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A Great Day at Academy

The Confederated Tribes and school district 509-J last week held the dedication and opening of the Warm Springs K-8 Academy. "This is the culmination of a dream that began nearly half a century ago," said Austin Greene Jr., Tribal Council chairman.

With the opening of the new school, the tribes and school district are now in a unique partnership in the nation, Chairman Greene said. Together, the tribes and district planned for, funded and built the k-8 academy.

More than anything, he said, the school is dedicated to the young people of the tribes.

Middle school students will no longer have the long bus rides every school day. And the elementary school students now have a modern building in a better location.

"There will be 650 students at the school, making it one of the largest in the district," Chairman Greene said. "This is an 80,000-square-foot building, with a new gymnasium and classrooms, football-soccer field, and 8-lane track."

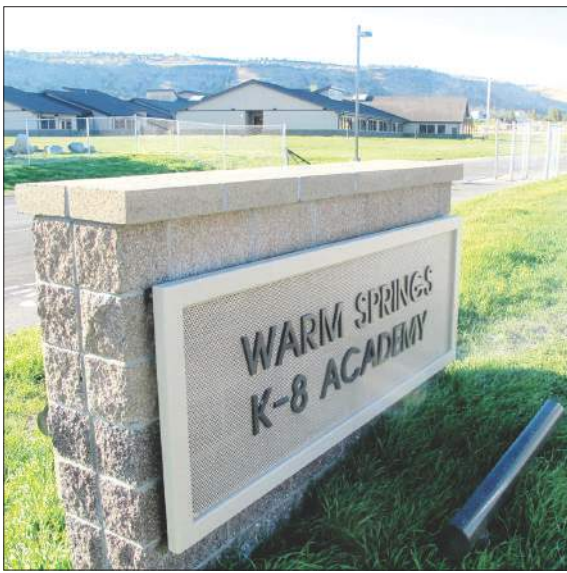
He thanked the voters of the Warm Springs community and the school district for passing the funding levy, the Twenty-Fifth and Twenty-Sixth Tribal Councils, and the school district board for their work on the project.

The dedication began with the presentation of the colors and raising the flag, conducted by the Warm Springs VFW Elliot Palmer Post 4217, and the Junior ROTC. The U.S. flag that was raised with the tribal flag once flew over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

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The Autni Ichishkin Sapsikwat language students give a performance (above) at the dedication ceremony. Anita Davis (picture below right) sings the Lord's Prayer, as Keeyana Yellowman performs the hand signs of the prayer (not pictured, Leslie Davis also performed the prayer hand signs). And below left, at the entranceway to the school off East Tenino.



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Back to school BBQ on Thursday

The Back to School barbecue and school supply giveaway is this Thursday, Sept. 4, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

Students can tour the new school starting at 2 p.m.

Class lists will be posted, and seventh- and eighth-grade schedules will be available.

For high school athletes who cannot attend the barbecue, you can stop by the school starting at noon Thursday to pick up your back pack and supplies.

School for first- through eighth-graders at the Warm Springs Academy, and ninth-graders at the high school, begins Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Grades 10 through 12 at the high school start school on Wednesday, Sept. 10. Kindergarten students will have individual classroom visits and meetings with teachers the week of September 8, and all begin school together on Monday, Sept. 15.

New dialysis center will ease travel burden

For now, people on the reservation who require dialysis have to travel to Redmond several times a week for the treatment.

The trip will become much easier next year, as a dialysis center will open in Madras. The new center will be located by the Madras Cinema 5.

Fresenius Medical Care operates the centers in Redmond and Bend, and is currently developing the center in Madras.

"This will be a huge help, having a dialysis center in Madras," said Tammy Wilson, Warm Springs Community Health supervisor.

Community Health operates a six-passenger van that transports the dialysis patients to and from the Redmond clinic. They make the trip at least five times a week, as each dialysis patient requires three treatments a week.

The van leaves by 8:30 in the morning and often does not return until after 5 in the evening.

Having the dialysis center in Madras could allow the driver to make two runs in a day, three days per week, if we can get the scheduling worked out. This would free up the weekends for some of our patients and families who have dialysis treatments on Saturdays, Wilson said.

The shorter trip will also make it easier for family members to take loved ones to the treatment, she said.

Currently 14 people on the reservation require dialysis. The population does not warrant having a dialysis center in Warm Springs. But between the reservation and Jefferson County, there is now enough need for the new center in Madras.

Stadium dedication at Madras High School

Madras High School and the school district 509-J last week hosted the grand opening of the new football stadium and track facilities.

The new stadium-athletic complex is a large part of the school district improvement package that voters approved in 2012. The Warm Springs Academy, and the MHS performing arts center are also large parts of the overall district improvements. The performing arts center will have seating for up to 600 people when it opens soon.

The district voters in 2012 approved up to \$16 million for the MHS performing arts center-sports



complex.

The football stadium-athletic complex dedication last drew a large gathering, including many students and White Buffalo fans from Warm Springs.

The White Buffalo football season opens this Friday, Sept. 5, with a game at Junction City. Their first home game of 2014 is the following Friday, Sept. 12, against Sisters.

Warm Springs group at the stadium grand opening, with White Buffalo statue.

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