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Grand Opening event at Plateau

The Plateau Travel Plaza is hosting a Grand Opening event—this Wednesday, October 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—of the new Plateau fuel service provided by Sinclair Oil.

During the Grand Opening, there will be a 50-cent a gallon discount on fuel purchases; raffle prizes and swag, free lunch, a live DJ, and \$5 bonus slot play at the gaming room (offers valid this Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Some of the raffle prizes include a new grill, Portland Trailblazer tickets, bikes, a tablet, car fridge, and other great prizes.

Sponsors of the Grand Opening are Indian Head Casino and the Plateau Travel Plaza, Carson, Harbor Wholesale, Sinclair, and Monster Energy.

Tribal input during federal water hearing

During a recent U.S. House of Representatives hearing in Central Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs provided the tribal view on the state of the water resources in the areas of tribal traditional and treaty rights. Robert Brunoe, Secretary-Treasurer, represented the tribes.

“Today, we convened on our ancestral lands, within the 10 million acres that our ancestors ceded to the U.S. government in the Treaty of June 25, 1855, with the Tribes of Middle Oregon. This area goes from the crest of the Cascade Mountains to our west, to the Columbia River and east to what is now Baker County.

“Warm Springs tribal members continue to exercise our inherent sovereignty and treaty rights throughout that territory, including the right to fish at our usual and accustomed locations and the right to hunt and gather on unclaimed lands.

“I mention this because it echoes the title of this hearing: *It All Depends on Water*.

“We agree. Warm Springs has dedicated significant time and resources to working with our neighbors to improve the use of water in the Deschutes River Basin to meet current and future needs. Striking that balance is a growing challenge and requires real collaboration.

“It is our sovereign duty to support a healthy watershed from the headwaters to the mouth of the Deschutes River.”

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Tribal veterans honored with Quilts of Valor

The Quilts of Valor Foundation recognizes throughout the U.S. service veterans who were touched by war. The Foundation provides a recognition with the healing Quilts of Valor.

In Warm Springs last week, a Foundation representative presented handmade, quality Quilts of Valor to three veterans of the Confederated Tribes: George Aguilar, Kenman Miller and Jonathan Courtney.

Mr. Aguilar served in the U.S. Army from 1949-1952, and is the last surviving Korean War Veteran of the reservation. Mr. Miller served from 1969-75 in the U.S. Navy. And Mr. Courtney served in the U.S. Army from 2003-2010.

“It’s a real honor to receive a blanket like this,” Mr. Aguilar



Will Robbins/KWSO

Quilts of Valor presentation to veterans George Aguilar Sr., Kenman Miller, and Jonathan Courtney (from left).

said, “but actually it feels like the it belongs to all veterans.” During the Korean War, “My activity was on the front line. Thank you for recognizing, with this blanket, the people who were on the front lines, Thank you.”

Mr. Miller added, “I’m happy to be here with all these veterans.

I served my time over there, in the Gulf of Tonkin. I served two tours. The second tour lasted 16 months. I saw a lot of places, Manila, Singapore, Tokyo, Hong Kong, that I’ll never see again. I miss all my brothers I served with. We’re still in touch, a bunch of us. A lot of them have passed away now. It’s been 56

Tribes hearing solar power project proposals

The Confederated Tribes are inviting solar power development companies to present proposals for a project that could be located on the reservation.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises has been exploring this energy and economic development idea for some time now.

A limited access to the regional power grid has been an obstacle. Then last year, the tribes were selected to receive a \$250 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to help advance vital transmis-



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Members at the Navajo Power proposal meeting.

sion upgrades. This, along with greater emphasis on expanded overall reliance on renewable energy, has made a solar project

on the reservation a more feasible option.

This week, tribal members and others heard a presentation from

the company, Navajo Power, a majority Native-owned company. This was a public scoping meeting on a potential proposed Miller Flats solar project.

Their meeting, on Tuesday afternoon at the Greeley Heights Community Building, included the topics such as:

An introduction to the company, and background on the proposed Miller Flats solar project. Details of the proposal, including economic and community impact. In addition:

The project permitting process and development schedule. And a request for feedback on the project, and community benefit design.

W.S. team at Tribal Opioid Summit

A team from Warm Springs team this month attended the 2024 Oregon Tribal Opioid and Fentanyl Summit.

The theme chosen for the event this year, held in Canyonville, was *Strengthening Pathways to Prevention, Recovery and Resilience*. As discussed during the conference, the opioid epidemic continues to be a pressing issue within all Oregon communities.

The summit was a gathering for everyone involved in addressing the crisis.

The event provided a platform for sharing knowledge, resources, and strategies to effectively address the opioid crisis. Attendees heard stories from successful programs focused on Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing, and connecting.



Ron Hager story and text/Prevention-HHS

On day two of the Summit, Health and Human Service general manager Caroline Cruz and Rosanna Jackson, YouthLine Native program supervisor with Lines for Life in Warm Springs, and Coleen Cadell, also representing Lines for Life, on the discussion panel, *Culture is Prevention, Recovery, and Wellness*. Jaycelene Brisbois (right), Opioid Prevention Coordinator, addresses the panel.

These programs showcase best practices, share innovative programming, and create networking oppor-

tunities, all aimed at fostering collaboration and enhancing collective efforts.



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