



## As seen from above

We have fresh drone video of the construction site. It's looking more and more like a wellness center!

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## Moving along

Contractors continue making brisk progress on the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center. The pharmacy is nearly ready for its furniture to be moved in, and the rest of the building is not far behind.

### Current activity

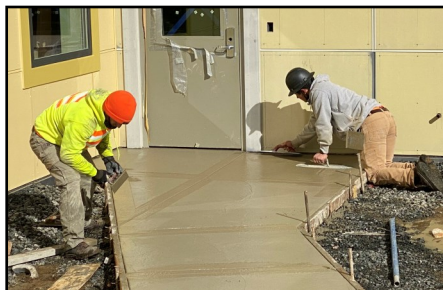
- This week brings the last of the drywall mud.
- Sunshine will move the painters outside.
- Workers are installing windows, interior doors and trim.
- Exam rooms are getting their cabinets and countertops.

### Up next

- The administration area will be painted.
- The Community Gathering Room and family services area will get overhead sprinklers.

## Got the shakes?

For the next few weeks, as rock is layered and compacted in the parking lot, the vibratory roller will power up frequently. We won't always be able to give advance warning. Sorry — but it's almost over!

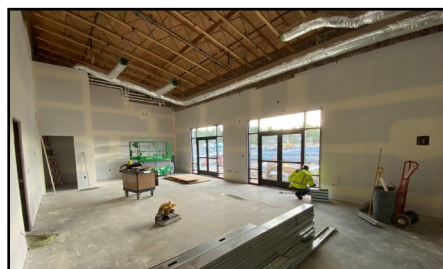


## Photos

Workers put the finishing touches on a walkway leading to the future pharmacy.



The main shutoff valves for fresh water were installed last week and were flushed today.



A worker installs a window in the Community Gathering Room.

**Fun fact:** When finished, the wellness center will contain eight miles of Cat6 communication cable.

# Pharmacy: Finished, furnished, fabulous!

Furniture arrived this week for the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center pharmacy, and the excited staff took a tour.

“It’s the most beautiful pharmacy I’ve ever seen,” said pharmacist Caryn Mickelson. “Everything is new and efficient and well-thought-out.”

The pharmacy will be the first section of the wellness center to open. Other sections are moving along rapidly.

## This week

- Workers are hanging interior doors.
- The family services area is being prepped for flooring.
- The fire sprinkler system passed its inspection.
- Ceiling tile is being installed in the medical clinic.

## Coming soon

- Cabinets will be installed in the dental clinic, the family services area, and the mail and copy room.
- Exam tables and other medical equipment should arrive Feb. 17.
- Furniture will start moving into the medical clinic Feb. 18.



## Photos

**Above:** The pharmacy’s consultation room is still a little stark, but some tribal art will dress it right up.

**Top left:** Pharmacist Caryn Mickelson is pleased with her new office.

**Middle left:** Cabinets were installed in the medical laboratory this week.

**Bottom left:** A painter applies the final coat to the pharmacy’s exterior.

**Photos by  
Lon Matheny**



# Details, details



Much remains to be done, but the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center looks more finished with each passing day.

Outside, the concrete crew is installing curbs and gutters as landscapers prepare to plant. Inside, security systems are being installed.

Back-ordered equipment and a state certification have slightly delayed the opening of the pharmacy. But it's still ahead of schedule.

The project is cruising smoothly toward its grand opening in June.



## Photos

**Top:** Diamond-studded sidewalks are a recurring design feature.

**Far left, above:** Nick Lovell, a member of the tribe's IT staff, installs a security camera.

**Right, above:** A last coat of paint for the pharmacy.

**Left, bottom:** Concrete forms will produce curbs surrounding a planted area.

**Photos by Lon Matheny**

# Moving toward a move-in

Progress at the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center is steady and methodical, as construction crews complete more and more of the project's countless details.

## Recent progress

- Smoke alarms and sprinklers are functional in Zone 1 (medical and pharmacy).
- Furniture is moving into the pharmacy, which is just about ready to open. (A state certificate is the main holdup.)
- Interior doors and corner guards are being installed.
- After a thorough cleanup and minor touchups this week, the medical area should be essentially finished.
- The rollup door for the shipping and receiving area was installed today.

## Coming soon

- Furniture for the medical clinic.
- Pavement under the covered drive-up.
- Cabinets, countertops and windowsills for the dental clinic and family services area.



**Top:** Nicholas Lovell and Russell Crochetiere, members of the tribe's IT staff, install computers for the pharmacy.



**Left:** Historic Preservation Officer Kassandra Rippee talks with Larry Watson, owner of North Bend's WOW Arts & Exhibits, about a display case he is building for a century-old Coquille Tribal canoe.

The tribe acquired the river-going dugout about three years ago. Rippee said the former owner was a Bandon resident who had kept the canoe since trading for it with a tribal member in the early 1950s.

It will rest in the wellness center as a tangible testament to the tribe's cultural heritage.



## Sky view

[See new aerial video of the construction site.](#)