

Ventures working on mining project

Warm Springs Ventures is working on a mining project on the reservation.

The tribes received a grant in the amount of \$125,000 to develop a feasibility study for the project.

This will involve locating sites that might be appropriate for a mining and crushing operation. The Branch of Natural Resources, and the tribes' development director are part of the planning process.

The tribes in December will host a three-day meeting with BIA officials from Colorado, and a company that may be interested in partnering with the tribes on a mining project.

At Ventures, Ben Bisland has been in contact with the Oregon Department of Transportation to determine their potential gravel needs in the future.

Contest to name the Travel Plaza

The tribes' Travel Plaza will be conveniently located on Highway 26 and Cherry Lane in Madras.

The new 13,000-square-foot facility will be a one-stop shop. It is proposed to include a convenient store, deli food, fuel, showers, restrooms, laundry services, approximately 30-40 Class II gaming machines, coffee bar and casual dining.

The Travel Plaza is now in need of a name. The naming contest is open to

Warm Springs tribal community members. Criteria:

- The name should reflect positively and descriptively on the Travel Plaza.

- The name should not be offensive, insulting or derogatory in nature.

- In instances where the same name is submitted, the selection committee will select the entry with the earliest entry by time and date.

- The name must be original, not likely to cause confusion with any other

similar business or enterprise, and not be the trademark, trade name or property of any other person or entity

- The selection committee has the authority to reject an entry it deems inappropriate.

The author of the winning suggestion, chosen by a selection committee, will receive a \$250 check. Members of the selection committee will be blinded to the names associated with the

entries.

- Additional rules: Only two entries per submission.

- The winner is solely responsible for all federal, state and local taxes on the prize.

All entries are due by December 6. Entries can be mailed to Indian Head Casino, attention: Nicole Garcia-Smith, PO Box 890, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Or email her at: NGarcia-Smith@indianheadgaming.com.

Thanksgiving Powwow this week at center

The Thanksgiving Mini Powwow is coming up this Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 23-24, at the Warm Springs Community Center.

The Wednesday Night Powwow will include Team Dance and Hand Drum competition. The Thursday night dance

contest is for youth 17 and under, and adults; plus Clown Dancing.

Come and share a good time during this holiday season. All drummers and dancers are welcome. For more information contact Carlos Calica, 541-460-0772.

JOM has sports allowance

The JOM Committee has approved winter sports allowances for 509-J and Wasco County School District students. The deadline to submit requests to the

Higher Education office is Monday, November 28th at 5pm. To get forms and more information call 541-553-3311 or stop buy Higher Ed.

Member Art Show on display

The Museum at Warm Springs is now hosting the always Tribal Member Art Show.

The show features beadwork and basketry, paintings, jewelry, sculpture and more, showcasing the

unique artistic talents that help to beautify the reservation.

This is the Twenty-Third Annual Member Art Show, and the display will be open until early January.

Large turnout for WSFPI auction

There was a large turnout of bidders at the recent liquidation auction at the former Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill.

There were 318 registered bidders, said Ray Gombiski, marketing manager at James G. Murphy Co., the auctioneer that conducted the sale.

The company is based in Seattle and conducts about 100 auctions a year around the country. This includes six or seven mill auctions a year.

For comparison with the WSFPI auction turnout: There were 243 bidders at the Rough and Ready mill auction in Grants Pass earlier this fall, Gombiski said.

The quality of the tools and other equipment at the WSFPI sale was good, he said, which helped draw bidders from around the region. Another drawing point was that many of the items—hand tools, for instance—can



Equipment up for auction at WSFPI

Photos courtesy of KWSO



be used in other businesses.

With the auction concluded, the WSFPI receivership process now enters the next phase. This will include the filing of any and all claims before the deadline to file is reached, said Ed Hostmann, serving as the WSFPI receiver.

Next year will involve the removal of the buildings from the mill site. This could take into the spring of next year.

The WSFPI mill closed a little less than a year ago, after some years of not making a profit.

The enterprise has many creditors, including the Confederated Tribes and former partner VanPort International.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward satisfying some of the outstanding claims, only a few of which are secured.

COCC Cascade Chorale presents holiday magic

The Central Oregon Community College Cascade Chorale will present the Twelfth Annual Holiday Magic concerts on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. The concerts will be at the Tower Theatre in Bend.

At 3 p.m. on both days, the Chorale group will be joined by the Bend Children's Choir.

For the 7 p.m. event on Saturday, Dec. 3, Bend Camerata will also perform. James Knox, associate professor of music at COCC, will conduct the groups.

The concerts will include traditional and modern holiday music, both religious and secular pieces, in English, Latin and Yoruba.

The Chorale's presentation will include performances of *Do You Hear What I Hear?*, *A Celtic Silent Night*, *Ogo Ni Fun Oluwa*, *O Holy Night* and others, and will conclude with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

One guest will be allowed to conduct the Hallelujah Chorus at each performance.

The Bend Children's Choir will add numbers such as *Merry Christmas*, *Merry Christmas from Home Alone*, *Holiday Road* from *National Lampoon's Summer Vacation*, and classics like *The Sound of Music's My Favorite Things* and, of course, *Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer*.

The Bend Camerata will add *Hark How the Bells*, *O Come O Come, Emmanuel*, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, *Deck the Hall* and others.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. shows are \$15 and \$18 while prices for Saturday night's concert are \$16 and \$20.

They can be purchased through the Tower Theatre website. Meanwhile the Central Oregon Community College campuses will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week, Nov. 24-25, for the holiday break.

COCC offering Getting Started presentation in Madras

Central Oregon Community College is offering Getting Started presentations in early December at all four COCC campuses.

In Redmond, the next

session is at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 in Room 218 of the Technology Education Center at the COCC Redmond Campus.

In Madras, the next session is at 2 p.m. on Tuesday,

Dec. 6 in Room 105 on the COCC Madras Campus.

In Prineville, the next session is at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 in Room 112 at the COCC Crook County Open Campus.

In Bend, the next session is at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 in Room 156 in the Boyle Education Center on the COCC Bend Campus. For information call 541-383-7500.

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