

Welcome home!

Two departments moved in this week

Just one department was supposed to move into the new wellness center this week. But the Operations team got ambitious and moved two.

The Community Services staff occupied new quarters on Tuesday, followed by the dental team on Wednesday. (So far the dental team is just a twosome. More hiring is under way.)

Moving continues next week. Meanwhile, contractors are tidying up a few remaining details:

- They're backfilling the landscape areas with dirt.
- Select areas of curbing are being painted.
- A few rain gutters need paint as well.
- Speaking of paint, the exterior trim will be redone next week. The unpopular mustard yellow will give way to a sedate brown.



Photos

Top: Jason Mecum and Andrea Love are preparing the dental clinic for the rest of their team's arrival.

Middle: The Community Services group moved in Tuesday. From left are Lauren Morris, Lori Austin, Lisa Mielke, Heike Flaxa, Jessica Hamner and Roni Jackson.

Bottom: A test strip of a shade called "Cupcake" shows the future color of the building's exterior trim.

Photos by Lon Matheny

A full house

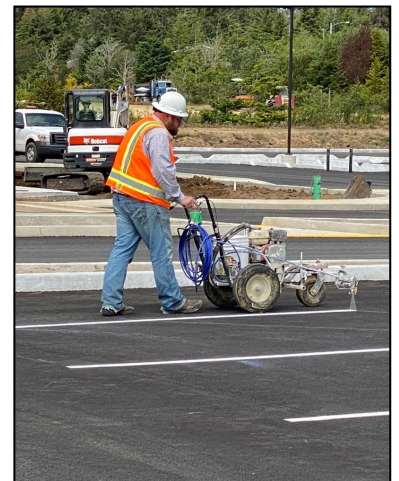
All moved in, staff is prepping for patients

With all departments settling into their new quarters, the Ko-Kwel Wellness Center is just a few days away from welcoming patients.

The clinic will reopen on Monday, in a building that was finished ahead of schedule and under budget. With nearly three times the square footage of the old Community Health Center, the new facility offers the promise of expanded services and a welcome revenue stream for the tribe.

While staff members unpack and organize their work spaces, the tribe's tech team is rushing to finish hooking everything up. Outside, stripes on asphalt are a crucial finale to the project: Designated parking for people with disabilities is a must for a permanent occupancy permit.

As construction ends, so does the weekly Construction Update. Special thanks to the Operations Department's Lon Matheny, who provided photos and information throughout 14 busy months.



Photos

Top: Teone Fjeld and Shyla Jorgensen admire the new lab.

Upper left: Kelly Mitchell, Amber Robertson and Trudy Simpson settle into the new business office.

Upper right: A painter recoats yellow trim with a more sedate brown.

Lower left: Medical team members meet in their new Procedure Room. From left, Dr. Roger Willis, Deb Richardson, Glenna Lindblom (in the corner), Leann Willis-Welch and Nichole Johnson.

Lower right: Parking lot stripes are one of the project's final tasks.