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Celebration at school site Friday

The tribes passed a major milestone last week on the road toward building a new Warm Springs school.

By action of the Tribal Council, the tribes last Wednesday signed the formal documents with the USDA providing the necessary funds for school construction.

The USDA agreed to provide a long-term loan on favorable terms to the tribes. This allows the tribes to seek the interim funding from a bank, allowing construction to begin this month.

To commemorate the historic

occasion, the tribes will host a celebration at the site this Friday, June 14, starting at 2:30 p.m.

Tammy Trevino, Administrator for the USDA Housing and Community Facilities Program, is invited to attend from Washington, D.C. Federal lawmakers are also invited to join the tribal and school district officials for the ceremonies, along with OPB, KTVZ, The Bulletin and other media.

Pam Swires, from the USDA office in Redmond, last Wednesday presented the terms and conditions

of the USDA loan. After reviewing the terms, Tribal Council voted unanimously in favor of approval, giving Council Chairman Eugene Austin Greene Sr. signing authority on the Letter of Intent (see page 8).

Swires explained the fairly complicated process of USDA lending, whereby the agency sets aside the funding in an account, giving assurance to banks that a loan to the tribes is guaranteed to be repaid.

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July referendum on motorsports project

Tribal Council last week decided to put the motorsports referendum to a second vote of the members. The first referendum narrowly missed the minimum one-third voter turnout.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the resolution calling for a re-vote (see page 8). The referendum will be on Tuesday, July 9.

In the first motorsports referendum the absentee ballots were confusing. This may have been a factor in why the election failed, missing the minimum by 68 ballots.

Another reason why Council members would like to see a re-vote is to get a clear message from the membership, as the motorsports project could be a major long-term benefit to the tribes.

Discussion at Council last week focused at times on the need for some long-term revenue and jobs solution for the Confederated Tribes.

The tribes and membership spend \$79 million a year off the reservation, mostly in Madras, said Councilman Carlos Smith.

The motorsports development would allow for infrastructure and adjacent business development, finally allowing the tribes to keep the local money on the reservation, Smith said.

Councilman Scott Moses said the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs were once considered a leading and progressive tribe. "But we haven't done anything lately," he

said. "I think the motorsports park could put us back on the map. We would have jobs, revenue and better overall marketing of Warm Springs."

Councilman Kahseuss Jackson said the tribes need some long-term vision for future financial viability, and the motorsports park could fit that vision.

The development phase of the park would create 425 jobs, according to estimates. Operation would mean another 200 new jobs. The facility would require service businesses such as hotels and a travel center, creating another 225 estimated indirect jobs, according to a study of the project.

Passage of the referendum would allow the tribes to continue negotiating toward a potential deal to develop the park.

Councilman Orvie Danzuka said the project looks good. He asked, though, whether Miller Flat is the only suitable location, as he heard some concerns about the 1,000-acre proposed development site, specifically regarding root gathering.

Ventures chief executive officer Jeff Anspach said the site was identified with input from the Natural Resources Branch.

From a business and marketing point of view, the proposed location is a good one, said John Halliday, BIA Warm Springs Agency superintendent.

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Jayda Allen, Daiquan Winishut and Redsky Waheneka (from left) were among the students who took part in the ECE graduation ceremonies at the Agency Longhouse.

Historic photograph presentation in W.S.

The second volume in the Northwest Photography Series will be of great interest to members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

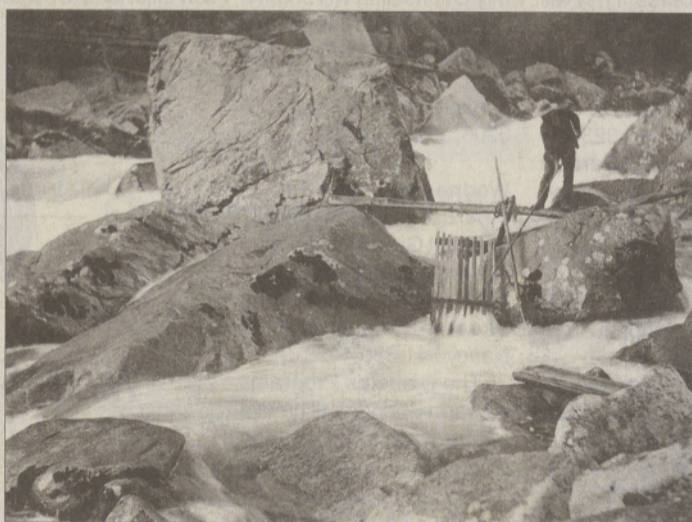
The book is titled *Enduring Spirit: Photographs of Northwest Native Americans, 1857-1907*.

The photographs have been collected from various archives, said John Laursen, of the Northwest Photography Archive, a non-profit group dedicated to the cultural heritage of the Northwest.

Many of these photographs have never been published, and the names and backgrounds of the people in the photos are unknown.

Laursen will be in Warm Springs on Tuesday, June 25, to present photographs that will appear in *Enduring Spirit*. Laursen is hoping that tribal members will be able to identify the people and places in the photographs. On June 25, Laursen will be at the Family Resource Center from 1 to 5 p.m.

Part of the slide presentation will be on the first book in the



Courtesy of John Laursen/Northwest Photography Archive

Example of rare photograph to appear in *Enduring Spirit*.

Northwest Photography Series, *Wild Beauty: Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge, 1867-1957*. This book was published some years ago.

Laursen will also show slides of the photos that have been collected for *Enduring Spirit*.

He is asking for help in identifying people in the pictures, "as well

as aid in our understanding of the material culture depicted in some of them," Laursen said.

He explained that photography in the Northwest begins in 1867, when photographers began taking the first good quality landscape pictures in the region.

The era covered in *Wild Beauty*

ends in 1957, with completion of The Dalles dam, which brought profound change to the Columbia Gorge and the region.

The photographs of Native Americans in *Enduring Spirit* were taken between 1857 and 1907.

For this book Laursen and Northwest Photography Archive have collected many rare and unpublished photographs. Many of these exist as a single, fragile print.

The people in the pictures are often anonymous, as the photos were being made for the person taking the picture rather than the subject, Laursen said. "We're trying to re-attach names and whatever other information we can find," he said.

For the presentation in Warm Springs he will bring the pictures that are from the plateau area.

The author of *Enduring Spirit* is Megan K. Friedel, archivist and assistant professor of library science at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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General Council meetings

There are General Council meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 19 at the Agency Longhouse.

On June 18 the discussion will focus on a Cascade Locks update, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Credit and Warm Springs Telecom.

On June 19, there will be updates from the following enterprises: Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, Indian Head Casino, Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and Spa, Warm Springs Ventures, and Composite Products.

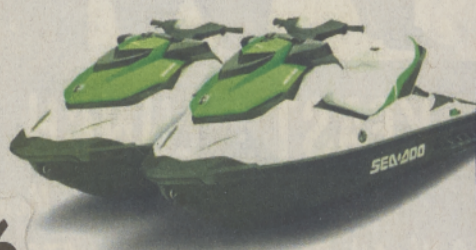
Dinners begin at 6 p.m. and the meetings at 7.

These General Council meetings were called by the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council to give the membership information on tribal finance matters before the start of the 2014 budget planning process.

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