

# \$1.5 million for safety corridor project

An area of Warm Springs that is in need of safety transportation work is along Highway 26, from the Highway 3 intersection to the area by Indian Head Casino and the Museum at Warm Springs.

There are specific area of concern within this corridor, such as the Highway 26-Hollywood Boulevard-Shell Station intersection, and the highway-casino-museum intersection.

The roadway from the Hollywood intersection to the casino is another area of concern, as many pedestrians

walk this potentially dangerous area.

The good news is that the state of Oregon has allocated \$1.5 million for improvements to the corridor.

State Rep. John Huffman, along with ODOT and other officials, met last week with tribal representatives to discuss this and related issues. They toured the safety corridor area, and the industrial park.

There is a good possibility that the \$1.5 million could be leveraged for additional funding, Rep. Huffman said.

### Downtown Project

Councilman Kahseuss Jackson, economic development coordinator, organized the meeting with the state officials. In a related matter, Councilman Jackson has also been working with the BIA on the Warm Springs Downtown Project.

This project will involve replacing the existing water and sewer infrastructure at the campus area. The BIA appears ready to fund the work in 2016-17, Jackson said.

The BIA has already

started part of the Downtown Project work, by removing some of the old buildings on the campus.

A question has been whether the BIA would be responsible for replacing the infrastructure, or just responsible for removing the existing pipes.

This issue is being resolved with the regional office, Jackson said.

Replacing the infrastructure will allow for new business and other development in the campus area.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Warm Springs Fire Management is stepping up the summer prevention effort. A management team (with kids above) was at the Jude Schimmel event by the old elementary gym this week. They will host a fire prevention information seminar next Wednesday, August 29, from 7-8 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

# Youth Council: D.C. visit, meeting with lawmakers, UNITY Conference

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They both were very engaged in what we had to say. Warm Springs Youth Council member Keeyana Yellowman discussed our concern for the Schatz amendment, which will help with preserving Native languages across the country. We requested that the Senator support Amendment 2240. Senator Merkley agreed to support our wishes, and we are very thankful to have been able to meet with both lawmakers.

of the country. The excitement quickly started to build as we made our way to the Grand Ballroom. The day was here and we were all so honored to be part of it.

Over 1,000 native youth stood in line for an hour to enter the ballroom, where we would have the opportunity of a lifetime. One thing that we noticed was the fact that every single youth in attendance was there for one thing: To make a change.

There were quite a few speakers that morning, but they all agreed that we are the generation that is going to make the change—that we are apart of a movement to help better the lives and communities across Indian Country.

One of the many speakers who came to the White House Tribal Youth Gathering was First Lady Michelle Obama.

She had some very encouraging and powerful



Courtesy photo.

Alyssa Macy, Summer Brunoe, Ken Kippley, Ashley Meanus, Gavin Begay, Senator Jeff Merkley, Malia LaLonie Collins, Feliciano Conner, Mitchell Lira and Alawiikt Keeyana Yellowman at United States Capitol.

things to say in support of the Native youth across this great nation. Her memorable speech was as motivating as it was emotional.

She inspired a lot of us and made us feel prideful for being who we are: Indigenous. We were thrilled to hear that our very own Feliciano Conner and Malia Collins got

ing this session we learned a lot about what other youth from different tribes experience, as well compare our similarities. Attending the Youth Gathering was very eye opening, and members of the Warm Springs Youth Council are very grateful to have been apart of that day.

### Unity Conference

Following the gathering, we got to attend the National UNITY Conference, July 10-14.

There were about 1,800 youth that attended the conference this year, was more than ever before.

All of the youth who attended the conference got to learn good leadership skills, and had the opportunity to engage in conversations pertaining to self-identification and what it's like to be an indigenous person.

Each day of the conference was different. Every day there was a topic that had to do with the theme "Defining the U in UNITY." Each day we developed new skills, made new friends and made

endless memories.

The Warm Springs Youth Council would like to say, If it were not for all of the support that we got from our community, and family and friends, it would not have been possible for us to have the experience of a lifetime.

We would like to thank each and everyone of you for believing in us and being by our side the whole way through! We will be hosting a community dinner and report back on Wednesday, August 5, at the Agency Longhouse, where we will share further on this experience.

We also encourage Native youth living in Warm Springs, ages 14-24, to get involved with the Youth Council. You can connect with us on Facebook:

<http://bit.ly/CTWSOYouthCouncil> or on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ctwsyouth>.

We also maintain a e-distribution list and can sign you up. Send us an email on our FB page with your contact information and we can add you to the list.



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### Housing: 4 new units per month



One of the new units at Greeley Heights.

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The homes have new appliances, and water heaters in the homes that are energy efficient.

When finished, the subdivision will have sidewalks and street lights, and access to high-speed internet through the Warm Springs Telecom.

Advanced Native Construction, and Warm

Springs Construction are the contractors for work.

The plan is for four new units to come online each month.

For more information on the application process for one of the units, call Housing at 541-553-3250. Or email Desirae Wallace at: [desirae.wallace@wsha.us](mailto:desirae.wallace@wsha.us)

### Public Notice

Attention all Warm Springs and Simnasho Schoolie Flats water users:

As a public water system, we are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the 1996 amendment to the Safe Drinking Water Act to publish the Consumer Confidence Report.

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