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Big winner at Indian Head

A guest collected a very nice jackpot on a slot machine over the Labor Day weekend earlier this month at Indian Head Casino. The exact payout was \$161,413. The guest was not publicly identified, though the gaming statement does say the person resides in nearby Madras.

The win came on a *Dollar Storm* slot machine, made by Aristocrat Gaming. A statement from Indian Head says, "The *Dollar Storm* slot machine has once again lived up to its reputation as a harbinger of good fortune, transforming a leisurely weekend at Indian Head Casino into a life changing experience for one fortunate player.

"This win underscores Indian Head Casino's commitment to providing an unforgettable gaming experience and creating moments of pure exhilaration for its valued guests. Indian Head Casino takes pride in contributing to the local economy and bringing joy to its visitors."

Shawn McDaniel, general manager of Indian Head Casino, said in the statement, "We are overjoyed to celebrate the success of our guest and the incredible win over the Labor Day weekend. This jackpot win represents the culmination of the excitement and entertainment we aim to provide at Indian Head Casino. We look forward to continuing to create thrilling moments for our guests in the future."

The Confederated Tribes own Indian Head Casino, operated by the Warm Springs Casino Enterprise. The enterprise also includes the Plateau Travel Plaza, also featuring gaming. So far this year, Indian Head and the Plateau have paid out a total of just over \$6 million in jackpot winnings, demonstrating the casino's dedication to offering exciting games, generous payouts, and memorable experiences to its patrons.

Cowdeo action Saturday

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Jefferson County Cowdeo is coming up this Saturday, September 23 at the fairgrounds rodeo arena. Events start at 9 a.m. at the fairground.

The Cowdeo is open to youth ages 5 to 14. Experience is not required. The events include sheep riding, calf riding, cow riding, goat tail decorating, barrels and the Scurry Race. Also featured are horseless calf roping, breakaway roping, the keyhole race, critter scramble and the stick horse race. The event is presented by Gary Gruner Chevrolet and Bright Wood Corp. Entry to the Cowdeo for spectators will be \$5 at the door. Children under 5 are free.

Much needed new HVAC for administration

For some years now the tribal administration building has had problems with its heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, or HVAC. The system would break down during cold winter days and hot summer days, requiring the building to close and the employees to take administrative leave. This summer, the building has relied on large fans, one at each end of the building: These are loud, and don't always provide enough circulation to avoid the late afternoon shut-downs due to the heat.

A solution to the problem will soon be in operation. This Friday, September 22 the administration building will be closed so that a brand-new system can run through some final testing before coming online shortly thereafter.

The new system includes a

new boiler system, and new chiller, located to the side of the administration building. The contractor is Alliant Systems, a leading design-build mechanical contractor in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The new system costs \$1.3 million, said Chico Holliday, general manager of tribal Utilities. The funding comes from the CARES Act, the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, Mr. Holliday said. The deadline to access the CARES money had expired at the end of last year, though the tribes were able to get an extension, allowing them to secure the funding and complete the project, he said.

The former system dated back to the original construction of the administration building in 1980s. Over the years, there have been some repairs and temporary fixes, though the system was past due for total replacement.



David McMechan/Spilyay

The new HVAC system will be tested this Friday, September 22.

The new system will be a great improvement in terms of a more comfortable workspace. The tribes will also save on the temporary repairs that in time did

not resolve the problems. The new HVAC has a control system that will allow Utilities to off-site trouble-shoot and correct any potential issues.



At the Pendleton Round-Up, the 2023 Happy Canyon Princesses Susie Blackwolf Patrick and Láátis Nowland ride in the Traditional Parade, and later served as ambassadors for the Happy Canyon Night Show.

Photos courtesy of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission



Evening at the Pendleton Round-Up Indian Village.

Housing Authority award to help address veterans homelessness

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has received an award to help address the incidence of tribal veterans who are experiencing homelessness. The award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is in the amount of \$135,240.

This will be used to provide rental assistance to approximately ten Native American veterans of the tribal community, during the renewal period ending September 30 of next year. The award helps allow Housing to continue its veterans homeless assistance program.

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is one of 29 organizations this fall to receive a Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing renewal award, and the only one in the state of Oregon.

The Northwest Region, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, received a total of \$2.45 million for eight tribal entities. The total amount of the awards across Indian Country was close to \$8.6 million.

Around the region, with the Warm Springs Housing Authority, the entities to receive an award include the Colville Indian Housing Authority; the Spokane Indian Housing Authority; and the Yakama Nation Housing Authority.

Historically, American Indians and Alaska Natives have served at higher rates in the military than other ethnicities. A United Service Organization says "Native Americans serve in the United States Armed Forces at five times the national average."

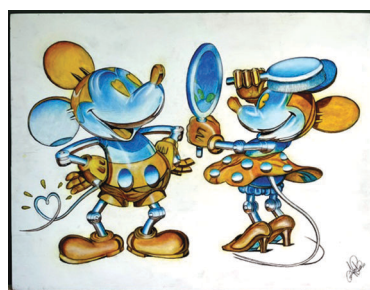
At the same time, an Urban Institute report found that Native Americans experience homelessness at a rate five times the rate of the overall U.S. population. The National Council of Urban Indian Health estimates that there are about eight Native veterans experiencing homelessness per 1,000 veterans, compared to 1.5 white veterans per 1,000 veterans. The Housing Authority veterans homeless program helps to address this clear inequity.

Submit your artwork for 2023 museum member show

The Tribal Member Art Exhibit—among the most popular shows of the year—is coming up this fall at the Museum at Warm Springs. The museum is inviting community member artists to submit items for the show by Friday, September 29. The Thirtieth Annual member show then opens on November 1.

Applications are available at

the museum. Two applications are available: One for youth ages 17 and younger; and one for adults 18 and older. The application must be submitted with your artwork. Contact the museum Curator-Exhibits Coordinator Angela A. Smith at 541-553-3331 ext. 412; or email to: angela@museumatwarmsprings.org



The 2022 Judges Choice art show winners: *Sorayama* by Travis R. Bobb, Contemporary (left); and *Good Medicine and the Rose* by Terry Lynn Stradley.



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