

The Census team preparing for the 2010 count of reservation residents met last week with Tribal Council. Attending were (from left) Roberta Armstrong, U.S. Census tribal regional technician; Rawlin Richardson, of tribal Natural Resources and the Census Committee; Council Vice Chairwoman and Census liaison Aurolyn Stwyer-Pinkham; Gary Ollerenshaw, local Census office manager; Urbana Ross of the tribal Government Affairs and Planning offices; Michelle Maher, U.S. Census tribal partnership specialist; Loretta Olsen, Census tribal partnership specialist; and Mary Sando-Ernoolah, Census tribal partnership specialist assistant and Census Committee member.



Photo by Joelden Surface, courtesy of Mary Sando-Ernoolah.

Clinic offering flu shot clinics

Seasonal flu clinics are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., and from 1 to 3 p.m. The clinics are in the community health area of the clinic. The community health nurses are advising community members not to wait until the last minute to get a flu shot. The nurses stop taking clients 10 minutes before 11 a.m. and 10 minutes before 3 p.m. People who are 18 years and older can get a flu shot in the pharmacy any time the phar-

macy is open. People ages 4 to 17 years can get a flu shot with a nursing appointment at the medical end of the building. **H1N1 (swine) flu clinics** Clinics are set up for the Warm Springs Elementary School, vaccinating children starting with the kindergarten children and working up to the fifth-graders. If you are in one of these priority groups (listed below) and have not been vaccinated, please

come to the Community Health area Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 to 11 a.m., or from 1 to 3 p.m. to get the H1N1 vaccination. Priority groups include: Pregnant women, and primary caregivers for infants under 6 months of age. Healthcare and first responder personnel. Children from 6 months to 4 years. Early Childhood Education Center and protective services staff.

Can, bottle drive for the holidays

The Warm Springs Full Gospel Church is conducting a can and bottle drive. Proceeds from the drive will be used during the holiday season for people in need. You can drop off cans or bottles with Pastor Ernest or Francis Hunt, or call 553-6316. The church is located at 2311 Holly Drive. Or call Co-Pastor Agnes Lumpmouth at the church, 553-9641.

Casino chefs to compete at Chinook Winds

The public is invited to sample and vote for their favorite dishes in the Rez Kitchen Tour, being held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 19-20. Chefs from nine Oregon tribes will be showcasing the use of local and traditional foods in a variety of dishes. A private, panel-judged competition will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, and the public is invited to observe and vote on Nov. 20 starting at 10 a.m. The Rez Kitchen Tour was developed from the work of the Oregon Tribal Tourism Working Group, who has previously cooperated with Travel Oregon and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to develop several visitor's publications. For more information, contact Dave Tovey, (541) 994-2142, dtovey@stbcorp.net.

Births

Kieran Clifford Kenneth Crowe born on September 18, 2009. Marcus J. Crowe and Nancy C. Williams of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Kieran Clifford Kenneth Crowe, born on October 20, 2009. Kiernan joins brother Darnell and sisters Mia and Janai. Grandparents on the father's side are Laura Crowe and Avery American Horse. Grandparents on the mother's side are Edna Williams and Kennedy Smith.

Ellison Thomas Chavez Jr. Ellison Thomas Chavez and Falena Kentura are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Ellison Thomas Chavez Jr., born on September 18, 2009. Ellison Jr. joins siblings Deshaun, who is 6, and Laleesha, 18 months. Grandparents are Samuel and Marjorie Kentura of Warm Springs; and Liz Frazer of White Salmon, Wash.

Rylie Grae Bishop Chris Bishop and Brandy Short of Metolius are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Rylie Grae Bishop, born on October 9, 2009. Grandparents on the father's side are Russ and Patricia Horn of Madras. Grandparents on the mother's side are Bradley and Toy Short of Metolius.

General Council: enterprises give updates

(Continued from page 1) For the time being, the chance of the Secretary of the Interior ruling in favor of the tribes is better than 50-50, he said.

Credit Enterprise Lori Fuentes gave the update for the Warm Springs Tribal Credit Enterprise, stating that there were 190 new loans for the period ending September 30, 2009. There were 177 closed loans, and 2,710 loans outstanding. The tribal Credit staff consists of 14 employees. 13 of those employees are tribal members. One employee is other Indian. Since mid-September, tribal Credit has been working with Mid Oregon Credit Union to bring basic banking services to the reservation. There are plans to provide ATM and check-cashing services at the Credit building. This initial agreement with Mid Oregon Credit Union is for three years. Fuentes stressed that Credit will be in control of the operation. If there is a need to hire more employees, tribal members will be hired. If there is enough business on the reservation, it could lead to Mid Oregon Credit Union to open up a branch in Warm Springs.

Weatherization program Credit's update also included information on the Warm Springs weatherization program. The program will help provide healthy, safe and comfortable living conditions, and help low-income homeowners and tenants to save on their energy costs. The weatherization program, Fuentes said, will be taking the place of the neighborhood impact program. Jose Calica and Bruce Engle have been trained and are cer-

tified by the State of Oregon to do the energy audits. Priority for this program will go to anyone with no heat sources in their home, elders, those with medical conditions, and families with children under six-years-old. Tribal members showed a concern for the elders on the reservation when it came to the weatherization program. They also expressed concern about the length of time that it took for some homes to be repaired in the past. There was also some interest as to why the weatherization program funds were being used on rental units. "The Housing Department should be taking care of their rental units," Eliza Brown-Jim stated. "The homeowners should be considered first for this weatherization program."

Museum news The Museum at Warm Springs was the next to give their updates. Museum board president J.P. Patt informed those in attendance that the museum is running on hard times. "A lot of the funds that the museum used to depend on are quite depressed," Patt said. As it stands, the museum requires a minimum of \$250,000 just to exist. "If you close the museum right now," Patt said, "it would cost the tribes \$250,000 empty. Those treasures that we have housed need to be kept in a climate-controlled condition. The building itself needs to be kept at a certain temperature. There's annual upkeep, and we're running on a bare minimum." In order to make ends meet the museum has taken some impressive steps by cutting general operating expenses by over 35 percent. The museum staff will only attend seminars or workshops

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if they have a scholarship. Funds for travel have been eliminated unless covered under a grant-funded project. And the museum board has spent only \$2,171 of their \$5,000 budget.

Housing Jeff Sanders gave the update from the Housing Department. A problem that Housing contends with is substance abuse by tenants, Sanders said in his opening. "Right now there are five houses on the reservation that are boarded up because of meth," he said. These homes have been identified on Bray Avenue, Walsey Lane, High Lookie, and Eagle Way. Sanders estimated that it takes about \$30,000 to repair a meth house. Tribal members living on the reservation have experienced the highest poverty rates in our country and state. Crime rates continue to grow at an alarming rate. "We continue to have serious problems in meeting the housing needs of our people," Sanders said. There should be seven members on the Local Housing Authority board of commissioners, Sanders said. However, there are currently four: Erwin Suppah, Sharlayne Garcia, Margaret Buckland and Linda Langley. There has been limited responses to advertisements from interested community members. Tribal members were concerned that some areas of the


reservation were being charged for water and sewer services. There was also the concern about employing people to repair homes when there were no funds available to make such repairs. "HUD says that if we don't charge every person for water, sewer and garbage, we can't utilize these funds," Sanders said. As far as the repairs go, he said: "We do what we call band-aiding. We can fix houses that need small amounts of repairs." Each General Council meeting was attended by about 75 tribal members.

Man found dead on reservation was killed

(AP) - The FBI says a 49-year-old Hillsboro man whose body was found on the Warm Springs Reservation was a homicide victim. FBI spokeswoman Beth Anne Steele identified the victim Thursday as Gregory Peters. His body was found Saturday. KPTV reports that Peters' former roommates say he had family members who lived near the reservation. The exact cause of Peters' death was not disclosed. No arrests have been made.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Family Resources Center in Warm Springs. Or call us at 385-6944 Monday through Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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