

At the Pageant



Miss Warm Springs 2015 Suzanne McConville

Telecom

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In 2014 the Telecom completed the proposed purposes of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), which provided \$5.4 in start-up money, as a grant and a loan, for the enterprise.

The Telecom has diverse paths and full redundancy built in its network, meaning there are back-up connections in case one system goes down.

smart phone. If a door, window or gate opens at the house, the system contacts the cell phone and authorities. The device can be connected to the air conditioning, so you could set the thermostat from the phone. If the front door opens, the system can take a picture of the person entering, and send the picture to the phone. This item will be marketed on the reservation and the rest of Jefferson County, Walker said.

Home security

An exciting project at the Telecom for 2015 will be the launching of a home-security and monitoring piece. Gabe Walker, Telecom sales and marketing coordinator, is working on this project. The security system has many applications, beyond just burglary prevention, Walker said. The home detection device is linked to the homeowner's

“We look forward to another successful year in which we address the communication needs through-out the reservation to further enhance public safety, preserve and promote cultural heritage and to encourage economic development both in new revenue and in job creation,” Matanane said. “I would like to Thank everyone for their continued support.”

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Around Indian Country

Cowlitz win in land-to-trust casino case

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is planning to develop a resort and casino on 152 acres at the La Center I-5 interchange in Clark County, Washington.

The tribe won an important court decision in December, when the U.S. District Judge in the case dismissed a lawsuit filed by opponents of the project.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, owners of the Spirit Mountain Casino, are one of the main opponents.

Grand Ronde also opposed the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' decade-long effort to develop a casino resort at Cascade Locks.



Conceptual rendering of proposed development.

The Cascade Locks proposal had the support of the local community of Cascade Locks; while the Cowlitz proposal is opposed by the city of Vancouver, Wash., and Clark County.

The Cowlitz casino would be closer to Portland than Grand Ronde's Spirit Mountain.

In the most recent lawsuit against the Cowlitz, the dis-

missal of the opponents' lawsuit will likely be appealed, possibly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The court decision allows the property to be taken in to trust for the tribe, which would allow the development to go forward.

The Cowlitz tribe of southwest Washington were federally recognized in 2000. The tribe has about 3,500

members, but no reservation land. The Cowlitz has been trying to get the La Center site into trust for about a decade, but the plan has been delayed by lawsuits.

The Cowlitz plan to develop the property into tribal offices, housing, a tribal center, and casino-resort complex with a roughly 134,000-square-foot casino. There would be a 250-room hotel and a 5,000-seat entertainment center.

The Grand Ronde and other opponents challenge the Cowlitz' historical ties to the area west of I-5, arguing that the federal government violated the law in issuing its decision to put the land into trust.

Around Indian Country

Umatilla tribe gets 4,000 acres in buy-back program

The Umatilla tribal government has already purchased more than 4,000 acres of fractionated land as part of the federal government's efforts to buy back and consolidate Native American land holdings.

The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla has spent \$4.16 million buying up fractionated tracts.

The tracts were fractionated after being allotted to individual tribal members.

Legislation required ownership to be divided equally among heirs, meaning ever larger numbers of people owned ever smaller shares of the property as generations passed.

Land bought back by the tribes can be used for housing, cemeteries, farming, wildlife areas or other benefits across the reservation.

The second wave of appraisals is expected to be approved next year.

Jan. focus on stalking awareness

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, a time to focus on a crime that affected 7.5 million victims in one year.

The theme this year is, Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It.

Stalking is a crime on the reservation, in all 50 states, the U.S. Territories and the District of Columbia, yet many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact. In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide of women in abusive relationships.

Victims suffer anxiety, social dysfunction, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization. If you would like more information about this, call Victims of Crime at 541-553-2293.

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