

Blanket giveaway helps the homeless

The cold time of year is especially hard for the people who are without a home. Old tents and abandoned vehicles are the only shelter that some of them have.

And there are many homeless people around Warm Springs and also Madras, said Neda Wesley, tribal elder. We don't realize the number of homeless in the local communities because they live away from public view, she said.

Neda, Eliza Jim, Hilda Culpus and Charlotte Herkshan hosted a lunch and blanket giveaway last Friday for people in need. They served lukameen in the parking lot near the Warm Springs Market, then gave away several blankets and sleeping bags.

"We've been visiting yard sales and buying sleeping bags, blankets and anything else to keep people warm, and we made some scarves for people," said Neda.

"We have begged for a winter home for the homeless," she said, "but we're told that there is no money for this kind of thing."

She's heard people say that giving shelter to the homeless is like giving General Assistance checks, which can discourage people from trying to find a job.

"I would like them to have jobs too," Neda said, "but I also want to help people right now. We don't want to see people freeze to death."

— by Dave McMechan



Char Herkshan, Eliza Jim and Neda Wesley unload the truckload of blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows.



Hilda Culpus helps serve the lunch.

Parade, fair on Dec. 2

The Warm Springs Christmas Fair and Parade set for 5-9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2. The fair starts off with floats, the tree lighting and then on to the community center. There will be an appearance by Santa, Sparky, Smokey Bear, and Katy Kan-

garoo. There will be sandwiches and chips, Christmas carols, and cup cake decorating for all ages. A cake and basket walk are also planned.

The Recreation Department and event organizers invite the community to come and enjoy the night of family holiday fun.

Meeting set on Indian farmers lawsuit settlement

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — American Indian farmers and ranchers can get information on a class action lawsuit settlement with the federal government during a meeting in Bismarck.

The Nov. 22 meeting is scheduled at United Tribes Technical College. It will be conducted by the lead plaintiffs and their attorneys in the Keesee v. Vilsack lawsuit, which alleged

that Indian farmers were denied farm loans.

United Tribes says the meeting will include a briefing session about provisions of the settlement and the claims process.

The settlement calls for the federal government to pay \$680 million in damages to thousands of Indian farmers and ranchers nationwide.

Indictment charges man with assaulting 5-week old son

Monty Tewee, 20, of Warm Springs, was arraigned on November 8 in U.S. District Court on one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury, according to authorities.

On October 26 a federal grand jury returned a single-count indictment against Tewee. The indictment alleges that Tewee's assault occurred on the Warm Springs Reservation.

Tewee's federal trial is currently scheduled for January 11, 2011. The offense of assault resulting in serious bodily injury carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

According to the

prosecutor's statements in court, Tewee assaulted his 5-week-old child by squeezing him, which caused the infant child to suffer multiple fractured ribs and a lacerated liver. Tewee is out of custody while awaiting trial.

His conditions of pretrial release prohibit him from having any contact with his child, except as supervised by the Warm Springs Child Protective Services. This investigation was conducted by the Warm Springs Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig J. Gabriel.

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General Council at Simnasho

A General Council meeting is scheduled for the Monday evening, Nov. 22 at the

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