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## Lighting the way

The Warm Springs Christmas Lights Parade brightened the cold winter night last week.

The evening continued at the Community Center with the tree-lighting and crafts in the gym.

More holiday events are coming up in the community. The Thirty-Eighth Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is this Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. For information call 553-3243.

The Warm Springs Seniors' Christmas Dinner will be at 12 noon on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Agency Longhouse.

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs Community Action Team is hosting a toy drive for the Children's Protective Services and the Early Childhood Education Center.

You can donate new, unwrapped toys at the Community Action Team office, 1136 Pauite Ave. You can leave toys in the donation box at the building. Donations will be taken until late next week.

KWSO and Indian Head Casino will host a gift auction on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1-7 p.m. On the same day the casino will hold a drawing for a new Ford F150 XLT.

KWSO is offering on-air promotion for organizations, businesses and artists who donate a new product or service for the auction.



Parade riders bundled up against the cold.

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## Housing to develop 35-unit subdivision

Warm Springs Housing is planning the construction of 35 new homes, new street, driveways and sidewalks.

The infrastructure work for the project will begin early next year, said Sharon Jones, Housing manager.

The subdivision, called Greeley Heights Subdivision Phase VI, will be near Bear Drive and Mt. Jefferson Street. Total acreage would be about 35 acres.

Total cost is close to \$868,000. Funding comes from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.

The program began in 1986, and encourages the construction and rehabilitation of housing for lower income households.

This is the first time the Confederated Tribes have been awarded funds from the tax credit program, Jones said.

The construction will be done in phases of six units. (The Realty notice for this project is on page 9.)

## Organization changes in 2014

The tribal organization will see some significant changes in 2013, mostly the result of the tribal budget reduction.

The Health and Human Services Branch, for instance, is implementing some significant changes.

One of the biggest changes in 2014 will be the establishment of a billing center for Health and Human Services, said Caroline Cruz, branch general manager.

The billing center will be overseen by a billing manager. The center will allow the branch to bill for third-party reimbursements, such as from Medicaid or private insurance, Cruz said.

With more tribal members qualifying for Expanded Medicaid, there will be more opportunities for billing for services, she said.

There are some tribal members who have no insurance coverage. For these individuals, Health and Human Services has provided services at no cost. Through Expanded Medicaid, these individuals will have coverage, and the branch will be able to bill for services, bringing in more revenue in 2014.

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## Go kart, paintball facility planned by highway

Plans are moving forward for a Go kart track and outdoor paintball facility near Warm Springs.

The proposed site for the project is off Highway 26 past the existing Warm Springs Elementary School, above the gravel pit area.

Wayne Miller and family are the developers. Miller works at the Workforce Development Department.

Last year he and his kids were trying to think of some new business to start in Warm Springs. Their first idea was a car wash, but this turned out to be too expensive to develop. They looked into the idea of starting a laundry mat, but this also required too much investment capital.

"We used to travel a lot," Miller said, "and we started thinking about places we liked to visit as a family."

Miller looked into the possibility of a Go kart track and paintball field. Estimated cost would be about \$50,000, which was within reason.

He applied for a loan through the



The development site is by the Brunoe rock pit up the grade past the elementary school.

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tribes' Private Business Revolving Loan fund, and was given the okay.


Work on the site could start as soon as next month or in February, Miller said. He already has the Go karts on hold from the seller.

The hope is to open in the spring, he said. The family agreed on the name, The Asylum, for the park.

With Go karts and paintball, there eventually could be baseball batting cages. The plan is to cover the outdoor areas of the development with a protective "camo" netting.

There will also be a building including a gaming room with big screen TVs and video games, vending machines and snacks.

The application details are included in Realty items on page 9. The description of the location is: "The south side of Highway 26 at milepost 101.7, above the existing Brunoe Rock Pit, at the East end of an existing wide spot on the grade West of the Agency area, containing 5.4 acres."



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