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Lights Parade

By Yvonne Iverson
Spilyay Tymoo

Despite the rainy cold weather, event organizers estimate that over 500 community members attended the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade at the Community Center last Tuesday evening, Dec. 4.

The evening kicked-off with a hot dog or hamburger dinner, then outside for the parade, singing, and tree lighting.

Over 16 floats entered the parade. The Housing Department took home the first place trophy. (A complete list of the winners is on page 5.)

A new addition to the event this year were the make-and-take craft activity tables that filled the gym. "Everyone was able to leave with something," commented Michael Martinez, Prevention Coordinator.

Crafts and activities included picture frames, Christmas tree ornaments, pinecone decoration, cake walk, mini tee-pees, coloring and more.

Night Out on Monday

The Eighth Annual Christmas Indian Nite Out is on Monday, Dec. 17 at the Community Cen-



Yvonne Iverson photos

ter gymnasium.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Captain Moody. Dinner is at 5:15 and the powwow begins at 6. Family fun and games include "Sweep ur tee-pee," and "What's in your wallet." Door prizes and prizes for dancers in full regalia. Calling all dancers and drummers for a night full of fun.

For more information please call the Recreation Office at 541-553-3243. Event sponsored by Warm Springs Recreation and the Community Wellness Center.



Travel center update

Location may be by casino

By Dave McMechan
Spilyay Tymoo

Tribal Council met with economic development coordinator Kahseuss Jackson last week to discuss the travel center project. After hearing the presentation, Council gave approval for Jackson to continue pursuing the plan.

Jackson presented various options regarding the travel center, which would include gas and diesel, and a convenience store and possible fast-food restaurant.

Location was one of the main points of discussion. There was an initial suggestion that the travel center be located along Highway 26 near the Mill Creek Bridge. Preliminary research, though, indicates that the project would not work at that site, Jackson said.

The most feasible location would be near Indian Head Casino because it would allow greater access to the town of Warm Springs and casino patron markets, he said. A site near the Mill Creek Bridge would limit access mainly to the Highway 26 market, according to Jackson.

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K-8 school design taking shape

By Duran Bobb
for the Spilyay Tymoo

Tribal members met recently with the school design team, an architect, the project manager, and tribal and school district officials.

They discussed the design of the Warm Springs k-8 school. About 50 reservation community members were on hand for the meeting, on Dec. 3 at the Agency Longhouse.

The design team has planned several meetings to give project updates as well as gain public input on conceptual site plans.

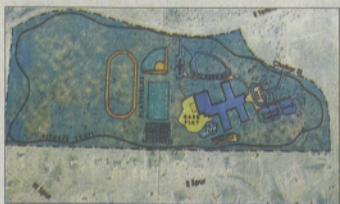
"We know community members are very interested in what's going on," tribal chief operations officer Urbana Ross said.

"We are doing a lot of work. The architects are working closely with the school board, Tribal Council and the design team, which is made up of several community members."

School district superintendent Rick Molitor commented, "Every step we take is a step to create an environment that the children deserve. At these meetings, the plan is to hear from the architects and give some input on what we want to see in the building."



Duran Bobb photos



Members check out the design drawings; at left, a conceptual drawing of site.

you have what it takes to become involved, please fill out a form (with the Job Creation and Development Program). This will help us identify some trainings and create a toolbox of skills."

Job Creation is located on campus at the corner of Paiute and Wasco streets. For more information, call 541-553-3409.

"We're working closely with tribal members, getting them ready for the construction," Laurie Danzuka, school district board chair. "There are some training opportunities

available before construction starts, so we're assembling a list to see what job skill sets are out there."

Design features

Wenaha Construction Management is providing consulting services to tribes and school district, coordinating the initial planning, budgeting and site selection.

They also provide on-site project management and inspection during the permitting and construction process.

Liz Hedrick, of BBT Architects of Bend, presented a conceptual site plan, as well as a rough draft of the building layout.

"Nothing is final," Hedrick said. "We get input every week and we're working closely with the design team. It's progressing and getting better as we go."

One idea for the site is to have separate areas where buses and parents will drop off their children in order to reduce traffic congestion. The main building concept features a central spine which will create a direct view and flow through the common corridor.

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WSFPI presents 10-year plan

The Warm Springs Forest Products Industries Board of Directors presented a 10-year plan of operation last week to Tribal Council.

The Council was unable to take action on the presentation, as key aspects of the plan remain pending. For instance, whether the federal government goes over the fiscal cliff at the end of this month will determine how an important part of the WSPFI mill operation plan would be funded.

The plan presented to Council calls for installation of a micro-mill in 2013, and installation of an end-dogging lineal feed (EDLF) in 2013-14. The micro-mill would cost about \$1.4 million, and the EDLF about \$2.7 million.

Part of this funding could come from a federal tax credit program; however, whether this would be available in 2013 is not yet known, as the fiscal cliff discussion continues.

If no tax credit funding is available, then WSPFI could possibly borrow tribal Business Investment Revolving Fund money, mill officials said.

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