

Long-standing matter of jail condition

A new Warm Springs Jail and police-dispatch building is a priority project for the tribes, law enforcement, and for the BIA.

This project has, in fact, been a long-standing priority. For some time now Tribal Councilman Raymond Tsumpti has voiced concern about the condition of the jail, advocating for action on the project.

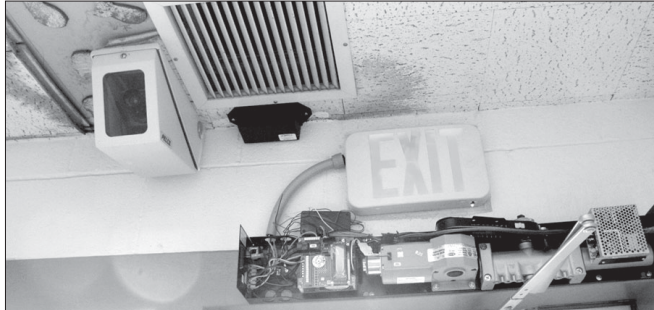
The jail is several years past its projected life expectancy, Councilman Tsumpti says. The facility was built in 1985 with a projected useful life of 25 years, or until 2010.

The jail and police-dispatch building is BIA-owned, operated by the tribes through the Public Safety Branch. Warm Springs BIA Agency Superintendent Lori Anderson is working on how to fund an updated tribal jail and police-dispatch.

The BIA itself is facing a possible 12-percent budget reduction in the coming year. But a possible funding source is the U.S. Department of Justice, through the



The wall of the entrance way to the police department and jail (above); and over the front door of the facility (below).



BIA Office of Justice Services, Ms. Anderson said.

Even in a best case scenario, though, the process could take two or more years, starting with a feasibility study, funding process, planning, and so forth.

Meanwhile, the situation in the jail at times becomes unacceptable. An example: Last winter the back-up generator went out leaving no power during an outage. There were no lights and no heat. The inmates had to

move for temporary incarceration at the Jefferson County Jail.

The county sheriff's office was very cooperative, but this and similar issues with the jail can be costly to Public Safety and the tribes.

Another example: There is no tribal juvenile detention facility. Instead, tribal police transport juveniles to Norcor at The Dalles. Driving back and forth from The Dalles takes away from the officers' time on the reservation, and leads to unavoidable overtime costs.

In the end the safety and well-being of the corrections officers and the inmates will require some action. "What we really need is a new building," said Public Safety General Manager Stan Suenaga.

The existing facility, he said, "absolutely needs work. The infrastructure in the building is wearing out."

Up until now and for the time being, though, the BIA budget has allowed only for reactive, "band-aid" fixes to the problems.

Land buy-back program gearing up

A large part of the Cobell lawsuit settlement went to a tribal land consolidation, or land buy-back program. On the Warm Springs Reservation this effort will be coordinated by Randy Scott.

Mr. Scott has been the tribal land services administrator in the planning department, but is in the process of transferring to program coordinator of the Warm Springs land buy back program. His office will be at the Media Center.

The Cobell settlement was for \$3.7 billion, divided among tribes across the country. Of that total, close to \$2 billion went to the land buy-back program, which each tribe administers for its own reservation.

The purpose of the buy-back program is to reduce fractionated interests. On the Warm Springs Reservation, this would apply to fractionated interests in allotments. As Mr. Scott explains:

The allottee process began 50 or 60 years ago. Originally, an allotment would likely be given to a single individual. Over the succeeding generations, though, the heirs' interest in the allotment

became fractionated. It is not uncommon for a person to have a very small percentage interest in a particular allotment, in common with several relatives. This effectively precludes development, productive use or sale of the property in question, because everyone with an interest would have to agree to the use.

The land buy-back program would give fair market value to each individual who has an interest in an allotment, plus \$75. The \$75 is an added incentive for people to participate in the program.

The other reason to participate is that it is in the best interest of the tribe. A goal of the buy-back program is for the Confederated Tribes to reacquire the controlling interest in allotted properties. This would allow for a tribal determination as to its best use.

Each person with an interest in an allotment has the option participate in the program and sell to the tribe, to sell to another allottee, or to take no action.

Community outreach events on the buy-back program are coming up soon, Mr. Scott said.

Music at arts festival

Musicians from Confederated Tribes performed at the Fifth Annual Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival.

The festival, at the Parkrose High School campus in Portland, is a Native arts benefit event.

On hand from Warm Springs were Brutus 'Big B' Baez (MC), Foster Kalama, Jericho and Colton Trimble (flutes); The Flying Eagle Band with Kenman Miller; Blue Flamez with Scott Kalama, Levi Kalmaa and Andy Fuentes; Quiltman, Milton and T. Sahme.

James Greeley, 2017 nominee for two Native American Music Awards, performed with Blue Flamez, a 2016 NAMA winner last year.

The festival is in memory of Native jazz saxophonist Jim Pepper, a pioneer in Native jazz fusion. This year festival founder Sean Cruz, and environmental activist, author and executive director of Honor the Earth Winona LaDuke were on hand for the Jim Pepper Native Arts Festival.



Foster Kalama (above center) with Colton and Jericho Trimble perform at the festival; and below, James Greeley, Scott 'Blue Flamez' Kalama and Andy Fuentes.



Still time to vote for Greeley for NAMA

The Native American Music Awards are this Saturday, October 14 at Niagra Falls, New York.

James Greeley of Warm Springs is nominated in two categories at the Seventeenth Annual Native American Music Awards.

Mr. Greeley is a nominee in the Artist of the Year category, and Best Traditional Recording. He is nominated for his album *Before America*.

You can vote to help determine the winners. Go to: nativeamericanmusicawards.com

Memorial ~ Stone Setting

William Kanim Smith Sr. ~ 1945-2016

A Memorial and Stone Setting for William Kanim Smith Sr. will be at the Agency Longhouse on Saturday, November 4, scheduled by wife/widow Leona A. Ike-Smith. Mr. Smith was great grandson of Tulalip Treaty Chief Pat Kanam (namesake).

The Stone Setting will

be at 8 a.m. at the Agency Cemetery, Ike plot. Officiator is JoDe Goudy. Following the Stone Setting, return to the Agency Longhouse. One seven to follow (call for drummers. Giveaway and meal. The cooks are Andrea White, Allison Mitchell, Bernavene Aguirre and Davida Boyd.

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