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School move puts more focus on campus

This summer the current Warm Springs Elementary School will become mostly vacant, when the staff moves to the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

The elementary school gymnasium, and the classrooms in the building adjacent to the gym, could be used for an alternative education program. The gym is relatively new.

The main part of the elementary school, and the nearby trailers will be empty. There is no plan yet as to what will happen with these structures.

There has been mention of using some of the buildings for Fire and Safety, or for transitional housing. But these are just suggestions.

The buildings are owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The school district has been using the buildings by agreement. With some improvements, the buildings could be put to good use.

The Community Counseling Center is a good example of this kind of project, said Don Courtney, director of tribal Utilities.

The Community Counseling Center was remodeled and renovated through a \$1.6 million project a couple of years ago.

An issue that needs to be addressed, Courtney said, is the infrastructure serving the entire



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The elementary school will be vacant after the move to W.S. Academy this summer.

campus area. Some of the pipes in the area are decades old, and have failed, he said. Children's Protective Services is moving mainly because of an infrastructure problem.

The tribes have been encouraging the BIA to replace the pipe infrastructure at the campus, as part of a Downtown Improvement Plan. New development, such as a store or other new business venture, can happen on the campus only after replacement of the infrastructure.

The BIA has the responsibility to remove the old campus buildings and infrastructure. This would be a first step toward future development, making new commercial buildings possible.

A map in the most recent Downtown Plan, completed in 2012, shows the campus divided into three main areas: a primary local service area, a tourist area, and a tribal celebration park.

The local service area could include

businesses such as a Laundromat, pizza parlor, and sandwich shop, as examples. The tourist area might include a restaurant, plant nursery, crafts, pottery store, etc. And the park would be for open space.

The campus area from end to end includes about 9 acres of land. The future of this parcel is a long-standing matter that becomes more evident with each passing year.

Simnasho Powwow in March

The Lincoln's Powwow at Simnasho is coming up this month, March 14-17.

Usually, the powwow is held in February, but this year is an exception due to the weather.

The reservation was hit by a serious snow storm during the week-end of Feb. 14-16, the original date of the powwow this year. All of the roads were impassable during that time, so the powwow was cancelled.

The Lincoln's committee rescheduled the event for the weekend of March 14-17. On that Friday at 5:30 p.m. will be the time for new and re-joiners; Grand Entry at 7:30.

The Saturday Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. There will be a supper break, no evening grand entry. Sunday Grand Entry is at 1:30 p.m.

Specials: One man hand drum contest. For information contact Kyle Queahpama at 541-553-6908.

Women's All Around, sponsored by the Greene Family. For information contact Austin Greene at 541-553-1953.

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Progress on new CPS building

The survey work is done for the new Children's Protective Services building.

The survey markers show where the building will be located, past the clinic and Early Childhood Education Center, on the right-hand side of the road.

The progress on the project has been steady, although the process does tend to take some time, said Ron Hager, CPS director.

The new building will be between 4,000 and 6,000 square feet, Hager said. For comparison the current CPS building, by the Education building, is about 6,500 square feet.

The infrastructure serving the current CPS building has not functioned properly for the past few years. Efforts to correct the problem, located somewhere underground near the building, have not been successful. Another benefit of moving to the new place will be its location near ECE and the clinic, Hager said.

Among its services, CPS provides emergency shelter for up to 30 days for children from the age of birth up to 18. The tribal court refers the children to CPS. There is room for up to 15 children at the group home. The average number of children at the home is six.

There are about 130 children under CPS supervision.

Find most anything at Red Skye pawn shop

You can find all kinds of interesting items while browsing through the Red Skye Pawn Shop at the Warm Springs Plaza.

You will find everything from practical items such as tools and electronics, to a rare antique beaded bag.

There are paintings in all price ranges, horse and powwow regalia, modern beadwork, jewelry, powwow DVDs and buckskins. In the front display are a small kupa, a hide-scraper, a stone pestle and a cornhusk bag.

There are curio items like a collection of German-made Native American Smurfs; the World's Largest Dream Catcher, and an animated singing deer head mounted on the wall. "We had a signed Jacoby Ellsbury baseball that sold right away," said shop owner Aurolyn Stwyer.

The variety of items is too numerous to catalogue: Red Skye is really part gift shop and part museum.

Aurolyn started the shop in April of last year: "Red Skye—Native Woman Owned," as the sign says. On April 1 she will celebrate the one-year anniversary. There will be a 15-percent discount during the anniversary.

Since opening, "We've made over



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Jenna Johnson talks with Aurolyn Stwyer and Romario Solis at Red Skye.

400 loans," Aurolyn was saying recently. These are loans to community members who otherwise would have gone to Madras or elsewhere.

A person has 30 days to redeem a pawned item at Red Skye. Aurolyn or her assistant Romario Solis will

try to contact the person when the redemption date is getting near. There is the option of extending the loan month to month.

Some of the items are on consignment. The Red Skye consignment fee is a reasonable 15 percent.

Aurolyn makes her sales from Red Skye, and also while traveling to powwows, honor elder days and other events in the West. She can tell by the event which items will most likely sell.

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Money Mania in March!

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