

Great holiday gifts at museum

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The Warm Springs Museum has scaled back its operating hours for the winter. It is now open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The museum gift shop is on the same schedule.

Huckleberry gift baskets

Shop employees have geared up for the holiday season by creating special gift baskets. Featured prominently in these arrangements are huckleberry products — foods, cosmetics and other gift items.

Baskets of different sizes and prices are available. People also can order custom baskets with tribe-made beadwork, baskets, and arts and crafts items sold in the gift shop.

Shop employees ask that customers allow for adequate time to assemble the custom baskets—at least a half day.

You can reach the museum at 553-3331.



Debbie Stacoma, gift shop manager (left), and Martha Winishut, sales clerk, have gift baskets available at the Warm Springs Museum. Employees offer baskets they assemble, as well as create custom styles.

Museum memberships

Also available are museum memberships. Some cost as little as \$25 a year. This introductory offer is the same as the senior and student membership and allows un-

limited visits to the museum, a monthly electronic update about events and recognition on the museum's Web site.

Higher-level yearly memberships begin at \$35 a year. This level, for example, allows for a

10-percent discount on gift shop purchases.

For details, call the museum gift shop, 553-3331.

The museum is closed Christmas and New Year's days.

Help is available for your power bill

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If you face the possibility of having your power shut off, there is help available for you.

Victims of Crime Services (VOCS) cannot help you pay your bill, but we can give you referrals that may help.

LIEAP

Tribal Social Services' Low Income Energy Assistance Program, LIEAP, is the first program to contact.

The LIEAP program is open to all tribal community members living in the 97761 zip code regardless of tribal enrollment. This program is located on Holiday Street in the same building as the Commodities Program, and its telephone number is 553-3491. Lori Switzler or Gayleen Adams are there to help.

In the event that you have electrical power, but are having furnace problems and there is the a senior in your home, the tribal Social Services department has a limited number of electric blankets, electric bed pads, and electric heaters for the senior's use.

Be prepared by bringing your latest power bill and financial information with you when you go to the Social Services building to apply for the Energy Assistance Program.

If the Tribal Social Services' LIEAP Energy Assistance Program can only help you with a portion of your power bill, then you will have to access other social programs such as the local DHS-Food Stamp program,

the NeighborImpact office if you live in Jefferson County, or the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council office in The Dalles if your home is in the Wasco County part of the reservation.

Seniors

The tribal Seniors Program has budgeted a one-time annual \$240 maximum payment per tribal member senior for 2009 to help with power bills.

The Seniors Program is located on High Lookee Street, and its telephone number is 553-3313. Wilson Wewa, Lucille Schuster or Elton Greeley can assist you.

Unlike the Social Services department that receives federal dollars for its LIEAP program, the Seniors Program (because it is funded with tribal dollars) provides its energy assistance to seniors ages 60 years or older who are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes.

State human services

The Oregon Department of Human Services may be able to help with income assistance, and your power bill, if you are low-income, have children, and meet its other qualifications. DHS has a part-time satellite office at the tribal Family Resource Center, 1144 Warm Springs St., telephone number 553-1626. It also has a full-time office in Madras at 678 NE Highway 97, Suite D, Madras, telephone number is 541-475-6131.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' Social Services Program does not have funding to help tribal community members pay

their power bills.

NeighborImpact is a non-government, non-profit organization headquartered in Redmond that can help tribal community members who live in Jefferson County with their energy bills after first applying to the Warm Springs for Low Income Energy Assistance Program at the Social Services department. NeighborImpact has a Madras office at 645 SW Marshall St., Madras, and its walk-in hours are 1-4 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended to call 475-7017 for an appointment.

NeighborImpact can also assist consumers access the Oregon Heat Program if the customer has a good payment history with Pacific Power. The Oregon Energy Assistance Program is designed to prevent shut-offs that can have a life-altering effect on the family.

The Wasco County tribal residents who heat their homes with electricity from Wasco Electric Cooperative or Pacific Power may be eligible for help with their heating costs. The *WECare* program helps clients once every 12 months with Wasco Electric Cooperative that have a "shut-off" notice, and there are a couple of programs, Oregon Energy Assistance, and Oregon HEAT, that can help with Pacific Power clients. Contact the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council office in The Dalles at 541-298-5131.

If the above agencies are not able to completely help you with your power bill, then you may be able to take out a loan at Tribal Credit Enterprises.

Donations welcome at Place for Kids Club

The Place for Kids Club would like to thank all parents, community members, and enterprises that have contributed to the program throughout the year.

Winter Break hours for the club will be 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21 through Thursday, Dec. 31.

There are two early closure days for the club: Friday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 31. Clo-

sure on these days will be at 3:30 p.m.

The club is seeking donations for the program. Construction paper, paint and brushes, glitter, ribbon, yarn, permanent markers, and dry erase markers are needed for art projects.

The Place for Kids Club Staff are: June Smith, Jocelyn Moses, Myrtle Suppah, Ava Smith.

"We have received limited

amounts of snack items from the local food bank," June Smith said, "and we are grateful for that. But we're in need of more. We're looking for donations of flour, sugar, salt, cake mixes, canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and so on."

If you have items you would like to donate to the Place for Kids Club, please call 553-2323 for more information.

Happy Birthday and Christmas Wishes ...

Happy birthday to one of our pride and joys Dartanian W. Picard. We love you and hope your day was a good one. Love from Grandma and Grandpa, Robert and Marella Sam.

Happy birthday to our brother Dartanian Picard from all of us: Woody Jr., Kaylobe Picard, Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee, Gerald Lee Tias and Clarence Vernon Sam.

Happy birthday to our brother from Chantel and Elisha Picard.

Happy birthday to our son Dartanian Picard, love from dad and mom, Woody and Sadie Picard.

Happy birthday to Dartanian Picard from all of us: Tracy, Gerald, Neda, Jeleah, Elsie, Thomas and Robert Jr.

On this, December 26, 2009, a big Happy 3rd birthday to my

pride and joy, Gerald Lee Tias, Love you baby, from Grandma and Grandpa Marella Sam and Robert Sam Sr.

Happy birthday to our baby brother, Grandma's brat, Gerald Tias Jr. So your 3 years old just after Christmas. Well we hope and know that your day is going to be a good one. Love from all of us: Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, Chantel, Elisha, Clarence Vernon Sam, Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee Tias.

Happy 3rd birthday to our baby Gerald Lee Tias. Love you. From Dad and Mom, Gerald Sr. and Neda Tias.

Happy birthday to Gerald Tias Jr., on December 26, 2009, from all of us: Tracy, Robert Jr., Thomas Sam, Woody Sr. and Sadie Picard, Jeleah and Elsie Sam.

Happy birthday to our December birthdays: Chester Van Pelt, Marella Van Pelt, Lunch Meat and our Christmas baby (Larel Van Pelt) with all our love from Marella Sam and family.

These Christmas Wishes are with love from the Robert and Marella Sam family:

Merry Christmas Mom and Hervey Jim.

Merry Christmas Levi and Pearl Van Pelt family.

Merry Christmas Chet Van Pelt Jr. Family.

Merry Christmas Tiger and Theresa Van Pelt family.

Merry Christmas Lillie (Itta) Van Pelt. To my sister, I miss you and we all love you sister. Take care. Call.

Merry Christmas Wolfman.

Merry Christmas Margie Ann Van Pelt family.

Merry Christmas Charlotte Shike family.

Merry Christmas Neda Wesley family.

Merry Christmas Hilda Culpus family.

Merry Christmas Margaret Boise family.

Merry Christmas Rego and Eliza family.

Merry Christmas Marie Lopez family.

Merry Christmas Julie Sam family.

Merry Christmas Mona Lopez family.

Merry Christmas Mary Danzuka family.

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