

## School board, members discuss Impact Aid

The Jefferson County School District 509-J has received only 45 percent of the Impact Aid funding for the 2012-13 school year.

Usually by this time in the year, the district would have received up to 85 percent of the funding, said Rick Molitor, superintendent.

Holding up the transfer of the funds to the district is the federal fiscal cliff situation: Unsure of their upcoming budget, federal officials are holding the Impact Aid money until it is clear how much will eventually be transferred, Molitor said.

The amount of money is large for the district: The total Impact Aid payment expected for 2012-13 is \$2.4 million. This represents about 25 teaching positions.

This news came during the school district Impact Aid meeting in Warm Springs on Monday. On a more positive note, Molitor said, there is some indication that the district could receive 70 percent of Impact Aid funds in the near future.

Federal Impact Aid assists U.S. school districts that see reduced property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt property such as Indian reservations. In other news from the meeting:



Anna De Cora, Lisa Ike Lopez, Jazmine Ike Lopez and Keeyana Yellowman (from left) report on the National Indian Education Association conference.

Students gave a report on their experience at the National Indian Education Association Conference, held in the fall in Oklahoma City. Students who attended the conference from Warm Springs were Gavin Begay, Keeyana Yellowman, Lana Shike, Anna De Cora, Lisa Ike Lopez, Jazmine Ike Lopez, Triston Smith, and

Rich Danzuka.

Lisa Ike Lopez, a senior at Madras High School, said the conference gave her a better sense of the value of higher education.

Native Americans face the challenge of living within the Native culture while pursuing higher education, she said.

The conference, Ike Lopez said, "Made me want to get a

better education. We can go far. We can keep our culture and become more educated."

Jazmine Ike Lopez said the conference was interesting because she got to meet Native American students from many different parts of the U.S., and they could compare the issues facing the people of their reservations.

— Dave McMechan

## Simnasho planning New Years celebration

The Simnasho community will host a New Year's Eve Celebration and Powwow on Monday evening, Dec. 31.

Potluck dinner begins at 6 p.m. at the Simnasho Longhouses. Washat at 7 p.m. (one seven).

Traditional powwow, social dancing and games start at 7:30. Specials:

- Mother and Baby in Baby Board Recognition
- Men's Round Bustle — three places.
- Musical Bench Cham-

pionship of the World.

11 p.m.: Clown Dance Special—first, second, third places cash prize.

Midnight: Time to welcome the New Year with song and walk around the longhouse.

Everyone is welcome to this family event, sponsored by members of the Simnasho community.

If you would like to help or make a donation towards this event please contact Captain at 541-553-7014.

## IIM, Cobell settlement information

The best way to obtain information from Office of the Special Trustee regarding your, or your relative's, IIM account is by calling the toll-free number for the Office of the Special Trustee Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) at 1-888-678-6836. A number of operators are available five days per

week and Saturday mornings. TBCC operators have faster access to all of the on-line trust systems available to OST field offices, and have been working with the Cobell plaintiffs' Garden City Group throughout the year, handling Cobell Settlement related inquiries.

# Warm Springs Community Calendar

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### Wednesday, Dec. 12

Madras White Buffalo Freshman/Sophomore **Wrestling** travel to Prineville for a meet with Crook County.

**Water Aerobics Class** is this morning at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Pool and Senior Fitness Class starts at 10:45 at the Senior Building. There is a Cardio and Strength Circuit Class at 12:10 at the Community Center.

Wednesday is a **2-hour early release** day for 509-J Schools.

The OSU Extension Service and Native Aspirations is offering a **Wellness Run/Walk** at Warm Springs Elementary at 2 p.m. There will be 4 youth age divisions — t-shirts for participants, pizza and raffle prizes.

### Thursday, Dec. 13

Today in **MHS Sports**: Madras Swim Team will host a meet between Madras, Klamath Falls and Henley, starting at 4:45.

Today's **fitness classes** include: Cardio Flex Class at the Community Center and Zumba Fitness at IHS — both are open to anyone and start at 12:10. There is also Zumba today at 1:15.

The **Diabetes Prevention Program** will be doing health screenings today at the Administration Building. Stop by between 2 and 3 p.m. to have your blood sugar and blood pressure checked.

Diabetes Prevention and OSU Extension will be hosting a **freezer jam making** class on today at 5:15 at the OSU Extension office. Space is limited — you can sign up at 541-553-7718.

Madras High School will hold their **Winter Concert** at 7 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 14

In **MHS Sports** action: JV and Varsity wrestlers will be at the Irwin Classic at Ridgeview today and tomorrow.

There is **Senior Fitness Class** this morning at 10:45 at the Senior Building and Strength Training Class at 12:10 at the Community Center.

The Jefferson County **Coffee Cuppers** will be hosted by East Cascade Retirement Community, located at 175 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Madras at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

The **Diabetes Prevention Program** is having a learning lunch on pre-diabetes at noon in the IHS atrium. They will provide a light lunch and the speaker is Andrea Frangiosa, a Physician Assistant student from OHSU.

### Saturday, Dec. 15

The Madras White Buffalo JV & Varsity **wrestlers** are at the Irwin Classic today at Ridgeview.

Today is the Earth2o **water delivery** day. Please set empty bottles outside.

A potluck **dinner and prayer** gathering for the Warm Springs Christian community will be at 6 p.m. at the High Lookee Lodge Tribal Room. You are invited to unite in prayer for the community, churches and families. This community gathering takes place the third Saturday of each month.

### Sunday, Dec. 16

**Services** are held every Sunday at the Agency Longhouse. Classes begin at 9am, Washaat Services start at 10. FMI: Deanie Johnson 541-460-3015.

### Monday, Dec. 17

There is **Senior Fitness Class** this morning at 10:45 at the Senior Building and Strength Training Class at 12:10 at the Community Center.

The Annual Christmas Indian **Night Out** is this evening at the Community Center Gym. Dinner is at 5:15 and the powwow starts

at 6. The evening will include family fun and games, door prizes and prizes for all dancers in full regalia.

### Tuesday, Dec. 18

Today in **MHS sports** — The Boys Basketball teams travel to Bend and girls' basketball will host Bend — game times are 5:30 and 7pm.

There's **Zumba Fitness Class** today at 12:10 in the community center aerobics room.

A meeting regarding an **American Legion in Warm Springs** will take place this evening at 6 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall. New members can be accepted at the meeting.

### Wednesday, Dec. 19

In **MHS Sports** action — freshman and sophomore wrestlers will host other central Oregon schools — matches begin at 5 p.m.

**Water Aerobics Class** is this morning at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Pool and Zumba Gold Class starts at 10:45 at the Senior Building. There is a Cardio and Strength Circuit Class at 12:10 at the Community Center.

There's a **Walk for Diabetes** today at the Community Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. After the walk you can get a nutritional snack, water, health information and have your blood sugar and pressure.

OSU Extension will have a **Youth Candy Making workshop** from 3:45 til 5 p.m. for kids in grades 3-12. It's free, space is limited, you can sign up by calling 553-3238.

**JCMS parent conferences** will be held December from 4-7:30 p.m. at the middle school.

### Thursday, Dec. 20

The Madras White Buffalos boys and girls' varsity **basketball teams** will be at the Seaside Tournament today thru Saturday.

Today's **fitness classes** include: An ECE Fun Run from 9:30-11 a.m.; Cardio Flex Class at the Community Center and Zumba Fitness at IHS — both are open to anyone and start at 12:10. There is also Zumba today at 1:15.

The Jefferson County Middle School **Winter Concert** will be held Thursday at 7 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 21

Today in **MHS Sports** — both the varsity boys and girls' basketball teams are at the Seaside Tournament. The swin team is at the Rainier Invitational in St. Helens.

There is **Senior Fitness Class** this morning at 10:45 at the Senior Building and Strength Training Class at 12:10 at the Community

Center.

Today is the **deadline** to submit items for the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo coming out Wednesday, December 26.

### Saturday, Dec. 22

In **MHS Sports Action** — the varsity boys and girls' basketball teams are at the Seaside Tournament today.

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