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.

Rez Express Fundraiser

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Pens for sale: $3 each. Proceeds go for travel expenses of the Rez Express Boys High School Basketball Team. The team is planning to travel to Phoenix, Ariz., for the 2008 Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI).

See Sammi O'Reilly or Val Squiemphen to get yours!

Bottle drive to help team travel

There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs.

Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball Invita-

tional Tournament in Phoenix.

For donations, and pickup, please contact Sammi O'Reilly, Val Squiemphen or Rita Squiemphen.

The fund-raiser will be on-going through July of 2008.