

Housing plan for veterans

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is planning to build duplex residences for tribal member veterans.

The units will be on Bear Drive, funded through a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant. This is a project for 2018, said Danielle Wood, Housing Authority director.

Veterans housing is a new program at the Authority. The duplexes will be the first Housing units built specifically for veterans.

Housing is also planning to continue improvements at existing residential units. The Authority has received three block grants in recent years for the rehabilitation work, each in the amount of \$500,000.

The Deer Loop and Eagle Way projects are examples of the rehabilitation work. This work will continue as the new grant comes in.



KNT: terms, conditions in negotiation

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Details of the potential partnership are not yet available, as terms and conditions are being negotiated. But the outlook appears good, said Jim Manion, Kah-Nee-Ta board member.

The full proposal, with terms and conditions, will be presented to the membership and Tribal Council in the near future, Mr. Manion said. Council would then make a final decision as to how to proceed.

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The Student Median Percentile Growth rates in Language Arts and Math are means of calculating a student's growth from year to year in comparison to their peers. Calculating the Student

Median Percentile Growth is complicated, but essentially the numbers are a way of determining whether a school is really improving.

In Language Arts (literacy) during the three years at the Acad-

emy, the Student Percentile Growth has gone for 16 percent, to 34 percent, then to 49 percent last. In Math during the three years, the Median Percentile Growth has gone from 23 percent, to 33, then to 49 percent for

2016-17.

"When you get over 40 percent, that is very good," said Academy Principal and district superintendent Ken Parshall. "I'm very proud of our teachers, staff and students."



Warm Springs Recreation hosted a Slip-n-Slide fun day at the campus area. A feature event was the softball-activated dunk tank.



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Languages: classes now available to all students during the day

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"Now, during the regular day, the lessons will be available to all students," Ms. Smith said.

Culture and Heritage worked with the district, especially Academy Principal and district superintendent Ken Parshall, on bringing the classes back as part of the regu-

lar day.

For the kindergarten and first-graders, the language and culture class will be a fourth part of the regular rotation, which also includes music, technology and PE.

For students in grades 2 through 8, the classes will be offered, during Language Arts time,

on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or Wednesdays and Fridays.

The students can choose to take a tribal language and culture class, with the parent advising on which of the three languages the student should study. Parents also give permission for the student to opt-in to the class. The permission slips

are available at the Academy office.

The classes begin on September 19 at the Warm Springs Academy. "This is a significant change for us, and I'm very proud of our department," Ms. Smith said.

Caldera welcomes OneBeat back to Central Oregon

Caldera is excited to welcome cultural ambassadors OneBeat to Central Oregon this fall.

OneBeat is a public-private cultural diplomacy initiative of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and Bang on a Can's Found Sound Nation.

The OneBeat fellows this year are 25 young and adventurous musicians from 17 countries who are coming together to explore how the arts can renew and restore perspectives, spaces, and societies.

OneBeat kicks off their month-long U.S. tour with an in-depth two and a half week residency at Caldera Arts Center, located near Sisters.

OneBeat previously visited Central Oregon, and gave a workshop and concert in Warm Springs...

OneBeat fellows will be creating musical events for specific spaces, sites, and communities that go beyond the typical concert tour. Its work will embody the spirit of creative collaboration and of music as social practice.

During their residency at Caldera, OneBeat will perform for the local community on Saturday, September 30 at The Belfry in Sis-

ters, and on Friday, October 6 at the Suttle Lodge in Sisters (free admission). Both performances will be begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

This year's fellows include South African vocalist Nonku Phiri; Aisaana Omorova, a komuz (traditional three-stringed strummed instrument) player from Kyrgyzstan; Chicago-based producer Elijah Jamal; and Belorussian producer and singer Natalia Kuznetskaya.

OneBeat previously visited Caldera in 2015 for a three-day residency where their fellows presented workshops and performances in the community of Warm Springs, as well as at Pilot

Butte Middle School and Sisters Middle School.

They also did a community performance in Sisters that was co-presented by Caldera and the Sisters Folk Festival.

OneBeat uses person-to-person interaction, improvisation, and collaboration to encourage and refresh international ties between Americans, American artists, and creative minds from all over the world. It's a grassroots way to build a different kind of diplomatic dialogue that deepens trust, builds networks, and creates opportunities that promote entrepreneurship and creative leaders.

Community notes...

The Central Oregon Community College board of directors will hold its monthly meeting this Wednesday afternoon, September 13, at 5:45 at the Madras campus.

The meeting will be in the COCC Madras community room. The board will first meet for dinner at 5 p.m.

The meeting will include a president's report on the Bend campus's student housing, and also feature an update on the Madras campus, as well as a report on that campus's educational programming at the Deer Ridge Correctional Facility.

The meeting concludes with the executive session. For more information, contact Ron Paradis, executive director of College Relations, at 541-383-7599.

Heart of Oregon Corps is hiring for a qualified Advocate (case manager) with motivation, professionalism, talent, and passion for empowering and inspiring positive change in the lives of young people.

At Heart of Oregon Corps, 16-24 year old local young people with barriers to success, improve their own lives while gaining job skills on projects that improve the community. In Heart of Oregon's YouthBuild program, 16-24 year-old local young people improve their lives by learning construction trade skills while building affordable housing in the community and completing their GED or diploma and preparing for their futures.

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild partners with local school districts and COCC. Learn more at www.heartoforegon.org

Or call 541-306-3703.

They are looking for an advocate/case manager who will deliver counseling, case management and support to an assigned case load of active and alumni youth to facilitate program success, graduate transitions, and strengthen career and post-secondary development.

The Advocate will provide one-to-one counseling, barrier assessments, individual plans, and year two follow-up engagement contracts. The ideal candidate will lead the case management team of each youth, oversee data collection, data entry, case file management, and work directly with our school district partners.

The Advocate must have demonstrated ability to engage young people from "at risk" conditions in meaningful, interesting, and creative learning experiences. They must also have a sincere desire to assist young people to succeed, develop self-confidence and become effective community leaders.