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Plan for renovating the ballfields

The Warm Springs baseball fields are in need of extensive renovation. And once this work is done, the new fields will need ongoing maintenance. Young players, and adult softball teams, require this amenity here in Warm Springs.

Tribal executive management and community development have developed a detailed plan that would accomplish the goal, bringing the fields up to a highest quality standard.

As the health of tribal youth is a community priority, the Tribal

Council by resolution this month endorsed the plan.

The endorsement allows management and community development—with Warm Springs Recreation as project sponsor—to pursue the necessary funding for the work, which will be extensive.

One immediate source of funding—one prompting the recent Council resolution—could be the Oregon Parks and Recreation. The Parks and Recreation grant would be in addition to the tribal match, and other potential sources.

The Council resolution states

the need for action to restore the fields, noting: “The existing 41-year-old ball fields complex is due for extensive renovation and redevelopment... “ The resolution continues with some details of the project:

A new orientation and relocation of all four current ball fields—three Little League baseball, and one adult softball field—shall be repurposed to create a total of four new Little League baseball fields in a typical four-plex ball fields layout.

An additional two adult softball

size ball fields would be constructed adjacent to the four-plex ball fields.

Other amenities: New chain-link fencing, synthetic turf for infields and outfields, spectator seating, dugouts with players benches, combination restroom, food concession and picnic shelter, landscaping, pedestrian walkways, handicapped accessibility, parking areas, underground utilities, scorekeepers booths, other related ancillary items. (See the conceptual drawing of the project on page 8.)

Powwow, new exhibit for Museum anniversary

Twenty-five years ago this week the tribes celebrated the opening of the Museum at Warm Springs.

That week saw the realization of a vision—a museum preserving and honoring the tribal history, culture and traditions—first conceived in the 1960s.

Some ensuing milestones were Tribal Council approval of the charter, and membership approval of the referendum.

The ground-breaking happened in 1991, and the doors opened to the public this week in March 1993.

To celebrate these first 25 years—the Silver Anniversary—the Museum at Warm Springs will host a powwow, and the opening of a new exhibit.

This Saturday, March 17 the museum will host a traditional powwow and opening of the new exhibit, *Twanat—Celebrate Our Legacy*. Events begin at 2 p.m.

There will be commemorative gifts, door prizes and refreshments. Miss Warm Springs will be on hand.

The new exhibit is a celebration of the tribal culture and the museum. Items on display will be rarely seen items from the Museum at Warm Springs Permanent Collection.

Getting ready at the Plateau Travel Plaza

These are busy days at the Plateau Travel Plaza—busy and exciting as the 70 employees are getting ready for the opening.

The goal is to have all of the staff on opening day working as smoothly as though they have been there for years, said Eric Angel, Travel Plaza general manager.

The employees are running through all facets of the operation—from the kitchen and dining area, to the convenience store, fuel stations, gaming area, security, maintenance and more.

The Travel Plaza will open to the public on Saturday, March 24, with the grand opening planned for Friday, April 6.

The enterprise has already created many new jobs for tribal members: close to 75 percent of the workers there are members. “I’m really happy about that,” said Jeffrey Carstensen, Indian Head Casino Chief Executive Officer.

The Plateau is a new business, though it is a project of Indian Head Casino. And the

two will complement one another.

The Travel Plaza—off Highway 26 at Cherry Lane in the Madras Industrial Park—will be the first new business enterprise of the Confederated Tribes in several years, and one that has taken diligence and time to realize.

“We started in October of 2013, so it’s been more than four years,” Mr. Carstensen said.

The Travel Plaza will be a 24-hour operation, working in three shifts. There will be many customers from the industrial park, which employs more than 1,000 people.

Just off the highway, and near the intersection with Highway 97, the vehicle traffic will also bring in many customers.

Clearly, this month will mark a milestone in the economic future of the Confederated Tribes.

Kathy Danzuka and Rena Suppah (above) take inventory in the grocery area of the Travel Plaza; while Cecil Brunoe (left), from the Indian Head Casino-Travel Plaza maintenance crew, works by the new fuel pumps.



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Prevention task force reports at Tribal Council

The team working to help address the drug and alcohol epidemic on the reservation shared their latest report this week with Tribal Council.

The epidemic—of methamphetamine, opiates and alcohol—is hurting everyone on the reservation, the parties agreed. To some degree the epidemic harms all families. “One addicted family member can turn the whole household upside down,” Councilwoman Val Switzler said.

The problem has existed for years, but recently has reached a critical level, directly harming the tribal organization and its ability best to serve the membership. Even the clinic experienced a meth incident.

The drug and alcohol epidemic is not isolated to Warm Springs: Reservations across Indian Country, like many other communities in the nation, are seeing the same problem, said Councilman Lee Tom.

There are many recent drug- and alcohol-related incidents that have harmed and cost the Confederated Tribes organization, affecting all members. Some examples:

Meth and Opiate Work Group member and Housing Authority director Danielle Wood reported that one or more people broke into the Housing warehouse.

(See **WORK GROUP** on 7)

Photos show 1950s era harvests

The Culture and Heritage Committee shared a recently compiled book of photographs of tribal members in the 1950s harvesting huckleberries and edible lichen, and digging roots. The publication also has pictures of the 1953 Huckleberry Feast at the HeHe Longhouse.

Michelle Steen-Adams from the University of Washington shared the publication with the tribal Natural Resources Branch, who shared with the Culture and Heritage Committee.

The photograph images in the publication are from glass slides, originally in the collection of David and Katherine French, now at the University of Washington. The glass slides allow for reproduction of the highest quality: Many of the photographs are sharp and brightly col-

ored. Some are in black and white.

The publication is the result of U.S. Forest Service project to study the effect of fire on the health of the forest, specifically how the Native people used fire to maintain healthy habitat for traditional foods.

Culture and Heritage Committee chairwoman Myra Johnson-Orange shared the publication with Tribal Council, during her committee update.

Another topic was the Agency and other longhouses. Committee member Carlos Calica said the tribes should consider having an official longhouse and meeting policy to deal with people who are disruptive or under the influence.



Courtesy Yvonne Iverson

Mt. Hood Meadows hosted the annual Warm Springs Tribal Ski Day last week. On hand from Warm Springs were 65 skiers, snowboarders—like Kaliyah Iverson (above)—and other guests. (See page 8 for more on Ski Day.)



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