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## Demolition project phase 2 starting

Tribal executive management announced the start this week of phase 2 of the BIA obsolete building abatement and demolition project.

Phase 2 will be in Warm Springs and at Simnasho, namely the old Simnasho school.

Work includes the abatement and cleanup of buildings, demolition of the buildings, and removal of underground storage tanks.

Work started this week at the old roads building and shop on Hollywood Boulevard by the Shitike Creek bridge.

Phase 2 demolition and removal is expected to last for the coming weeks.

Phase 3 of the project will be the abatement and clean up of the

former Warm Springs elementary school and cafeteria.

Management is expecting to put the final phase work out to bid in the coming weeks, said Alyssa Macy, chief operations officer.

The final phase will be the abatement and clean-up of the former elementary school and cafeteria, not their demolition.

The overall removal-abatement project began with a court-ordered settlement agreement, first requiring the phase 1 and 2 environmental site assessments of the project locations.

By court order, the BIA was required to conduct physical inspection and environmental surveys. The tribes and BIA could then determine whether to transfer, retain,

or re-affirm title to some, all, or none of the buildings.

Assessments were completed in 2010 and 2014. By resolution Tribal Council identified buildings that the tribes reaffirmed title to, requested transfer of, or rejected: This list has been utilized to for the demolition project.

Please note that these buildings are not safe to enter, and can place individuals at risk for exposure to asbestos and lead paint.

No tribal programs, quasi-enterprises or enterprises should be entering and removing items from these facilities.

Questions can be directed to Public Utilities, 541-553-3246.

Sites in phase 2 of the building demolition project:

The Former Small Business Center, 1134 Paiute Street.

The old roads building and shop, 2155 Hollywood Street.

The Veterans building shed, 1193 Minnow Street.

The former Simnasho school, BIA Road 9, Simnasho.

Residences at 1165 Autumn Street; 1163 Autumn Street; 1138 Paiute Street; and 2142 Kota Street.

The Land Operations building, 1196 Hollywood.

Residences at 1101 Wasco Street; 1177 Shitike Creek Road; and 2120 Warm Springs Street. And the vacant lot at 2103 Wasco Street.

## Graduation June 2

The Madras High School graduation ceremony is coming up on Saturday, June 2.

The Thursday before graduation, May 31, the tribal member seniors will be at the Warm Springs Academy for the Honor Walk.

The Walk is a chance for the Academy students and staff to honor and celebrate the Warm Springs students who are graduating.

For the Honor Walk, the seniors will wear their graduation attire, while the Academy students line the halls and cheer them on—an inspiring scene for all involved. Younger students see first-hand the pride and importance of staying in school, said district superintendent Ken Parshall.

Some other notable dates coming up, as the 2017-18 school year is winding down:

The final school day for seniors will be on Wednesday, May 30.

**Thursday, May 31** will be the Senior Awards and Scholarship Ceremony, beginning at 10 a.m. at the high school Performing Arts Center.

Seniors must arrive at the school no later than 7:45 a.m.: This event is mandatory for seniors wanting to walk at the graduation ceremony. Students will be wearing their caps and gowns to this ceremony.

The Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony is Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m. at the Inn at Cross Keys.

The senior breakfast and graduation practice is at 8 a.m. on Friday, June 1: This is also mandatory for seniors wanting to walk at graduation. Then graduation begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2. Graduating seniors must report to the high school commons by 7 a.m.

*(Look in the next Spilyay Tymoo for the 2018 Warm Springs graduates.)*

## Eagles Track and Field shines at Districts



The 2017-18 Warm Springs Academy Eagles track and field teams and coaches.

Courtesy W.S. Academy

The Warm Springs Academy Eagles track and field teams had a tremendous day at the District Championships at Gilchrist.

The students, in grades 6, 7 and 8, won 13 individual district titles, plus numerous runner-up and top three finishes. The Eagles were competing

against teams from 12 other schools.

Adding up the individual and team performances, the girls were the top team at district, and the boys were a close second—by just three points—to Culver.

Coach Darrel Yount has been impressed all spring with the track and field teams. “During the

course of this season,” Mr. Yount said, “we’ve set 14 new school records.”

At the competitions last week, the seventh-grade boys were the District Champions. Isaiah Wapsheli won individual titles in the 100-, 200- and 400-meters, and was runner-up in the 1,500 meters. District titles went to:

### Boys

**Seventh grade:** Isaiah Wapsheli: 100 meters (13.68); 200(28.23); and 400 (62.79).

Hayden Heath: 110 hurdles (20.20). Taylor Arthur, Xander Gray, Ronald Kalama and Derrion Williams: 4x200 relay (2:14.19).

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## Kah-Nee-Ta lease discussion at Council

The tribes’ prospective partner for a long-term lease of Kah-Nee-Ta continues to work on a financing solution to take over operation of the resort.

This has taken a few months longer than initially anticipated, said Jim Manion, Kah-Nee-Ta board chairman. The prospective partner, AV Northwest, has agreed to a 25-year lease of the resort lodge and Village, if they can obtain financing.

A short-term financing option appeared promising last month, but the lender then asked for guarantees that rendered the deal untenable, Mr. Manion said, reporting last week at Tribal Council.

AV Northwest then started working with another lender, and continues seeking equity capital to

carry out their business plan, he said.

Meanwhile, the financial situation at Kah-Nee-Ta for 2018 has been better than last year, good news as the busy season is getting started, Mr. Manion said.

There has been close to \$250,000 in operation savings during the first three months of this year, as compared to same time last year.

The board of directors, with Council oversight, has been working for about a year to resolve the Kah-Nee-Ta situation.

The tribal subsidy of the operation, which has kept the resort mostly open for the past several years, is not a sustainable option. Closure would jeopardize about 180 season jobs.

## Resolution proposal on problem of drugs

The Warm Springs Meth and Opioid Work Group is working on a resolution with specific steps to help address drug-related problems on the reservation.

The work group last week presented a draft resolution to Tribal Council, listing some of the adverse consequences the tribes are experiencing due to meth, other drugs and alcohol abuse. An example:

Methamphetamine use is harming the well-being of the community: “The abuse of meth is a direct correlation to increased criminal activity on all levels: burglary, theft, assaults, sexual assaults, child neglect and abuse, elder neglect and abuse, domestic violence, impaired driving, manslaughter and ho-

micide.”

Some specific examples that help illustrate the issue hand: The Warm Springs Housing Authority has 34 meth-affected rental homes, including senior homes, with an estimated cleanup cost close to \$1 million.

The Agency Longhouse was shut down in January due to meth contamination, closing an important spiritual and cultural center for the Warm Springs community. The cleanup cost has been at least \$190,000.

Some areas in other public buildings on the reservation have also been checked for contamination, and the tests have been positive, increasing the costs to the tribes.

See **RESOLUTION** on 5

## Enterprise updates

Tribal Council and enterprises invite the community for updates this Wednesday evening, May 23.

The updates for this evening are with Kah-Nee-Ta, Indian Head Casino, the Plateau Travel Plaza, Composite Products, and Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

The meeting will be from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Greeley Heights community building. There will be some light snacks starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Wednesday enterprise updates are the final of three update evenings this week.

Warm Springs Ventures—Construction, Geo Visions, cannabis, Eagle Tech and TERO—opened the updates on Monday.

Tuesday of this week, the Credit Enterprise, Museum at Warm Springs, Telecom, Housing, High Lookie and the Timber LLC gave their updates.



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