

# Work starting soon on new Academy classrooms

This spring will see the start of construction of new classrooms at the Warm Springs Academy. The design phase took six months, as the team of school leadership, Warm Springs Education, facilities and district staff, and architects worked out the details.

The project is made possible by passage in 2021 of the Jefferson County school bond.

The Confederated Tribes and school district funded the construction of the Warm Springs Academy in 2012. After its construction and opening, all of the classrooms in the building were utilized. Even some designated community rooms at the Academy were converted to classrooms to accommodate all the students.

The upcoming expansion will add six new classrooms, allowing the school to shift students into classroom spaces and transition repurposed spaces for their original intended use.

"We look forward to the opportunities the new classrooms will provide our staff and students," said Lonnie Henderson, Academy principal.



Architect's rendering of new Academy classrooms.

"Our Native Language teachers will now have more of a presence in our main building due to this addition," Principal Henderson said. "This will improve our efforts to integrate language and culture across the school."

Through the result of several schematic design meetings, the new addition plans include the new classrooms with support spaces such as a mechanical mezzanine, storage closet, and more. Located on property along Chukar Road, the project will include water-conscious landscaping as well as improvements to safety and accessibility of parking lots and pick-up drop-off operations.

"The district is committed to meet the needs of the Warm Springs community," said Laurie Danzuka, school district board member.

"This expansion will match the growth at the school by providing more safe space for the teachers and students," Ms. Danzuka said.

The district would like to thank the following members of the Warm Springs design team for their time and commitment to ensuring the building meets educational priorities in a way that supports community priorities:

Simon White, director of operations and safety. Valerie Switzer, tribal Education general manager. Chico Holliday, tribal Utilities general manager. School Principal Henderson. And board members Mike Tiller and Laurie Danzuka.

The classroom work has an estimated completion by the end of 2023. "The district is thankful for the community's support of the 2021 bond," Ms. Danzuka said.

"Thanks to this measure, several much needed improvements are being made to make 509-J schools safer and updated for generations of students to come."

## Tribal fisheries

A 2023 winter season tribal fishery is open from the present time to 6 p.m. on Monday, February 13. This commercial gillnet fishery is for the John Day pool only. There is no mesh restriction for the gillnets.

Allowable sales are sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, salmon (any species), steelhead, walleye, bass carp, catfish, shad and yellow perch. These may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open period are allowed to be sold after the period closes.

Sanctuaries are the river mouth and dam closed areas. Additional commercial gillnet fishing time in the pool, and The Dalles pool, is possible depending on the catch during the present opening. A fishery at the Bonneville pool is scheduled for a later date.

### Platform, hook and line

A zone 6 platform, and hook and line fishery is from the present time to 6 p.m. on March 18. Allowable gear are hoop nets, dip bag nets, dip nets, and hook and line. Allowable sales are salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. These may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.



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Skye Victorino (from left)—as they are selling the official raffle tickets. The drawing will be at the powwow on Sunday, February 12.



## At Council in February

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

### Wednesday, February 8

9 a.m.: Appellate Court rules update with Robert Brunoe, Secretary-Treasurer.

10: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Enforcement at Columbia, discussion with Aja DeCoteau, Mitch Hicks and Brent Hall.

1 p.m.: Indian Health Service update with Hyllis Dauphinais, clinic chief executive officer.

2: Health and Human Services update with Caroline Cruz.

3: Managed Care update with Mike Collins.

Monday, February 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Joint Committee meeting at the Fire Management conference room.

### Tuesday, February 21

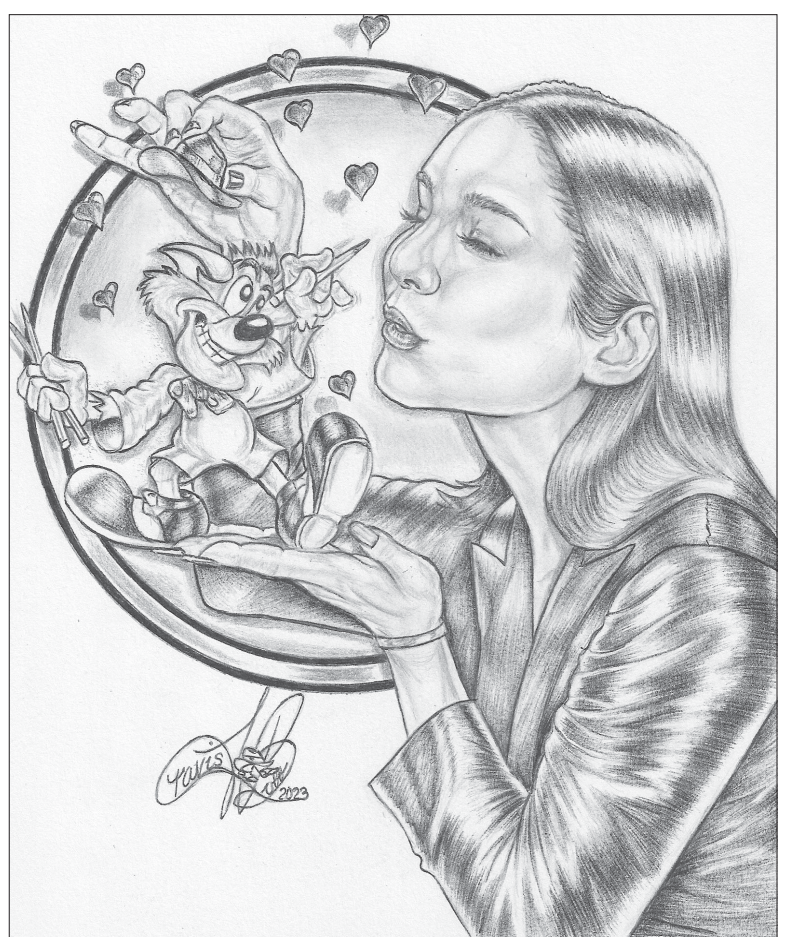
9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer update with Robert Brunoe.

10: March agenda and review minutes.

11: Draft resolutions.

1 p.m.: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Statistics.

2: Office of Information Systems update on directorship discussion.



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~ From Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

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