

# New water system to serve Academy

Work is progressing on the new water system that will serve the K-8 Academy and surrounding neighborhood.

The project includes installation of a new 500,000-gallon tank, like the one that already exists at the construction site.

Warm Springs Construction crews were preparing the site last week. The new tank is expected to arrive soon, possibly this week.

The school is set for completion in mid July.

### Funding matter

The Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, a department of the Prime Minister of Turkey, last year made a generous donation of \$200,000 to the Confederated Tribes.

The contribution is to help with the new water system.

Tribal Council last week discussed how the tribes will acknowledge the donation.

Signage at the location of the new water tank would be appropriate, the Council members said.

The question arose as a planned visit from the Turkish officials is coming up this summer, said Travis Wells, tribal engineer.

The point is to make sure



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

the tribes and the Turkish officials are happy with the dedication marker, Wells said.

The Turkish agency, called

TIKA, has also indicated a willingness to fund a 50-foot clock tower. This idea is still being discussed.

Warm Springs Construction workers install water line.

# Continued interest in foods processing plant

The tribes continue to explore the idea of developing a traditional foods processing plant, to be located at the industrial park.

The main focus would be the processing of fish—canning, smoking, drying and making frozen fillets.

The plant could also be used for processing deer meat, huckleberries and choke cherries. A number of funding entities have shown an interest in helping.

Earlier this month, a tribal delegation from Warm Springs visited the Oneida Nation, which operates a food processing plant.

The Oneida sponsored the travel for the Warm Springs delegation, which included Fish and Wildlife Committee member Bruce Jim, Natural Resources staff, and a Council represen-

tative. The Oneida at the time were also hosting a natural resources conference

Oneida leaders, who visited Warm Springs last year, have mentioned an interest in possibly helping fund a Warm Springs processing plant, Jim said.

The recent trip to the Oneida Nation went well, he said, despite a late-season snow storm that made travel difficult. During the conference, Jim paid tribute to Les Brown, salmon marketing specialist with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

A next step toward developing the food processing plant is choosing a coordinator, who can oversee the grant-writing and funding aspects of the project.

Through a grant last year, Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources developed a feasibility study and business plan for a food processing facility.

This initial plan envisions an ambitious project that would have four full-time employees. There would be a 2,000-square-foot processing plant with two coolers; a large freezer; a 1,000-square-foot education room; plus an acre or two of adjacent land for future expansion. The feasibility study and business plan summarizes the situation:

“Traditional foods including roots, berries, game and salmon are an important part of the tribes’ culture, diet, and economy. Tribal members harvest salmon and traditional foods for longhouse

ceremonies, tribal programs, and subsistence.

“Currently, the ceremonial salmon and game from the existing freezer facility are subject to quality problems including freezer burn, spoilage, blood spots, bruising, meat separation, belly burn and adulteration by pests.

“The new facility is intended to reduce waste and spoilage, increase the utilization of fish, generate income, allow for new economic opportunities for several tribal businesses, and provide employment for tribal members. This facility allows the opportunity to collaborate with other tribes and tribal members with custom processing services such as canning, smoking, freezing, and packaging.”

## Tribal Council agenda

(The following are upcoming items on the Tribal Council agenda.)

9 a.m. - Indian Head Casino.  
10 - Kah-Nee-Tah.  
11 - High Lookee Lodge.  
1:30 p.m. - Telecom  
3 - Ventures.

### Monday, May 5

9 a.m. - BIA update John Halliday, superintendent.

10 - Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson.

10:30 - Realty items with Randy Scott/CTWS Planning

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update conference call.

Government affairs update with Lewis Pitt Jr.  
2:30 - Tribal attorney.

### Monday, May 12

9 a.m. - Review minutes/resolutions of Tribal Council with Jake Suppah/S-T.

### Tuesday-Wednesday, May 13-14

Legislative Commission on Indian Services hearing. Legislative Commission on Indian Services meeting. Salem.

### Thursday-Friday, May 15-16.

CRITFC Tribal meeting; CRITFC housing meeting.

### Monday, May 19

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Early Childhood Education/Head Start/Early Head Start in-kind training with Elizabeth McDougall/Patricia Trow

1:30 p.m. - ECE/Head Start/Early Head Start update with Kirstin Hisatake

### Tuesday, May 20

Enterprise updates.

### Wednesday, May 21

Enterprise Updates  
9 a.m. - Power and Water Enterprise.  
10 - Forest Products.  
11 - Composite Products.  
1:30 p.m. - Credit.

### Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 - 22.

CRITFC meeting, Portland.

### Tuesday, May 27

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer update Jake Suppah.

10 - June agenda/travel delegations/review minutes with the S-T.

11 - Draft resolutions.  
1:30 p.m. - Legislative update conference call.

3 p.m. Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats.

### Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 - 29.

CRITFC meeting (U.S. V. Oregon).

(Note: All draft resolutions must be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer by e-mail in Word form two weeks prior to being taken into Council for presentation. Copy to lynn davis at the mgmt office.  
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## Flutes by the River in May


The Flutes by the River Gathering will be held May 29-June 1 at the HeHe Longhouse.

For more information on the gathering, contact Ko-Na Foster Kalama at 541-325-3797.

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is open 3-5:30 after school and on no school days from 10-5.

The club is located in the Vern Jackson home. All school age youth can attend the club. Stop by for an application, the fee is \$25 for the school year.

For information call June at 541-553-2323.



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