

### Player selected for All Stars game

Inez Jones has the honor of playing in the Oregon 4A High School Seniors Basketball All Stars Game.

She was selected from among the players on seven teams of the Tri-Valley League.

Inez played basketball all four years she has attended Madras High School. She also played soccer, and was co-manager of the Madras High



Inez Jones

School football team.

The All Star game is set for June 14-15 at Corban University in Salem. Inez will be there for about a week, practicing with teammates.

She and her family are raising funds so that Inez can play in the game. Donations can be made to any of the family members. Her dad works at the Warm Springs Market.

### Raffle for Hood to Coast Team

The 2013 Hood to Coast Team is raising funds for the upcoming event. The team is hosting a raffle with winning items including:

An Ipad, fuzzy blanket, Pendleton mug, Pendleton coin purse, gift baskets,

photo sitting; one-night stay at Inn at Cross Keys, gas cards, earrings, and gift cards, among other items.

The drawing will be on July 4; need not be present to win. Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5. For tickets see:

Leslie Davis, Monica Sampson, Jordan Leonard, Haley Brownson, Jayme Schricker, Lisa Dubisar, Ryan Smith, Gary Sampson III, Jeff Anspach, Don Courtney, Adam Haas, Joe Lewis, and Val Squiemphen.

### Kitzhaber against Medford casino

(AP) - Gov. John Kitzhaber has asked the federal government to reject a proposal by an Oregon tribe to start a casino in Medford.

An expansion of casino gambling raises concerns such as increased crime and alcohol, drug and gambling abuse, he said last week in letters to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He also said the proposal from the Coquille Indian Tribe violates an agreement that limits casinos to one per tribe. There are nine tribal casinos in the state.

"I do not believe that expansion of casinos is good for Oregon, and to safeguard against an unprecedented expansion of gambling in this state, it should be of no sur-

prise that I oppose this application," Kitzhaber wrote to Stan Speaks, northwest regional director of the bureau.

The Coquille tribe has a casino in North Bend in Coos County.

It has bought a Medford bowling alley and a restaurant building and asked the bureau to put the land in a trust, a step toward reservation status.

The casino would offer video gambling but not table games. The tribe also has agreed to lease an adjacent golf course.

Kitzhaber said concerns raised by both Jackson County and the city of Medford went into his thinking.

A tribal spokesman, Ray Doering, said Kitzhaber's opposition was disappointing but not surprising.

The one-per-tribe policy dates to 1997 and was last for five years, Doering said. "That period has long since ended," he said.

He said communities take a few years to warm up to the introduction of gambling.

"Never has the first introduction of gaming into a community been embraced," he said.

The Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians operates a casino in Canyonville, 70 miles north of Medford, and also opposes the Coquilles' proposal as an opening to a "casino arms race."



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The JCMS band performs at Honor Seniors Day at the Agency Longhouse.

### Increase proposed for IHS budget

President Obama's proposed fiscal year 2014 budget authority for the Indian Health Service includes a 2.9 percent increase.

The proposed IHS budget appropriation request is \$4.4 billion.

This is a \$124-million increase over the fiscal year 2012 appropriation.

Tribal consultation is fundamental to the IHS budget process, and the proposed budget incorporates tribal priorities and recommendations.

The budget request supports and expands the provision of health care services and public health pro-

grams for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

It includes these approximate increases:

~ \$35 million to help purchase health care from the private sector through the Contract Health Services program, which is under proposal to be called the Purchased/Referred Care program.

~ \$77.3 million to support staffing and operating costs at new and replacement facilities.

~ \$5.8 million to fund contract support costs incurred by tribes in managing their own health programs.

Funding was also included to continue construction of a health care facility in Kayenta, Ariz., and to complete construction of a health care facility in San Carlos, Ariz., and the Southern California Youth Regional Treatment Center near Hemet, Calif.

If the proposed budget is enacted, the IHS discretionary budget will have increased 32 percent since fiscal year 2008.

The IHS fiscal year 2014 proposed budget is available online at:

www.ihs.gov

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.1 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members of federally recognized tribes.

### Around Indian Country

#### Congresswoman opposes casino near Spokane

(AP) - A congresswoman has joined opponents of a proposed Indian casino near Fairchild Air Force Base outside Spokane, saying such a large, commercial development might prompt the military to close the base in the future.

U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, a Republican who represents the Spokane area, said in a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs that the casino posed a risk to retaining Spokane County's largest employer.

"The proposed site, due to its location relative to

Fairchild Air Force Base's long-standing flight patterns, presents a clear threat to current and future missions of Fairchild," McMorris Rodgers wrote in the recent letter.

The Spokane Tribe has proposed the major casino and hotel complex just a few blocks from the base and is awaiting approval from the federal government and from Gov. Jay Inslee to proceed. The tribe contends the development won't impair operations at Fairchild now or in the future.

#### Klamath braces for irrigation shutoff

(AP) - With drought looming, the state of Oregon is preparing for the likelihood it will have to shut off irrigation access for many of the 200 cattle ranchers and hay farmers in the upper Klamath Basin as the Klamath Tribes take control of senior water rights in the region for the first time in a

century. Since a formal declaration of drought last month, representatives of the governor's office have been making regular visits to Klamath County to brief local law enforcement and other officials on what they can expect if irrigation withdrawals are shut off.

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