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## K-8 project providing economic boost

The Warm Springs k-8 school—with the new name of the Warm Springs K-8 Academy—is providing several much-needed jobs for tribal members.

Tribal employment at the construction site is close 50 percent.

"And we are working on increasing the percentage, as the framing subcontractor gears up," said project manager Dave Fishel, of the Wenaha Group.

In the spirit of keeping the business local, the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries mill is providing lumber for framing the classroom walls.

"We have a great team," said Laurie Danzuka, school district board member. "There's been great communication among everyone involved."

The WSFPI mill generally cuts board to a metric scale, as much of the lumber is exported. The mill workers, though, converted to the U.S. standard for the school project.

These economic benefits did not happen by accident: "This is the result of a months of hard work and dedication from everyone involved in the project," Dave Fishel said.

### School name

The school district and tribes asked tribal members for suggestions for the name of the new school.

Thirty-four names were submitted. After reviewing the submissions,



Courtesy of Dave Fishel

the school district board decided on the name, "The Warm Springs K-8 Academy."

The construction is going very well, said Darryl Smith, 509-J director operations.

The school is on schedule to open for the 2014-15 school year.

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Gary Villa (right) at the K-8 school project, preparing WSFPI lumber for the classroom walls. Clint Bruised Head (below) covers a utility line leading to a future classroom area.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

## IHS, tribes present health report

Health officials presented the Annual Health System Report to Tribal Council this week.

The report provides general health information about the community members who are served by the Warm Springs health system.

The information helps to guide policy decisions affecting the health care services on the reservation.

The report indicates that diabetes is an increasing health concern on the reservation.

At the end of 2012 (the most recent year covered by the report), diabetes was the leading cause of death, followed by accidents, then cancer and cirrhosis, and stroke.

This is a change from the previous year of study: At the end of 2011, the leading cause of death among tribal members was cirrhosis, the first time that had been the leading cause of death. The incidence of cirrhosis saw a fairly sharp decrease from 2011 to 2012.

Death by motor vehicle accident has also been declining in recent years, especially since 2001, with the passage of the Tribal Seat-Belt Law.

Analysis in the report says: "Accidental deaths had been the leading cause of death since in the 1950s. Rates of accidental death are declining..."

Meanwhile, "Rates of death related to cirrhosis, cancer and stroke are climbing."

Even with the decline in cirrhosis from 2011, "death from cirrhosis remains more common among the Warm Springs people than for other Americans. Cirrhosis is also a major contributor to early death. Alcohol abuse and Hepatitis C infection are major contributors to this disease."

Diabetes is a growing concern: "The majority of patients with diabetes died from related heart disease or kidney failure. This remains an area that needs emphasis for our local population. We can combat this through healthier diets and increased physical activity, reducing the number of overweight and obese people in our community."

— Dave McMechan

## Inspiring artwork at the exhibit

The Twentieth Annual Tribal Member Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs features some great works of art.

The show features beadwork, paintings, regalia, and other works by local artists.

The judges faced the difficult task of picking two of the top pieces, one contemporary and one traditional.

The Judges Choice winners this year are Shayleen Macy and Reynoldo Greystar.

Shayleen won for her beaded basket, with images of an elk, eagle, flower and a salmon.

Shayleen is a Wasco member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. She is a student at the University of Oregon, working on her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Print Making.

At college she has also become interested in business and Indian language.

Reynoldo has a very interesting story of overcoming challenges. He uses beadwork for inspiration.

His beautiful beaded vase won



These beautiful items won the Judges Choice awards at the Museum at Warm Springs Tribal Member Art Exhibit. The beaded bag by Shayleen Macy won in the Traditional category; the beaded vase by Reynoldo Greystar won in the Contemporary category.

the Judges Choice award in the contemporary division.

Reynoldo lives at High Lookce

Lodge, where he does his beadwork.

Stop by the museum and check out these and other great pieces. Re-



member the museum is on winter hours, and is closed Saturdays through Mondays.

## District meeting

The Agency District meeting to discuss the 2014 Tribal Budget is scheduled for this Wednesday, October 30 at the Agency Longhouse.

Dinner is at 6, the meeting at 7. It will be broadcasted live on KWSO.



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