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Eclipse of the Century

This will be a weekend and Monday unlike any other in the history of the reservation.

Obviously no one knows exactly what to expect in terms of the number of people, but many are expecting a large influx of visitors.

Events start this Friday with the Community Action Team Outdoor Market. The market this Friday will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. outside Indian Head Casino.

Then on Saturday and Sunday the market will be at the Museum at Warm Springs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. And on the Monday of the eclipse the market will again be at the casino from about noon to 6 p.m.

There may still be room for more vendors. If you are interested call the Action Team at 541-553-3148. The market this weekend will also have some vendors in Madras at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The following is a summary of many of the other events happening around the reservation during the weekend and Monday.

There will be a festival on Saturday behind the Warm Springs Community Center: Wiffle ball and kick ball start at 9 a.m.

On Sunday at 9 a.m. there will be an honoring of Warm Springs Nation Little League All Stars and final games.

Then on Sunday at 3 p.m. everyone is encouraged to take in the activities at the Warm Springs Academy. This is a space science event hosted by the Northwest Earth and Space Sciences Pipeline.

For this there will be a Planetarium and student robotics competition, Sunday 3-5 p.m.

Then on Sunday evening at the Academy 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. there will be star gazing, open to the community. The science team will have powerful telescopes on hand for sky viewing.

On the morning of the eclipse the team will launch high altitude balloons equipped with cameras to record the eclipse.

Young people from other schools in the region will be camping at the Academy football field, where the Pipeline science team will also be camping. This is made possible through an education grant from NASA.

On Monday there will be eclipse viewing, plus the high altitude balloons on the K-8 Academy football field.

Casino, museum

Indian Head Casino will continue their Native Concert Series on Saturday through Monday, August 19-21. Performing artists include Kelly Jackson, Arlie Neskahi & Eagle's Jump, and Charles Littleleaf.

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Artists Village on Saturday and Sunday.

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New School Year Begins at Academy



First grade teacher Ramona Kaloi and students begin the 2017-18 school year at the Academy.

About 680 students returned to class this week at the Warm Springs Academy. The year

began early this year, made possible by an Extended Learning Grant. "It's shown that learning

time during the school year can have a dramatic effect on student success," said Academy principal

and district superintendent Ken Parshall.

Classes this week are through Thursday, August 17; and resume again next Wednesday through Friday. The Warm Springs Back to School Barbecue will be on Thursday, August 31, from 4-6 p.m. at the Academy.

At Madras High School classes for freshman begin on September 6. For all other students at the high school classes begin on September 7. In other school district news:

The school district board of directors agreed this week to reinstate at the Junior ROTC program at Madras High School.

This summer it looked as if the program may have been in jeopardy. At the time there appeared to be no qualified teacher for the program, meaning it would have to be discontinued.

Now, a prospective candidate has been identified, with some aspects of the hiring process still pending. But the school board was confident enough at their meeting on Monday to reinstate the program.

Safety agencies prepare for event

The tribal public safety departments and tribal management are as ready as can be for the weekend and day of the eclipse.

An issue, of course, is that no one knows exactly what to expect.

The Warm Springs Police Department will be working double shifts, with double staff, through the weekend and Monday.

Staff will be in zones at different areas of the reservation, said Public Safety general manager Stan Suenaga. A question

will be the ability of officers to get around due to the likely possibility of heavy traffic on the roadways.

All of the fire stations will be manned with double shifts, Mr. Suenaga said. "We're going to be prepared to do what we can to provide public safety to the reservation," he said.

The public safety agencies are asking the community to be patient during the days in question. "We're going to respond as soon as can," Suenaga said. "Our priorities as always are protection of

life and property."

The Oregon State Police will also have a presence on the reservation along the highway. Tribal Public Safety has been working with the Jefferson County and Wasco County sheriffs' departments, and Emergency Medical Services in preparing for this event.

Along with these other essential personnel, tribal management will be on duty on the Monday. Other parts of the organization will be closed for the day.

Some other things to keep in mind as the eclipse approaches:

Warm Springs IHS reminds clients the Nursing Hotline is available 24 hours, seven days a week at 1-866-470-2015. You can speak with a registered nurse at any time.

The clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, August 18. The clinic will be closed Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20. August 21-25 the clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesday, August 23, hours of operation will be 1 to 5 p.m.

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Sen. Wyden hosts first W.S. town hall

The future of health care, and the threat from North Korea were two of the main topics of discussion at the Senator Ron Wyden town hall meeting last week in Warm Springs.

Regarding North Korea, Sen. Wyden said a diplomatic solution is the better option than inflammatory rhetoric. If there were a way to negotiate a cessation of the North Korean nuclear program, then the trade-off could be the cessation of U.S. military exercises in the area of North Korea, he said.

Myra Shawaway asked whether it appears that the Affordable Health Care Act will be repealed.

The Senator said the defeat of the repeal effort earlier this summer was the result of many people in the country speaking out against the proposed alternative.



Tribal Councilwoman Carina Miller introduces Sen. Wyden at the start of the town hall.

Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Health Care Act has helped elders and others most in need of coverage, Sen. Wyden said. The town hall at the Warm

Springs Academy was the first by the Senator on the reservation. It was his eight-hundred and forty-second town hall since becoming a U.S. Senator in 1996, his sixty-second

town hall this year.

Another topic of discussion at the Warm Springs meeting was economic development on the reservation. Kahseuss Jackson, tribal economic development director, said the reservation is far behind in infrastructure development. This prevents many areas of potential economic development, he said.

Reina Estimo of Native Aspirations asked the Senator's opinion on the tribes' cannabis economic development plan.

Sen. Wyden said that if the state voters have made cannabis legal, then it is a legitimate area of economic development.

Randy Smith brought up the long-standing matter of the tribes' water rights in the Deschutes basin. The tribal right is the senior right in the region, Mr. Smith said. Use of tribal water upstream is contributing billions to the regional economy, without compensation, he said.



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