

### Turf floor for new pavilion

The new Health and Wellness pavilion is getting closer to a grand opening, with the turf flooring now installed. The pavilion, on campus by Wasco Street, is 11,520 square feet in size. The building will be ideal for many kinds of events, activities and trainings of Health and Human Services and others wishing to use the facility.

The pavilion will have electricity and lighting, a movie screen, bathroom facilities, and added nearby parking. TJ Foltz, Warm Springs Prevention manager, has



D. McMechan/Spilyay

been coordinating the project with the Health and Human Services Branch.

Health and Human Services pavilion, with new flooring, on campus by Wasco Street.

### Study to look at new W.S. jail issues

An important initial question in the building of a new Warm Springs Jail will no doubt be related to infrastructure, specifically related to sewer and water at the current preferred building site.

A feasibility study considering the preferred site is under way, with the review of public comments from earlier this year. When the report is released, the team working on the plan, Tribal Council and the community will have a chance to consider the issues identified in the study.

The preferred site is at the Warm Springs industrial park, where buildings rely on septic, as

there currently are no sewer connections.

The jail feasibility study will be a conclusion of a first phase of the project; and addressing the issues in the report will be an initial step in the next phase. When the issues are worked out, construction funding will be available for the project, as the Department of Interior, and Department of Facilities Management and Construction Indian Affairs Office announced in 2021.

A question may be whether or not to have the new jail connected to a wastewater system, or rely on septic.

There may be some infrastructure aspect needed for the new site, in the case of a sewer hookup for instance, that may require an additional funding source beyond the jail funding itself. Final decisions will ultimately be up to the tribes in considering the options, said Brenda Bremner, BIA Agency superintendent.

In the meantime, the tribes and BIA continue to contract with the Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Facility, or Norcor, for housing tribal inmates. This is about a 70-mile drive each way. BIA funds the housing of the Warm Springs inmates at Norcor.

### Clinic: expansion and renovation



Hyllis Dauphinais/IHS

Work this year has included a new roof for the clinic.

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The plan is for a ground-breaking in spring or early summer of next year, Hyllis said.

The new project will be a great improvement for the health services to the community, and all of this has been done in partnership with the tribes, Joint Health Commission and the Health and Welfare committee as IHS and the Confederated Tribes work to improve health outcomes.

As the new project moves forward, also this year the clinic has seen improvements to the existing clinic, including a new roof on the building. Meanwhile, Rusty Marcum, grounds maintenance, and Brent Graybael, facilities manager, and crew put in new and brighter LED lighting for the parking lot, with a new coat of paint on light poles. Rae Ewing, behavioral health specialist, is working with a youth group on a Zen rock garden for an area behind the clinic, yet another example of community health and wellness projects happening these days at the clinic.

### Covid vaccines at clinic

The Warm Springs IHS clinic has received a limited amount of the new covid vaccine. The clinic began administering the vaccines last week.

First priorities for vaccinations at this point are elders 65 and older; and anyone with a health condition that makes the person vulnerable to serious illness from covid. Underlying health conditions include such conditions as organ transplants,

immune compromised, diabetes, and cardiac disease.

As the clinic receives additional quantities, the vaccines will be available to all. This week the clinic is providing vaccines to priority individuals, as described above, during open vaccine hours: 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; and also 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Miss Warm Springs 2024



Seeking tribal artists to submit a bid for the 2024 Miss Warm Springs Crown.

If you're interested in beading the crown for the 2024 Miss Warm Springs crown, please submit a bid to [sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org](mailto:sandra.danzuka@wstribes.org) or [minnie.yahtin@warmsprings.com](mailto:minnie.yahtin@warmsprings.com)

The crown must be at minimum of 6" tall, 21" long, have the tribal flag, using size 13 cut beads. As 2024 will be here in no time the artist will need to get started so the deadline is **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 (5pm)**. Thank you!

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