

# Foundation grant helps Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Warm Springs this month received a \$20,000 donation from the Oregon Community Foundation.

The contribution will help expand the club's Healthy Kids Initiative.

"Warm Springs youth are vibrant, strong and deserving of the same opportunities that other communities can access," said Bill Tsoukalas, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County, the organization that provides funding means for the Warm Springs club.

"Support from the Oregon Community Foundation allows us to provide enhanced services to the youth of the Confederated Tribes



Youth at the Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club.

of Warm Springs completely free of charge, while implementing crucial academic success, STEM and

healthy lifestyles programming." STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The contribution to the Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club is part of the \$8.7 million in new community grants made this month by the Oregon Community Foundation. The foundation received 371 requests for funding during the recent grant cycle, a record number of requests made to the foundation.

"Due to significant demand, it was clear that we would not be able to fund every critical funding request from the Community Grants program alone. Donors from every part of our state stepped forward to help close the gap of ongoing needs of communities" said Kirsten Kilchenstein, chief philanthropy officer of the Oregon Community Foundation.



Courtesy OCF

Track event, Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club.

Around Indian Country

## Water shut-off of Klamath

Drought conditions are forcing the shut-off of irrigation water in the Klamath basin for the rest of the season. This was the recent announcement from the federal Bureau of Reclamation.

The shut-off impacts three irrigation districts along the Oregon-California border.

It marks the end of available water that can be diverted from Upper Klamath Lake. The farming community in the region reacted with some frustration. Paul Simmons is the director of the Klamath Water Users Association, a group that lobbies for farmers in the area.

He says residents are

frustrated because of mixed messages about how much water they'd get this year. "There's been just quite a lot of changing of information and expectations created and changed that have made this extremely troubling and not well received," Simmons said.

This controversy has been long in the making, as the limited water is necessary for fish, wildlife and cultural ways of the Native people of the region.

Water levels are maintained in Upper Klamath Lake to protect several species of endangered sucker fish. It's also let out of the lake to flow downriver, to protect habitat for endangered salmon.

## Documentary A Bridge to the Future

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In time the building fell into disuse, and stood empty for some time. Then a few years ago Chris Watson and the Community Action Team began developing a plan to move the Commissary, completely renovate and restore the structure, and then develop the Warm Springs small business incubator. The team obtained funding from a variety of sources, making the steady progress that continues today.

The tribes and Action

Team contracted for the actual relocation of the building this past April. The Commissary is now by the highway on campus.

When the project is finished, the business incubator will feature a café, office and retail space.

The Tananáwit artists co-operative will have a shop in the building. In time there will be outdoor food spaces, and other amenities.

Through the recent grant to the Action Team and film-



Courtesy OCF

Filmmaker LaRonn Katchia

maker LaRonn Katchia, the development will be fully and beautifully documented.

— Dave McMechan



Courtesy WSCAT

Architect's conceptual image of the Commissary small business center.

## Shooting incident at Wildhorse

Umatilla tribal officials say two people were shot as an armed man and police exchanged gunfire at the Wildhorse Casino.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation announced last week that police intercepted a man with a gun near the door of the casino and resort, after he tried to rob the establishment.

A bystander and the alleged gunman were struck by gunfire during the shootout.

Both were taken to a local hospital. Officials say the suspect was then taken into custody and the site was secured.

Warm Springs Vital Stats reminds tribal member graduates that you need to submit your diploma and transcript for the fall Trust Fund

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