

Road work by industrial park

Warm Springs Construction is working on the Upper Dry Creek re-alignment project by the industrial park. The re-alignment will correct a road safety condition at the intersection of Upper Dry Creek and Highway 3.

With the previous alignment, there was a tendency for the traffic to merge on and off the highway, which was dangerous. The funding for the work is through the BIA.

Another project at the industrial park is a building project that is planned north of the vehicle pool. This is a Warm Springs Ventures project, as approved by Tribal Council.

The building was to be used as a maintenance facility for the Ventures unmanned aerial systems program. A more recent possibility is for the new structure to house a UAS manufacturing facility.

An issue to be resolved is bringing wastewater infrastructure to the industrial park. The area could tie into the system at the campus area.

Ongoing issue

An on-going issue has been the need to replace the campus pipes, which are very old. The Confederated Tribes has encouraged the BIA to fund this project, but



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Warm Springs Construction crew at the re-alignment site.

there has been no action for several years now.

At a recent Tribal Council meeting, chief operations officer Alyssa Macy gave an update, suggesting the Council address a letter to the BIA regarding the matter.

Councilman Jody Calica mentioned the *U.S. v. White Mountain Apache Tribe* as precedent for the BIA responsibility. In the case the Supreme Court held that when the federal government used land or property held in trust for an Indian tribe, it had the duty to maintain that land or property, and was liable for any damages for a breach of that



duty. The original infrastructure at the campus area was installed decades ago by the federal government, and the trust responsibility remains, as stated in the White Mountain Apache case.

District meetings in Oct. on 2017 tribal budget

Tribal Council called for district meetings later this month on the 2017 budget proposal.

The Seekseequa District meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

The Agency District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at the Agency Longhouse.

The Simnasho District meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

For all the meetings, dinner is at 6 and the meeting at 7.

Meanwhile, members have received the Secretary-Treasurer budget message, mailed out in September. Some of the significant points:

There will be a reduction in the enterprise dividends, continuing a trend of recent years.

Power and Water Enterprises accounts for a large part of the overall dividend reduction, as was true in 2016.

GeoVisions and Ventures are expecting a \$1 million dividend, as a result of the carbon sequestration project.

The Senior Pension fund is funded through 2017 in the current proposal.

The budget proposal as presented by S-T Glendon Smith is balanced. The overall operations budget would be about the same as the present year, with some reductions. Per capita would remain the same under the recommendation.

S-T budget message

Dear tribal member,

The proposed general fund tribal budget for 2017 was posted September 27, 2016. This proposed budget has a projected decrease of \$365,382 from the 2016 approved tribal budget.

This decrease is due to revenue decreases compared to the 2016 approved tribal budget.

The 2017 proposed budget will provide for the following budget categories: Operations, community assistance, debt service, enterprises (quasi), capital projects, and transfers to other sources for the tribal government organization. When the Tribal Council takes action to finalize the 2016 tribal budget, total proposed expenditures will not be increased beyond this proposal.

The 2017 proposed budget has been posted at the tribal administration building, Warm Springs Market, Post Office, Indian Health Services, Agency Longhouse,

Three Warriors Market, Sidwalter Fire Hall, Simnasho Longhouse, Seekseequa Fire Hall, and online at the tribal member portal.

The tribal government will continue to balance and the essential community needs with the current and forecasted revenue base. We know the importance of essential services to each tribal member, and are working to make every effort to minimize budgetary impacts on services and tribal member employment, while continuing work towards improving program and service effectiveness and creating efficiencies.

The proposed 2017 budget will not be finalized until we have completed meetings with the tribal membership. We need your input before the Tribal Council makes final decisions and takes action to approve a final 2017 budget by the end of November.

Respectfully submitted,
Glendon Smith, Secretary-Treasurer-CEO.

W.S. 4-H focus on drones on Youth Science Day



Courtesy photo.

Drones will be the focus for Warm Springs 4-H on National Youth Science Day, on Friday, Oct. 14.

4-H will host a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (Stem)-filled morning, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This will be for youth

in grades 4 through 8, and the class will be in the basement kitchen room at the Education building.

The experiments will focus on the science of drones.

Please call 541-553-3535 for more information and to pre-register.

Safety note from Warm Springs Fire and Safety

Every smoke alarm has an expiration date: What's yours?

Warm Springs Fire and Safety urges all of Warm Springs residents to know how old their smoke alarms are, and to replace them every 10 years.

Research shows that most homes have at least one smoke alarm. But the important question is, How old is the device? If you're like most people, you're probably not so sure.

"Time and again, I've seen the life-saving impact smoke alarms can have in a home fire, but I've also seen the tragedy that can result when smoke alarms aren't working properly," says Travis Benthin with Fire and Safety.

"That's why we're making a concerted effort to educate

the membership about the overall importance of smoke alarms, and that they do have a life limit."

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, this week, is *Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years*.

To find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, simply look on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase). Fire and Safety also says smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and that batteries should be replaced once a year, or when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

For more go to firepreventionweek.org.

Cooking Demo & Taste

Come by the IHS clinic kitchen this Thursday, Oct. 13, for a cooking demonstration featuring salmon and wild rice salad.

The demonstration and tasting will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the first 30 who attend. If you have questions call 541-553-2460.

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