

## For Circle of Hope



Rosanna Sanders (left), president of the Warm Springs Native People Circle of Hope, accepted the contribution on behalf of the organization. She is pictured with Becky Picard, Carolyn Johnson and Ken Many Wounds (from left).

Indian Head Casino recently held a special Cancer Awareness promotion for the Warm Springs Native People Circle of Hope chapter. The project raised \$1,244.

"I want to thank Indian Head Casino, Ken and Janell for their work during October Breast Cancer Awareness Month," said Rosanna Sand-

ers, president of the Warm Springs chapter of the Native People Circle of Hope.

"The donation will go to cancer patients, helping them get to their appointments."

The contribution will help with the purchase of gas cards for the patients, she said.

A Christmas dinner will be

provided at the next meeting for the Native People Circle of Hope Cancer Support Group. This will be on Monday, Dec. 17 at the Education building training room downstairs. Meetings are held monthly on the third Monday of each month. For more information contact Rosanna at 541-460-2382.

## Christmas for children at CPS

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center business office has put together an Angel Bear Tree located by the patient registration desk.

The Angel Bears are marked with the age and gender of a child who is in the custody of the Warm Springs Child Protective Services.

If you would like to purchase a gift for one of these children, please feel free to take a bear but make sure you check the bear off the list with the patient registration desk.

CPS is hoping to have all the gifts in by December 20. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

## Action team seeking tax help volunteers

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will provide free tax counseling and preparation for community members.

There are positions available for volunteers who will serve as greeters as well as tax preparers. Free IRS training is offered for volunteers.

They will have tax appointments available, starting in February. People interested in volunteering for these positions can do so by either calling 541-553-3148 or by going to their office at 1136 Paiute Avenue on the campus.

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## School

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The site is surrounded by a fitness trail with access points to nearby neighborhoods.

"We also look at preserving some of the area for future use," Hedrick said. "You might decide later on to build a youth center, or expand into a high school, so there's an area left open for that purpose."

Architects asked participants at the meeting to write

down their ideas and thoughts on possible ideas for the school design. They hope to get more input from the community at future meetings.

The design team was planning a tour of Portland area schools for possible ideas that can be utilized in the Warm Springs k-8 school.

The next k-8 school design meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. Location will be the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

## Motorsports idea presented

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The Motorplex Raceway Project Committee presented data and answered frequently asked questions at an economic development meeting held at the Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The project committee members are Tribal Councilmen Scott Moses, J.P. Patt and Austin Greene, and Ventures director Jeff Anspach.

If the project committee recommends moving forward on the motorsports plan, their findings will be presented to the full Tribal Council. Tribal Council would then decide whether to propose the project to the membership in a referendum, perhaps as early as March of 2013.

"This is our first meeting," Councilman Moses told the 25 individuals who attended. "As time goes on, we plan to have more meetings to present new information. Right now, I can tell you the negotiation part is important to me. I don't believe in giving our lands away for nothing in return. It is important for us to represent our tribal people."

The proposed development of a motorsports raceway would partner the tribes with an outside company to build the facility. A proposed site has been identified, tentatively, on Miller Flat.

The tribes would likely put up to 900 acres of reservation land into a long-term lease of 50 to 99 years, forming a new joint venture. The joint venture would then go to outside markets to raise sufficient capital to build the facility.

The project would be located on land south of Mill Creek. Initially, a road course, drag strip and oval would be constructed over a five year timeline. Upon completion, the project would have a value of over \$300 million.

Planners say the reservation makes an ideal location because it is within 400 miles of major metropolitan areas. Also, the tribes are in control of zoning and can develop a facility that is tailored to the desires of the target market.

Ventures has entered into a "letter of intent" with Lionshead Development LLC. If the membership were to approve a project, Ventures would form a joint venture with Lionshead, who would provide the marketing and sales skills required for the project to be successful.

"They've come to the conclusion that this will only happen in Indian country," Anspach said. "It's up to the membership. The natural resources are contained, we have the committee, it's a fairly clear cut process. That's why we see this as a huge opportunity."

Councilman Patt commented, "I had the opportunity to attend one race, and I tried to imagine what this facility would look like in Warm Springs. At this point, this is a chess board with no pieces. We don't know if it's going to attract the major players yet. Before we even move a piece, we need to be sure. We have to get a nod."

"I truly believe in this project," Councilman Greene said. "We're taking the careful approach here, making sure that this is something that is viable for us, without investing a lot of money."

One obvious benefit to tribal members would be in the form of jobs. Research indicates that the facility would be under construction for five years or more. This would create about 425 construction-related jobs. Another 200 jobs would relate to the operation of the facility. And an additional 225 indirect jobs created to support the facility would be permanent in nature.

"Everybody is involved," Councilman Moses said. "This project will utilize tribal members for construction, we want to make sure of that. It needs to be included in the contracts, so it's going to be different."

"There would be tribal preference requirements for many of the positions," ac-

ording to information provided at the meeting. "Tribal members would be eligible to fill any job they were qualified for."

Funding for continued research into the project would come from money set aside in the capacity fund. "Beyond that, the tribe would look to its development partner to move the design, infrastructure and other key requirements. The remaining costs would likely be financed by the project itself through outside funds (borrowing and/or joint venture). The ultimate financing package would emerge after discussions among the tribal development team, financial advisors, bond counsel, and potential investors or developers." "The committee still has some hurdles to get over," Councilman Patt said. "We're going to have to gather information and present it in home-based meetings. The committee can then decide if this idea is feasible, and then make the recommendation to tribal council. Should we go forward? We're gathering this information as we go, and we need to make sure we haven't jumped the gun. We're still trying to determine that ourselves. If this doesn't look good to us, then we'd recommend not moving forward on this project."

The Motorplex Raceway Project Committee would like to begin planning for a series of home-based meetings. Those who are interested in hosting a home-based meeting are encouraged to contact the committee through the tribal council office. Or call Sandra Danzuka or Ben Bisland at 541-553-3565.

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