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Tribes open travel center

New \$4.5 million fuel center near Kla-Mo-Ya Casino north of town will provide 30 jobs

By TY BEAVER
H&N Staff Writer

A \$4.49 million travel center near Kla-Mo-Ya Casino opens today, creating 30 part- and full-time jobs and providing another revenue source for the Klamath Tribes.

A tribal economic official said

Crater Lake Junction Travel Center is nearly complete and most of the facility's amenities will be available.

"We're all real excited about getting another business open," said William Ray Jr., president of the Klamath Tribes Economic Development Corporation.

Construction of the travel

center started in September 2009. The 7,800-square-foot facility has amenities including wireless Internet, a laundromat and propane services, according to a press release. Fuel for commercial trucks and off-road vehicles will be offered alongside multi-blend gasoline.

Ray said the project is all

part of the Tribes' economic development plans. The travel center will eventually also have a small gift shop and two quick-serve restaurants providing sandwiches and Mexican food.

The restaurants will open in the coming weeks once equipment for them is delivered and installed.

If you go

What: Crater Lake Junction Travel Center grand opening.

Where: Just north of Highway 62 junction with Highway 97.

When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Recall Facebook page back up

Sheriff: Page does not represent his department, staff

By TY BEAVER
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A Klamath County sheriff's deputy has put a social networking page advocating the recall of the Klamath County Board of Commissioners back online.

Deputy Chuck Collins took down the Facebook page after commissioners scheduled a meeting with him to discuss funding for the sheriff's office. That meeting took place this week, and Collins said at the time he wasn't entirely satisfied with their answers, especially regarding a fund exchange with the city to help operate the Klamath County Jail.

"Due to recent decisions by our Klamath County commissioners, the Recall Klamath County Commissioners fan page is back up," he wrote on the social networking site's page. "Let's show a strong support to this effort and let these commissioners know who hired them."

Commissioner Cheryl Hukill said the board is not willing to violate the Oregon Constitution to provide the funding swap, and it bothered her that an officer of the law would want the board to do so.

"In other words, if it benefits him, let's go ahead and skirt the law," she said.

A \$1.2 million budget cut is forcing the sheriff's office to reduce the Klamath County Jail's capacity by 88 beds and lay off 13 corrections deputies as of June 30. Voters rejected a \$15 million, five-year tax levy that would have preserved jail operations.

Hukill said the board would no longer consider an offer to exchange \$700,000 in restricted county road funds for unrestricted general funds from the city of Klamath Falls to keep the jail at full capacity until Dec. 31.

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A CHILL IN THE AIR

Cold temperatures impacting nurseries' bottom lines



H&N photo by Elon Glucklich

Kelly Gonyaw rearranges plants Thursday at the Liskey Family Farms Nursery.

By ELON GLUCKLICH
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Lower than normal temperatures in May are forcing owners of local nurseries to look to summer for a profit this year.

Many nursery and garden retailers say they saw less business last month than usual for May, normally the most profitable month.

Gardeners typically buy

plants and seeds a month ahead of the start of summer, giving them time to plan and prepare before starting on their summertime gardens, said David Johnson, co-owner of Mountain Valley Gardens.

"Normally people have gotten most of their plants by May, and in June they're winding down," Johnson said. "But our May was so cold, it's been very different." When it comes to buying ahead of the summer, he said, "people have held off."

Surviving the cold

The average May low tem-

perature in Klamath Falls is 39 degrees.

This year, temperatures were dropping into the 20s as late as May 29. Some early planters found their work ruined by heavy layers of morning frost.

"Some mild frost is normal," Johnson said, "But at that cold of a frost, when you're hitting 20 degrees (at night) in May, that's pretty rough."

IFA Nurseries was largely spared from the setbacks of the cold, due to its use of greenhouses.

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DAILY BRIEFING LOCAL

County schools agree to cuts

Klamath County School Board members cut \$4.5 million worth of programs, school days and teaching positions in its 2010-11 budget. See page A3.

Man killed in motorcycle crash

A Klamath Falls man died late Thursday after losing control of his motorcycle and crashing on Highway 140. See page A2.

OREGON

Stepmother focus of police

PORTLAND — Detectives investigating the disappearance of a 7-year-old Oregon boy two weeks ago put out a call Friday for information on the whereabouts that day of his stepmother — the last person to see him alive. See page A4.



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Self protection

Budget cuts are forcing the Klamath County sheriff to release inmates as capacity at the jail falls from 152 to 64 beds. Some say it's time to protect themselves and their families by buying personal handguns. Others disagree.

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