



# JOB FAIR



**On-the-spot interviews conducted for**  
Shift Supervisors, Cashiers, Food Service,  
Fuel Attendants and Maintenance/Custodial  
for Warm Springs Indian Head Casino  
and the NEW Plateau Travel Plaza in Madras.

**Tuesday, February 6th from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Plateau Travel Plaza; 215 NW Cherry Lane, Madras**

**INDIAN HEAD CASINO HUMAN RESOURCES - 541-460-7714**



Deanie Johnson (left) and the Wasco Dancers (right) perform at the opening of the Youth Art Exhibit.



The hand-drum performance (upper right) was an added attraction in the main gallery.

And above, a couple admire the turtle artwork by students at the Warm Springs Academy.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## Health funding measure passes

Oregon voters approved Measure 101, good news for the tribal Managed Care program. The measure passed last week by an overwhelming majority.

The referendum asked voters to approve up to \$320 million in taxes on hospitals and certain health insurers to help pay for those on the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid.

Many tribal members use the Oregon Health Plan, reducing the reliance on the Managed Care program for some health procedures.

Some state lawmakers said the passage of Measure 101 still does not provide a permanent resolution to the state budget situation.

"The voters have approved Measure 101, voting to protect health care for over 300,000 Oregonians," said Senator Jackie Winters, R-Salem.

"This is a short term fix, and we will need to work to find a bipartisan long term solution. I am hopeful that we will move forward with this bipartisan spirit into the 2018 short session."

## News around Indian Country

### Paulette Jordan hopes to be first Native state governor

Paulette Jordan, member of the Idaho House of Representatives, is running for Governor of Idaho.

She would be the first Native state governor in the U.S.

She previously served on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council. She is the only Democrat elected from northern Idaho.

Rep. Jordan was born into a ranching and farming family in northern Idaho. She is an enrolled citizen of the Coeur d'Alene tribe.

She also has Sinkiuse (known as the Moses-Columbia Band of the Colville Confederacy), Nez Perce, and Yakama.

Jordan attended Gonzaga Preparatory before going to the University of Washington.

While in Seattle, she held a variety of leadership roles in community activism and became involved in local city politics, also serving as an Advisor to the President of the University.

After returning to the reservation, Jordan ran for and was elected to the Tribal Council. From this position, she became the co-chair of gaming for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest In-



Paulette Jordan

dians, an organization founded in 1953 so that tribes could act in concert on mutual interests.

She is also a Senior Executive Board representative, Finance Chair and Energy Initiative Chair for the National Indian Gaming Association, serving her third consecutive term.

Rep. Jordan also owns timber and farmland in northern Idaho. She is now running for Governor of Idaho against A.J. Balukoff and Troy Minton in the Democratic Primary.

### Yakama concern over possible landslide

The Yakama Nation is asking Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to declare a state of emergency for the Rattlesnake Ridge landslide. It's a steep slope outside of Yakima that is moving slowly and clings above a small community, a railroad corridor, Interstate 82 and the Yakima River.

The tribes have a lot to lose if it goes down: Rattlesnake

Ridge is an important geological feature of the Yakama Nation's traditional lands.

It faces another ridge across a narrow valley. If Rattlesnake Ridge really slides—in the worst case scenario—that could deeply affect the tribes.

First, there's actual tribal property on the top of the ridge. It is unclear what would happen to the

tribal property right in case of a landslide.

Then there's the historical value of the ridge to the tribes. The tribes won an important battle there against the U.S. Army in the 1800s.

And there's an old legend about crickets, frogs and the Grizzly Bear, based on the ridge.

### Klamath plan to open \$6.5 million hotel at casino

The Klamath Tribes continue work on a hotel at the Kla-Mo-Ya Casino in southern Oregon.

The Choice Hotels Sleep Inn will open this summer, according to a press release posted by The Klamath Falls News. The \$6.5 mil-

lion project features 76 rooms, an indoor pool and a conference room.

"I'm going to remain optimistic and keep pushing forward," Jared Hall, the tribe's economic development director, said in the press re-

lease.

The tribe broke ground last August. The project is being financed in part by a loan guarantee issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

### 9 more 'deemed approved' gaming compacts

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has allowed nine tribal gaming compacts to take effect in California, a significant number for the Golden State.

The agreements are considered legal, but only to the extent their provisions are consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, according to a notice published in the Federal Register. The Secretary of the Interior otherwise did not outright approve or outright the

nine compacts.

"The Secretary took no action on the compacts within 45 days of their submission," the notice signed by John Tahsuda, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs for the Trump administration, read.

Allowing a compact to take effect is not an unusual event in and of itself. But the publication of the notice increases the number of "deemed approved" compacts in

California by a significant amount.

In all of 2016 and 2017, the BIA allowed nine compacts to take effect, so the number of "deemed approved" compacts has doubled with the publication of just one notice.

Still, the situation pales in comparison to the one seen in New Mexico. In that state, every single tribe is operating under a "deemed approved" compact.