

Homeless to receive help at weekend event

Homeless people in Warm Springs are invited to seek help with a special event this weekend.

On Saturday, October 13, hundreds of hard-working families, struggling seniors, veterans and others can take a bus from Madras to the Hooker Creek Event Center at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center for a community resource event called Project Homeless Connect.

Homelessness is a problem that's been growing locally and in surrounding counties.

During a 15-hour stretch on January 25, 2007, volunteers counted more than 2000 people in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties who were homeless. More than 700 were school-age children.

"If all the homeless children in Central Oregon were gathered together, they would fill a dozen school buses. Everyone, especially children, deserve an opportunity to succeed in school and in life, and that is tied to having a stable home. To succeed, you need a place to call home," says Jim Schell, executive director of Central Oregon

Guests will be able to see a doctor and a dentist, get support on finding and obtaining affordable housing and job opportunities, make a long-distance phone call, receive basic necessities, and access numerous other community services, all under one roof.

Partnership.

The Partnership and a tri-county coalition of public and private advocates are teaming up to do something about it. Project Homeless Connect, spearheaded by the Homeless Leadership Council and sponsored by The Partnership, is an ambitious step toward a ten-year plan to end homelessness in Central Oregon.

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long-distance phone call, receive basic necessities, and access numerous other community services, all under one roof.

According to Suzy Reininger, co-chair of Homeless Leadership Council, referral services and continuing care will be available after the event as well. "This event is a best practice model designed to make a lasting difference for those who participate," she says.

Project Homeless Connect began in San Francisco in 2004 and has been replicated in numerous other metropolitan areas across the country, including Eugene, Oregon. Central Oregon's Project Homeless Connect will be the first time the project has been attempted on a regional scale in a largely rural setting.

Central Oregon Partnership has signed on as a title sponsor and additionally has issued a challenge grant to match community donations up to \$2500. Cascade Health Services has donated \$3000 to the event, and Pahlisch Homes has committed \$1000 and challenged other members of the Central Oregon Builders Association to do the

same. "Project Homeless Connect gives everyone a chance to pitch-in, to help hard-working families who are struggling to make ends meet," says Schell. "We are going to work together beginning October 13, and change lives and the way the community works together."

Project Homeless Connect is currently seeking professionals - particularly doctors, dentists and their staff - to provide physical and mental health care services to guests. In addition, organizers are seeking volunteers to greet guests, provide translation services, give haircuts and perform dozens of other important jobs.

The Project also needs cash and in-kind donations from local businesses and community members. To learn more about Project Homeless Connect, or to get involved, visit the new website at this Internet address: www.centraloregonconnect.org.

Births

Amarius Andre Stevens

Jess H. Stevens III and Marti Ann Crawford of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Amarius Andre Stevens, born on September 27, 2007.

Amarius joins brother Jess H. Stevens IV, who is 2.

Grandmother on the father's side are Tia Wheeler; great grandmother is Agens Lumpmouth, both of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lucelia Berry of Warm Springs, and Howard Crawford of Portland.

Katalina Qiana Culps

Aaron Eli Culps Sr. and Billie Jean Suppah of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Katalina Qiana Culps, born on September 22, 2007.

Katalina joins brother Aaron, 4; and sisters Kaisha, 2, and Vanessa, 6.

Grandparents on the father's side are Florence Culps and Reynaldo Tatia.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Lilly Suppah and Ron Suppah.

Le-Quisha Louella Marie Jackson

Sam Jackson and Suzette Boise of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Le-Quisha Louella Marie Jackson, born on September 19, 2007.

Grandparents on the father's side are the late Louella Marie Squeimphen, and Gregory Jackson.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Tony Boise, Patricia Kalama. Great grandparent is Margaret Boise.

Howlak Tichum

Lucy Wolfe Oscar, 1925-2007

Lucy Wolfe Oscar of Warm Springs passed away on October 1, 2007. She was 82.

Mrs. Oscar was born on September 18, 1925 at Warm

Springs to parents Ka-Nut Wolfe and Hattie Mosstocken. She was married to Tim Oscar.

Mrs. Oscar was a homemaker and mother all of her life. She is survived by her son James

Wolfe of Warm Springs, and numerous grandchildren. She was preceded in death by four children, two brothers and five sisters.

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Eugene Reynolds Scott, 1941-2007

Eugene Reynolds Scott passed away on September 23, 2007 at White Swan, Wash. He was 65.

Mr. Scott was born in Warm Springs on December 6, 1941 to parents Cora Arthur and Edwin Scott.

He worked for the Warm Springs Police Department, and the Yakama Police Department until his retirement.

Mr. Scott is survived by his children Tina Scott (David Hall), Lisa Scott-Hosteen (Rick Hosteen), Jason Scott, and Lucinda Scott; numerous grandchildren and cousins; aunt Alice Scott of Warm Springs; uncle Harvey and Florene Scott, and Yvonne Tapedo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunt Cora Scott, grandmother Ethel Scott,

grandfather James Scott; three uncles, Ivan, Rufus and Raymond; and two aunts, Hazel Seyler, and Elva Greene.

The dressing was held on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Wapato, Wash. Overnight services at the Shaker Church of Warm Springs, and burial at the Agency Cemetery, Warm Springs.

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