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Now serving at the Plateau Travel Plaza

The Confederated Tribes and Indian Head Casino hosted the soft opening of the Plateau Travel Plaza last week. There was an opening for tribal members, and then the Travel Plaza opened to the public.

The Grand Opening is set for Friday, April 6. This will feature many special events, from 10 a.m. until early afternoon.

The Plateau opening was a welcome and exciting day for the many who attended.

"I'm especially encouraged by the staffing," said Mavis Shaw, Gaming Commission vice chairwoman. "We have many tribal members on the staff." The food was very good as well, Mrs. Shaw said. "I think this will be great—I've already heard many nice comments," she said.

The diesel and gas prices are very competitive, drawing many customers; as have the gaming room, restaurant and store. Long-haul trucks were already stopping there on the opening day.

Tribal members receive a 5-cent fuel reduction at the Plateau.

There could also be in-store discounts for members, as a system to accomplish this is being worked out, said Eric Angel, Travel Plaza general manager.

Soon there will be the large sign at the entranceway along the highway, as the details have been worked out with ODOT, Mrs. Shaw said.



Cheryl Taylor photo

Some of the features: Fuel discounts and reward points. Convenient location at 215 Cherry Lane, Jefferson County Industrial Park. Self and full service fuel stations.

Seventy truck spots in a secure lot. Laundry and shower facilities. Home-style sit-down dining, and grand & go selections. Fresh hot coffee, and more.



Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene (above, center) addresses the opening gathering, as Desirae Wallace, shift supervisor, holds the ribbon before the opening.

And at left, new signage along Highway 26 announces the Travel Plaza is now open.

Members receive Cobell land buy-back offers

Landowners from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are seeing nearly \$3.7 million in offers for their fractional land interests on the reservation.

The offers from the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations went out to 677 individuals, according to the latest data.

Participation in the buy-

back is entirely voluntary. Interested sellers have until April 24 to accept.

The buy-back program is an opportunity for landowners to consider fair market value offers for their interests in fractionated land.

The program is part of the Cobell settlement, which set aside nearly \$2 billion—of the \$3.4 billion total settlement—for tribes to

acquire fractionated interests on reservations in Indian Country.

The goal is to remedy the fractionation problem, stemming from the previous policy of allotments.

Through fractionation, parcels become owned by a growing number of individuals, rendering them unproductive.

The buy-back, administered by the Department of the Interiors

in cooperations with tribes, is intended to help promote tribal self-determination.

This could be accomplished as the tribal entity acquires the fractionated interests, and can then determine the best use of the property.

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs Buy-Back program has a new outreach specialist on board (see page 4 for details).

Pageant for Lil' Miss Warm Springs

Warm Springs Recreation is getting ready for the 2018 Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant, coming up in April.

Meanwhile, Recreation is hosting the Lil' Miss Warm Springs programs on Wednesday evenings at the Community Center Social Hall.

"The girls are really making progress," said Nor Sampson, of Warm Springs Recreation.

They're learning traditions of the tribes, and cultural and unwritten laws. They made tule mats a two weeks ago, and last week learned to make Wing dresses.

The program starts at 5:45 on Wednesdays, and is open to the public. Parents often take part, and are encouraged to attend.

The Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant categories are:

Lil' Miss Warm Springs, 9-11 years of age. Junior Miss Warm Springs, 12-14 years of age. Senior Miss Warm Springs, 15-17 years of age.

The 2018 Lil' Miss Warm Springs Pageant will be on Wednesday evening, April 25 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall.

The current Lil' Miss Warm Springs are Lil' Miss Warm Springs Kiahna Allen, Junior Lil' Miss Warm Springs Gigi David, and Senior Lil' Miss Warm Springs Coreena Stwyer.

Academy students illustrate new book of Ichishkín

The introduction to the new book—*Conversation in Ichishkín*—makes the observation:

"Today, in 2018, there are only 22 language speakers of Warm Springs Ichishkín. By picking up this book and flipping through to view the beautiful artworks and language in written form, you are helping to build awareness of the dire need to save our languages for generations to come."

Conversations in Ichishkín—dedicated to all who want to learn the language—was published this month, during March Literacy Night at the Warm Springs Academy. The book is a project of fourth-graders and their teachers at the Academy, and the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department.

Students in three fourth-grade



classes—Ms. Bluebird, Mrs. Nelle and Mr. Marren's classes—did all of the artwork for the book. Arlita

Rhoan, Suzie Slockish and Jefferson Greene translated the phrases into the Native language.

In the process the fourth-graders learned the phrases—their meaning and pronunciation:

'My name is _____' ('Inmí wanícht násh wá _____') ... 'Who are you?' ('Shin nam wa?') ... 'Where are you? I am at Warm Springs.' ('Mná nam wa? ínash wa Warm Springspa.')

And the conversations continue: 'Mish nam wa? Ínash wa Níix...' 'Mná nam wáta?'...

(See *Ichishkín* on 5)

Warm Springs Academy fourth-graders with their copies of *Conversation in Ichishkín*: Ashlyn Wolfe, Jayda Allen, Peyton Frank, Wallace Herkshan and Daniel Jackson (back row l-r); Yamilie Adams, Roxy Crowe-Wallulatum Irenecia Smith-Queahpama (back row l-r).



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