

School district considers budget for 2015-16

The Jefferson County 509-J School District board on Monday approved requests for students to transfer to another school district.

The Warm Springs Youth Council made a presentation on their upcoming participation in the Inaugural White House Tribal Youth Gathering and Unity Conference in Washington, D.C.

The event is set for next month. The school district is contributing up to \$2,200 for expenses for the four district students participating.

The school board also conducted an open hearing for the 2015-2016 school year budget. The budget for the

year is \$52 million.

There was discussion about property owned by the district off of Bean Drive.

The board heard a presentation on 509-J transportation, with discussion about buses stopping at designated stops within the one mile limit in certain areas.

The areas include Madras, where students would have to cross highway 97, and Warm Springs, where there are two designated stops in Greeley Heights.

Next year's bus schedule will be out toward the end of this week.

— Sue Matters

On agenda: Truck stop and Treaty Days

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Last week Tribal Council adopted a resolution that moves forward the proposed truck stop.

The truck stop will be located on the Tribe's trust lands in the Madras Industrial Park.

The resolution, presented by the Warm Springs Gaming board and management, gives the approval needed for the enterprise to move forward with securing funding that will support the new project.

The action also autho-

rizes the plan improve and modernize the facilities at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

The new travel center has the potential to generate more than \$2 million per year and create 40 to 60 new jobs.

The truck stop will offer fuel at competitive pricing, eating options, a convenience store, and some Class 2 gaming.

In my last report, I shared that one of my priorities was to provide tribal members the opportunity to learn more about the overall tribal budgeting process.

In the coming months, we will be holding pre-budget meetings so that tribal members can better understand how the Tribe develops its annual budget. These meetings will also provide an opportunity for input into the budgeting process, and I encourage you to come prepared to discuss the areas within the government that you think should be prioritized.

In closing, I encourage all tribal members and the surrounding communities to participate in the many activities scheduled during the Pi-

Ume-Sha Treaty Days Celebration.

These include the Powwow, Parade, Stick Game Tournament Endurance Horse Race, Rodeo, Boxing Tournament, Fun Run, All Indian Fry Bread Golf Tournament, Softball Tournament, and the opening of the Museum at Warm Springs exhibit *Royal Legacy, Honoring Miss Warm Springs Past and Present*. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,
Austin Greene Jr., Tribal Chairman.

Pi-Ume-Sha June 26-28

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days—marking 160 years since the signing of the Treaty of 1855—is coming up June 26-28 at the powwow grounds in Warm Springs.

The 2015 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days will also mark the Forty-Sixth Annual individual and team dance competition. The powwow them this year is, "Continuing on... Our way of life."

The Powwow Committee has provided the following contact information for the various events:

Traditional Dress Parade—Contact Ramona Baez, 541-553-2406(w) or 460-0077(c).

Stick Game Tourna-

ment—Sam Starr, 541-553-1131(w).

Endurance Horse Race—Ricky Graybael, 541-553-1161.

Rodeo—Cheryl Tom, 541-460-1454.

All Indian Fry Bread Golf Tournament—Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Pro Shop, 541-553-4971.

Fun Run—Community Center, 541-553-3243.

Boxing—Austin Smith, 541-325-2798; and Charlene Moody.

Men and Women Softball—Sandra Greene/Jerry Sampson, 541-553-6619, or 325-1866.

Museum Special Exhibit—The Museum at Warm Springs, 541-553-3331.

For general powwow information the contact people are Isaac Mitchell and John Katchia, co-chairs; and Cassie Katchia, phone 541-325-1573(c) or 553-2128(w); and Louise Katchia, 541-460-0224.

A total of 90 community members attended the Meth/Suicide Prevention and Child Initiative Against Violence Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta, May 28-29.

Native comedian Mitch Factor was the highlight of the two-day conference: Laughter is healing, and there was plenty of laughter both days.

From the 'full diaper race' to the 'puzzle race,' Mitch shared both jokes and inspiration to his Warm Springs audience.

Sarah Wolfe and Nancy Seyler put together the two day agenda. Radine Johnson did opening and closing blessings.

Annette Chastain shared a fun 'Conscious Discipline' presentation. Caroline Cruz gave a cultural diversity presentation.

Jean Stark and Sarah completed their first 'Question, Persuade and Refer' Suicide Prevention presentation.

Mitch ended the day with the Rebuilding Strong Family Foundation for Recovering Families presentation.



Courtesy photo.

Myra Johnson-Orange addresses the conference.

Thursday evening there was a Mitch Factor Comedy Show at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Over 100 people gathered for a great meal prepared by Teeny Tappo and family. Mitch had a cash prize to the funniest joke, which was won by Mary Olney.

On Friday, Jay Wurscher from state Department of Human Services shared an Oregon meth update.

Rosanna Jackson coordi-

nated the powerful Recovery Panel, and Scott Kalama and Anita Davis shared a message on spirituality.

Drug investigator Barry Wilson did a presentation on drug paraphernalia.

Pharmacy student Karina Potter shared a presentation on pharmacology, and Dr. Rachel Locker shared a presentation on the effects of drugs.

Nancy Seyler gave a Justice Team update, and

Desirae Wallace shared an update on Tribal Housing.

Door prizes were given to participants. Many participants completed both the evaluations and questionnaires. Warm Springs Community Counseling Prevention staff will use the questionnaires to plan future community events/classes.

Thank you to all community members, staff and volunteers who made this a successful community event!!



Congratulations to my granddaughter Brittany Nichole Munson, for graduating from Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon, Wash., on June 5, 2015.

Brittany was a starter for the Varsity basketball team for four years (co-captain senior year) and took four years of Choir. She plans to attend Everett Community College for two years and transfer to the University of Washington (Go Huskies!). Her interests are Medicine and/or Teaching. Her parents are Jim and Colette Munson.

We are so sorry we were not there but we want you to know we love you and are all very proud of you. Love, Kutbla, Nicki, Kirstie Bear, Cristian, Domoniq, Aven, Mikayla, Chris and Azbira.

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