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## Wenaha Group to manage school projects

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors have hired the Wenaha Group as construction project manager for the upcoming district improvements and development.

The projects include the Warm Springs k-8 school, a performing arts center in Madras, sports facilities improvements at the high school, and other projects.

The Wenaha Group is based in Pendleton, and is a certified Indian owned business. Rob Queampts,

member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, is the majority owner.

Queampts and Dave Fishel formed the Wenaha Group after overseeing the successful completion of the Nixyaawii Governance Center. The center is the 100,000-square-foot government and administration building of the Umatilla tribes.

The Wenaha Group has extensive construction project management experience, including work on a number of school projects.

Significant projects that Queampts has worked on include the governance center, Wildhorse Casino and Hotel, the Benawah Medical Center, Yellowhawk Wellness Center, and the Coyote Business Park, among others.

Significant projects that Fishel has worked on include the A.C. Davis High School, Hermiston School District bond program, Toppenish Elementary, Touchet School Modernization and Blue Mountain Community College bond measure projects.

The Wenaha Group this month will assist the Confederated Tribes and the school district in choosing an architect for the Warm Springs school. The architect should be on board by the end of this month or early October, said Rick Molitor, district superintendent.

The group will then oversee construction. The contract with the group will last about 28 months. The Warm Springs school is scheduled to open by the fall term of the 2014 school year.

The decision to hire the Wenaha

Group came by recommendation of the tribal-district school projects committee.

"We felt they would be the ones to get the job done to the tribes' and district's expectations," said Molitor.

Construction of the new \$20 million Warm Springs school is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2013. The 80,000-square-foot building will be located on a 20-acre parcel at East Tenino and Chukar.

— Dave McMechan

## Start of New Season

The White Buffalos won their first game of the season, 36-14 against Staten. They play this Friday at home against Redmond. The following Friday is also a home game for the White Buffalos, against Sisters.

The team's offensive line this year is mostly tribal members. In the picture are (from left) Neal Morning Owl, Devon Thompson, Joe Hisatake (running back), Rodney Mitchell, Wyatt Rodin, Vernon Jackson-Smith, Merlin Tom, Dylan Miller, and Triston Smith.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## 2013 budget work at Council

Tribal Council this week is meeting with enterprise and department managers and directors, the secretary-treasurer and chief operations officer in regard to the 2013 budget.

The Council agenda indicates a possible proposed budget adoption on Thursday of this week, though the agenda is subject to change at Council discretion.

This is the most challenging financial time for the tribes in recent memory.

Unfortunately, 2014 looks to be as bad, or worse, said Jody Calica, secretary-treasurer. "This is the start of several years of challenging times," Calica said.

A number of factors have contributed to the current budget shortage. Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, for instance, is able to provide no revenue for 2013 to the tribal general fund.

Timber revenue, once a primary main source of funding, is no longer a significant factor for the general fund.

Power and Water revenue has been depressed because of market factors in the current economy. The enterprise also has capital expenditure obligations, mainly for the fish passage project at Pelton-Round Butte.

An earlier hope had been that Indian Head Casino would provide a \$4 million dividend for 2013. Unfortunately, this has been reduced to \$2 million. Start-up costs for the casino were more challenging than anticipated. The highway access work was another factor for the casino dividend.

## Tribal celebration at Mt. Hood Skibowl

By Dave McMechan  
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Tribal members this month will celebrate tribal heritage at the Mt. Hood Skibowl area.

Members are planning a three-day horse ride following the trail from the reservation to the Government Camp area.

This event will also include the grand opening of the Mt. Hood Tribal Heritage Center. The grand opening is set for Saturday, Sept. 29.

The Skibowl operators have been working with the tribal Culture and Heritage Department on displays at the heritage center.

The center is a former lodge at the Skibowl area that has been converted to the heritage center.



Courtesy of Levi Strayer/SkiBowl

Mt. Hood Tribal Heritage Center.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are guaranteed by Treaty the right to use the lands at

Government Camp and Mt. Hood Skibowl, as part of the Ceded Lands. On September 29 the tribal

horse riders and guests will ride into the western base area of Mt. Hood Skibowl, completing their three day ride from the northwest area of the reservation to Government Camp.

There will be a dedication of the heritage center, followed by a salmon bake. The event will last all day with drums, powwow dancing, a tribal village with members' vendor booths of beadwork, basketry and other Native wares.

Events are free and open to tribal members. The tribes participate in a number of events at the Mt. Hood Ski area during the year, from free ski days to huckleberry picking. For more information see: skibowl.com

## Road work starting soon at Hollywood-Tenino

The Warm Springs Construction Enterprise will begin work on the Hollywood-Tenino intersection repaving project within the next few weeks.

"We are currently waiting for review and approval of project design changes by the BIA in Port-

land," said Leslie Cochran-Davis, of Warm Springs Construction.

The project will involve the reconstruction and paving of the Hollywood-Tenino intersection.

The section of road from Shitike Creek Bridge to the four-way intersection will be removed and recon-

structed with new road base and asphalt.

The section of road on East Tenino-Tenino from Elliot Heights to the administration building-West Hills intersection will receive a 2-inch asphalt overlay.

The 2-inch overlay will also be

applied from Kot-num road to the Hollywood-Tenino intersection. Sidewalks and concrete curbs will be repaired or replaced in various sections of the project. The project has an estimated cost of \$594,000.

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## School BBQ this Thursday

The Back To School Barbecue is this Thursday, September 6 at the Warm Springs Elementary track area.

The barbecue and school supply giveaway will be from 4-7 p.m.

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