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Tunlii playground making progress

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Workmen were leveling out dirt piles on the playground surface in Tunill on Tuesday, October 24. This community park is located on the north side of the Tunlii Unit 6 on the end of East Cherry Creek Road.

This fenced-in playground comes with beautiful landscaping replete with grass and shade trees.

"These trees will provide shade in about 3 years," said Sharie Benson, housing director for the Nation who conducted a tour of the playground.

Workers were burying plastic piping which will irrigate the planted trees and the live grass turf that will soon be unrolled that will cover every square inch of the playground.

The playground equipment is the typical type of equipment

found at most city parks across America. Mrs. Benson said the play ground equipment was strategically placed so "that kids can run from one area to the next group to get their exercise".

Under construction within the playground area is a bathroom facility.

A nearby Ramada will have picnic tables and BBQs next to it.

Unfortunately, neighborhood van-



Safe playground equipment using the latest technology



Playground pavillion

dals have already made their mark by scribbling into the moist concrete pad of the Ramada during the construction phase according to Mrs. Benson. "We can erase this but we're not going to," she said. Mrs. Benson wants the graffiti reminder to the residents to monitor their playground.

Mrs. Benson said that because of the close quarters of the duplex units, residents will need to be cooperative and vigilant.

Mrs. Benson aligns her shoe against the now well-preserved footprint and says it was an older person who committed the dubious act. There

are power poles with high intensity lights throughout the playground.

From this view, one can see in all directions. It's a perfect place for a picnic and a tall fence next to the steep bank makes it a safe place.

YAN housing department conducts grand opening ceremony for new community center

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After a late start in completion of the new Tunlii Community Center, the housing department finally opened the doors with a grand opening on Monday afternoon, December 11.

At the very beginning, the construction of the new community center was delayed because the power company (APS) did not move the underground power line

away from intended site of the foundation on the south side of the building for several



Chair Winiecki and former Chairman Thomas Beauty cut the ribbon together. The second phase of the Tunlii housing project began under the Chairman Beauty's administration.

weeks.

Once this hurdle was cleared, a massive concrete floor was poured using concrete from the Nation's Sand and

Rock Company. Taking just over 10 months, from the pouring of the concrete floor and

the installation of the steel framed fabrica-

tion for the walls and roof system, the electrical and plumbing configurations, and rooms replete with some spectacular wall color combinations, stone floor tiling, a high tech P.A. system, a kitchen with all of the appliances, refrigerators and ample office spaces for the various departments of the nation, this new center is indicative of close team work with the housing staff, the architects, engineers and all of the out sources who helped in completing the new community center.

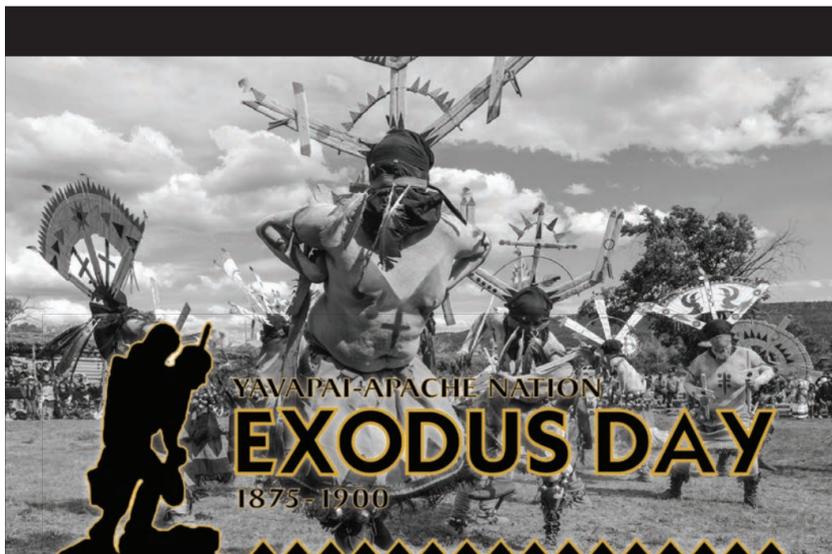
Housing director Sharie Benson

introduced former Chairman Thomas Beauty and current Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki to step onto the stage and share their thoughts about the completion of the new community center.

The Tunlii Tax Credit housing construction was begun during last administration of Mr. Beauty and now, the continuation and final completion under Chairwoman Jane Russell-Winiecki's administration. Mr. Beauty is the Wellness Court health coordinator for the Nation.

After a nice round

of raffle drawings for the visitors and a small reception with refreshments, the building was opened for tours. Most impressive was the new weight training room which was just completed in late October. All of the kitchen appliances, fixtures, refrigerators and freezers have been installed as well. In another area of the building are several office spaces that will accommodate the various departments who may want to conduct temporary business during the week with residents of Tunlii housing area.



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what your customer trends and needs are is an important piece to the success of your business. This is shown through feasibility and statistical studies on trends of purchasing and usage of products and services. The statistical analysis and findings are what will provide credence to your

business and will allow investors to view your window of success and will give them confidence that your business will succeed.

Our next session of courses currently scheduled for the Spring of 2018 will cover financing for business development. Sessions are still being discussed and scheduled but the Economic Development department always encour-

ages community input on the courses that they would like to attend. Currently slated so far is financial record keeping and business funding. The Economic Development department is also always available to answer any personal questions that you may have regarding your business development.

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the highway which will spur property construction leading to more concrete and paving sales.

"There's going to be a lot of growth out here, you betcha ya!" he says with confidence and a smile.

Mr. Piper got the full endorsement (and financial support) from the Nation's council when he pitched the idea to them this year. The equipment was tacked on to another

existing loan for a loader and a scraper.

"We've always talked about wanting an asphalt plant for years in '04 but we were just getting established with concrete back then. We got that going and had 3 good years and then the recession hit and everybody lost," he recalls. He talks about all the vacant homes that couldn't sell and nobody wanted to build houses anymore. Now, all that has turned around and he sees a boon in the building industry.

He doesn't need

additional delivery trucks for his products. "We don't have any trucks to deliver our aggregate. They just come over and get their stuff. If we need something hauled, we call around and they haul for us. There's lots of trucks out there," he said.

The new asphalt plant should be in full operation by the end of 2018.