Plateau Travel Plaza construction begins

Indian Head Casino and the Confederated Tribes on Friday officially marked the start of construction of the Plateau Travel Plaza.

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For the ceremonial ground-breaking at the Plateau Travel Plaza building site, tribal leaders were joined by city of Madras and construction company officials.

The Recreation Department hosted the 2017 Lil Miss Warm Springs Pageant in April, with several young contestants taking part in a colorful competition. After the awards ceremony was the parade of contestants, featuring (photo at right):


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Graduation marks unique accomplishment

Krysten Heath-Saldaña has an inspiring story, one of working through challenges and accomplishing her goals. “As one of my goals,” Krysten was saying the other day, “I would love to be a role model for the students at the Warm Springs Academy—to show them that a person from here can accomplish this.”

After she finished the first class to complete the George Fox University teaching program called Grow Your Own. The program encourages local people to become the teachers in their own community. Krysten now has her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, and will soon get her Oregon teaching license.

The George Fox University Grow Your Own program is in partnership with the Jefferson County School District. The students work part-time while at school, to have the lives that they want, while raising their family, especially mom Heather, says. These include her family—especially her 5-year-old daughter Keira, a kindergartner at the Academy. Krysten also has her own community.

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Touring the fish tower were PGE biologist Rich Madden, Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona, Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunone, Umatilla Fish and Wildlife Committee member and CRITFC commissioner Bud Herrera, Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife Committee member and CRITFC commissioner Emerson Squiempen, Councilman Raymond Tsumpti, Power and Water general manager Jim Manion, Sara Thompson of CRITFC, PGE water manager Megan Hill, and Council Chairman-Audin Greene Jr. (from left).

(Continued from page 1) The design wasn’t successful, and fish passage was blocked above the dams. FERC re-licensing in the late 1990s was the opportunity to try and address fisheries above the dams. A major problem was the fish migrating down-stream from above the dams could not find the actual downstream current running through Lake Billy Chinook. The selective water withdrawal tower helps create the correct current in the lake; so the downstream migrating fish can find the fish facility, where they are marked as tagged fish and trucked downstream past the dam. The facility operators have also implemented a change in the operation at the Round Butte powerhouse, so the fish migrating down through the turbines at night, when water temperatures are cooler and less stressful for fish, allow for mixing of cooler and warmer water

Eclipse moves west to east

(Continued from page 3) The August 21 eclipse will begin in the morning in the Pacific Ocean. At this initial point in the ocean, viewers (such as those on a ship) would actually see the sun rise while totally eclipsed. After this, the eclipse shadow will move from northwest to southeast, reaching the Oregon Coast just near Newport. The path then continues across the country, northeast to southeast, passing over South Carolina and then into the Atlantic Ocean. As the shadow passes over the Warm Springs Reservation, the eclipse totally will last a little over two minutes. The shadow moves fast, at about 400 miles per second, crossing the U.S. in about an hour and a half. For a summary of some of the local events August 19-21, visit the Indian Head Casino website: indianshadowing.com.

Hatfield Fellowship

Robert Ahern was inspired, Robert says an update on the program last week at Tribal Council. Robert is a graduate of Madras High and Pacific Univer-

system above and below the dams, are working to address any potential challenges, Jim Manion said.

Tower: allows for mixing of cooler and warmer water

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Letters to the editor

At tribal HR

It is with great pleasure I share with you now in the Human Resources Department.

Please welcome Casandra Moses, tribal member who previously worked in Compensation and Benefits and Voc Rehabs.

Casandra is pursuing her AA Bachelor in Human Resources/Business, and is serving HR in our new Compensation and Benefits position.

Michael Jackson, who is earning his MBA, is also a tribal member. He is in HR

Spilyay Tymoo editor

The Warm Springs Native American Business Leaders

American Indian Business Leaders

Elmer Robinson, born on April 12, 1992, is the youngest of these events:

The Warm Springs Academy, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Education Council, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.


Note: All content is extracted from the Coyote News, a local newspaper in Warm Springs, Oregon. The text is a compilation of various articles related to community events, business leaders, and health challenges. The content is formatted to reflect its original layout, including sections on training programs, health challenges, and business opportunities. The text is designed to provide a comprehensive view of the community's activities and initiatives.
**Tribes’ first drone conference coming up**

Trially owned Eagle Tech Systems is getting ready for the Drones and Public Safety Conference, coming up in May at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Eagle Tech Systems is a subsidiary of Warm Springs Ventures, the economic development arm of the Confederated Tribes. The drone safety agency now runs unmanned aircraft systems, or UAS, at structures fires, wildland fires, traffic accidents, search and rescue, and crime scene investigations.

The Drones and Public Safety conference, May 24-25, will help agency representatives learn more about the benefits, and challenges of developing their own UAS program.

The event will feature demonstrations from vendors, as well as practical information on starting a UAS program.

As an FAA-approved UAS service provider, Warm Springs Eagle Tech Systems provides four primary launch and recovery sites, as well as additional sites as needed.

The department has three mobile command centers, equipped with high speed WiFi, and offers many individual services tailored to a client’s specific needs.

The Kah-Nee-Ta UAS Innovation Center is scheduled to open the rear, in addition to the Warm Springs UAS manufacturing plant.

To learn more please contact Audrey Syrett, Vernams business development and marketing manager, 541-553-3313 or by email: a.syrrett@vernams.org.

Registration forms for the Drones and Public Safety Conference are available at the website: www.wsasaa.com.

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**CRITFC Salmon Camp in June**

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is hosting Salmon Camp June 23-30.

A limited number of incoming adults through eighth grade students from each of the CRITFC tribes, including Warm Springs, will be selected to attend this five-day camp. A stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.

Participants will learn about the science and life-cycle of salmon, se salmon restoration projects, aquatic wildlife, and habitat.

The camp is open to students from the Confederated Tribes. For information, or if you’d like to help out, contact Warm Springs Senior Wellness Program at 541-553-3313 or -3520.

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**ECE Parade**

The Early Childhood Education Center is celebrating the Week of the Young Child Friday, April 21, with a parade at 10 a.m.

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**Words of advice in managing diabetes**

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**The weather turned sunny and warm in April for the Roof Feast Kids Rodeo and Open Jackpot Rodeo, sponsored by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association. At right, opening ceremony with the young rider carrying in the colors. Below, calf riding during Root Feast Rodeo.**

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**Last post on Friday, April 14 at the ball fields in Warm Springs. Have lots of pictures on there. If found please call 541-950-2517. I would appreciate it.**
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5-k females
(ages 20-29) Cheyenne Wahnetah 27:55
(40-49) Kalbi Palmer 33:05
(50-59) Christy Pettengill 39:56
(50-59) Fay Harriott 43:49
(50-59) Launda Hough 55:50
(60-69) Sylvia McCabe 47:31

5-k males
(age 9-13) James Napyer 41:17
(age 20-29) Stephen Vaeth 21:40
(60-69) Val Squiemphen 60:50
(60-69) Jeanette Groesz 1:54:44
(60-69) Richard Smith 54:29

10-k females
(20-29) Taralee Suppah 61:41
(30-39) Kelli Palmer 53:45
(40-49) Kahseuss Jackson 29:46
(40-49) Ronald Palmer 53:43
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10-k males
(30-39) Sara Douvy 58:19
Robert Warner 58:19
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Leander Smith 65:31

Kah-Nee-Ta Mini Marathon winners
Runner to compete Down Under

My name is Tyler Anderson. I am 17 years old, and a Junior at Madras Senior High, where I run cross country.

I am estadually member of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I was invited to run cross country to Australia, I will be representing Team Oregon.

I was originally chosen based on my 5k time at school for cross country. This past cross country season I had a goal for北京市.

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Community notes...

The Early Childhood Education Center classrooms 2-C-4 are collecting cans through April to raise funds for their field trips. Any donations can be dropped off at ECE.

Youth are invited to after-school open gym time at the Youth Center (the former elementary school) for physical activities, healthy nutrition and more. The open gym is every Tuesday and Wednesday for kids 6-11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.; and for youth 12 to 18 years old from 7-8:30 p.m. The MAC Recreation District is looking for scholarships for the 2017-18 team. Club swimming is for youth ages 5-18. You can get details, register and find out about scholarships at: macrecdistrict.com

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Coming up in youth sports

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Madras High School sports: Girls and boys tennis face Cascade. The girls are home and the boys are on the road. Both matches start at 4.

It’s Family Fitness Night at the youth Center in the old elementary school gym from 3:30-7:30. It’s free for everyone. Everyone is welcome.

The Jefferson County Middle School Band Concert is at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Friday, April 28: MHS Sports: Baseball plays at Crook County. Softball is at Molalla. Varsity softball hosts Molalla at 4 p.m.


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I want to thank everyone who has helped this far in any way. I really appreciate it. These are memories I will have forever.

Any further questions or donations can contact me through text at 541-362-6984 or my mom Deega Sanders at 541-460-0790.

Thank you again!

Tyler Anderson running for the White Buffalos.
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Barbie Jakeen (Jackson) Shields — April 26, 1980 - January 17, 2011
Barbie Jakeen (Jackson) Shields, 31, of Warm Springs, Oregon, was killed in a two-car collision January 17, 2011 on Highway 26 near the Warm Springs Cemetery.
Barbie Jakeen was born to Carol and Dwayne Shields on October 16, 1980, in Portland, Oregon. She was the daughter of Carol and Dwayne Shields of Warm Springs and a member of the Warm Springs tribe.
Barbie Jakeen graduated from Warm Springs High School in 1999 and attended the New Century Community School in Portland, Oregon. She was a student at the University of Oregon and the Oregon State University, where she majored in Business Administration.
Barbie Jakeen had a passion for nursing and was a licensed practical nurse at the Warm Springs Indian Health Board. She loved to help people and was known for her kind heart.
Barbie Jakeen was predeceased by her father, Dwayne Shields, and her brother, Dwayne “Dee” Shields, who died in 2000.
Barbie Jakeen is survived by her mother, Carol Shields; her sister, Jordan Shields; her brother, Jacob Shields; her grandparents, Carol and Dwayne Shields; and her extended family.
A memorial service for Barbie Jakeen will be held at the Warm Springs Community Center on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. The service will be followed by a meal and a time of sharing.
Barbie Jakeen was a valued member of the Warm Springs community and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.
Barbie Jakeen will be laid to rest in the Warm Springs Cemetery.

Cliff Fragua lives as a traditional Towa on the Jemez Pueblo of New Mexico. The people refer to Po’pay, a monument now located at the U.S. Capitol. Fragua is the only Native American artist with a work featured at the U.S. Capitol.
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JCSD co-teaching model allows student teachers to gain on-the-job training

Four educational assistants from the Jefferson County School District are on track to become teachers, thanks to a new partnership between JCSD 599 and George Fox University. The partnership, called Grow Your Own, allows district employees interested in earning teaching degrees to work, get paid and receive hands-on training at the same time.

“We wanted to make it possible for our own employees to earn teaching degrees without having to quit their jobs to matriculate in student teaching requirements,” said Melinda Boyle, curriculum director for JCSD 599. “Most of our teachers are part-time. The teachers who have time to go back to school are a rare find and expensive. This program makes it possible for us to provide a steady income and interest in our own teachers at the same time.”

According to Boyle, there is another important benefit to “growing our own teachers” within a school district.

“We want to employ teachers from our own communities. People who know and understand our culture. Teachers who are diverse like our students and reflect the student population,” said Boyle.

With the new model, student teachers are placed on teams with experienced, cooperating teachers for a full school year. The state of Oregon requires only 15 weeks of classroom training. Currently, all of the district’s student teachers are working in classrooms at Warm Springs K–8 Academy.

Warm Springs K–8 teacher Kristin Salzdaen, who was born and raised in Warm Springs, explained that she has always wanted a job that would allow her to reach the future. She works as an educational assistant at WKS and is now also teaching with WKS teacher Sara Clark.

“It’s pretty wonderful. I love working with kids from my own Warm Springs community because we share the same values and I can be a role model,” said Salzdaen. “I’m working with the students who are the future of Warm Springs.”

Both student teachers graduated from the program this month and will be teaching their own classes in September of 2017.

For more information about Grow Your Own contact Lizzy Rice, admissions counselor at jcsd599@jcsd599.org.

Madras dad says JCSD tops Chicago schools experience

In 1985, mechanical engineer Chris Toman moved to Jefferson County with his wife, Jimm Lea. After she accepted a family physician position at St. Charles Family Care in Madras, Toman, who has full-time custody of his daughter Gracen (fourth grade) and son Milicent (grade 2), wanted to find the best possible education for his kids, who live in Chicago during the school week but also want to enjoy Chicago life on their own.

“I was surprised to hear that parents outside the community go to schools outside their school districts by starting a ridiculous amount of research,” Toman said. “It is the responsibility of the parents to help our schools better, and the future of our communities, so if they see areas to improve, they should teach out and help, so we all benefit.”

According to Toman, when he started digging into state test results for individual schools, there were not big differences throughout Jefferson County. But in talking with teachers and principals from JCSD, he did find a big difference from the girls' school in Chicago.

“I've seen so many schools where principals sit on a desk and almost avoid interacting with parents. The parents and all the staff here are more than happy to help them,” said Toman.

Toman claimed that the teams at Madras and Buff are more than accommodating and that it is especially important to his girls who have had many transfers.

“One of the other schools seemed so hectic and hyped up with very little communication from the teachers. My experiences with Madras and JCSD has been nothing but helpful. Everyone is organized and everyone communicates,” added Toman.

In terms of activities, Toman said he doesn’t see huge differences from the schools his daughter attend in Chicago. He also believes the staff does a good job of working with individual students to help them move at their own pace.

“I think there are many opportunities for kids to advance here when they excel,” said Toman.

When asked about the Jefferson County community, he had more to say.

“I think it’s fantastic. The focus seems to be on kids and this community doing things for the community, not just making money. I also think our diversity is much more than a strength than a detriment. It’s better for our kids to learn and respect each other’s differences,” Toman said.

Warm Springs Model participants share their thoughts...

Scott Waitte

Scott Waitte, educational assistant at Madras High School, has been co-teaching with WKS teacher Lisa Jackson.

Waitte explained that without this model, he would not have been able to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a teacher because traditionally teacher candidates must take an unpaid leave of absence from their current job for at least 15 weeks to fulfill their student teaching requirement.

“Rearranging my family, with our current salaries, taking four months off work wasn’t possible. The opportunity to be paid my current salary was overwhelmingly to me as a first. Even if it was too good to be true, I did hear them say: ‘I can find my degree here,’ in Madras and still work while doing my student teaching. That was the open door I had been waiting for,” said Waitte.

Waitte says the Grow Your Own Model has been a game-changer in his career.

“My hope and bestment is as bright as my future now,” said Waitte. My dream is now self within my grasp. This program pulled out the skills and passions I had allowed to lie dormant. Now, I can stay right here, in our town and grow as a professional, realizing my full potential.”

Julie Mitchell

Julie Mitchell, educational assistant at Madras High School, has been co-teaching with WKS teachers David Colburn and Sara Kroll while earning her teaching degree.

“Toman has made my career path much more achievable. I have six children ranging from ages 3 to 21. Working full time, being a wife and mother and going to school full time was a challenging act.”

Mitchell said the program has made it possible for her to keep working and earn an income while getting the credits she needs for a teaching career.

“I have had the most amazing experience co-teaching at WKS. From day one the staff welcomed me with open arms. I have always felt valued as a team member. I had a wonderful mentor who guided me during my co-teaching,” said Mitchell.

Colburn said he wanted to be part of the co-teaching program to support others.

“I know three of the four candidates in the program from my previous experience at Madras High School and wanted to encourage them and help them by being a support and an example. I can remember when I was getting my teaching credentials and the support I received from the experienced teachers around me that gave me the confidence I needed to be successful. I wanted to be helpful in the same ways,” said Colburn.

PAC Calendar

April

28 29 MHS presents Oliver Twist - 7 pm

May

4 JCMS Band Concert - 7:30 pm

8 WKS Band & Choir Concert - 7 pm

11 Grow Your Own information meeting - 6 pm

16 MHS Spring Choir Concert - 7 pm

19 MHS Spring Band Concert - 7 pm

22 Madras Elementary Lessons Recital - 6 pm

25 Buff Elementary Lessons Recital - 6 pm

Visit the District website at jcsd.k12.or.us

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Indian Head Casino is hosting a 4-person golf scramble to support Jefferson County Relay for Life. The scramble is set for Saturday, May 20 with a 10 a.m. shotgun start at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort & Spa golf course.

For information contact Janell Smith at Indian Head Casino, 541-460-7777.

Casino hosting golf scramble

The Department of the Interior this week announced that nearly 3,600 landowners with fractional interests at the Yakama Indian Reservation have been sent purchase offers from the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. The Buy-Back Program implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided $3.5 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust from willing sellers at fair market value. Interests consolidated through the program are re–allocated to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

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