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The student lounge is open during lunchtime and after school until four o'clock. Among the many items on her agenda, Mariah is working on how to have the room open until six o'clock after school, so the students can have a place to wait for rides after sports practice or club meetings. And anytime during the day, a student can make an appointment, or ask the teacher for time to visit.

Mariah came up with the idea for the Native American Student Lounge last year, soon after she took the school liaison job. Developing the idea, she met with students and parents, the tribal Education Committee, the teachers and others, getting a sense of what they might have in mind.

Considering the input, Mariah presented the idea. The teachers were on board, and the high school principal Tony Summers and district superintendent Jay Mathison were 100-percent supportive. The district funded much of the work to create the space, including the furniture, and others joined in to help.

For example: The upper walls of the student lounge are painted with Native designs of the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute tribes. For the painting work, the Warm Springs Community Action Team community artists Charlene Dimmick and Colleta Macy were happy to help out.

Another goal for this school year, Mariah says, is to meet one-on-one with 15 students during each school day. Last school year, many students made a point of meeting with Mariah once a week "to help keep them accountable," she says. "To keep them on track, so they're not rushing at the end of year."

She is also planning to bring students on more off-campus learn-



Language team members Deanie Johnson, Education general manager Val Switzler and Dallas Winishut with language students, visiting the MHS Native American Student Lounge.

ing experiences, like visiting universities and colleges, and places of business where students can get ideas of the career opportunities that are out there. The tour of Keith Manufacturing last school year is an example.

Mariah has also started the American Indigenous Business Leaders, a new club chapter at the high school. For this she works with Jerry Shaw, business teacher at the high school. The club already has funding to attend the education business conference in Las Vegas, where they will meet in business competitions with students from schools across the nation.

Another new club chapter Mariah is working on is the American Indigenous Science and Engineering Society. "I'm hoping to get this started soon. Right now, I'm looking for an advisor," she says.

There are any number of aspects of the high school Native American liaison program. Another example: Business people with the Warm Springs Community Action Team—Dustin Seyler, Demus Martinez and Mallory Smith—come in to teach about personal finances and the WSCAT Individual Development Account (IDA) program.

Mariah is also continuing her collaboration with the Oregon Health Sciences University OnTrack! Program, and the Northwest Native American Research Center for Health (called Northwest NARCH), career and job shadowing programs.

Clearly, keeping up attendance, school performance and graduation are best served when the students have the learning options, while feeling at home and taking pride in the school. And Ms. Stacona Alexander is working hard and doing much to help make this happen.

If you would like to reach out to Mariah, her email is mstacona@509j.net

— Dave McMechan

Tribal Council agenda

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Thursday, September 14 - Budget presentations.

10: ASC/Council support services with Doris and Minnie.

11: Timber Committee.

1:30 p.m.: Fish and Wildlife Committee—On Reservation.

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3:30: Water Board.

Monday, September 18 - Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: Education Committee.

10: Land Use Planning Committee.

11: Culture and Heritage Committee.

1:30 p.m.: Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee.

2:30: Health and Welfare Committee.

3:30: Cannabis Commission.

4:30: Gaming Commission/Surveillance.

Tuesday, September 19 - Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: Timber Committee LLC with Brian Prater and the board.

10: Housing with Danielle Wood and the board.

11: Telecom with Tim York and board.

1:30 p.m.: Power and Water Enterprises with Cathy Ehli and board.

2:30: Compositive Products with Jacob Coochise and board.

3:30: Ventures—Economic Development with Jim Souers and board.

Wednesday, September 20 - Budget presentations.

9 a.m.: High Lookie Lodge with Fay Hurtado.

10: Credit Enterprise with Lori Fuentes.

11: Indian Head Casino and Plateau Travel Plaza with Shawn McDaniel.

11:30: Museum at Warm Springs.

1:30 p.m.: Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) with Wendell Jim.

2:30: TERO Commission with Mona Cochran, chair and commission.

Thursday and Friday, September 21-22: Budget call-backs.

Monday, September 25

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe.

9:30: October agenda and review minutes.

10: Draft resolutions.

11: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

2:30: 2024 budget discussion and October posting.

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26-27 - Budget call-backs.

Items for further consideration: District meetings and General Council meeting in October 2023.

Everyone is welcome to join KWSO at the Thursday Market on campus this Thursday from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The family friendly market will feature distribution of free fresh harvest kits from the high desert food and farm alliance plus activities, information and shopping opportunities. Vendors and fundraisers are welcome to set up. To learn more contact KWSO at 541-553-1968.

Jobs with Indian Head, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza. For details see the website: indianheadcasino.com

Or visit the Human Resources office at their plaza office by the casino.

Three Teepees Cafe host/server - Plateau Travel Plaza: The host/server responsibility is to provide the most courteous,

friendly, and professional service to guests.

Food and Beverage manager: Position is responsible for managing and organizing all Warm Springs Casino Enterprises daily food and beverage operations.

Cottonwood line cook: The line cook works directly with the kitchen manage-

ment team to prepare high quality food to order for the guests.

Cage cashier: Responsible for helping co-workers and other staff provide our guests a pleasant, enjoyable and special experience.

Coffee stations attendant: Responsible for stocking coffee on-demand machines at the two floor stations, the employee cafeteria, and back storage area.

Cottonwood server: Provide excellent service to all Cottonwood Restaurant customers. Responsible for working as part of a team atmosphere.

Tule Grill attendant: Responsible for helping your co-workers and other staff at IHC provide each of guests a pleasant, enjoyable and special experience.

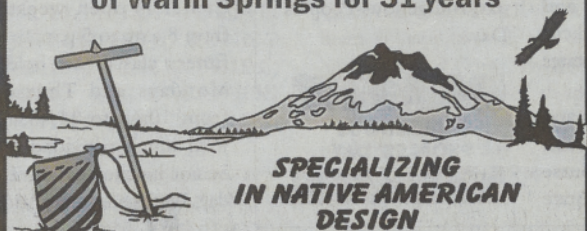
Tule Grill line cook: Prepare high quality food to order for guests based on established guidelines. Responsible for proper set up and break down of cooking equipment.

Three Teepees line cook: Works directly with the lead line cook to prepare high quality food to order for guests in accordance with all established guidelines.

Store cashier at Plateau Travel Plaza.

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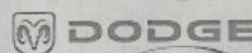
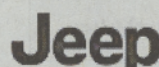
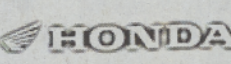
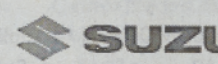
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