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New buildings are in the works

By Dave McMechan
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Tribal Council has set aside funding for construction of a media center that will house KWSO and the Spilyay Tymoo.

The plan being looked at envisions a building near the Industrial Park off Highway 3, at the top grade from Highway 26. The idea for a media center has been around for several years, and in recent weeks has been taking shape.

"It was a project that the late Rudy Clements was working on, and it's finally been approved," said Jody Calica, secretary-treasurer.

Tribal Council, he said, set aside \$200,000 for the building. KWSO has budgeted additional funding for the project, using some of their Community Service Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Having the radio station and the newspaper in the same building will improve both media, and effective com-

munication within the community is a Council priority, said Calica.

The media center project is in the very early planning and design stage. The project has not yet gone to the Land-Use Committee for review. A proposal for the final location will be presented to the committee, which will review the plan and then make a recommendation to Tribal Council.

There are two other building projects that are in the works. One is a new building to house the tribal Credit

Branch. Work could begin on this project in the summer.

Another building project is that of BIA Fire Management. This project is in the early stage of development, said Trey Leonard, Fire Management director.

Fire management is in the process of securing property for the building, he said. The design phase would follow. Funding through BIA has been made available for this project, said Leonard.

Nez Perce join in support

The Nez Perce Tribe has expressed its support for the Cascade Locks casino proposal of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

"We're very pleased with their support," said Jody Calica, secretary-treasurer. The Tribal Council delegation from Warm Springs gave an excellent effort in gaining the Nez Perce support, said Calica.

The delegation that visited the Nez Perce included Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah, Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath, Paiute Chief Joe Moses, and Councilman Reuben Henry.

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee took action through a resolution of support of the Warm Springs' casino proposal. Nez Perce Executive Committee Chairwoman Rebecca Miles then forwarded the resolution to Stan Speaks, the regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The resolution states in part:

"Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has carefully followed the Indian Regulatory Act requirements during the compacting process with the state of Oregon;

"Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has worked diligently to comply with all zoning, environmental and other requirements imposed upon them; and

"Whereas the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs followed the letter of the law as they proceeded with planning and the compacting process;

"Now therefore be it resolved that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee does hereby support the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in its efforts to develop and build the Bridge of the Gods Columbia River Resort Casino in the Cascade Locks area along the Columbia River."

Gov. Kulongoski approved the Bridge of the Gods proposal on behalf of the state of Oregon. The proposal is now pending federal review and approval.

Federal legislation

The U.S. Senate and House this summer may also consider legislation that would amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988. The bills sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., would eliminate the IGRA two-part determination test that Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have followed in developing the Cascade Locks proposal.

The McCain bill includes a "grandfather clause" allowing the Cascade Locks project to go forward.

The clause is fair, tribal leaders have testified before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, because of the time and money the tribes have spent over years on the Bridge of the Gods plan.

The McCain bill may come before the full Senate this summer, said Howard Arnett, tribal attorney.

Reviving the 4-H pastures

By Dave McMechan
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The 4-H Club pastures on the reservation had not been used for about 15 years. During those years, weeds had grown up instead of grass.

The situation has improved recently, as the Rockin' 4-H Club and its supporters have made some needed improvements to the pastures.

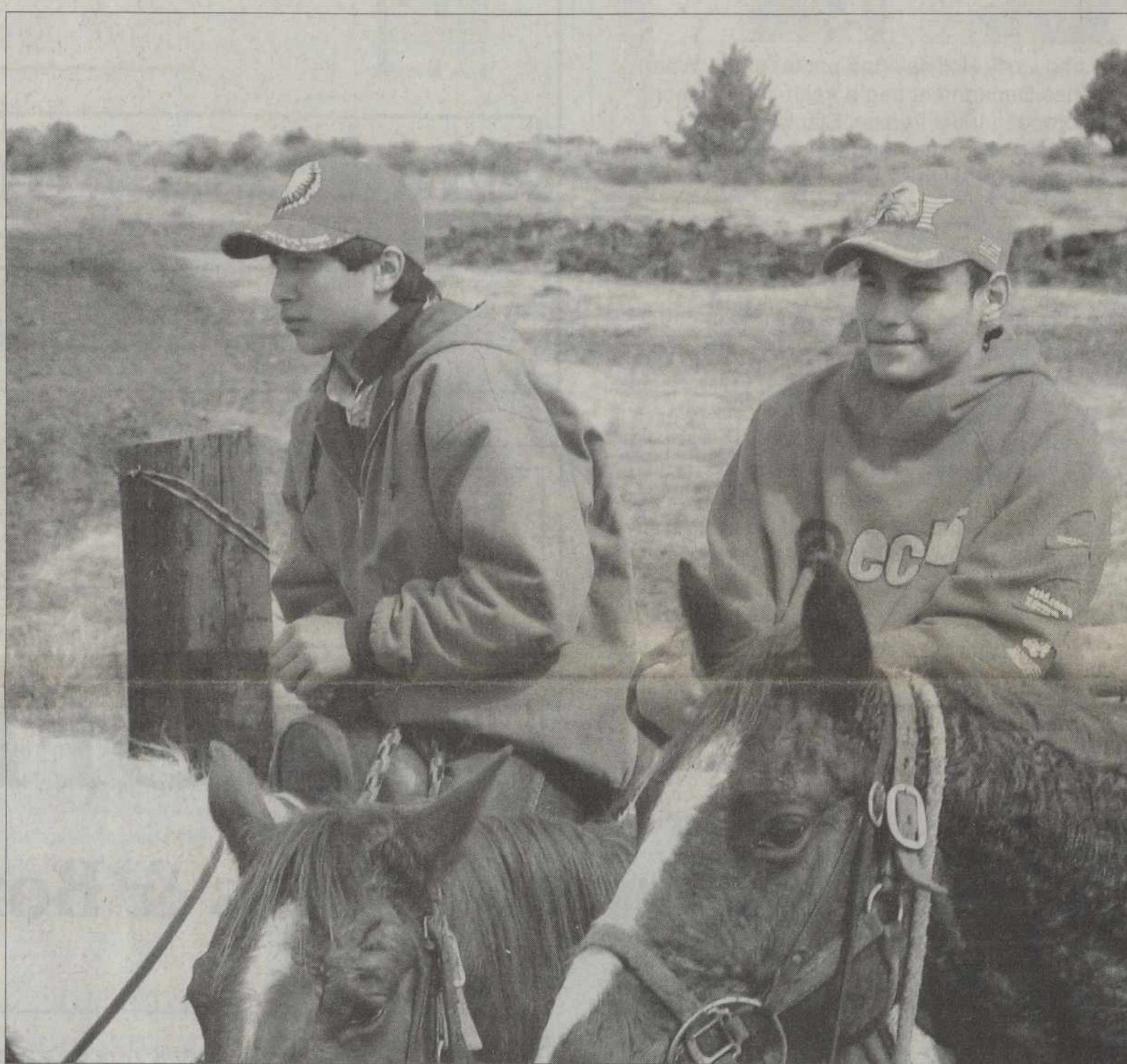
They did this in preparing for the re-introduction of cattle to the pastures.

The project will involve about 40 head of cattle, said Jason Smith, of the Range and Ag Department, who is the 4-H leader.

The plan is to introduce the cattle to the Tenino 4-H pasture, move them later in the year to the Sidwalter pasture, and then move them back to Tenino for winter grazing.

There are about a dozen young people who participate on a regular basis in the 4-H group, said Smith. They are Johnny and Jasper Smith; Johnny, David and Ellery LeClair; Anthony, Miranda and Kelly Blueback; Tyson Greene and Ashton Bruised Head.

The group is looking for cow-calf pairs to graze in the pastures, said Jason Smith.



Anthony Blueback and David LeClair Jr. are members of the Rockin' 4-H Club.

The project will teach the 4-H club members the techniques of cattle ranching.

They'll learn grazing rotations, vaccinations and brandings, different breeding strategies.

Part of their education is also financial, an essential part of a successful cattle operation. The club members have worked with the Farm Services Administration (FSA) in securing loans to purchase the cattle. The loans will

be paid back through the sale of the livestock.

"The FSA has done an excellent job working with the kids," said Smith.

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Group photo of the club which includes more than 10 active members.

Photos courtesy of OSU Extension and 4-H.

Tribes welcoming visitors on Honor Seniors Day

Honor Seniors Day is this Friday, May 12 at the Agency Longhouse.

Honor Seniors Day is one of the most popular events on the reservation. As many as 1,000 visitors can be expected to attend.

Those who have already confirmed they will attend include assisted living residences in Bend, Crooked River Ranch, Ft. Bidwell, Calif., Nixon, Nev., the Nez Perce Nation, and Nooksack, Wash., among others.

The theme of Honor Seniors Day this year is "Rockin' and Rollin' to Oldies but Goodies."

The first Honor Seniors Day was in 1991, when 300 people attended.

People from the Warm Springs Seniors Department will be at the Longhouse as early as 6 a.m. on Friday, as the guests begin arriving early. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

The Early Childhood Education Center is at 10 a.m. The powwow includes a kids' giveaway to the elders.

This is followed by a buffet lunch, and then fun, games and laughter in

the afternoon.

This year there will also be surprise entertainment, to be announced on the day of the event. Honor Seniors Day concludes with a salmon dinner.

The employees of the Seniors Department, and the Honor Seniors Day Committee work hard during Honor Seniors Day. There are many volunteers who also join in to make the day fun and memorable for everyone involved.

Honor Seniors Day is free to everyone who comes. It is a way for the elders of the reservation to welcome

other seniors to Warm Springs.

The first Honor Seniors Day was in 1991, when 300 people attended. The event has grown in popularity ever since. Because Honor Seniors Day has become an all day event, starting early in the morning and ending after dark, many groups stay overnight, either the night before or the night after the event.

Anyone wishing more information about Honor Seniors Day, or if you are interested in helping as a volunteer, call the Senior Center at 553-3313.

Paper delay

The next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo will be delayed by a day; so instead of receiving the paper in the mail on Thursday, readers will receive the paper on Friday.

The delay is due to an unexpected and temporary staffing shortage at the paper.

We apologize for any inconvenience.