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Travel Plaza, Indian Head hosting jobs fairs

Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza will be hosting two job fairs in January.

The first one is coming up on Tuesday, January 9 at the Indian Head Human Resources office at the Warm Springs Plaza. The second one, on Tuesday, January 16, will be at the Travel Plaza, 215 NW Cherry Lane, Madras.

Jobs are available at the casino, and new jobs will open at the Travel Plaza, set to begin operation this spring. Some of the casino jobs are high security gaming license positions: slot key person, security and accounting.

At the Plateau Travel Plaza there will be many types of jobs, during all shifts of the 24-hour operation.



The Travel Plaza will have a restaurant, gas and diesel stations, grocery store, the gaming room, deli, maintenance, custodial and security positions.

Meanwhile, there is still time to submit your proposal for the name of the new Plateau Travel Plaza restaurant.

Entries are due by January 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.

New signage at the Plateau Travel Plaza.

School policies outreach

The school district 509-J is engaging Warm Springs families in developing Impact Aid Indian Policies and Procedures for the coming fiscal year.

The district this winter conducted a survey about the draft Policies and Procedures. Results and other information will be shared at a public meeting starting at 6 p.m. this Thursday, January 4 at the Warm Springs Academy.

The goal is to develop a process allowing the district to more fully share information about Native student outcomes with the district, and respond to the community input.

The information includes Native student academic achievement, involvement in school clubs, sports, etc.

The idea is more fully to engage Warm Springs families in district decisions and performance—“To see what is working, and what’s not,” said Ken Parshall, superintendent and Academy principal.

Here is a January-February schedule of events for this project:

Thursday, January 4: Public meeting and work session.

- Seek input on Indian Policies and Procedures.
- Review survey and feedback on Policies and Procedures.

January 16: Indian Education Advisory Committee meets to finalize the Indian Policies Procedures.

January 22: Indian Policies and Procedures to the school district board for approval.

January 23: Submission by the district of the Impact Aid application.

February 12: The district disseminates the following information:

- Impact Aid fiscal year 2019 information.
- Evaluation of all educational programs; and plans for education programs the district intends to initiate or eliminate.

February 27: Public meeting to review:

- Impact Aid fiscal year 2019 information.
- Evaluation of all educational programs.
- Plans for education programs the District intends to initiate or eliminate.

Anybody wishing to attend a meeting, who has a disability requiring assistance, please advise Tessa Bailey at 541-475-6192 about specific arrangements.

(The draft Indian Policies and Procedures are included on page 7 of this publication.)

Council beginning 2018 with enterprise news

Tribal Council is starting the New Year with tribal enterprise updates—including the latest on the cannabis project, and Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

The January Council enterprise updates will start with the Warm Springs Timber LLC, now starting its third year. Tribal Council established the Timber Co. in 2016, after closure of the mill.

Indian Head Casino, Power and Water Enterprises and Warm

Springs Composite Products will follow the timber presentation. Telecom, Credit and Ventures are next.

More specifically from Ventures, the Council will hear the latest on the cannabis project.

The Ventures board and management plan to meet on the subject later this week or early next week; and are scheduled to make their presentation at Tribal Council on the afternoon of January

16. A little over two years have passed since the membership, by a strong mandate, okayed the cannabis resolution. Funding for the start-up has been the issue for the past year.

Ventures has looked at various scenarios, including the initial idea of bringing in an experienced partner as part owner-operator. Tribal Council this month will hear the latest proposal.

After the cannabis report, Tribal Council is scheduled to hear the latest on Kah-Nee-Ta.

The resort board has been working on a solution for the resort, which in previous years has been costing the tribes.

Working with an outside investor-manager was the only real solution, the board determined. The latest on this project also goes to Council on January 16.

First ever Winter Prevention Camp



Courtesy W.S. Prevention

Winter Prevention Camp team: Scott Kalama (chaperon), Nikita Smith, Valencia Benitez, Rosanna Jackson (chaperon), Samantha Gilbert, Douglas Gilbert, Silas Howtopat, Ricky Smith and Pierre McCloud (from left).

One of the memorable activities at the Winter Prevention Camp was the building of a natural fire, using only sticks and a bow strung with parachute chord. From Warm Springs, Silas Howtopat was able to get the fire going.

“You have to have a positive mind set and a good heart to accomplish that,” said Scott Kalama, of Warm Springs Pre-

vention, who with Rosanna Jackson was chaperon at the camp.

Silas was one of two youth at the camp who was able to start the natural fire. The other youth was with the Native American Rehabilitation Center (NARA) group from Portland.

NARA hosted of the camp—the first Winter Prevention Camp, held in late December at the Oregon 4-H Camp in Salem. The

Warm Springs team and NARA were the only two teams to make it to the camp, as road conditions were bad for traveling from other tribes.

In all about 20 youth attended the three-day camp.

Each day would start with a walk. These were in addition to a nine-mile hike on one of the days. All of the youth made the entire nine miles, Scott said.

The youth—organized into smaller clans—stayed in cabins, and were responsible for keeping them clean. There were lessons in responsibility, the importance of being clean, exercise and health.

They also had a talent show and dance. The next NARA Prevention Camp is coming up in the springs.

— Dave McMechan

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