the nearby Indian Head Casino and Cottonwood Restaurant.

Since the casino and res-

taurant opened, as many as 20 more people each day are visiting the museum, said Natalie Moody, museum curator.

Some of the museum visitors will mention that they were just at the casino or res-

taurant, or they are going there after visiting the museum, Moody said.

Other museum visitors will say they are there because they do not gamble and they are waiting for someone who is at the ca-

sino, she said.

Either way, more people are being shown the history and the culture of the Confederated Tribes, as displayed by the museum.

— Dave McMechan

Births

Anthony Richard Hellon

Young Leo Hellon and Hazel Joy Martinez-Hellon of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Anthony Richard Hellon, born on July 26, 2012.

Grandparents on the father's side are Anthony and Vicki Hellon of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Bennie and Lila Martinez of Lyle, Wash.

Suella Jonita Simtustus

Stanley Simtustus Jr. and Lianna Simtustus of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Suella Jonita Simtustus, born on July 28, 2012.

Suella joins brother Stanley Simtustus III, age

3.

Grandparents on the father's side are Stan Sr. and Wanda S. Van Pelt, both of Simnasho.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Christina Culps of Warm Springs, and Shawn Jim of Roosevelt, Wash.

Gabrio Aiden Alonso

Matthew Kip Alonso and Alicia Anne Gordon of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Gabrio Aiden Alonso, born on July 24, 2012.

Gabrio joins brother Benicio, 1.

Grandparent on the father's side is Pedro Alonso.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Marc Gordon and Wanda Follis.

New federal law expedites tribal development

(AP) — President Barack Obama last week signed a bill designed to expedite home building and energy development on tribal lands.

The law, sponsored by Rep. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., enables tribes to approve trust land leases directly, rather than waiting for approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Navajo Nation already has that authority.

"The Hearth Act," as the law is called, is expected to open the door to badly needed housing develop-

ment on reservations, as well as wind and solar energy projects that tribes have been eager to launch.

Land on American Indian reservations cannot be bought and sold because it is held in trust by the federal government. Previously, if a tribe or tribe member wanted to build a house or business, the Interior Department had to approve a "lease" of the land or mortgages. That process sometimes took years.

"Tribal communities should be able to make their own decisions about how to use their own land, and the

Hearth Act will give them the freedom to do so," Heinrich said in a statement. "The last thing the federal government should do is stand in the way of a family who wants to buy a home, and this bill will help make it easier for Native families to buy and build houses in the communities where their families have lived for generations."

Heinrich said the law will bring much-needed housing and businesses to Indian Country.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the legislation underscores Obama's com-

mitment to empower Indian nations and strengthen their economies.

"This legislation complements the work we are doing at Interior to undertake the most comprehensive reforms of Indian land leasing regulations in more than 50 years," he said in a statement. "These parallel efforts will have a real impact for individuals and families who want to own a home or build a business—generating investment, new jobs and revenues."

Dam to be removed

SISTERS (AP) — A small dam will be removed from a creek near Sisters next year to eliminate one of the last blockages for spawning salmon and steelhead.

A Bend-based non-profit is waiting on two federal grants to help pay for the \$200,000 cost of removing the dam from Whychus Creek in Sisters. It's expected to come down next year.

Upper Deschutes

Watershed Council program manager Mathias Perle said that there is a lot of good habitat for the fish upstream from the dam.

The Whychus Creek watershed was historically one of the most important spawning areas upstream of the Pelton Round Butte complex, providing excellent habitat for spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead.



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Gathering of Nations planning for 30th Anniversary

The Gathering of Nations is preparing to celebrate its Thirtieth Anniversary next year. Activities are planned from now through April 2013.

Several of the features for this celebration will include a commemorative book, of photos and memories spanning over 30 years, and archived videos, viewable on the Gathering of Nations web site.

The Gathering of Nations would like to include your most memorable moments in the book. To be part of the book send your best memories by August 10 to: melonie@gonmail.com

In other news: The Gath-

ering of Nations Powwow poster is now being assembled. The poster will include the Head Staff line up, Special Contest, Hotel Information and much more. The poster release will be the weekend of August 17-19 at the Shokappe Powwow in Minnesota.

The huge Gathering of Nations Powwow Poster is the key component of the promotions for the event. Also at the time of the poster release, information for the 2013 Gathering of Nations Powwow will be available on the official web site for the 2013 Gathering of Nations Poster. The website is at: gatheringofnations.com

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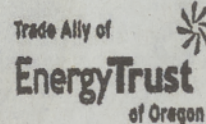
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Youth Prevention Camp at HeHe

The HeHe Butte Prevention Camp will be held August 12-17. This is a camp for Native youth from the nine tribes of Oregon between ages 13-18. Camp activities will incorporate both traditional and contemporary venues. To obtain a registration packet, call (541) 553-0467.