

Campus 'old clubhouse' comes down



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

The campus building removal project is approaching the final phase. The 3 Kings Co. demolished the largest single building among the eight sites—the old clubhouse—in late January. Early to mid February is the timeline for completion.

CRITFC celebrates permit denial

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee this week rejected a permit for a massive oil-by-rail terminal proposed along the Columbia River in southwest Washington state.

Gov. Inslee said he agrees with the recommendation of a state energy panel, which in December voted to deny the application of the Vancouver Energy project.

The joint venture of Tesoro Corp. and Savage Companies proposed to re-

ceive about 360,000 barrels of North American crude oil a day by trains at the port of Vancouver.

The oil would be loaded onto tankers and ships for transport to oil refineries up and down the West Coast.

“The Governor’s decision shows that the health of the Columbia River and the safety of its citizens matters most,” said Jaime Pinkham, executive director

of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

“The denial of Vancouver Energy’s permit to build the largest oil-by-rail terminal in the nation is a decision that we all celebrate.”

Throughout the application process, CRITFC and its member tribes, including Warm Springs, vigorously asserted the interests of the Columbia River and those who depend on it.

Upcoming tribal committee meetings

This is the schedule for tribal committee meetings over the next several weeks:

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, February 1 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Fish and Wildlife Committee: 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, February at the Tribal Administration Building, conference room 3.

Land Use Committee: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, February 7 at Administration conference room 3.

Education Committee: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, February 10 in the trailer behind the old simnasho school.

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, February 15 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Education Committee: 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, February 16 at Administration conference room 3.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, February 21 at Administration room 3.

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Fish and Wildlife Committee: 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Administration conference room 3.

Education Committee: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 5 at the Seekseequa Fire Hall.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to

noon, Wednesday, March 7 at the Administration conference room 3.

Water Control Board: 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, March 15 at the Branch of Natural Resources Cougar Den.

Land Use Planning Committee: 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, March 21 at the Administration conference room 3.

Education Committee: 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 31 at the Greeley Heights community building.

For information contact the Tribal Council office, 541-553-3257.

Cannabis summit at Portland

U.S. Attorney Bill Williams, District of Oregon, will host an interagency cannabis summit this Friday, February 2. The tribes were specifically invited to the meeting, and a representative from Council will attend. Gov. Kate Brown will also be on hand.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in early January rescinded earlier mem-

oranda, from the previous administration, that had been guidance for U.S. Attorneys in states that have legalized marijuana. The earlier memorandum had given assurance that federal law enforcement in states with legalized marijuana would focus only on specific areas: organized crime, distribution to a minor,

unlawful sale, crossing state lines, for instance.

The rescission of these guidelines create some confusion for states such as Oregon.

The meeting this Friday will be a chance for U.S. Attorney Williams to share his enforcement strategy with interested parties, in light of the new federal policy.

Important message from Sanitation, Landfill

Warm Springs Sanitation and Landfill will continue to provide trash pickup for all residents; however, we must limit the 96-gallon totes to one per household.

We are running low on totes and must make changes in order to serve more customers.

If you need to maintain a second tote, please call Russell 541-553-4943.

We will need to start charging for the second tote.

Because of expensive equipment costs, we will no longer be giving out totes for replacement or for new residents. The cost of the totes has increased substantially.

We also have variances and special allowances on a case-by-case basis. Again, call Russell at 541-553-4943 for more information.

Tires and hazardous materials

Recently, many of our tribal landfill transfer sta-



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Oil and hazardous materials at the landfill.



tions have been receiving increased quantities of tires and hazardous materials such as motor oil and hydraulic fluid.

The landfill transfer stations and the main landfill cannot accept this volume of hazardous waste.

Tires cannot be left at the transfer stations, and must be taken to the commercial entrance to be disposed.

There is a cost for the

weight of tires to be disposed. The Confederated Tribes must pay an outside disposal company to handle tires, and the price to dispose of tires has increased.

We also suspect some people from the outside are using our landfill transfer stations. If you see something, please call Russell at 541-553-4943, or call the Warm Springs Police Department.

On the February Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items on the February Tribal Council agenda (subject to change at Council discretion):

Monday, February 5
9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs update with Floy Anderson, superintendent.

9:30: Office of Special Trustee update and Realty items with Charles Jackson and Urbana Ross.

Land Buy-Back Warm Springs appraisals update with the Office of Special Trustee and the Buy-Back program.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update conference call, federal and state.

2:30: Tribal attorney update.

Tuesday, February 6:

Off-shore drilling tribal consultation.

Tuesday-Wednesday, February 6-7: Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery-USFWS co-managers meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Monday, February 12
9 a.m.: Children’s Protective Services update with Cecelia Collins.

10: Veterans Memorial Park update with the Veterans Memorial Park Committee.

11: Collaboration grant with the Jefferson County School District, with April Campbell, Oregon Department of Education.

1:30: Water treatment update with Travis Wells and Roy Spino.

2:30: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

meeting with Jaime Pinkham.

3:30: Draft resolutions with Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona.

February 12-15: National Congress of the American Indian executive council winter session.

Tuesday, February 20
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer updates with Michele and Alyssa.

10: March agenda and minutes with the S-T.

11: Draft resolutions with the S-T

1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls, federal and state.

2:30: Fee to Trust tribal consultation.

3:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

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