



Construction sites approved

The construction sites for the new Warm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant have been approved by the Tribal Council. The project is a major infrastructure improvement for the reservation. The new plant is expected to accommodate new growth in the community for 20 to 30 years, said Del Towell, director of Warm Springs Construction.

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In an effort to clarify the question of authority and limitations given to various committees and to improve communication among committee chairmen and the Tribal Council, an informal meeting was held in the Council Room at Kah-Nee-Ta.

According to Tribal Council Chairman Zane Jackson, the purpose of the meeting was to exchange ideas between committee chairmen and the Council at the request of Roger Suppah and Nelson Wallulatum.

Apparently, there is concern because committees feel somewhat in the dark as to what their authorities are.

Also, the Council feels the need to have a better knowledge of what the committees are doing to eliminate overlapping and wasted effort.

The Tribal Council has called a public meeting regarding site selection for the proposed Warm Springs Shopping Center.

A new concept is being tried in the study hall program at the Community Center this year.

The weeknight study halls, engineered by Satch Miller and Mike Clements, will be largely staffed by high school students.

This experiment partly results from the lack of adult response to the open tutoring positions, but is more importantly viewed as a challenging innovation, according to Clements.

In search of some helpful ideas and in an effort to learn how other tribes are organized, a three-man delegation from the Crow Reservation paid a visit to the Warm Springs Reservation.

Driving all the way from Montana were Donald Deernose, Wayne LaForge, and Larry Pretty Weasel.

Though the men spent only one day at Warm Springs, they made good use of the time managing to meet with quite a number of people to discuss a variety of subjects.

The Crow Reservation, with 6,000 tribal members, is presently in the process of restructuring and developing ordinances that will better meet the needs of their people.

Toward this end, the three visitors were authorized by their Tribal Council to seek ideas of the Yakima and Warm Springs Reservations.

They also planned to make a stop at Lapwai on their way home.

Aurolyn Stwyer, daughter of Harold and Neda Greene, was chosen by a panel of four judges to represent the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs 1977.

This title, conferred by Miss Warm Springs 1976 Sarah Greene on the evening of Dec. 17, enables Miss Stwyer to compete in such contests as Miss Indian America and Miss NCAI.

Sponsored by the Stenopool, Aurolyn will be expected to participate in a variety of activities and events in both Indian and non-Indian communities as "a proud representative of the Warm Springs Reservation."



Despite a smaller than expected showing, the boxing tournament Dec. 18 turned out to be a winner... literally for Warm Springs.

The local boxing club took the team trophy with 92 points, more than double the number of points scored by the second place club.

Yakima came in second with 43 points, Burns third with 26 and Lummi fourth with 17.

The Warm Springs Athletic Association will hold the Warm Springs all-Indian Bowling tournament with men and womens handicap on Dec. 31 to Jan. 2, ABC sanctioned.

New \$3 million plant now in operation

Project built mostly with tribal workforce

A new \$3 million treatment plant serving Warm Springs recently began operation.

The new wastewater plant, employing recent technology, replaces the older system. The new plant is expected to accommodate new growth in the community for 20 to 30 years, said Del Towell, director of Warm Springs Construction.

In recent testing, the new treatment system exceeded the regulation standards, said Towell.

"We were all a little shocked by that," he said.

An aspect of this project that Towell is particularly proud of is that his department relied to a great extent on the tribal member workforce.

Members of the Confederated Tribes, with some local



Del Towell (left) meets with people inspecting the new treatment plant.

members of other tribes, made up 85 percent of the workforce on treatment plant project, said Towell.

This is important not only in providing the jobs to the

tribal members, but also in keeping the money local, rather than having the salaries go off the Warm Springs Reservation.

Towell estimated that \$900,000 in wages stayed on the reservation through the use of the local workers.

In working on the project, tribal members received 1,538 hours of training related to the project, said Towell.

Work on the new treatment plant began in February 2001, and lasted through the month of December.

The project was funded by USDA Rural

Utilities, and Indian Health Services.

The engineer was Tetrattech-KCM Engineers, and the lead engineer was Ron Bush.

The lead contractor was the Warm Springs Construction Enterprise.

The largest subcontractor was EC Electrical, and other large contractors were Twin Rivers Plumbing, and Bend Tarp and Lining.

Final inspection of the plant happened Dec. 12. Inspectors on hand were from the Environmental Protection Agency, Indian Health Services, Warm Springs Utilities, and Warm Springs Construction.

Also, Tetrattech AC Engineers, and USDA Rural Utilities, and



A group of inspectors from various government agencies, including those of the Confederated Tribes, inspected and then gave approval to the new Warm Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant, completed during the month of December.

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