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Water plant to see needed improvements

The BIA has committed \$358,000 for repairs at the Warm Springs water treatment plant. "I would say these are critical, needed repairs," said Alyssa Macy, chief operations officer.

Meanwhile, the Indian Health Service and Housing and Urban Development are working with the tribes on a longer term solution to the domestic water system serving the tribal residents and businesses.

Some of the \$358,000 from the BIA could be used to purchase one more pump for the treatment

plant, said Roy Spino, tribal Utilities water and wastewater engineer.

The plant also needs a better heating, ventilation and cooling system, Mr. Spino said. The HVAC system is needed to keep the electronics at the plant at the proper temperature, he said.

The treatment plant is 30 years old, and the control panels, for instance, date back to the original time of construction. The BIA funding could help with upgrades to the control panel and computer system that operate the plant.

Utilities and tribal Planning are

also working on a water meter installation project. Last year they completed a grant-funded engineering report, and now can use the report to seek a grant for the purchase and installation of the meters.

Some neighborhoods—Simnasho, Greeley Heights and Sidwalter, for instance—have water meters, while many homes still do not. The water meters can assist in finding the major leakage spots in the system, relieving some of the burden on the treatment plant.

Speaking with Tribal Council on

Monday, Ms. Macy also gave an update on the Children's Protective Services building renovation, and the downtown abandoned building demolition project.

Both are on schedule, and plans are being made for phase 2 of the building removal.

The CPS building will not only see the complete remodel, but will also have new furniture. A goal is to have a type of furniture and the beds that create a home environment for the children, Ms. Macy said.

Pageant this evening

The 2018 Miss Warm Springs Pageant is set for this Wednesday evening, January 31 at the Agency Longhouse.

Dinner will be served at 5, provided by 2017 Miss Warm Springs Katrina Blackwolf.

The community is invited to attend. The candidate this year is Thyreicia Stimustus, 2017 graduate of Madras High School.

She will have a presentation, plus a talent show. The judges will test her knowledge of the tribes.

Thyreicia is also a Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Queen.

For fire fighters

Over the decades, hundreds of tribal members have worked at Fire Management—as fire fighters and camp crews, in fuels reduction, logistics, fire prevention, equipment and vehicles, dispatch and recruitment, administration and staff, etc.

There are 122 people now working at Fire Management. The number changes during the year, increasing in case of a fire event during the season.

For the past few years Luther Clements, now the Fire Management training officer, has been thinking of a way the tribes might recognize the past employees of the department, especially those who have passed on.

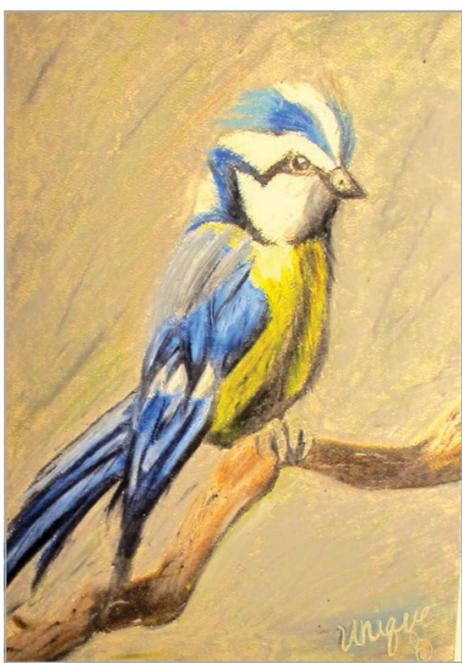
So far, he has compiled a list of 64 former Fire Management employees who have since passed away. The recognition could be especially for these individuals, but also for the past and the present employees still with us.

Probably everyone on the reservation has at least one family who at some point worked or now works at Fire Management. And for this reason, the idea of a recognition day could see broad support among the membership.

The idea that Luther came up with is a honor and recognition day starting with a community and Fire Management Grand Entry, perhaps at the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds. The Grand Entry could include banners, or portraits of the loved ones who have worked at Fire Management.

The event could involve many people—current and former employees, family and friends—so a potluck type of setup might be the best way to feed everyone, Luther says. This fall might be the time to hold the first Fire Management recognition day, he said, as the project will involve a lot of planning and organizing.

(Read Mr. Clement's letter explaining the project on page 4.)



Pastel drawing by Unique Bryant, 10th grade.



Little Miss Warm Springs Kiahna Allen and her brother Kiellan were enjoying the artwork at the opening the Tribal Youth Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs. Works include the drum (left) by 10-year-old Julia Wolfe, student at the Warm Springs Academy.

The Twenty-Fifth Annual Youth Art Show, curated by Natalie Kirk, featured a wall of painted drums, paintings and crafts by students, including an acrylic painting of an eagle by Unique.

The show opened with a performance by Deanie Johnson and her Wasco Dancers, followed by dinner, and a hand-drumming performance in the exhibits gallery. (See more of the show on page 8.)



New management, investors arriving at KNT

The tribes next week will welcome the new Kah-Nee-Ta management and investment team. The company is AV Northwest, with senior partners Tom Hansen and Michael Gaskin.

February 1 is the planned transfer date to AV Northwest, the lease being for a term of 25 years.

At a meeting last year with the Tribal Council, Mr. Hansen and Mr. Gaskin gave some of the details of their plans for the resort and spa.

They are expecting to invest several million dollars into Kah-Nee-Ta, for many needed improvements, plus an expansion at the Village. AV Northwest will also implement a new marketing strategy for the resort.

Some current aspects of Kah-



Courtesy Kah-Nee-Ta

The Village area at Kah-Nee-Ta will feature new services and amenities.

Nee-Ta will remain, for instance the focus on the tribal culture, the member hiring preference, and certain discounts for members.

Some of the planned improvements: A new heating and cooling

system, new paint, improvements to the rooms, pools, restaurant and café, to name just a few.

Another interesting part of the plan is a new hydro- and physical therapy center at the Village. The

hot springs would be put to use in the treatment of young people who are recovering from muscular and other conditions.

AV Northwest is planning a public meeting in the spring to present their plan.

Tribal Council last year approved the lease agreement with AV Northwest, as recommended by the Kah-Nee-Ta board of directors.

Bringing in an outside investment and management partner was the only way to keep the resort open, as Kah-Nee-Ta for the past few years has been costing the tribes.

Closing the resort would have eliminated up to 180 seasonal jobs.



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