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Ballfield project funding in place for 2019

Nearly all of the funding—close to \$900,000—is in place for the Warm Springs Ballfields project, scheduled for construction in early 2019. A final piece could be some additional funding for a second smaller restroom near the future multi-purpose fields.

Tribal executive management and Bruce Irwin, the tribe's devel-

opment director, have been working on this project for the past year. For the overall project, Oregon Parks and Recreation has provided part of the money, with the tribes providing the match.

Warm Springs Construction-Ventures will do some of the construction. The plan is for the Construction crews to work with the

Idaho National Guard in 2019 to build the new ball fields and adjacent amenities.

Warm Springs Recreation-Health and Human Services, Tribal Council and others have advocated for this great addition to the tribal sports facilities.

The new fields, food concession and restrooms will be on 17 acres

by the powwow field and Community Center.

There will be re-orientation and spacing of six ballfields, including junior and adult fields, and the Warm Springs Little League fields. Soccer fields will be incorporated into the softball outfields.

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Council nominations

The districts have made their nominations for the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes. The elections will be on April 4.

The **Agency District** nominees at this time are (the order given here alphabetically): Mike Clements. Austin Greene Jr. Leona Ike. Anita Jackson. Jeremiah Johnson. Cassie Katchia. Dan Martinez. Carina Miller. Jeff Sanders Jr. Wilfred Sando. Dustin Seyler. Glendon Smith. Randy Smith. Lola Sohapp. Valerie Switzler.

Note: Motion was made and seconded at the Agency District meeting to hold a preliminary vote, in advance of the general election, limiting the number of candidates to eight. The motion passed 29-18. There are presently 15 candidates. Details of conducting the primary are being worked out.

Meanwhile on Monday of this week, the Simnasho and Seekseequa districts made their Tribal Council nominations.

Those who were nominated and accepted for Simnasho are:

Levi Van Pelt, Raymond Tsumpti, Charles Calica, Ron Suppah, Sal Sahme, JP Patt, Jaylynn Suppah, Lincoln Jay Suppah, Raymond Moody, Harold Pennington, Emerson Squiemphen, T.J. Foltz, Evaline Patt, Aurolyn Stwyer, and Pricilla Frank.

Seekseequa nominees are:

Reuben Henry, Lee Tom, Martha Winishut, Wilson Wewa, Gerald Tufti, and Brigitte McConville.

Candidates who were nominated must complete background checks and their eligibility to serve will be reviewed by Tribal Council for approval. (Summaries of Agency and Simnasho are on pages 6 and 8. The Seekseequa summary was not yet available at print time.)

A Home for the Holidays

At the dedication of the new home, Dahl'ana Antunez shared this sentiment: "I hope the family who lives here loves it as much as I loved building it."

Dahl'ana was speaking at the ribbon cutting of the new Dream Home in Madras. This year Dahl'ana and 30 other youth—many from Warm Springs—have been working with Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild.

Their latest Dream Home was the fourth and final YouthBuild addition to this particular neighborhood.

Dahl'ana's friend Selena Suppah was on hand for the dedication. Selena graduated from YouthBuild in October, and now lives in Bend, taking classes at Central Oregon Community College.

"It was fun for me," Selena says of the time she spent working on the house. "I found a passion for carpentry."

The girls first learned of YouthBuild through Bridges at the high school, when Heart of Oregon gave a presentation:



Dahl'ana Smith, with baby Alessandro, and Selena Suppah at the new Youth-Built Dream Home.

They learned that through YouthBuild they can earn a high school diploma or GED, college credits plus and stipend. And YouthBuild provides the valuable

job skills in the construction field.

With the construction manager the students build houses from the foundation through the finish and detail work.

"It's was great," Dahl'ana says. There were hot days during summer, she says, and cold ones in the winter.

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Plateau, KNT the stories of 2018

There were rare occurrences for the tribes during 2018. One of the more interesting: Natural Resources-Wildlife discovered a pair of breeding wolves living in a remote area of the reservation.

The wildlife team first spotted the adult pair in January. Then in the summer their wildlife cameras caught images of the adult pair plus two wolf pups.

Wolves had been gone from the region for decades. The ones on the reservation are thought to have traveled here from Idaho.

Meanwhile: The Museum at Warm Springs in 2018 hosted the Treaty Conference, featuring pages of the actual Treaty of 1855, stored in temperature- and humidity-controlled casing, under 24-hour security.

The museum also welcomed the new executive director, author Elizabeth Woody, who started this month after the retirement of Carol Leone.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team saw the successful funding for the Small Business Incubator project. This will involve restoring and moving the old commissary historic structure.

The two-story structure, once relocated to a vacant spot by the highway, will house a cafe and Tananawit artists shop, business support services, and more businesses yet to be determined.

In tribal enterprise news, the Confederated Tribes opened the Plateau Travel Plaza on trust land at the Madras Industrial Park.

The Travel Plaza is a project of Indian Head Casino as approved by Tribal Council. The plaza creates dozens of new jobs, and an exciting expansion opportunity for the tribes.

This is a positive development for the tribes; and in most any other year would easily be the most memorable and important event

for the tribes.

Yet 2018 also saw a memorable development that was not good.

Kah-Nee-Ta had been open since the 1960s. But for the past several years the resort was relying on a subsidy from the tribes in order to remain open.

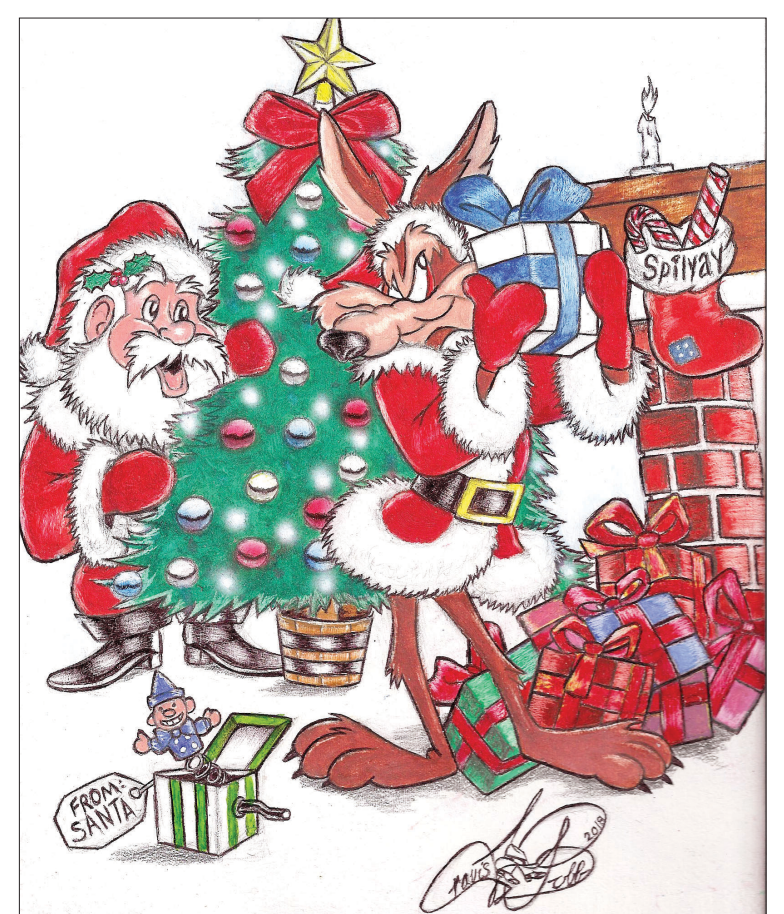
This had become untenable with no clear path as to how the operation might turn around.

Outside investors have shown an interest in joining the tribes in renovating the resort, in order to compete with the many other resorts in the region.

This has so far proven difficult, as the agreement would have to benefit both to the tribes and the investor.

The Council and management continue weighing the options, with the hope of better times for Kah-Nee-Ta in 2019.

— Dave McMechan



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