

Academy: 'A thank-you to district voters'

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The 2012 measure also funded the Madras Performing Arts Center at the high school.

The overall bond vote this month was 1,870 in favor; and 1,341 against.

For taxable property of the district, the approved bond measure is not estimated to increase the current tax rate due to savings from refinancing previously issued bonds and old bonds retiring.

In addition to the \$24 million voter bond, the district has qualified for a \$4 million matching grant from the Oregon Schools Capital Improvement Matching program.

A thank-you goes to voters of the Jefferson County School District, said district board chairwoman Laurie Danzuka.

"This is a critical moment for the future of our district and for our students," Ms. Danzuka said.

"The district will now be able to improve the health, safety and security for all students. We are beyond grateful for our community for believing in this bond measure and supporting our current and future students."

For questions or more information about the Jefferson County School District Bond



Entranceway to the Academy.

Courtesy Kirby Nagelhout engineering

Measure 16-98, please visit: 509jschoolbond.org

"This bond measure will allow the district to make critical health and safety improvements and upgrades to all of our schools," said school district superintendent Jay Mathisen.

"It will truly allow our students to flourish in 509J and get better every day."

He added, the \$24 million bond measure will allow the school district to protect the community's investment by improving the health, safety, and security in all of the district's buildings, repairing and updating aging facilities and expanding vocational and early

learning opportunities.

The bond will also allow the district to make much needed improvements at the Madras High School Soccer Fields. The district will soon be releasing information about the Citizen Oversight Committee in the coming weeks.

The committee is an independent, volunteer, citizen-led committee established to oversee the use of bond funds.

Jefferson County School District will plan to issue bonds in early 2022 with bond projects estimated to begin in the summer of 2022.

The Good Road for students

The Good Road programs at Central Oregon Community College are college-prep courses offered at Madras High School that prepare Native American students for success in high school, college and beyond.

Each class allows students to earn a college credit. Through the curriculum, the Good Road I and II emphasizes academic success strategies, leadership development and cultural knowledge and pride. The classes also introduce students to college resources, scholarship writing and financial literacy for success in college or wherever their paths may lead.

The goal of the Good Road is to encourage Native American youth to graduate from high school and pursue higher education, and ultimately, obtain a rewarding career and contribute to the community. Students come out of the Good Road with confidence to succeed in the college setting, COCC notes.

The programs offer a hands-on curriculum that integrates leadership, college preparation and culturally-relevant themes for Native American students.

Topics include

Team building: Students practice and implement team-building skills that apply to their lives in college and beyond.

Cross cultural communication: By learning the fundamentals of communication in various contexts, students become active listen-

ers and participants.

Conflict resolution: Students work through appropriate methods of handling conflict.

Personal responsibility: By completing written assignments, group work, and research projects, students learn to be responsible for themselves and become aware of their role as individuals in a group environment.

Scholarship writing and financial literacy: Students learn how to develop a personal narrative, apply for scholarships and become familiar with the financial aid process.

Cultural pride: Through hands-on projects and culturally-relevant programming, students are encouraged to celebrate and explore their heritage and take pride in what they have to offer as Native students.

Students who complete the Good Road I are eligible to participate in the Good Road II, earning both high school and college credit. Students are also encouraged to participate in STRIVE on the COCC Bend campus during the summer.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the online form. See cocc.edu

For more information contact Kelsey Freeman, Native American College preparation coordinator at Central Oregon Community College. kfreeman@cocc.edu

Roadway work continues

The Highway 26 Safety Corridor project is scheduled for completion at the end of this month.

The project began about nine months ago, in March, while November 30 is the target date for completion.

The Warm Springs Construction Route 3 project will go into the early part of next year, with the paving being a large part remaining for completion.

Regarding the Highway 26 project: The completion day at the end of the month will mark the successful conclusion to a project that Tribal Council and state offi-

cial began planning more than three years ago. A year delay, last year, happened because of covid.

The features are the extended roadway paving from above the Kah-Nee-Ta Junction for eight miles through Warm Springs to milepost 111.2; and the safety pedestrian pathway, now mostly complete. A rock-fall mitigation aspect is still going on along the hillside by The Eagle Crossing Restaurant.

The Highway through Warm Springs sees a traffic volume in the range of 6,700 vehicles per day. The pedestrian pathway was an essential addition to the community.

Wet fall in region so far

The Northwest, including the reservation and Central Oregon region, is seeing above average rainfall this month. More rain showers are forecast for this Thursday and Friday.

Bringing all of the rain to the Northwest are "atmospheric rivers," extending from Washington State to California.

In some areas this is causing debris flows, heavy mountain snows and mudslides.

Flood watches have been in

effect west of the Cascades.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration is predicting a stormy winter across the northern U.S., and mild, dry weather elsewhere.

Community notes...

Warm Springs Recreation and Community Wellness is hosting the November **Fitness Challenge**.

This Friday, November 19, there is a Turkey Trot, and you have a couple bonus activities including a 25 sit-up challenge and reverse crunches.

It is **Native Spirit Week** at the Warm Springs Academy.

This Friday, November 19, is School Colors Day: Wear red and white, or your Warm Springs Eagles t-shirt.

At our school students are Wasco, Warm Springs and Paiute, as well as from other tribes and backgrounds. *Together, we are all Warm Springs Academy Eagles, so show your school team spirit on Friday!*

GET READY FOR WINTER TERM!

Classes begin **January 3, 2022.**

Registration for new students begins **November 22** for a wide-variety of in-person, remote and online courses.

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