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Powwow at Simnasho

The Lincoln's Birthday Powwow returns to Simnasho this weekend, Friday through Sunday, February 10-12. The opening Grand Entry will be at 7 p.m. on the opening Friday; at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, no evening Grand Entry on Saturday.

Specials will be: The Outgoing Queen Special, and the Hat and Boot Special. Also: The Charlie Tailfeathers Memorial Special; and the Men's Traditional 40 and Up. More specials are:

The Women's Golden Age Special. The Men's Fancy Special. The Mother/Daughter Special. And the Cena Wolfe Memorial Special. Plus:

The Women's All-Around, and the Women's 21 and Up. The Men's Fancy Special will be in Loving Memory of Fred Laddie Ike Jr.

Drum contest prizes are \$3,000 for first-place; \$2,000 for second; and \$1,000 for third-place.

Divisions for Lincoln's competitions:

Tiny Tots (paid daily). Junior Boys, and Junior Girls—7 to 12 year olds. Teen Boys, and Teen Girls—13-17 years. Adult Men's, and Adult Women's—18 to 59. And the Golden Age Men, and Golden Age Women—60 years and Up.

Senior Center back, better than ever

For people who love to cook great and healthy meals there is nothing like a brand-new kitchen. "All of cooking is based on what you can do with the kitchen," Berlyn Yazzie Jr., Seniors food product manager and lead cook, was saying the other day.

"Now, everything here is exactly where I want it, so there's not so much running around." And that, Mr. Yazzie says, is one of the keys—along with preparation—to making great meals for a number of people at any one time.

The new kitchen is the center feature of the renovated Seniors Center, and there are other aspects as well: The new flooring, and new central heating and cooling also are welcome additions. The center reopened last week after a prolonged closure of nearly two years. The journey to the reopening has been anything other than easy.

There were issues along the way, for instance, with the insurance payments, said Tribal Councilman Wilson Wewa, Seniors Program director. Another issue over the time was the pandemic, causing delays in accomplishing the work,



Berlyn Yazzie Jr. and Andrea Cook in the new Seniors kitchen.

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Councilman Wewa said.

It has all worked out now, though, and the center is serving meals for all seniors from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There are also exercise classes for seniors on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:45, followed by lunch for those who participate in the class.

Nearly two years ago, in March of 2021, the Seniors Center had to close because the building was badly vandalized, and flooded. This required replacement of the flooring and the air conditioning system, among other work. The renovation also addressed the kitchen. The previous kitchen, because of its age, was difficult

to keep in compliance with safety code provisions.

During the two years while the center was closed, the cooks would prepare many meals that were then delivered. This was also due to covid. With the center now reopened, the deliveries can only be for people who are physically unable to make it to the center.

Tribes seek input as development promises to use less water

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have asked for a seat at the table in discussing the controversial Thornburgh Resort planned in Central Oregon.

The request comes as the Deschutes County Commission is mulling an appeal from Thornburgh's developers, after a county hearings officer rejected the resort's new Fish and Wildlife Management Plan in December.

The hearings officer said the developers had shown little evidence they could mitigate the loss of wildlife and water.

Representatives from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs appeared before the county commission, and asked that they receive time to review the potential impacts on wildlife, since the tribe co-manages fisheries and other wildlife in the region.

Warm Springs Natural Resources General Manager Austin Smith Jr. said in a statement to the county that tribal officials had not been consulted on this new plan.

"Despite this oversight, the tribe nevertheless felt it was necessary now to participate to ensure that the county had relevant information pertaining to the tribe's co-management role," Mr. Smith said.

Number of upcoming community improvements

The Health and Human Services Branch is planning a number of community improvements projects—from a new pavilion to renovations projects, and the Veterans Memorial—for 2023. Caroline Cruz, branch general manager, and staff gave a public update last week on the projects, receiving the community feedback. Funding sources are varied for

the projects, Ms. Cruz said. The following are brief summaries of the upcoming projects:

First is a new pavilion that is to be located in the campus area, in the area of the grassy field near the Behavioral Health Center and Prevention offices.

The pavilion will be an 80-by-144 foot pole barn with an 18-foot eave height. The facility will have electricity with a drop down screen.

The pavilion will be a gathering place for Behavioral Health-Prevention, and the community. There will be year-round events such as Round dances, culture camps, grief conference, movies and performances, a picnic place, and more. Funding is from a Meyer grant and Pacific Source. A contact person for information is TJ Foltz of Health and Human Services.

Another project is a renovation

of the cafeteria building of the former elementary school. This work is currently going on, and in time will provide two offices for tobacco Prevention and cessation services. There will be new bathrooms, a commercial kitchen and tables for cleaning fish and game. Funding is provided by the tobacco sales tax as passed through the Oregon Health Authority. Contact is also TJ.

Community Projects continues on 6

Youth basketball teams qualify for state tourney

The Warm Springs-Madras fifth-grade girls placed first in the recent Cascade Basketball League tournament.

The girls, coached by Tribal Councilwoman Rosa Graybael, finished with a record of 11-1, placing 1st in the Cascade Basketball league tournament.

Meanwhile, the Warm Springs-Madras sixth-grade boys have placed third overall in the Cascade hoops league. The boys, coached by Ed Zacarias, finished with a record of 8-4.

The Warm Springs-Madras eighth-grade boys finished the league play with a record of 10-2.

Based on their record, the eighth-grade boys have qualified for state.

The state tournament will be held March 3-5 at Ridgeview

High School in Redmond.

For the girls the state tourney is March 10-12 at Summit high school Bend.

A thank you to Health and Human Services, who paid the entry fees for the teams. And congratulations to all the players, coaches and families!



The Warm Springs-Madras boys and girls Cascade Basketball League teams just finished great regular seasons.



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