

Academy work



Workers raise a wall at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Tribal Council Agenda

- Monday, Jan. 13**
9 a.m. - May-August 2013 TC Minutes Approval.
1:30 p.m. - Economic Development and Ventures Update
Kahseuss Jackson-Williams/BIRF and Jeff Anspach/Ventures.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14**
9 a.m.-12 p.m. - Finance Update with Finance Staff.
1:30-5 p.m. - Investment Advisory Committee.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15**
9 a.m. - Tribal Court Update with Judge Walter Langnese III.
11 a.m. - Warm Springs VFW Update with Charles Jody Calica.
- Monday, Jan 20**
9 a.m. - Secretary/Treasurer - Mgmt Plan Update with Jake Suppah/S-T.
10 a.m. - February 2014 Agenda with S-T.
11 a.m. - Draft Resolutions with S-T.
1:30 p.m. - Legislative Update Call with Matt Hill/Federal and Michael Mason/State.
3 p.m. - Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats
- Tuesday, Jan. 21**
Executive Committee Updates
9 a.m. - Fish & Wildlife Committee.
10 a.m. - Culture & Heritage Committee.
11 a.m. - Health & Welfare Committee.
1:30 p.m. - Education Committee.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22**
Open.
Monday, Jan. 27
9 a.m. - Oneida Update with the Oneida Group.
11 a.m. - Restoration Update with Jason Smith/Range & Ag Mgr.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28**
Hold for enterprises.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29**
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Items for consideration:
- Committee Updates; Enterprises Updates; Joint Health Commission; Indian Head Casino/Kah-Nee-Ta meeting.
- ADR (Restoration detail)
- Tribal Court
- Management Plan.

UAVs: potential for economic development

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There are many potential uses for the UAVs, or drones. Search and rescue, commercial delivery, agriculture applications, and fire suppression are among the many potential uses.

UAV technology will likely become an integral part of life over the next decade, Anspach said. This would be similar to the growth that happened in the global positioning system (GPS) technology.

GPS technology began with the military, but now is a common part of life. GPS systems are found in motor vehicles and smart phones, for instance.

The U.S. was a leader in drone technology, but other countries are now overtaking the U.S.

Part of this situation has to do with the strict control over air space in the U.S. The UAVs could pose a hazard to regular aircraft, so

FAA restricts their presence in the general air space.

Research, testing and development are needed to make the UAVs safe for use in the general air space. For instance, the UAVs will need technology that detects regular air craft and avoids them, Anspach said.

The UAV industry also wants testing in order to develop vehicles that can operate safely without crashing. The vehicles will contain expensive cameras and other computer equipment in the nose area; so keeping them intact is important.

In Oregon, the approved test sites are the Warm

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Springs Reservation, Tillamook and Pendleton. The Warm Springs Reservation has the benefit of being geographically diverse, Anspach said.

Another benefit of testing on the reservation is the relatively open air space. "I think we had the best application," he said.

The FAA took 10 months in processing 25 test-site pro-

posals, last week announcing the final six, including the Alaska, Oregon, Hawaii region, which includes the reservation site.

With the FAA approval, the tribes can now begin coordinating the testing work with the University of Alaska, and the other Oregon test sites.

"We'll probably start working on range preparation in February or March," Anspach said.

Once the ranges are established, the testing can begin fairly soon. The testing facilities will be highly mobile, involving mainly a truck and monitoring computer systems.

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Students invited to hear author

Native American author Sherman Alexie will be the featured speaker at Bend High School on Friday, Jan. 24.

The event, beginning at 7 p.m., is presented by the Deschutes Public Library Foundation.

This will be a free event for students of Madras High School who sign up and turn in their permission slips. Ask your English teacher for details.

Sherman Alexie is the author of several books, including the 2007 National Book Award winner for Young People's Literature, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*.

A bus will leave Madras High School at 4 p.m. on Jan. 24. The first stop will be the Cascade Village Shopping Center for dinner. The bus will then leave the shopping center at 6:15, and over to the Bend High School, to hear the presentation by the author.

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