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Plateau Travel Plaza construction begins

Indian Head Casino and the Confederated Tribes on Friday officially marked the start of construction of the Plateau Travel Plaza.

The Travel Plaza will be located on Cherry Lane, just off Highway 26 at the Madras Industrial Park, featuring the 13,500-square-foot main building. There will be a convenience store, restaurant with seating for 70 people, a few class II gaming machines, shower and laundry facilities, the gas pumps and diesel for the larger vehicles.

The 10-acre site will include parking space for up to 70 semi

trucks, said Jeffrey Carstensen, Indian Head Casino general manager.

When in operation the truck stop will create 30 to 40 new jobs, Mr. Carstensen said. As with the casino, the tribal member hiring preference will apply, he said. Indian Head Casino is also working with the Warm Springs TERO during the construction phase.

The plan is for the Travel Plaza to open next spring, Carstensen said. So far, the project has been three years in making. The initial phase was the feasibility study, showing the Travel Plaza to be a

promising business venture.

The gaming board and Tribal Council then gave their approval, and BBT Architects of Bend developed the design.

Approvals from the city of Madras, and development of the construction finance plan were the next steps, requiring careful attention.

The name for the Plateau Travel Plaza was chosen earlier this year during a naming contest, with Anthony Anderson submitting the winning proposal.

(See TRAVEL PLAZA on 10)



For the ceremonial ground-breaking at the Plateau Travel Plaza building site, tribal leaders were joined by city of Madras and construction company officials.

The Recreation Department hosted the 2017 Lil Miss Warm Springs Pageant in April, with several young contestants taking part in a colorful competition. After the awards ceremonies was the parade of contestants, featuring (photo at right):

2017 Miss Warm Springs Katrina Blackwolf, Senior Miss Warm Springs Coreena Stwyer, Junior Miss Warm Springs Gigi David, Lil' Miss Warm Springs Kiyahna Allen, and Kimora Smith, Marie Jackson and Krya Eastman (from left). *Congratulations to all contestants for a great Pageant.*

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Featured events for solar eclipse

Warm Springs will host a three-day music and arts festival during the weekend and Monday of the August 21 solar eclipse.

Indian Head Casino will feature live music from local, regional and national Native American artists. And the Museum at Warm Springs will host the Artists Village.

Among the performers at the casino will be Kelly Jackson, Arlie Neskahi and Charles Littleleaf.

Kelly Jackson, member of the Lake du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, is a Native American Music Award winning singer, songwriter, musician and activist.

Arlie Neskahi of the Diné Nation—award-winning composer, musician and recording artist—is the host of Wisdom of the Elders.

Charles Littleleaf of Warm Springs is a celebrated Native American flutist and traditional flute maker.

Jackson will be the featured musician at Indian Head Casino on Saturday, August 19.

Neskahi will be the featured musician on Sunday, August 20. And Mr. Littleleaf will play on the Monday of the eclipse.

Meanwhile during the weekend, the Museum At Warm Springs will host the Artists Village, featuring Native American artisans showcasing their unique and varied works. Among the works on display will be those Lillian Pitt and Mr. Littleleaf.

Elsewhere on the reservation on August 21:

Warm Springs Ventures will partner with NASA on a unique science experience for students from Warm Springs and around the Northwest.

The NASA-tribal plan is to launch helium balloons before the eclipse. The balloons, equipped with cameras aimed at the earth, will travel as far as the edge of outer space.

The cameras can then capture images as the shadow of the moon passes over the state.

(See ECLIPSE on 3)

Tower facility handles many downstream fish

The snowpack from last winter, and rainfall this spring are bringing a strong water flow to the Deschutes River and tributaries. This is good for downstream migrating fish, as can be seen at the Round Butte hydro fish facility.

The month of March last year saw 7,000 fish pass through the facility, compared to 70,000 this March, said Rich Madden, PGE fisheries biologist. Round Butte fisheries technicians handled 100,000 fish during the first ten

days of April, Madden said.

Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene Jr. and Councilman Raymond Tsumpti last week toured the facility, and the selective water withdrawal tower, seeing the operation first-hand during the high point of the spring run.

Power and Water general manager Jim Manion, Branch of Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe, and Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona were on hand for the tour, with mem-

bers from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

The Confederated Tribes and PGE are co-owners of the Pelton-Round Butte hydro dams and the \$100-million selective water withdrawal tower, paid for jointly by the parties.

The new powerhouse intake went into operation in 2010, after the tribes and PGE negotiated a new long-term Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the three dam complex.

Round Butte is the largest earthen dam within the state of Oregon. Pelton is a concrete dam. The third dam in the series is the Re-Reg, wholly owned by the tribes.

PGE built the Pelton and Round Butte dams in the 1950s and '60s, with an initial design that envisioned fish passage, including what was the longest fish ladder in the U.S.

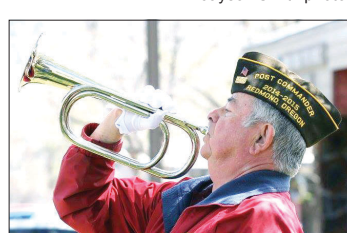
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The Warm Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion on Saturday hosted the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade. The parade was from the war memorial area by the courthouse, to the Agency Longhouse. The American Legion Riders (above) joined the parade.



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