

Helping hands in West Hills



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A recent project of the youth mission group was a house painting in the West Hills.

Youth and adults of the Friends Helping Friends Missions visited Warm Springs for three days in March.

The group, part of the Oregon Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, helped out with housing maintenance projects around the reservation.

The Friends Helping Friends Missions has come to the reservation each year for the past several years, helping with projects at various departments and residences. Their help is always appreciated, said Rudy Clements, Housing maintenance supervisor. The youth group is based out of Vancouver, Wash.

Outreach clinic planned for Simnasho community

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Health care professionals in Warm Springs have planned an outreach event to focus on people who live in Simnasho.

For example, "we've had several calls from people in Simnasho having trouble getting down to fill prescriptions," said Elizabeth Johnson, community health supervisor at the tribes' Health and Wellness Clinic.

The satellite clinic will be at the Simnasho Longhouse on May 14.

Dr. Thomas Creelman is scheduled to be there to meet residents and answer questions. He is a family practice physician at the clinic.

People who also need help with diabetes and podiatry can visit professionals. A worker

from pharmacy services will help people better deal with their medications. People in emergency medical services, community health resources and community health nurses also will be on hand.

This is an effort to reach outlying tribal members who have difficulties traveling to the main campus for care and prescriptions.

Staffing levels are again on the rise, which will allow clinic personnel more flexibility.

"We're trying to do more outreach services to make our services more accessible," Johnson added.

Once organizers determine which services were most needed, they'll be able to better tailor future satellite events to best suit the wide spectrum of community needs.

Other satellite clinics are in

the works to serve patients who have trouble obtaining help at the main building. Groups to be targeted with future outreach events still is being determined, however, she added.

A partial list of services available at the clinic: nutrition, Women, Infants and Children program, or WIC, diabetes prevention and care, maternal child health care, medical social workers, and Living Well with Chronic Conditions.

They also work with other entities on the reservation: Child Protective Services, Early Childhood Education Center and the Jefferson County School District.

The clinic also is exploring a return to providing women's health services.

Call 553-1196, ext. 4100, for details.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 7

The Madras **White Buffalo** baseball program has teamed with Abby's Legendary Pizza to help raise funds for the teams. The **fundraiser** on this day is from 5 until 9 p.m. Twenty percent of all sales will be donated to MHS baseball.

Warm Springs Credit and the Housing program have their **Homebuyer Class** this day

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Credit building.

A new **Cultural Class** is being held weekly. Class is open to community members, employees and defendants within the Tribal Court system to use as an alternative sentence. Classes are 5:30 until 7 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the basement of the Education building.

Thursday, April 8

Native Dance class is held Thursday at the Community Center for youth and adults interested in participating. Contact Deanie Johnson or Carol Sahme if you have any questions.

Diabetes Screenings will be held this day from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Community Counseling Center.

"**Wolfn Photographies**," a new exhibit in the Museum at Warm Springs Changing Art Gallery, opens this day and will run through June 6. The exhibit features the work of Warm Springs tribal member artist and accomplished photographer Levi Blackwolf.

Friday, April 9

There will be **no school** for all 509-J students.

The **Sixth Annual Squiemphen Yazzie 19** and under **Co-Ed Basketball Tourney** is April 9-11 at the Warm Springs Community Center. Twelve teams, 8-man roster – true double elimination. This is an open tournament. You will need to show proof of age. First through fourth place awards. Leather sleeve jackets for 1st place. To enter or for more information – call Edison Yazzie at 541-460-3450.

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Election

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"It's good that they're becoming interested in voting and learning about it," said Rhoan. "Everybody has rights, and the younger people are beginning to use their rights by voting."

Government Affairs director Pitt agreed: "If the young people on the reservation want someone closer to their own age on Tribal Council," he said, "they could do it. If you look at a breakdown [of the reservation's population] of age, you'll see that their vote could really count."

This time around, Rhoan said, there were very few complaints from the voters.

Certificates of results show that Ron Suppah, current Council Chairman, had 216 votes for his seat as Simnasho District representative, followed by Olney Patt, Jr. (206), and Raymond Tsumpti (164).

Close calls included Rafael Queahpama for the Simnasho District, who got

163 votes, or just one fewer than Raymond Tsumpti.

In total, 545 ballots were counted for the Simnasho District, with 10 ruined. There were 30 write-ins for the Simnasho District.

For the Agency District, Eugene "Austin" Green Jr. had 205 votes, followed by Lola Sohapp (203), and Stanley "Buck" Smith, Jr. (194).

Eighty-hundred and fifty ballots were counted for the Agency District, with 13 ruined. There were about 30 write-ins for the Agency District.

For the Seekseequa District, Scott Moses had 50 votes for his seat, followed by Reuben Henry, who had 49.

One-hundred fifty-nine ballots were counted for the Seekseequa District, with two ruined. Seekseequa had 4 write-ins.

The newly elected district representatives for the 25th Tribal Council will be sworn in on May 3, 2010.

Health Commission

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How the Joint Health Commission and Council will work toward health care goals will become clearer as the relationship evolves, the parties agreed.

The commission has existed for less than a year. Commission member Heather Crow-Martinez said the recent meeting with Council was valuable, as the commission prepares for a retreat later this month.

"We need hear specific comments from the Council members," she said, "so we know what to focus on."

Joint Health Commission members for the tribes are sec-

retary-treasurer Calica; Crow-Martinez, who is director of Best Care Mental Health and Addiction Services; and Caroline Cruz, general manager of the tribal Human Services Branch.

Other commissioners are Dr. Leland Bud Beamer, emergency room physician at Mountain View Hospital; James Diegel, president and chief executive officer of Cascade Healthcare Community; Carol Prevost, chief executive officer of the Warm Springs IHS service unit; and Dr. Stephen "Miles" Rudd, clinical director, Warm Springs IHS service unit.

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