

Shopping center sites discussed at meetings

Sites for the proposed Warm Springs shopping center were discussed at two community meetings this month. The locations currently being considered are the "East Campus" near the fire hall and the "Shitike Creek" sites across the highway from the old senior citizens' housing area in the alfalfa field.

The East Campus site was proposed in 1977. Another site west of Warm Springs Elementary appears inappropriate because of its proximity to the school. According to a site evaluation, all sites were chosen on the basis of their relationship to Highway 26 and to the community. Only sites adjacent to the highway were con-

sidered feasible for retail development. Each site has positive and negative features. The advantage of the East Campus site is its relationship to existing businesses and other community facilities, particularly the post office. This site would cost less to develop than the Shitike Creek site and would also help reinforce the "village" or "town center" within Warm Springs.

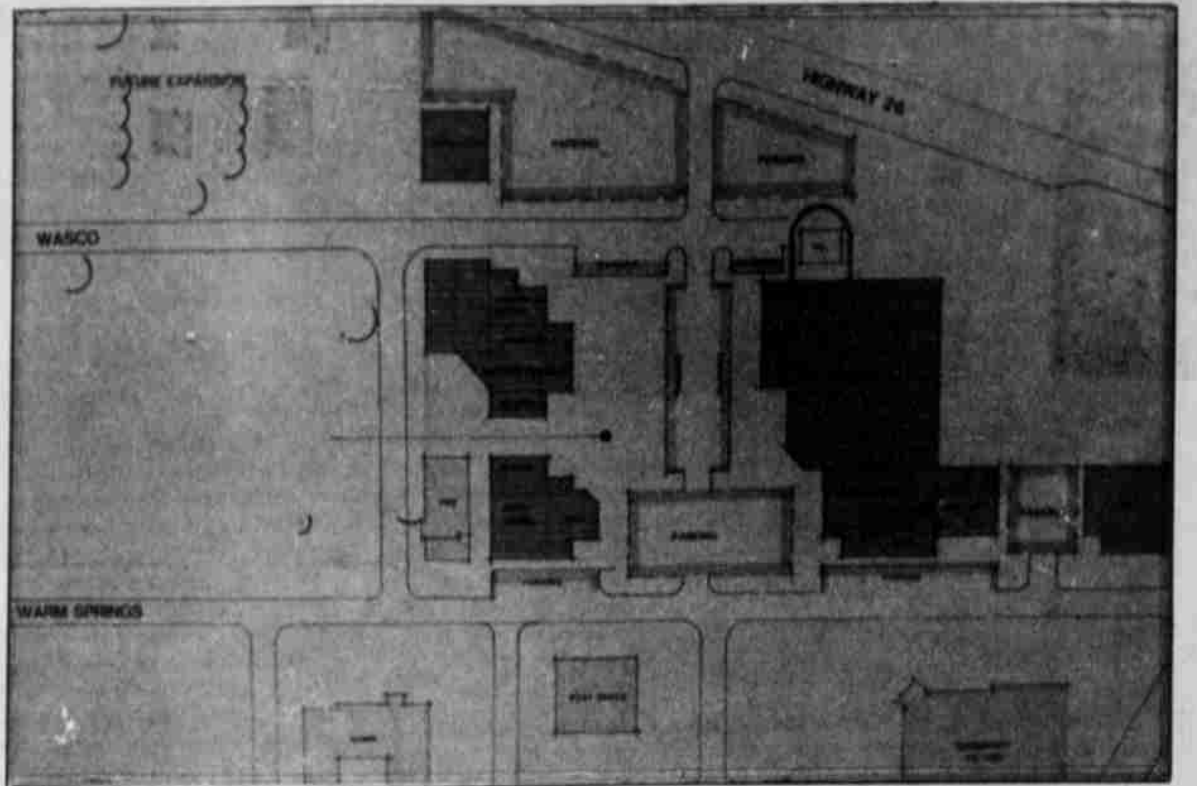
On the other side of the coin, the issues of visibility from the highway, traffic congestion and direct access from the highway create negative attributes.

The Shitike Creek site was determined to be the best site from the retailing standpoint. The visibility and access are excellent and would draw local people as well as tourists. This location would be served by the "East Tenino Road" extension and be near the proposed museum site.

Site preparation would be costly, as a dike will have to be constructed to protect the area from flooding. Also, fill may be required because of insurance needs.

At the community meetings, some people were undecided. They requested more public meetings on the subject. People were concerned about traffic congestion, safety and overcrowding of the East Campus area. They questioned the availability of enough space for building, parking and expansion. Some voiced concerns about the loss of housing.

Supporters of the East Campus site thought the congestion problems could be worked out and that the area was part of the historical business area. They thought it would serve the community better and



The "East Campus" site, located near the fire hall and post office, would reinforce a "town center" or "village" atmosphere.

have better security because of its proximity to the police department.

The Shitike Creek site also received support. Several people like the idea of shopping center/museum "connection" was also supported in a recent community survey.

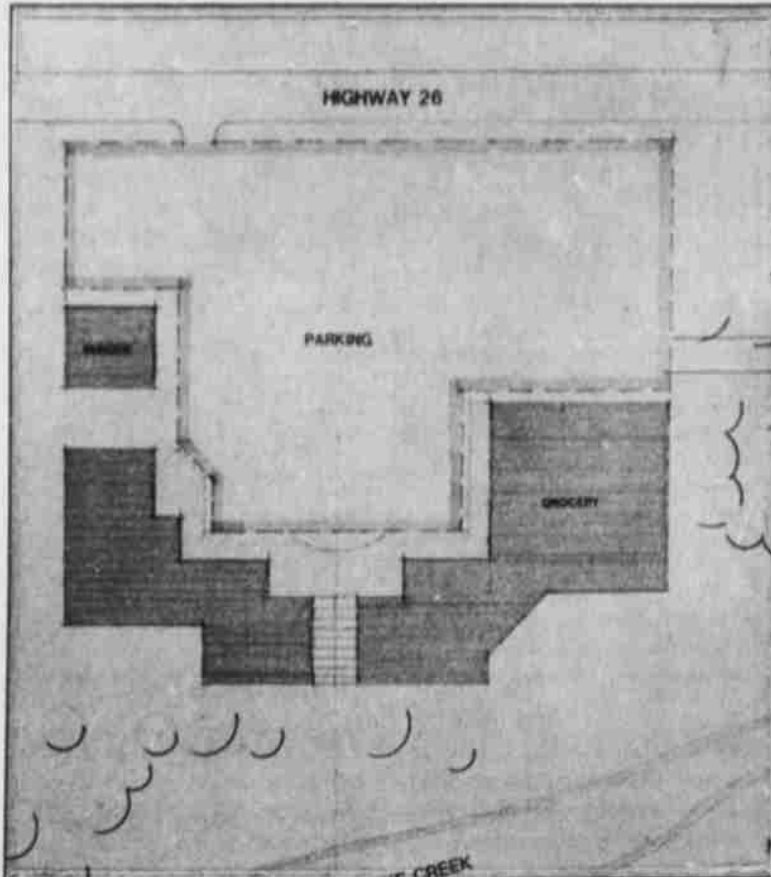
Some of the objectives of the shopping center are to provide a place for tribal members to get into business; provide job opportunities; help balance the local economy; and circulate dollars on the reservation. Types of businesses under construction include a larger

grocery store, bank, hardware, sporting goods, larger laundromat, clothing, deli, flowers and gifts and offices. Also under construction are new and expanded facilities for the Chevron Station and Burger Inn.

The tentative size of the first phase of the center would be about 35,000 square feet of floor area, although the final size will be related to the results of the business planning process. Several tribal members are now working on individual business plans, in conjunction with

a business planning team contracted by the Tribes.

Tribal planners commented that "...that both are good sites for different reasons." They also expressed the opinion that eventually both the East Campus and Shitike Creek areas would probably be needed by tribal business people, with the campus being the place for community-oriented businesses such as a movie theater. Currently, there is not a designated area in Warm Springs for new businesses to be developed.



The "Shitike Creek" site would be across highway 26 from the old senior citizens' housing area.

Holidays noted

Students in the 509-J district will have four holidays in the month of November including: Veteran's Holiday, November 11; Parent Conference Day, November 20; Thanksgiving Holiday, November 26 and 27. An early student dismissal is scheduled for November 25.

Title IV mtg. set

Title IV Parent committee will meet November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Warm Springs Elementary library. Interested parents of 509-J students or any community members are invited to attend.

Indian health services focus of conference

Approximately 1,000 Indian and Alaska Native representatives from across the country are expected to convene in Seattle, Washington next month in an effort to develop important new strategies for improving health care services to their people.

The meeting is the Ninth National Indian/Alaska Native Health Conference, which is set for November 9-12 at the Red Lion Inn/Sea Tac. The conference will be sponsored by the Denver-based National Indian Health Board and hosted by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Among the many experts and speakers scheduled for the confer-

ence is Dr. Robert Windom, Assistant Secretary for Health with the department of Health and Human Services. Windom will address several key federal policy issues affecting the delivery of health services to Indians.

As suggested by the conference theme, "Indian Health—Consumer Challenges," the meeting will focus on the major medical problems and policy issues affecting the delivery of health services to this country's 1.4 million Native Americans.

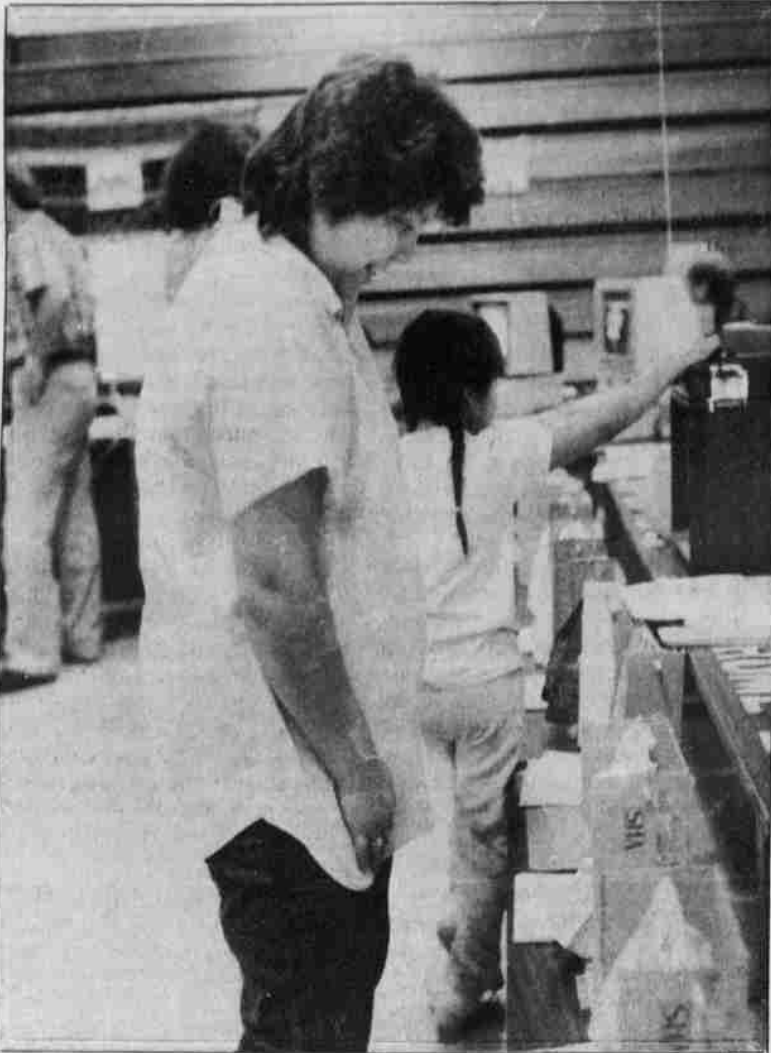
As explained by NIHB chairman Melvin Sampson, "Our theme for this year's conference was selected to emphasize the continuing need for Indian people to have an active,

meaningful role in determining the future of their health care programs."

All activities are open to the public. Conference fees are \$40 for pre-registration; \$50 on-site registration, and \$30 for seniors and students. For those able to attend only one day, a special \$20 daily fee will be available. A separate fee of \$18.00

is required for those interested in attending the banquet.

Additional information including registration forms, a tentative agenda, and conference poster can be obtained by contacting the National Indian Health Board, 50 South Steele, Suite 500; Denver, Colorado 80209 Phone: (303) 394-3500.



Rayne Palmer admired her mom's handiwork at the OSU Extension Service booth at the second annual Information Fair. Many departments presented information to community members interested in tribal, IHS and Kah-Nee-Ta operations.

Warm Springs Elementary calendar

- October 23 School Pictures
- October 27 Toe Mile Run (4th and 5th graders), at Madras Elementary 10:00 a.m. Need permission slip by October 23.
- November 2-6 Classified Employees Week

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Community meetings planned

Two community meetings have been scheduled to discuss the proposed Early Childhood Center. The first meeting will be held at the Simnasho Longhouse Thursday, October 22. The second meeting will be held at the Agency Longhouse Thursday, October 29. Both meetings will be held in the evening.

Hot shot crew assists (Continued from page 1)

didn't last long, as they were sent out on the Warm Springs Twin Butte fire the following day. The crew constructed fire breaks at White Water, which slowed the Twin Butte flame considerably.

On September 21, they were sent to Northern California for a 13-day stint on the Salmon fire complex involving five separate fires, two of which the Warm Springs crew battled. "Our main priority was to keep the fires from merging," said Gomez.

The crew faced "very steep terrain" in the Hotelling fire. The crew fought that fire for six days. On September 27, the crew transferred to the Yellow fire. "We were 'coyoted' out for six days," said Gomez. Coyoted is when a crew sleeps on the fire line, eats rations and must fend for themselves.

The crew was released, said Gomez, because "50 percent of the crew was down with colds or pneumonia. They were so burned out that they were making mistakes." However, Gomez expects the crew to be dispatched again. And, because of their Type I classification, which they received May 1, 1987, the crew is on call through November 30.

As a Type I crew, the Warm Springs fire team is fully experienced in fire suppression. They must be able to go out on a fire, be coyoted and take care of themselves. Gomez said that the BIA and other forest service branches rely on hot shot crews to be in better physical shape than other teams. Once a fire crew is a Type I, they're a "national resource," said Gomez. The crew can be sent to any major fire in the United States.

He added that when the "reservation fires broke out, the crew had already been dispatched" to another fire. "Once a crew has been dispatched, it can't be called back" to fight a local fire. Fires are priority

on a daily basis; those fires most serious and potentially dangerous receive attention first.

The Warm Springs crew not only fights fires, but they build fires as well. They conduct prescribed burning on forest blocks in the fall and spring, which is the only time the crew is not available for dispatch. "Fifty-percent or so of our income comes from burning blocks," said Gomez.

The crew is completely self-sufficient. "In the past two years, we haven't requested any money from the Tribe. Our funds come from contracting to the BIA, the U.S. Forest Service and WSFPI." The average annual budgets for the crew has averaged from \$250,000 to \$300,000. Next year's budget is

estimated at \$313,000. There was a \$25,000 contingency fund made available when the crew was established in 1984, but the money has "never been used," said Gomez.

The crew, among other things, plants seedlings, selects seed trees, does mistletoe sanitation, installs squirrel guards and maintains forest trails.

Though modest, Gomez is proud of his crew. "In all our crew evaluations, they proved to themselves, the BIA and the Tribe, that they're as good, if not better, than any other crew in the nation. They're proud that the Tribe supports and believes in them. The crew wants to put Warm Springs on the map because of their qualifications."

The initial goal was to produce

an experienced Type I crew that's self-sufficient. "That's been accomplished. I've taught them how to handle themselves out there."



The 20-member Warm Springs Forest Crew, usually referred to as the Hot Shot Crew, is on call 24 hours a day during the fire season. They were dispatched to the fire in Dallas, Oregon October 19 after a two-week reprieve from fire fighting. Members are: (back row, left to right) Vernon Tias, Norman Thomas, Jon Culpus, Lawrence Heath, Ryan Smith, Jan Tohet, Glenn Smith, Sherri Olney, Tony Thompson and Bert Wainanwit. Those in the front row are Jim Surface, Luther Clements, who serve as squad leaders, Morris Johnson, David Lucei, Omar Winishut, Radine Johnson, Alane Eyle, Nadine Scott and Mike Gomez, crew superintendent. Two members of the team were not present for the photograph.