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A focus on reservation infrastructure

Planning for the future of the reservation infrastructure can be overwhelming: Tens of millions of dollars are needed in the very near future. And the needs are basic: Drinking water, sanitary waste disposal, housing.

Understandably, the tribes do not have the financial resources to address these needs; so planning for the infrastructure of the tribes can be overwhelming. Yet there is cause

for hope:

"We have the staff in place who are dedicated, who want to make this a better place to live," said Alyssa Macy, Chief Operations Officer.

None of the improvements can happen overnight: The predicament has been decades in the making; solutions likewise will take time.

Earlier this year tribal manage-

ment began organizing a 'funding summit.' Invitations went to all major players in the region who may have some resources—financial, advisory, or otherwise—to assist the tribes.

The summit happened last week at the Fire Management conference room. By coincidence—underlining the seriousness of the situation—the Agency area was experiencing its water crisis.

Joining the tribes for the funding summit were the Environmental Protection Agency, Housing and Urban Development, Indian Health Service, the BIA, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, representatives from Sens. Wyden and Merkley's offices and Gov. Brown's office, and Business Oregon.

See INFRASTRUCTURE on 3

Water response

Tribal Council has approved the expenditure of \$300,000 for the emergency repair of the 14-inch water main break under Shitike Creek.

The tribes sought requests for proposals, and chose Gelco of Salem as the contractor. The construction company this week is repairing the break.

A cause of the problem with the leaking pipes—a smaller but still problematic break happened last week in the Miller Heights area—is the failing pressure reducing valves.

There are many of these valves and some of them are not functioning properly. This causes too much pressure in the lines, resulting in breaks.

As Gelco this week was working on the main break at Shitike Creek, there was a loss of water Tuesday into Wednesday in the campus area.

Since the main line break was identified, tribal staff has been working to restore the system—even with a temporary fix—as quickly as possible.

Residents were on the boil water notice for many days.

The team working to address the problem determined a near-term solution was to replace failing pressure relief valves within the current valve boxes.

This proposed fix will give operators the ability to control pressure into the system. This is not a permanent fix. A long-term solution will have to wait until the emergency condition is passed.

Indian Health Service engineers have looked into the potential long-term valve fix involving completely replacing the vaults and valves with new valves.

IHS is taking the lead on doing the environmental paperwork for the total replacement of the valves.

IHS has also been taking a key player on the permanent fix to the Shitike Creek crossing.

Work was already underway to assess the geotechnical characteristics of the creek to support design for a replacement water main.

The work included soil borings and test pits within the creek bed to assess subsurface conditions. The geotechnical report is expected this month.

In discussions between the tribe and IHS, the idea was raised of possibly having the main line crossing be at the Shitike Creek bridge to avoid having to work in the river, and to deal with the ever changing patterns of the Shitike Creek and potential environmental impacts.

There have been many generous donations, including bottled water, towels and baby shampoo. Indian Head Casino donated ice.

The Emergency Response Department, located at the former elementary school, has distributing thousands of gallons of safe drinking water.

The tribes hired Gelco Construction, based in Salem, for the emergency repairs to the domestic water line under Shitike Creek. The Gelco crew showed up Monday morning, mobilizing the equipment and piping. This required a water shut-off on Tuesday into Wednesday of this week. A minimum of 36 hours was the estimate for the duration of the water shut-off.

Earlier, the Warm Springs Utilities staff completed work to minimize water outages to the community. This led to the expectation that the shut-off would be limited to the campus area only, not to every hook-up south of Highway 26, as had been previously projected.



Alyssa Macy/CTWS

Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days marks a half-century

Next week will be the 50-year milestone of the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days, as the very first Pi-Ume-Sha happened in 1969.

Honoring veterans was one of the reasons for the first Pi-Ume-Sha: In '69 many young tribal members were serving in the Vietnam War.

The Treaty was signed in 1855 on June 25. The actual anniversary this year will be next Tuesday—celebrating 164 years since the signing.

Then on Wednesday before the powwow is the Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair, hosted by Community Health. The theme this year is *Just*

Move It!

Then on Thursday the Museum at Warm Springs will open the new exhibit *Resilience*, examining the boarding school experience. of Native American students. Phil Cash Cash will also give a talk at the museum next Thursday morning, also talking about the legacy

of the boarding schools.

The powwow then starts next Friday evening, June 28. There will be the dance competitions, parade, rodeo boxing and more (see page 6 for more).

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market will be open during Pi-Ume-Sha.

Two parades coming with powwow, July 4

The tribes will host two parades in the coming weeks. The Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Horse and Traditional Parade is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29.

The line-up for the parades is at the former elementary school. For the Pi-Ume-Sha Parade, the Traditional line-up begins at 9:30; and horse line-up at 11. Dancers get extra points for participating. There are cash prizes for first-, second- and third; and ribbon prizes.

The following Thursday, Recreation Department will host the Fourth of July Parade, this year with the theme, *Oobrah—Honoring Marines*.

Parade line-up will be at 9 a.m., judging at 10, and the parade start at 11.

50th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days

Warm Springs, Oregon
June 28-30, 2019

PowWow Information
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Traditional Dress Parade
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Endurance Horse Race
Ricky Graybael - 541-553-2001

Rodeo
Cheryl Tom - 541-553-1354

Stick Game
Vanessa Knight Crane - 541-553-7777

Fun Run
Recreation Department - 541-553-3243

Boxing
Austin Smith - 541-325-2798

Men & Women's Softball
Sandra Greene & Jerry Sampson
541-553-6619 & 541-325-1866

Super Man/Wonder Woman Challenge
Azar Spino - 541-460-3511

Museum at Warm Springs
Exhibit - *RESILIENCE: The Boarding School Experience of Warm Springs and beyond* - 541-553-3331

**50TH ANNUAL
INDIVIDUAL & TEAM
DANCE COMPETITION**

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