

# Transportation projects outlined

Tribal planner Lonny Macy presented to Tribal Council the planned transportation projects on the reservation.

Four large projects and three smaller ones are scheduled for 2013, with a total budget of \$1.175 million.

The single-largest item will be a trail along West Tenino Road, at a cost of \$460,000. A Warm Springs-Simnasho Road chip-seal project is also set for 2013, budgeted at \$339,000.

A gravel project on Kishwalks is budgeted at \$177,000, with ongoing miscellaneous maintenance accounting for \$196,000.

The projects are prioritized by the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Improvement Plan, Macy said.

The construction of the new school, for instance, made the trail work along West Tenino, and along East Tenino in 2014, a higher priority, Macy said.

Work in 2014 will also include further work on the Warm Springs-Simnasho Road chip seal, at \$487,000; plus vehicle access work at the new school site, at \$341,000.

New housing streets off Jefferson Street are scheduled for 2014, budgeted at \$81,000.

Councilman Carlos Smith mentioned the grade on Highway 3 near Kah-Nee-Ta is sinking and needs maintenance.



Dave McMechan

Tenino will see improvements in 2013 and 2014, as the new school will bring more traffic to the road.

nance.

Macy said work on that area is included in the scheduled projects.

Councilwoman Evaline Patt said an area of road between Simnasho and Highway 26 needs attention.

Macy said the plan is to do this work when the new water line is installed from the Highway 26 area to Simnasho. An issue has been rocks falling from the steep hillside by the Beaver Creek grade. A solution could be the installation of a chain-link fence on the hillside, preventing the rocks from falling into the roadway.

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6:30 p.m. - Registration open for drumming.  
Introduction of judges (Friday only) by the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee.

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# Concern about land exchange proposal

Tribal Council members last week heard an update on a proposed federal land exchange involving areas of Ceded Land in Jefferson County.

The land exchange would create the Cathedral Rock and Horse Heaven Wilderness areas.

To create these areas, the BLM would exchange land with two private parties, the Young Life Ministry and Cherry Creek Ranch.

Young Life is located at the Big Muddy Ranch, former site of the Rajneeshee commune.

A concern for the tribes is the possibility of tribal cultural sites on the

BLM land proposed in the exchange.

"If we need to state our opposition more clearly, then we should do that," said Councilman Raymond Tsumpti.

The tribes protect cultural sites for future generations, he said.

Through the proposed legislation, introduced by Sens. Wyden and Merkley, the BLM would trade about 14,124 acres of federal land for 10,182 acres of private land.

The tribes heard the update on the proposed legislation from their federal contact in Washington, D.C., Matt Hill.

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# Pi-Ume-Sha health fair, set-up this week

The annual Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair is happening this Wednesday, June 26, at the Community Center. The health fair started at 9 a.m. and lasts until 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, the set-up work continues at the powwow grounds.

Utilities is setting up the necessary electrical equipment and sanitation facilities.

There will be a Pi-Ume-Sha meeting this evening at 6 p.m. at the grounds.

Assignment of tribal member vendor space will be a topic of discussion at the meeting.

Vendors are scheduled for set-up on Thursday, June 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., if the grounds are ready.

Pepsi delivery and ice trailer are also expected on Thursday.

Powwow organizers remind guests and residents that the Museum at Warm Springs will host the opening of the Susana Santos exhibit on Thursday, with the opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The outgoing Pi-Ume-Sha Royalty this year are Queen Mary Olney and Princess Eva Katchia.

The schedule for Friday calls for continued vendor set-up, camp set-up, teepees and tents.

Stickgame Memorial is scheduled for 12 p.m. at the Stickgame shed, according to the Pi-Ume-Sha schedule.

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# Horses

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"We do not have funding available to sterilize large numbers of horses and if we did, they would still be overgrazing for another human generation until the sterilized horses died. We do not have the 25-plus years to wait around and see if a failed

'third party' alternative will solve the nation's problem.

"The trust responsibility of the whole United States government must be lived up to. Badly informed policy (i.e. the 2007 inspections ban) has had 'unintended consequences' and must not be repeated."

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