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Bridge grant, new partnership at 509-J

The Jefferson County school district received a four-year grant helping students as they continue their education. For the current year the grant award amounts to \$257,162.

This allows the district to continue and improve programs, Summer Bridge for instance, that help students in transition from the k-8 Academy to high school, and from high school to college.

The funding is for Summer Bridge, AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination), family engagement, college visits and other student services.

The three-week Summer Bridge helps students make the transition

from the eighth grade to the high school. This is a federal grant with much competition for funding, said Rick Molitor, district superintendent.

The district board met this week to accept the funding. In other recent news from 509-J:

Papalaxsimisha

The district has partnered with the Let's Talk Diversity Coalition and the Confederated Tribes to offer a free eight-week workshop aimed at improving high school attendance and graduation rates, and inspiring college education.

The program is called

Papalaxsimisha, or "Together as one," and is for students in grades six through 12.

The program provides orientation and information on what to expect in high school, what classes are necessary for graduation, and what classes are required for entrance to a four-year university

"A big part of the program focuses on the transition from middle school to high school," said Jaylyn Suppah, program coordinator.

Papalaxsimisha meets one night a week for eight weeks in the Warm Springs Academy community room. For more information call Jaylyn at 541-475-4292.



Ellise David

And meanwhile: the new student liaison to the school district board is Ellise David, daughter of Butch and Angie David.

KNT board openings

Tribal Council is looking for five people to serve on the Kah-Nee-Ta resort board of directors. Kah-Nee-Ta used to be under the Gaming and Resort board that also oversaw Indian Head Casino.

It made sense to have one board for the casino and resort when, for instance, the two were housed at Kah-Nee-Ta. Now they should be separate to reflect the circumstances, Tribal Council decided.

The five KNT board positions are classified as I, II and III. Class I will be an individual whose term of office will expire on December 31, 2017.

Class II will be two individuals, with the terms ending on December 31, 2018. And class III will be two individuals with terms expiring at the end of 2019.

A person cannot serve on the KNT board who is a member of Tribal Council, an employee of the resort; or while serving on either the Credit or Indian Head Casino boards.

"The business and affairs of Kah-Nee-Ta shall be managed and controlled by the board of directors," according to the directorship notice.

The regular board meetings will be held no less frequently than quarterly. And the board can call other regular meetings from time to time.

If you are interested in serving on the board, a letter of interest and resume should be submitted by October 27. The submission can be mailed to Secretary-Treasurer, PO Box 455, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Authorization letter will be mailed to all applicants for a criminal and credit background check. The information is confidential.

In a short span of time Edward Heath has gained the reputation of a great photographer.

He started taking photographs only two years ago, and in 2016 already he's had two art exhibits featuring his photography.

The Museum at Warm Springs in the spring hosted *An Eye for the Rez*. Then more recently the Art Adventure Gallery in Madras opened a new exhibit of his work—both shows being warmly received. Mr. Heath (right), who works at Forestry, focuses on the daily life and scenery of the reservation—yet captures shots of unique perspective and beauty.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay



Managed Care soon to offer physical therapy

The Warm Springs Managed Care program is remodeling a building on the campus to serve as a physical therapy center.

The building—by the courthouse on Warm Springs Street—should be ready for business by the end of the month.

Warm Springs Construction this week is working on the landscaping, and the new Managed Care physical therapy director is organizing the office and service areas.

The physical therapy center will be a great addition to Managed Care, as tribal members will no longer have to drive to Madras for therapy sessions. Some people have to drive to Madras twice a week for their sessions.

The director of Warm Springs physical therapy is Natalie Kiefer, a



Construction works on the landscaping at the front of the building.

Choctaw tribal member, and doctor of physical therapy. She just finished graduate school at Pacific

University, through an Indian Health Service scholarship program.

Natalie was thinking she would have to move out of state for a job with a tribe, as no Oregon tribe at the time had its own physical therapy program.

Meanwhile, Warm Springs Managed Care director Michael Collins at first was thinking about using the physical therapy practitioners in Madras to serve at the Warm Springs facility.

Then he found about Natalie, and both parties agreed the opportunity would be ideal.

Matter of financing

Some years ago Managed Care offered physical therapy to clients at the clinic. A budgeting issue forced them to discontinue the service, and for a time they could provide only level 1 care.

Since then, with more medical billing options open to the tribes, Managed Care is again in a position to offer physical therapy.

The service to members at the new center can also be billed to insurance.

Physical therapy is a specialty that rehabilitates and repairs certain ailments, promotes mobility and function, and quality of life.

It can help with post-surgery recovery, for instance. At the Warm Springs center, there will be physical therapy, and acupuncture.

Working part-time with Natalie will be one or two physical therapists from Madras.

The physical therapy center may be open by the end of the month, and look for the official grand opening in November.



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