2 renewable energy projects show promise

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is looking at two re-newable energy projects for 2017: One is geothermal, the other is solar.

The geothermal project—already heating great prairies—is based in the Mutton Mountain area.

The solar project—in a more preliminary phase—could be based around Warm Springs.

Regarding geothermal testing at Mutton Mountain, regional Water general manager Jim Manion said, “We have a high potential for a viable commercial generating source.”

Initial testing happened this year at various sites around Mutton Mountain. “And we are now sub-mitting requests for stage two test funding,” Manion said. “So far the conclusions are positive.”

The stage two research could cost up to a million dollars. Power and Water is looking at various sources—the Department of the Interior, and the Energy Trust of Oregon, for instance—for the next funding.

Meanwhile, Power and Water is working with a partner on a solar energy ready. Areas of interest are the flat above the mill site, and the plains above Geyser Heights, as examples.

A project could involve several hundred acres. Any potential site would necessarily go through rigorous environmental, cultural, re-sources and community review, Manion said.

The incentive for the solar de-velopment partner is an energy tax credit. As the tribies pay no such tax, there is no economic incen-tive for the tribe to pursue a project alone.

With a private industry partner, however, such a project begins to make financial sense. And the tribies would benefit by serving essentially as landholder.

This project is in an early phase. But the development partner this year released potential sites, and discussion will continue in 2017, Manion said.

KNT plan at Council

The Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa board of directors and management met this week with Tribal Council, about a plan for the re-sort to stay open through Decem-ber.

Kah-Nee-Ta is now on winter hours of operation, open Friday through Sunday.

The resort can stay open on winter hours for the rest of this month. The tribal council will need to make a special help to do so. Tribal Council directed Secretary-Treasurer Michele Staats to work with possi-bles sources to help the resort through December.

The resort board and manage-ment are then scheduled to return to Council with a proposal next week.

The long-term goal is to make Kah-Nee-Ta a profitable enter-tise, said board member Jim Manion. This may involve working with an outside partner with experience and resources to make improvements to the resort, he said.

Meanwhile, there have been sig-nificant cost-cutting measures at the resort, involving, for instance, reduction in the hours of operation, and implementing seasonal layoffs. Currently, the Kah-Nee-Ta office in Portland is closed, the golf course is closed, and the board of directors is serving with no com-pensation.

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These are points that have been mentioned over the years. So there was a sense of tension and frustration among some who attended the Impact Aid hearing.

The school board meets once a year in Winter, as required by the Impact Aid guidelines. More than a third of the students in the district are Native American; so meeting once a year in Warm Springs is not enough, some of parents and grandparents said.

“This is not meaningful consulta-tion, this is not doing what we can’t,” said Shana Baldrif, parent and health liaison with the schools. Good quality education is a spe-cific right, like fishing and health care, and should be taken as seriously by the tribes, said Deann Smith, Language coordina-tor.

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The Bridges program will con-tinue, he said, with help from a grant. Bridges is a three-week sum-mer session where students who have graduated from the Acad-emy can spend time at the high school, getting ready for the transition.

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Positive trends noted in Health Report

The most recent Warm Springs Annual Health Report includes good news, in terms of improved health outcomes among tribal members, as well as health financing on the horizon.

“The viral estimates of the tribe’s overall age of death has improved dramatically over the last few years,” the report says.

Infant and child mortality have dramatically decreased over the past three years, whereas the average age of death in the Warm Springs population continues to rise.

The positive notes about the average age of death is tempered, however, by the fact that the average age of death in the U.S. has increased by 17.5 years, whereas in the U.S. at large the population has increased by 3.9 years over that same period.

“This is the ultimate indicator of an improving health system that is more effective,” said the report.

Leading causes of death in the Warm Springs population are coronary disease and accidents. These were the same leading causes of death for the previous three years. Regarding these three leading causes of death, the report says:

“Each of these conditions is a preventable problem, but the individual is not always the one to blame. This is a serious and necessary behavior modification.”

While there has been significant improvement in action to reduce heart disease and seat belt use, too many accidental deaths are still occurring. Alcohol abuse and substance use are major contributors to deaths.

“One of the most positive medical services at the hospital is the availability of alternate resolutions, whether it is counseling, or assisted living, or patient care that is needed, or even hospitalization. There is an increase in numbers of patients seeking help as they are able to find solutions to their needs.”

For more information, call Recreation at 541-553-3243.
Housing has help for homeless veterans

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has implemented a new program to help homeless veterans. Jonathan Smith, the Residency Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Coordinator at Housing, is working with veterans on this program. Four veterans have been helped so far, and there is funding to help 16 more, he said.

This program is made possible by a Housing and Urban Development grant that came through for Housing. Warm Springs was one of 26 tribes across Indian Country to receive it. “Our goal is to end homelessness among veterans,” Jonathan says. The program is available to veterans who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. The help is in the form on rental assistance. A participating veteran finds a home of his choosing, and then a monthly voucher is provided, based on the residence market value.

Any veteran who is eligible for Veterans Administration service is eligible for the Housing and Urban Development grant. This is being done with cooperation from the local American Legion, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

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A participating veteran must mine an approximate number of veterans who are homeless. This is being done with cooperation from the local American Legion, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Community Christmas dinner

The Warm Springs Baptist Church will host a Communi- ty Christmas Dinner this Saturday, December 10. All are invited to enjoy this free community holiday dinner, provided by the church. You can reach the church, located at 2230 Elliot Heights, at 541-533-1287. Dinner on Saturday will start at 5 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar Friday

A Christmas Bazaar, with baked goods and handmade gift items, will be this Friday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Indian crafts and more. This bazaar will be at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. For more information please call 541-533-1237.

Resolutions of Tribal Council

Scholarship fund

Whereas the Tribal Council has established the Warm Springs Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing assistance to eligible Tribal members in obtaining a post secondary or voca- tional education; and,

Whereas it is the stated policy of Tribal Council that the fund be managed with the objective of being self- sustaining; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the Warm Springs Scholarship Fund and the amounts needed to provide for scholar- ship funds for the Calendar year 2017, and,

Whereas the amount of $490,000 recommended for expenditure for the purpose of providing post secondary education, $225,000 is recommended for providing vocational education scholarships including post matriculation and distance learning, and $47,000 for Operational costs to support the administration of the Scholarship Program, for the Calendar Year 2017; and,

Whereas the 2017 scholarship fund budget of $700,000 is not recommended by the investment advisory committee to meet the long term objective of self-sustainability of the fund and provides an approximation remaining life of 8 years. A self-sustaining fund would utilize the inter- est earnings only and not draw from the principal. Given the Scholarship fund’s principal and the historical interest earned an amount of approximately $300,000 per year is recommended to be managed with the objective of being self-sustaining; now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Ordinance 26 and Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Constitu- tion and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed $700,000 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Scholarship Fund for calendar year 2017. (Resolution no. 12,252)

Senior Pension

Whereas the Tribal Council has established the Warm Springs Senior Distri- bution Fund for the purpose of providing payments to Tribal Members who has attained the age of 60; and,

Whereas the recommended benefit payments for calendar year 2017 is $300 per month to all seniors reaching the age 60; and,

Whereas the approximated total fund balance is $662,980 is recommended for expenditures for calendar year 2017; and,

Whereas the appropri- ated amount per member is $7,756 per year is recommended to be fully expended during 2017; and, new revenue is not generated to support the program; now therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Ordinance 26 and Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed $1,774,800 is hereby authorized for ex- penditure from the Senior Distribution Fund for calen- dar year 2017. (Resolution no. 12,231)

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Seniors Lunch
A big shout out to all who helped with the Senior Thanksgiving lunch.

The lunch was a big suc-
cess. Thanks to all who made
dish event a very enjoyable
event and that would also like to thank the following for their donations of gifts
Family Preservation, Early
Childhood Education:
Day Care, ECE, Community
Counseling, SWIB, Urban,
Social Services CHRG
Jefferson County, Preven-
tion, Community Health,
Sharon Jones, Larka Capeka,
Caroline Cruz, Beatrice Lopa
and Edna Gonzales.
Names were drawn and
gifts were given out to the
names that were drawn. Fun
and food was had by all.
Every time we say the
smiles on our Elders. Again a

and Edna Gonzales.

On Council Dec. agenda
The following are some of the items being discussed at the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of December:
Monday, Dec. 12
9 a.m. - Review minutes and
Council relations with
S-T Michele Suppach-Sampon
Thursday, Dec. 13
9 a.m. - Health Services
jury coverah console with
Alfred Hostmann, et al.
10 - Warm Springs Tim-
ber LLC coverah with Clyde
Handstreet and Cal Mukomoto
11 - WPRBI receiv-
ner update with Ed Horno,
a 3:30 - ODOT Rock
project, and Safety Plan
with Lonny Macy.
3:30 - Pension update with
Elizabeth Butts and Cathrina
Langford.
3:30 - Open.

This holiday
Comes at this holiday se-
on around the reservation community.
December 8, 9 and half
day on the tenth: Women's
Healthy Living Legacy Conference at
Warm Springs.
December 10: Christmas
Bazaar at Community Wellness Center.
December 19: Santa's Workshop.
Meet at the old
school gym to be Santa's
helpers. Wrapping presents
and putting senior food bags
together. Meet at 10 a.m.
December 19 will also in-
clude the Idaho Nine Out
family fun and mini powwow.
This will be at the Commu-
nity Center, dinner starting at 5 p.m.
December 20: Commu-
nity family pick-up gifts at an old school gym
beginning at 9 a.m.
December 21: Need
driver to deliver presents
not picked up by families
on Dec. 20, to deliver to
families.
December 22: Senior
Christmas luncheon at Longhouse.
Provide Christ-
mas food bags to those
who were not at senior lunch.

Lincoln's candidate
Jackline "Cha Cha"
Moore is the student from
Smalakko, is a candidate for the 2017
Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Qtte.
She is sell-
ing raffle tickets, and intro-
ducing herself around the
Community Center.
Jackline is 12 years old,
and in the seventh grade.
Her parents are: Joy and Jose
Ramirez. If you are inter-
ested in showing your sup-
port, you can call 541-777-
9226 or look on Facebook
at Joy Ramirez.

To Yakama members
Attention all Yakama Na-
tion members 18 and over:
There will be an official Ge-
cral Council meeting on
Wednesday, December 7.
Two-hundred and fifty
members 18 and older are
needed to make a quorum for
the first session in accordance
with T-36-36, section 2 and
175 members thereafter.

Warm Springs Credit
From Credit
The Warm Springs Tribal Credit
Enterprise would like
to inform the membership of
its check policy:
There are no two
party checks.
All deposits must be
for amount being paid on
loan.
No cashing of personal
checks, money orders, inau-
grants or checks that
have been altered.
Checks issued by the Con-
federated Tribes of Warm Springs
the U.S. Treasury
(federal government) and
state of Oregon are accepted.
Only the payee is allowed
to cash check.
No exceptions and must
have ID.
Required to make pay-
dent to discontinue loan.
We reserve the right to refuse any
check.
Any check returned is sub-
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We will not cash check.
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Warm Springs Credit
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The deadline is coming up for the 2018 Warm Springs tribal community members.

The nameining concept is the expertise
among tribal community members.
Council

The name shall re-
ferred positively and decept-
ively on the Tribes Page.

The name shall not be
offensive, insulting or de-
grading in nature.

In instances where the
name is submitted, the selection committee will
select the entry with the
earliest entry name.
The name must be
original, not likely to cause
collision with other
current business or enter-
priese, and not be the trade-
mark, trade name or prop-
erty of any other person or
organization.
The selection commit-
tee has the authority to re-
ject an entry it deems inap-
propriate.

The author of the winning
suggestion, chosen by a se-
lection committee, will re-
ceive a $200 check. Mem-
bers of the selection com-
mitees will be blinded to the
names associated with the
entries.

Annual rule:
Only two entries per submission.
The winner is sole res-
ponsible for all federal, state
and local taxes on the prize.
All entries are due by De-
ember 6. Entries can be
mailed to Indian Head Ca-
to, attention: Nicole Garcia-Smith, PO Box 850, Warm Springs, OR 97759.
Or email at: NGarcia-
smith@wstribes.com
Resolution of Tribal Council

**Pipeline easement**

Whereas pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. 11,256 the Tribe entered into an October 20, 2010, Agreement for Easement for Natural Gas Pipeline Purposes with Palomar Gas Transmission, LLC (“Palomar”); as amended by the duly authorized and executed Addendum Number 1 to Agreement for Natural Gas Pipeline Purposes, dated November 17, 2011 (collectively, the “Pipeline Agreement”); and,

Whereas the Pipeline Agreement was the result of an application filed by Palomar with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Natural Gas Act (the applicable law or proceeding, FERC Docket Number CP10-533-05) for federal authorization to construct and operate a natural gas transmission line (the “Pipeline”) with the eastern segment extending from the interstate natural gas pipeline facilities of Northern Star Pipeline Company, LLC, a liquefied natural gas company associated with the western segment of the Pipeline, filed bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division which impaired the scope and commercial status of the Pipeline; and,

Whereas on March 23, 2011, Palomar filed with FERC a Notice of Withdrawal of Certificate Application for the Pipeline; and,

Whereas on October 31, 2014, Palomar changed its name to Trail West Holdings, LLC (“Trail West”); and,

Whereas Trail West has expressed its desire to pursue the eastern segment of the Pipeline, including the Warm Springs Alternative, under a new commercial arrangement and under a new FERC Certificate application; and,

Whereas the Project Pre-Development Period expires November 17, 2016, and Trail West requires additional time to diligently pursue a new commercial arrangement and, if successful, to file a new application for the eastern segment of the Pipeline, including the Warm Springs Alternative; and,

Whereas Trail West desires to maintain the rights and obligations of the Pipeline Agreement during this time and,

Whereas the Tribe desires to provide additional time to Trail West to diligently pursue the eastern segment of the Pipeline, including the Warm Springs Alternative, and to maintain the rights and obligations of the Agreement for Easement for Natural Gas Pipeline Purposes, provided the terms outlined in the attached Exhibit A can be addressed and incorporated into a mutually acceptable Addendum Number 2 to the Pipeline Agreement; and,

Be it further resolved that the Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, Branch of Natural Resources General Manager, and Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises General Manager (“Negotiation Team”), in consultation with legal counsel, to develop Addendum Number 2 in a manner consistent with the terms as Exhibit A. (Resolution no. 12,224).

**Hay for sale**

**Orchard grass hay ~**

**Madras ~ Call Rick ph. 541-923-8071**

**Women’s conference this week**

The Health and Human Services Federated Tribes of the Warm Springs are excited to host the Women’s conference this week.

The conference, called the Interesting, Leading and Learning: Legacy Conference, will be Thursday through Saturday, December 8-10.

The location is the gymnasium in the old elementary school. Registration is free and includes all workshops, continental breakfast and lunches. The conference begins at 8 a.m. For a registration form, call Fay Hamalu at 541-533-3415.

**Volleyball clinic through Dec.**

A volleyball clinic and open gym volleyball are held every Tuesday and Thursday through December at the Youth Center.

The youth clinic is from 5:15-6 p.m., and open gym from 6-7. Parents and guardians are invited to participate in the clinic. People 14 to adults can take part in the open gym volleyball. All skill levels are welcome.
Cougars co-ed tournament starts Dec. 16

The Warm Springs Cougars 12 and Under Co-Ed, and 10 and Under Co-Ed tournaments are coming up Friday through Sunday, December 16-18, at the Warm Springs Community Center. For the 12 and Under, and the 10 and Under, the prizes are: ten runner-up crew necks; ten runner-up crew hoodies; Finalist t-shirts for third and fourth-place teams; and All Tournament. For more information contact tournament director Austin Greene, 541-553-3243. All players will be asked for proper ID prior to participating in the first scheduled game.

School notes

The Madras High School and Jefferson County Middle School Winter Band Concert is this Thursday, December 8, from 5:30 and 7 p.m. The girls' freshman and JV teams travel to Culver. Games are at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The girls' freshman and JV teams travel to Culver.

Resolution of Tribal Council

Health representatives

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Whereas the Congress has provided recurring base staffing and operations of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council as an expression of self-determination has chosen to retain federal and Wellness center remain with federal agencies, and commits as it may deem necessary for properly conducting business of the Tribal Council; and,

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Performing Arts Center: This Thursday, December 8, in Madras High School sports. The boys freshman and JV basketball teams host Culver. Games are at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The girls’ freshman and JV teams travel to Culver.

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Resolution of Tribal Council

Health representatives

Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council considers health matters and services for Tribal Members a high priority; and,

Whereas the Congress has provided recurring base staffing and operations of the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council as an expression of self-determination has chosen to retain federal and Wellness center remain with federal agencies, and commits as it may deem necessary for properly conducting business of the Tribal Council; and,

Be it further resolved by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, that Janice Clements, Chair of the Health & Welfare Committee and

Urban Manion, Vice Chair, and Charlene Moody Dinniman as alternate, are authorized to represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs at local, state, regional and national meetings to express and vote (if needed) on health issues. (Resolution no. 22,247)

53rd Holiday tourney coming up

The Fifty-Third Annual Warm Springs All Indian Men’s Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament is coming up Dec. 28-31.

The tournament, held at the Community Center gymnasium, is All-Indian, and open to the first eight visiting teams to submit entry fee and tournament form by this Friday, December 9. All teams can anticipate playing in the opening Wednesday round. The tournament will be a double-elimination 12 team/18 game bracket. All players are asked to bring proof of Native American descent, only if questioned. Players who cannot show certificate of Indian blood, or official tribal affiliation, will not play, if protested. No high school age players are eligible to participate in this tournament.

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Poet Laureate of Oregon

Elizabeth Woody is an award-winning author of poetry, short fiction and essays. She is an educator and practicing artist. She won the American Book Review annual contest for the best book of poetry, Proud Days.

She later won the William Stafford Memorial Award from the Oregon Council for Literary Arts. Elizabeth is a founding member of the Oregon Native Arts and Culture Coalition, and was a founding member of the Oregon Women’s Group dedicated to supporting women writers.

A member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Elizabeth learned in March 2016 that she was named the Oregon Poet Laureate. Gov. Kate Brown made the announcement on the recommendation of the Oregon Humanities.

Elizabeth is Navajo, Warm Springs, Wash., and Yakama. She was born in Arizona, on the Navajo Reservation, and lived most of her life in Oregon.

The three directors held their Tribal Council nomination meetings in February.

In the Agency District, there were 25 nominations with one person declining the nomination; so there are 21 nominees to vote on. Among the 21 nominees, there were seven females, and 14 males.

The Tribal Council election for the next term begins on March 19 and runs through April 5.

Warm Springs Ventures board and management met in February with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work with the Columbia River tribes to create fishing access and in-situ signs at the river.

As part consultation, the Corps of Engineers also developed a new longhouse, infrastructure and homes at Celilo Village.

This traditional language of Native Americans is an integral part of our cultures and identities, and forms the basis for the transmission, and thus for tribal histories, literatures, nations, religions, political institutions and values.

This could be an important part of the current discussion between the tribes and the school district, toward the long-term remediation of the land.

Several decades after the construction of the dams, the federal government now has to address an obligation that exists at this site of the Columbia River—that of housing for generations of displaced tribal families.

Kah-Nee-Tah Resort is a key partner in the Warm Springs Unmanned Aerial Systems Center for Excellence for a Joint FiRe Management Technology. This will be a unmanned systems facility, helping the resort and the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program.

The Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill had to shut down Thursday for the second time in a week, a log inventory shortage, because what had made the logging roads impassable.

The closure was expected to last at least three weeks, according to a mill spokesperson.

The mill’s management and board met with Tribal Council this month to update the Council on the closure.

This discussion also related to the future of the mill, and in plain of operation. The goal has been to make the mill at least a break-even entity.

Another accomplishment was a purchase of a Business Investment Revolving Fund (BIRF) loan.

YouthBuild welcomed 19 young people to the program. The new students joined the program after the two-week orientation, called “Monticello Tough.”

The area of the lodge that once housed the Indian Head Gaming had to shut down as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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Two of the economic development projects currently in action, and being worked on by Warm Springs Ventures, are the development of a fish hatchery and the development of a UAS training facility. At Seekseequa, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at off Highway 26.

The warm Springs Fire Protection district has been involved in the development of a UAS training facility, including flight simu-

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Leadership Corner
A Lifespace from Rich Mitore Superintendent

“Time for change
You may have heard that this will be my last year as superintendent for JCSD. It has been my honor to serve students, families, and staff members for the past nine years and I’ve been very proud of the progress we’ve made. Together, we have made improvements in student academic growth and graduation rates. With support from our community, we also passed a $26.7 million bond that resulted in a new Warm Springs K-8 Academy, the Madison Performing Arts Center, and a new track and football stadium at Madison High School.

We’ve had a lot of ups and downs, but I believe this is the right time and a positive move for the district. My family and I love this community and we hope to stay here as I explore new career opportunities. Over the coming months, I will be working with our school board to search and train a new superintendent who is well-versed in diversity and will continue the good work that’s been done while expanding our focus on building relationships.

I want to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for your support over the years and look forward to our continued growth as we finish out the school year and prepare our kids for the future.

Diversity and voice create unity
As we navigate the current political climate, I think it’s important to remind ourselves about the core values and beliefs that our JCSD community believed in when our school opened. Among many things, we believe that diversity and voice create unity and we also value respect, citizenship, caring and fairness.

Let’s stand together as adults and role models to support each other, regardless of our political beliefs. Please join us in showing our children what it means to be part of a welcoming and accepting community.

Rick Mitore, JCSD Superintendent

“Our school district is unique in that it represents multiple cultures. As the world becomes smaller, understanding and acceptance of multiple cultures helps us live and grow in harmony. Therefore, the JCSD recognizes our diversity as a strength to be nurtured.”

— JCSD Strategic Plan for Future

WSK8 celebrates heritage

There were many activities to celebrate Spirit Week at WSK8 in November, but on November 15, halls and classrooms were filled with smiles and bright colors as students came to school in traditional native ribbon shirts and wing designs. November is National Native American Heritage Month, but the WSK8 team and students strive to celebrate and study Warm Springs culture year-round.

“There is a feeling of pride and ownership in the school and the community seems to embrace this building,” said Montana Thomas, special education and cultural program assistant. “These lovely women, Warm Springs elders, come and teach the three native languages of this region and it’s wonderful to hear the languages being spoken. The kids are so excited to learn and share the languages.”

Students get outside to learn

Fifth and sixth grade students from Warm Springs K-8 Academy and Jefferson County Middle School recently shared in a three-day outdoor learning experience at Camp Tamakaw in a recent outdoor learning trip to Camp Tamakaw.

“Students had the opportunity to learn about plants, animals, water, fire, oxygen and many other things, but they also had a very special opportunity to build positive relationships with each other and with their teachers,” said WSK8 Principal Jen Forshay. “Outdoor learning will continue to expose our students to the many lessons that nature has to offer.”

Impact Aid Survey deadline extended to December 9th

Help identify Native American student needs

Each year, our school district reaches out to parents, families and community members to learn how we can best support the needs of our Native American students using our Federal Impact Aid funding.

Please visit our district website at www.jcslk12.or.us/impactaid and complete the survey to share your priorities for the funding. The information collected in this survey will be provided to the school board. We’ve extended the deadline to December 9th so we can learn from you.

PAC Calendar

December
6. MHJ/CWS Winter Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
7. Buff Elementary Lessons Reckle at 6:30 p.m.
8. MHJ/CWS Winter Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
10. Medora Elementary Winter Concert 1-2 p.m.
3rd Annual Holiday Gala 7-9 p.m.
12. Buff Elementary Winter Concert 12:10-2 p.m.

Calendar

December
14. JCSD Meeting at District Office 6 p.m.
Winter Break/No School December 19, 2016 through January 2, 2017
January
16. No School Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
27. No School End of Quarter Teacher Work Day

Visit the District website at www.jcslk12.or.us
Employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Tribal Employment Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to apply as these applications will not be processed. Questions regarding any of these jobs can be directed to 541-533-3528.

Public safety

Food and beverage coordinator

Wildland Fire Module Coordinator

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