

Commissary progress

A construction crew is working on the outside area of the historic commissary building. This is the food court-public space that will be outside of the small business center, a project of the Warm Springs Community Action Team. The business center will be housed in the former commissary once the structure is wholly renovated during the third phase of the project.

If work goes as scheduled, the food court phase could be done by the end of this year, said Starla Green, project manager. Then, once the business center is open perhaps within two years, a final addition will be a community kitchen, Ms. Green said.

WSCAT has worked the past few years with the community, Tribal Council, architects and Planning, Utilities and others in developing the overall project.

Earlier this year, WSCAT received a commitment of close to \$4 million from the state of Oregon for the work, a significant boost toward making the idea happen.



Construction workers on site at the food court area.

Starla Green/WSCAT

The commissary project

The commissary building itself dates back to 1896, when it was first used as a U.S. Government storehouse and commodities distribution center. The structure is likely the oldest building on the reservation.

For many decades it used located by the Post Office area. In 2022 WSCAT, after discussions with the community and Tribal Council, had the structure moved to its current location by the highway. This was the first phase of

the small business center development plan.

When fully operational the Commissary and surrounding campus will link Warm Springs entrepreneurs and small business owners to new markets. The Community Action Team with the community chose this site in part because it is along Highway 26, the major corridor between Portland and Central Oregon. With space for retail and food businesses, co-working, an arts and culture store, and a welcome place for visitors to shop, the Commissary site will help revitalize the historic Agency area of Warm Springs.

Free pet clinic in October

Fences for Fido and the Madras Animal Hospital, in partnership with Warm Springs Fire and Safety, will host a free pet wellness and vaccine clinic in October. This is for Warm Springs residents only, no appointment needed.

Services for dogs include vaccines for rabies, parvo and distemper; and flea, tick and dewormer treatments.

For cat there are vaccines for rabies, and FVRCP vaccines; and

flea, tick and dewormer treatment. Minor wound treatment and nail trimming are also available. The clinic will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. For questions about dog or cat services, email:

info@fencesforfido.org

Or call 503-869-0422. The clinic is sponsored by Fences for Fido and Dr. Rhen, Madras Animal Hospital.

Title VI Indian Education forms due

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Education Branch is asking all families of Native American Students to complete a Title VI Indian Education form to identify the number of Native Students that can be counted for the 509-J school district.

The '506' forms are used to determine the amount of funding that currently goes to the Culture and Heritage Language program

for teaching in schools.

The form is available to download on kwso.org

You can fill it out and return to the Education Branch office in the Education building. Contact Celestine Charley if you have any questions:

celestine.c@wstribes.org

Forms that are turned in will enter you into a drawing for an iPad. The drawing is October 10.

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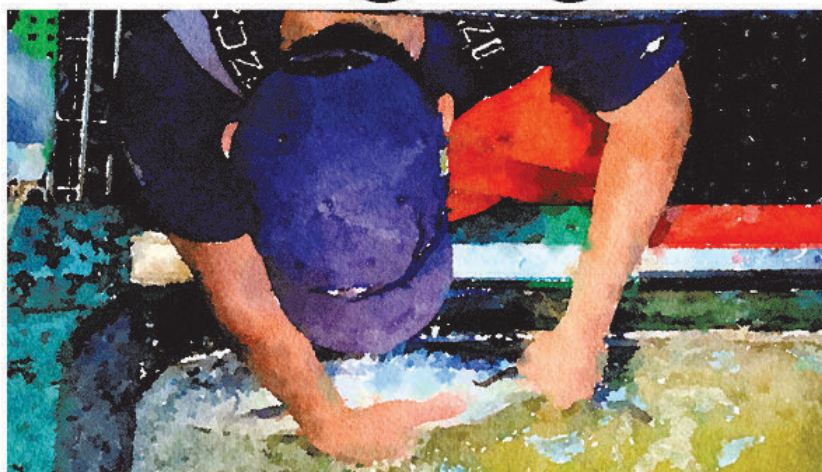
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