

Progress on BLA Fire building

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Construction of the new Fire Management building is well underway. Ken Lydy, assistant Fire Management officer, says that once complete, the building will bring the Fire Management staff together in a 27,000-square-foot building.

"We have been split now for several years," Lydy said. "Within the next year, the building will be complete and everything will be in one compound."

The search for funding for the project began back in 1998, Lydy said.

"We're just now getting to the phase where we're seeing the construction of an actual building," he said.

By April or early May of next year, a majority of Fire Management plans to move into the new structure, located at the industrial park. The Fire Management warehouse will stay in its current location.

Warm Springs Construction has done the site preparation work, and is acting as construction manager.

"They did the ground work



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The tribal Construction crew is working at the Fire Management building site.

and the flooring," Lydy said of the Construction enterprise. "They'll sub-bid the rest out."

"This has been a long time coming," he said. "It was difficult to get this far, and I'm glad

to see it finally coming together."

As for the old facilities, Lydy said that it would be utilized by Natural Resources.

At the height of summer, Fire Management employs around 200 people. In the fall, that number normally drops to about 70. There are 20 permanent year-round employees.

Business plan workshop at deli in January

Do you have a great business idea? Not sure how to get started?

It's impossible to go forward if you don't have a plan.

Warm Springs Ventures in January will host the Business Plan Workshop.

The workshop will be at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the computer learning lab in the Teepee Deli at the Warm Springs Plaza.

Please contact Evan at Ventures for more information, 553-3565.

Ventures offers basic computer skills sessions

If you are in need of basic computer help, then Warm Springs Ventures can help.

Ventures hosts basic computer sessions every Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the computer learning lab in the Teepee Deli at the Warm Springs Plaza.

Or call Evan at 553-3565 to set up an appointment.



Terri Harber/Spilyay

With the wildland fire danger low during the winter, a Warm Springs Fire Management last week had a chance last week to replace the fire precaution sign near the intersection of highways 26 and 3.



Merry Christmas from KWSO & Spilyay Tymoo.

Go to www.wsnews.org for the latest Warm Springs news & events.

Seniors dinner, Christmas bazaar this Thursday

The Warm Springs Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner will be at noon on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Agency Longhouse.

This year a Christmas bazaar will be included, so the seniors

can set up their arts and crafts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call Eliza Brown Jim at 553-9003; or Jenine Kalama at 553-3313.

Higher Education hosting college readiness conference at Kah-Nee-Ta

Tribal Higher Education will host a College Readiness Conference at Kah-Nee-Ta from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

The conference is for college students, high school seniors and students who plan on attending college.

Agenda items include: Registration and continental break-

fast; guest speakers; free application for federal student aid; tribal scholarship application process; and a college panel.

For more information, please call Higher Education at 553-3311. Applications are available at Higher Education, and completed applications should be turned in to Higher Education.

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