

Construction commences on tribal media center

Construction began this month on the new tribal media center, which will house KWSO and the Spilyay Tymoo.

The building will be located on Highway 3 just above the intersection with Highway 26, before the industrial park.

The 3,000-square-foot building is made possible through a combination of tribal and grant funding.

The media center, housing the radio station and newspaper, is an idea that has been around for several years.

Bill Rhoades, media advisor, said that the media center a long-time goal of atwai Warren R. Clements, who was director of tribal relations until his passing almost two years ago.

In his honor, the media center will be named the "Warren R. Clements Media Center."

A major benefit of bringing the radio station and newspaper into the same building will be the ability to share news resources and information. Another benefit for the radio station will be its new location closer to the Warm Springs community.

"We'll be closer to the population center, and more a part of the community," said Sue Matters, KWSO director. "We'll have a much easier time bringing people into the studio for interviews."



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Anna Clements and government affairs director Louie Pitt dig the first shovel-full of dirt at the construction site, as Will "The Willman" Robbins records the event for KWSO.

At the recent ground-breaking event for the media center, Anna Clements, widow of atwai Mr. Clements, helped with digging the ceremonial first shovel-full of dirt.

Tribal governmental affairs director Louie Pitt, whose branch includes the radio station

and newspaper, also took part in the event. Land-use planning committee members, Housing officials and others attended the ground-breaking. The blessing was performed by Antoinette Pamperien.

— by Dave McMechan



Conceptual drawing of the Warren R. Clements Media Center.

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