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K-8 construction time at 5 weeks

Among football fields in Central Oregon, the one with the best view is at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

In fact the views from the classrooms are equally scenic and impressive. And the rooms have lots of windows. All of the classroom learning areas at the academy have direct natural light from outside. This was by design, said school district superintendent Rick Molitor.

Work crews are entering the final phase of construction at the new school. For example they placed the sod last week on the football field. The construction is scheduled to be finishing on July 18. The work is on time and on budget, Molitor said.

The school will have new desks and other furniture, and new computers. There will be ribbon-cutting ceremony coming up in September. This will be done in conjunction with the back to school barbecue.

Meanwhile the Warm Springs Education Committee is seeking input on the best future use of the existing Warm Springs Elementary School (see page 12 for story).



Cedar Landscape crew rolls out the sod on the academy football field.

Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Canoe Journey starting

Partnering this year with Nisqually tribe

The Warm Springs Canoe Family, N'chi Wanapum, has officially partnered with the Nisqually Indian Tribe for Canoe Journey 2014.

Both tribes will travel on the Journey alongside each other, sharing pullers, cooks, drivers, vehicles, support boats, food and fuel.

The cultural alliance between the two tribes is nothing new—they share hundreds of years of history, said Jefferson Greene, Canoe Journey facilitator and youth recruiter.

The Journey partnership, though, “will certainly be monumental amidst today’s modern technology and fast-paced civilization,” Jefferson said.

The two tribes came together at the Nisqually Cultural Center, where Warm Springs was represented by Aurelia Stacona, Cory Queahpama, Daisy Begay, Dakota Stacona, Donell Frank, Darrin Brisbois, Paula Kalama and Jefferson.

“The two tribes exchanged gifts, shook hands and verbally connected in partnership,” he said. “The partnership could not have come at a better time, as safety, cost, endurance and human equity are in highest demand.”

The Canoe Journey this summer is to Bella Bella, British Columbia. The N'Chi Wanapum Canoe Family are expecting to be gone for a month on the Journey.

The Warm Springs and Nisqually partnership is the first of its kind between two tribes of significant canoe family size.

When the two tribes met at Nisqually, they brought all of their options, assets and ideas to the table, and realized the two would be significantly more efficient together.

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Focus on getting out the vote July 1

The motorsports referendum absentee ballots went out in the mail, and some completed ballots have already been turned in.

But a number of absentee ballots were returned as undeliverable. Vital Statistics is attempting to locate these people in order to obtain the correct mailing address.

A list of people whose ballots were returned as undeliverable is on page 7 of this publication. If you know how to contact any of these individuals, please call Vital Stats at

541-553-3252.

Warm Springs Ventures and supporters are making an added effort to encourage participation in this referendum.

Finances, the environment

Tribal Council wants a valid vote in order to determine the course of action regarding the motorsports proposal. Most voters in the two motorsports referendums last year were in favor of going forward, but not enough voters cast their ballots,

requiring this third referendum.

If the upcoming referendum is anything like the previous two, then every vote, yes or no, is critical.

Passage of the July 1 referendum would not approve construction of the motorsports park, but would allow the team to determine the environmental impacts, and how profitable the enterprise could be for the Confederated Tribes.

The tribal budget—specifically, no new revenue source in many years—and jobs are the main rea-

sons why most on Council, and others in the community support the idea.

Timber can never again provide the revenue that it once did for the tribes.

Forest Products Industries may not be able to provide a dividend for 2015, according to a recent report at Council.

Power and Water, preparing for an additional purchase of the hydro facilities.

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Eel Dance at Willamette Falls

Warm Springs tribal members gathered at Willamette Falls last week for a blessing ceremony for the lamprey. The Branch of Natural Resources, the Culture and Heritage Department and Committee, and Tribal Council were on hand for the blessing.

The tribes have harvested the Pacific Lamprey, or eels, at Willamette Falls and other Ceded Lands sites since time immemorial. Willamette Falls, just outside Portland, remains one of the tribes' main eel harvesting areas.

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Eel dance by the Warm Springs Culture and Heritage youth dancers.



Courtesy of Tom Banse, Northwest News Network

Pi-Ume-Sha turning 45 this month

The Confederated Tribes will host the Forty-Fifth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, Friday-Sunday, June 27-29. The powwow commemorates the signing of the Treaty of 1855, signed 159 years ago this month.

The Traditional Dress Parade will be Saturday morning, June 28. Grand Entries are Friday evening, June 27, and on Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Traditional dance contests are through the weekend. (More on Pi-Ume-Sha on page 2, 3 and 6.)



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