

# Cover Oregon training



Cover Oregon training instructor Marina Cassandra (in white shirt, seated next to William Rhoan), meets with the Warm Springs outreach team at the Family Resource Center.

The Cover Oregon program held a September training session for the Warm Springs outreach team. The training instructor was Marina Cassandra, who met for training with the tribal Health and Human Resources outreach team.

There will be Cover Oregon computer stations at the Warm Springs Library begin-

ning in October. There will be from four to six sign-up stations at the library, said Craig Graham, Community Health Resource Center administrator.

This is part of the tribal effort in working with Cover Oregon, to implement the federal Affordable Health Care Act.

There will also be health

care coverage assistance at the clinic.

Tribal members who take advantage of this opportunities, beginning October 1, will have greater health care options.

The organization will also benefit by having greater billing options, allowing in time for expanded health services at the clinic.

Among the tribal membership, an estimated 2,276 adult individuals are without health care coverage. These are the individuals who are encouraged to contact one of the outreach teams, either at the Family Resource Center or the clinic, beginning next month.

You can learn more about this at [CoverOregon.com](http://CoverOregon.com)

# Mining potential at Government Island

Tribal Council heard an update last week on parcels of tribal land at the Columbia River Gorge.

One of the parcels, Government Island, has the potential to generate some revenue through the sale of rock from the property.

Some of the rock on the island meets the federal standards for hardness, which is good news, said Bobby Brunoe, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch.

The rock that does not meet the federal standard could be marketed to the state standard, such as for jetty rock, Brunoe said.

An issue is that there is currently no large construction project, such as highway or marina work, near the Government Island site, Brunoe said. The cost of transporting the rock then becomes an issue. Still, in the long term, "The outlook is promising," Brunoe said.

The tribes own most of the 29-acre Government Island property. Brunoe said the Tribal Council would have to determine how far down the tribes would like to mine Government Island.

The mining work would flatten the land, making it suitable for a

building. But if the mining continues down past a certain point, a building would become impracticable for reasons such as access and views, Brunoe said.

The property is near the Cascade Locks industrial park site that was the proposed location for a tribal casino.

During this meeting, Brunoe and Gerald Henrickson, of the BIA, also updated Tribal Council on a potential use of other tribal property at the Gorge.

A preliminary review of the site shows there may be potential for a timber project, Brunoe said. Council members said this is a project worth pursuing.

For 2014 the tribes are looking at possibly cutting the tribal general fund budget in half, said Councilman Kahseuss Jackson. Any new revenue will be needed to alleviate the pain of these cuts, he said. The other Council members agreed. Brunoe said the parcel may also have the potential for a later sale of rock. Council members encouraged him to continue studying the options, and report back to Council later this month.

— Dave McMechan

# School: seeking mascot, name suggestions

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Students are also encouraged to submit ideas for a new mascot and colors, she said. This is open to students from all the grades at the new school.

Individuals students or classrooms may submit their suggestions. Requirements for submissions: Paper size, 9 by 12 construction paper;

Mascot design should include chosen colors, and can be drawn with color pencils, crayons, markers, or created digitally.

Colors: no fewer than two colors, and no more than four.

Submissions should be received by Oct. 1.

The school district is also



Glenna DeSouza, principal of the Warm Springs k-8 school.

asking for name suggestions for the new Warm Springs k-8 school.

Everyone is invited to submit a name by September 23. You may submit your idea to any school district board member, or at the suggestion box at the tribal administration building, located in the entry way.

A committee will review the submitted names and make a selection to be presented to the school board in October.

The Warm Springs k-8 school is on Tenino Road at Chukkar, on a 22-acre parcel. Construction of the \$20-million facility is co-funded by the tribes and the school district.

## Snack Attack at Community Center

The Recreation Department is hosting the Snack Attack after-school food program for students ages 6-18.

The Snack Attack program is from 3:45-

4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Warm Springs Wellness Center Social Hall and Kitchen.

For more information, please call Carol at 541-553-3243.

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# COCC adult skills classes start soon

Fall term Adult Basic Skills classes with Central Oregon Community College in Warm Springs begin Sept. 26, and go until Dec. 12.

There will be no class on Veterans Day, November 11; or on Thanksgiving, Nov. 28.

Orientation session for all students is Thursday, Sept. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Warm Springs Education building computer lab.

Be sure to arrive on time. Please allow approximately 2-3 hours, as orientation includes information about COCC, skills assessment, registration, and class location information.

All class information is subject to change. Final information will be available at orientation. Classes are: Basic Reading and Writing

and Basic Math. Improve your skills for college credit classes, the GED exam, and work. Classes are:

Basic Reading and Writing: Tuesday 9 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$25.

Basic Math: Thursday 9 a.m.-noon. Cost \$25.

If you have questions, call the Adult Basic Skills office at 541-504-2950 or go to:

[cocc.edu/adult-basic-skills](http://cocc.edu/adult-basic-skills)

In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola: 541-383-7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Annie Jenkins 541-383-7743.

# Madras Campus

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for the month ahead

**Ready to strengthen your skills?**  
Look to the COCC Madras Campus this fall. Grants available to those with financial need.

**Leadership Series**  
This series of interactive workshops is ideal for anyone in a leadership role supervising other employees.

**Building Excellent Job Skills**  
This series is designed for those who are unemployed, underemployed or want to build additional skills to use in the workplace.

For More Info:  
541.550.4100  
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