

Valuable data from PIT homeless count

The Point-In-Time Homeless Count gathers essential data helping direct the level and direction of certain social services on the reservation.

Warm Springs Health and Human Services last week held the Point-In-Time count. This was a requirement of Housing and Urban Development.

The count happened at the Family Resource Center. The count team also offered a health service, food and clothing to the participants.

Eleven staff supported the event, coordinated by Dana Buffy Hurtado, tribal Health Care analyst, Health and Human Services.

The team collected more than 60 surveys from the participants. They served 53 lunches during the lunch hour.

The count team included Ms. Hurtado, five community members, one outside community volunteer, one state-local government booth offering free confidential testing and vaccinations.

One staff and community volunteer offered haircuts. "Nineteen individuals took advantage of that service," Ms. Hurtado said.



Rosemary 'Mushy' Alarcon interviews a client at the recent Point-In-Time Homeless Count.

Thank you, sponsors

The count team would like to thank the sponsors of the Point-In-Time Count: Indian Head Casino and the Pla-

teau Travel Plaza, Health and Human Services Branch, the Bend Treatment Center, Homeless Leadership Coalition, Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, and

NeighborImpact.

If you would like more information on the Point-In-Time Count, please call 541-615-0141.

New Plateau, Indian Head, hiring process

Indian Head Casino this month has implemented a user-friendly hiring process for jobs at the casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza.

Applicants who submit an application online now receive an invitation to a preliminary interview class.

The casino and travel plaza conduct the preliminary interview class each Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Indian Head Casino Human Resources training room.

After attending the class, applicants will be invited to come to an open interview, held each Thursday of the week between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

If you do not have access to a computer, stop by the casino human resources office. They can help.

For any other questions, please call at 541-460-7714. The website is: indianheadgaming.com

Generous donations stock employee relief distribution center

About 100 employees on the reservation—mostly IHS and BIA workers—were impacted by the partial shutdown of the federal government.

For more than a month they were working without pay, or were put on furlough—an obvious hardship for these households.

The tribal Emergency Response team championed the cause of helping these families, and the community showed great generosity and support.

The Emergency Response Center, in a building at the former elementary school, received donations from many grocery stores, organizations and individuals.

They received food items and water, pet food, and hygiene products. Using former elementary school library shelves, the team set up the distribution center.

Many of the impacted employees made use of the service, said Dan Martinez, Emergency Response director.

For information on hours of distribution, please contact Celeste White at 541-777-2803. Email:



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This community drive is being sponsored by Warm Springs

Health and Human Services, the Community Action Team, and Emergency Management.

Emergency Response director Dan Martinez at the distribution center with Vista Corps volunteer Shawnel Yahtin, Vista Corps volunteer.

2 from Warm Springs join MHS Athletic Hall of Fame

Charles Nathan and 'Spud' Smith, both of Warm Springs, join the Madras High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Nathan, class of '54, was a standout player for the White Buffalos basketball and football squads.

Mr. Smith, class of '86, was among the best all-around athletes in the school's history—football, wrestling and baseball.

They were inducted along with others as part of the ceremonies at a recent Buffalos varsity basketball game. The other 2019 inductees are:

Joe Piedmont, class of '61, who had a successful basketball career with the Buffs. Keller Christensen, class of 2000, who had the most decorated football career of any MHS athlete. He also played basketball.

Tosha Wilson Mendenhall, class of 2003, was a star point guard for the Lady Buffs basketball team, and is regarded as one



Charles Nathan (pictured seventh from left) was an outstanding Madras football and basketball player.

of the best soccer players in school history.

Bob Nelson started for, and then

coached the boys cross country program at Madras.

The final inductee will be the

1960-61 boys basketball team, who won the school's first state basketball championship.

Student Eagle Watch contest

The Eagle Watch Art Contest is open. The contest is for Warm Springs students in grades 4 through 12. Students can enter all artwork, including traditional types of work such as weaving and beading.

Winners will be announced at the Eagle Watch Event at the Round Butte Overlook Park in February.

Here are the contest rules: All artwork must be the student's original artwork. All art must include the student's name, school, grade, email and phone number on the back or attached.

Artwork can be dropped off at your school office or at the Cove Palisades State Park. The deadline is Friday, February 17, at 3 p.m.

For information call 541-546-3412 ext. 229. Or see the Cove Palisades website.