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Tribes- St. Charles agreement

Patients from the Warm Springs clinic are at times referred to service providers off the reservation—specialty care clinics, and in-patient hospital stays, for instance. This happens on a regular basis, so coordination among Managed Care and all care providers is obviously very important.

This week saw a great accomplishment in better coordination, with the signing of the Care Coordination Agreement between the tribes, Managed Care and the St. Charles Health System. The signing happened at the November meeting of the Joint Health Commission, representing the tribes and the Indian Health Service.

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At the signing this week were Michael Collins, Managed Care director; Mike Marcotte, former Managed Care director and Joint Health Commissioner; Michele Miller, acting IHS clinic director; Heather Crow-Martinez, counselor and Health Commission chair; Caroline Cruz, Health and Human Services general manager, commission secretary; Dr. Rachel Locker, commissioner; TJ Foltz, Health and Human Services, commissioner (back row from left); and Darren Binder, St. Charles legal affairs; Joe Sluka, president and chief executive officer, St. Charles Medical Center; Louie Pitt, director of tribal Governmental Affairs, acting S-T for the signing; and Bruce Anders, St. Charles Legal Affairs.

Indian Head giving for holidays

Indian Head Casino, partnering with the Warm Springs Food Bank, is hosting the fall annual Cans for Coins drive. The goal is to collect three tons of food.

The food drive will benefit the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Food Bank, said Belinda Chavez, Indian Head director of marketing. The three-ton mark would be the equivalent of providing 6,000 meals for those in need.

Indian Head Casino has a long history with the Warm Springs the Food Bank, supporting its mission to end hunger in Central Oregon.

Through partnerships with Food Bank and others, the casino makes giving back to the community a corporate priority.

"We recognize the need in our own community," Ms. Chavez said.

"As a company, we're in a unique position to do something about it. We ask that our guests and gamers get involved by bringing in cans of food. And in doing so, you earn slot play here at Indian Head Casino."

The Cans for Coins food drive kicked off on Monday of this week. Guests who bring in 10 cans of food earn \$10 in Bonus Slot Play every Monday through Thursday for the duration of the food drive. The drive will end December 19.

Canned goods must be a minimum size of 10 ounces, with an expiration date of beyond six months.

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Food Bank is a partner agency with the Oregon Hunger Prevention Coalition, Oregon Food Bank and Neighbor Impact. Indian Head Casino plans to deliver all donated canned goods to the Food Bank in both late November and in December, benefiting local families and individuals of the Warm Springs Reservation.

"The fall season is typically one of abundance," Belinda said. "By raising awareness of hunger in our community at this time of year, we make a lasting impact in hearts and minds. We remind people that hunger is present every single day of the year."

Veterans Day Parade

Veterans Day in Warm Springs will feature the Honor Parade, November 11, starting on campus at 11 a.m. The parade will finish at the Community Center. A meal will be provided at noon, followed by presentations and entertainment.

Listen to KWSO this Veterans Day for special programming to honor all Veterans.

Ventures resumes pursuit of hemp grow

Warm Springs Ventures has announced the enterprise is again actively pursuing the tribal cannabis-hemp project.

The project had been on hold for a time, as new and important USDA regulations regarding hemp were not yet in effect. The USDA will implement the new regulations—treating hemp much as a regular agricultural project, able to cross state lines,

for instance—in the near future.

The Ventures decision, announced by board chair Pamela Keo Douglas, means the enterprise will pursue the plan to purchase a greenhouse and office modular building.

The tribal hemp grow operation will be just off the reservation, on the tribally-owned Schoenhagen farm property, along Highway 26 across the Deschutes from the res-

ervation. Ms. Keo Douglas announced:

"On October 29 USDA issued the Interim Final Rule for the hemp regulations that will take effect once entered in to the Federal Register, and that is expected to happen by Friday.

"The tribe has submitted the plan for hemp production, under which the tribe will monitor and regulate the production of hemp

in the territory of the tribe, to USDA for review and approval. The office of USDA has 60 days to take action on the plan submitted by the tribe."

The board also reports that, in order to receive funding following the supplemental budget process, the enterprise must have its own bank account. The enterprise will continue to pursue local and credit union banking options.

Contemporary, Traditional Judges Choice Winners



Curahee—Copper Juniper Tree: Mixed media, shells, beads, concrete base, fur. Winner, Judges Choice Award—Contemporary Category. Artist: Marlanea Wagner, Waunanuba. Ms. Wagner says: "This piece was created for the Redmond Community of Art in Public Places. I wanted to keep it and share it with the community."



The Imulak—Cut beaded medallion. The artist is Clarissa Picard. Winner: Judges Choice Award Traditional Category.

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit will be on display through mid January 2020. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Sunday and Monday.

VETERANS DAY

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH

\$500 SLOT TOURNAMENT
2pm | \$15 buy-in, unlimited buy-ins.
Veterans first entry FREE!*

VETERANS DAY FREE BREAKFAST*
8-11am



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