

Clean-up targets abandoned vehicles

The Warm Springs Housing Authority this month continued with a clean-up effort, targeting the removal of old abandoned vehicles on the reservation. Earlier in the fall, the focus of the vehicle removal program was in the neighborhoods of Warm Springs.

The effort continued last week with the focus on removal of vehicles from rural areas of the reservation. A total of 510 abandoned or unwanted vehicles have now been removed from the reservation.

The program is intended to help improve the appearance of the reservation, as well as safety. Abandoned vehicles pose a number of health hazards. The vehicles can pose a nuisance, for instance, in that young people might be injured while playing in the old wreckage.

In rural areas, the vehicles also pose a problem in that they can prevent or delay fire response vehicles from reaching the scene of a blaze. In the area of Mill Creek, a number of vehicles were found in an area that is prone to flooding.

These vehicles were a potential problem in that, during a major flood, they might be washed away, presenting a hazard downstream, said Fire Chief



Dan Martinez.

Some of the vehicles that were removed last week were very old, dating back to the 1930s or '40s. About 80 vehicles were removed last week from rural parts of the reservation, said Martinez.

The Housing Authority contracted with Bob McDonald of Culver to have the vehicles removed.

The more than 500 vehicles that have so far been removed are just a start to the overall problem of abandoned vehicles on the reservation, said Martinez.



Above, an old truck is removed from a rural residence on the reservation. At left, this vehicle was removed from an area that is prone to flooding.

Calendar

Are you seeking that special collector's item, gift or tasteful food? Come to The Museum at Warm Springs' First Annual Holiday Bazaar. The museum's lobby, hallways and education room will be filled with the fanfare of holiday community and Native American arts and craft items, food and beverages. The event is set for November 30, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Warm Springs community members will have artistic handmade items on display.

The 27th Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday, Dec. 14. The Recreation Department is now accepting vendor registration forms. Pre-registration deadline will be at 5 p.m. on Dec. 11. Contact person: Carol Allison, 553-3243/3244.

The following classes are open to all Warm Springs tribal members. They are also required classes for participants in the Warm Springs Individual Development Account (IDA) program.

Dec. 3, "Building a healthy economy." Dec. 10, "Developing a spending plan." Dec. 17, "Working with checking and savings accounts."

Christmas and New Year's Break until Jan. 7. Jan. 7 class: "Understanding credit and your credit report." Jan. 14, "Accessing credit, part 1." Jan. 21, "Accessing credit, part 2."

A seventh class will be on learning how to read your credit, and what to do when you have damaged your credit. An eighth class will be on estate planning/living will/estate wills. The IDA staff and participants may decide to add more classes of special interest to members. To register, contact Jack Quinn, 553-2542.

The Eleventh Annual Simnasho Christmas Powwow is set for December 13-14, a Friday and Saturday. The event will take place at the Simnasho Longhouse. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. both evenings. Grand entries will be at 7 p.m. both evenings. There will be a three-man hand drum contest. The theme of this powwow is, "Honoring Veterans and Promoting Sobriety." For further information, contact Gene Sampson, 553-9232; Guy Wallulatum, 553-3205 (daytime); or Dallas Winishut, 553-2201 (daytime.)

Impact Aid to be discussed

A public hearing on the use of Impact Aid school funding is set for 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 25, at the Warm Springs Elementary School library.

Tribal members are invited to attend, and are encouraged to ask questions and state opinions regarding School District 509-J programs, and the use of Section 8003 Impact Aid funds.

The school district on an annual basis affords all district patrons, specifically Na-

tive American parents and guardians, the opportunity to comment on and make recommendations regarding use of the Impact Aid school money.

People with disabilities, who wish to attend the Nov. 25 meeting, are asked to contact the school district by calling Cindy Harns at 475-6192, to discuss special arrangements that may allow full participation in this public hearing.

New tile honors business partnership

Warm Springs Ventures and Kibak Tile have announced a plan to start a new line of custom tile under the label "Kah-Nee-Ta Tile," in honor of the tile company's joint venture with the Confederated Tribes.

Warm Springs Ventures' majority ownership purchase of the Redmond-based tile company happened last month. Ventures is the tribes' economic development and business development corporation, funded and established by Tribal Council about two years ago.

Ventures has acquired a 51-percent interest in Kibak Tile, which was founded in the early 1980s.

It is possible one day that the company's manufacturing plant

could relocate to the reservation, said Tom Henderson, Ventures chief executive officer.

The current line of Kibak tile is sold in showrooms exclusively by Anne Saks, a subsidiary of Kohler Corp., and Daltile, one of the largest tile manufacturers in the world.

The new Kah-Nee-Ta line of tile has yet to be designed, but Warm Springs Ventures and Susanne Kibak Redfield, chief executive officer of the tile company, are excited by the possibilities, and are taking the necessary steps to get it off the ground, said Henderson.

The newly created line of tile will be shown in major showrooms from California to New York.

2 arrested after search

Two local residents were charged last month with possession, delivery and intent to manufacture a controlled substance, marijuana.

Gabriel Steven Littledog, 27, and Sonya R. Bryant, 37, of 6371 Eagleview Drive, Warm Springs, were also charged with child abuse, according to a report from the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement.

The arrests happened on Friday, Oct. 25, after officers served a search warrant at the above residence.

Seized were a small quantity of marijuana, U.S. cur-

rency, packaging materials, digital scales, marijuana growing equipment, and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, according to the law enforcement agency report.

The two suspects were not at home at the time of the search of the residence.

They were arrested a short time later without incident.

At the time of the arrest of Littledog, a small quantity of hashish and marijuana were also discovered, the agency report says.

The two were lodged in the Warm Springs Jail.

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Several blazes keep fire crews busy

From various vehicle fires to a suspicious apartment blaze, Warm Springs Fire and Safety crews have been kept busy this month.

The apartment fire happened after someone apparently set fire to a car that was parked next to the apartment structure, which was under-going a remodel.

The apartment is located at 2336 High Lookee St., across from the Senior Center. Damage to the building was estimated at \$15,000. Damage to the vehicle, which was totally destroyed, was estimated at \$3,000.

"This fire was highly suspicious," said Fire Chief Dan Martinez. This incident happened on Monday night of last week, Nov. 4, at about 7:30 p.m.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Fire and Safety at 553-1634.

Also on Monday of last week, a Volkswagen van, belonging to someone passing through, caught fire at the Texaco on Highway 26 in Warm Springs.

The van was completely destroyed. This fire was interesting in that the older Volkswagen van motors contain a large amount of magnesium, which burns even in water.

Fire and Safety had to use a special extinguishing agent to douse the flames, or the engine



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This van was completely destroyed by fire last week, while parked at the Texaco on Highway 26.

probably would have burned for hours, said Martinez.

Later in the week, the cab of a semi-truck caught fire at the lot of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

The cab and its contents were totally destroyed, resulting in an estimated total damage of \$20,000, said Martinez.

The motor and transmission were still salvageable, the cab itself - valued at \$16,000 - was destroyed. Personal items in the cab were valued at \$4,000.

This fire apparently started in the electrical wiring of a refrigerator/VCR system that the driver had installed in the cab, said Martinez.

The flames also caused about \$500 in heat-related stress damage to the trailer behind the cab, he said. These are just some of the numerous calls that Fire and Safety has responded to in recent weeks. Usually, said Martinez, the late fall and early winter months are a slow time, "but we've been just swamped."