

## Admin Roofing Repair



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

A Northwest Quality Roofing crew works on the new roof at the administration building.

Workers last week continued replacing the roof of the tribal administration building.

The building has had a serious water leakage problem for the past several years, a potentially disastrous situation, considering the departments and computers that are housed at admin.

The project was initially estimated at \$100,000, said Don Courtney, director of Utilities.

However, the problem was found to be more serious than

first thought, as the original roofing plywood was not properly installed.

"So it turned out to be a bigger problem," Courtney said.

The replacement project now is estimated at \$175,000.

A sound roof is important, as certain improvements to the inside of the building have to wait until the roof is waterproof.

The roof replacement is almost complete, which will make for a quieter workplace for the

employees at admin.

Work on a new roof at the Simnasho Longhouse is going on at the same time.

The longhouse could use some flooring work, but this has to wait until the roof is repaired, said Courtney.

Another building that needs roof work is the apparel building at the industrial park.

— by Dave McMechan

## Seasonal changes for hunters

By Terri Harber  
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Warmer weather hunting is over.

Deer season ended earlier in the fall. There is no more elk, bear, turkey and grouse hunting as of today. Even cougars have been given a reprieve until January—unless one is prowling around and endangering people, livestock or pets, for example.

Now is the season for such game as bagging ducks, geese, quail and chukar, according to rules approved by the Tribal Council earlier this year.

Deer and elk populations are managed around the reservation. Deer remained well below what federal officials consider the reservation's "carrying capacity" of 14,000-15,000. Only 1,200 deer were sighted during the most recent survey taken during a count of the animals

from an aircraft.

The number of elk is stable but the ratio of bulls to cows is lower than the tribes' goal of 15 bulls per 100 cows. It has averaged just 10 bulls per 100 cows during the past five years and has been going down for the past 20 years.

The White Lightning fires burned more than 34,000 acres total. Hunters aren't allowed within the perimeter of the areas scorched, including sections not affected by the fires. There are reasons why hunting isn't allowed in burned areas. Displaced animals within the perimeter are on the move and might be grouped together in search of food or cover.

It's a situation that gives hunters "an unfair advantage," said Doug Calvin, a wildlife biologist for the tribes.

Animals, like humans, suffer stress when they have to change

their lifestyles, he said.

And officials don't want hunters to "wipe out a genetic herd. We want them to reestablish themselves, to give the animals a chance to readjust and time to let the area heal," he explained.

Habitat regeneration work also is going on within the burn area, such as reseeded, said Trey Leonard, a fire management officer for the tribes.

Allowing the workers and hunters in the same areas could prove dangerous. Hunters aiming for animals might injure the workers, he said.

Another area closed to hunters until March 1 is on the south end of the reservation at Whitewater Bridge. It was shut off after off-reservation elk hunting ended in late October.

The hunting of raptors, such as eagles, hawks, falcons, isn't allowed at any time because the law protects these animals.



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## Warm Springs Community Calendar

Note: Information about upcoming events also can be found throughout this edition.

### Wednesday, Dec. 1

Warm Springs Elementary Awards Assemblies will be held today. Grades K-2 at 9 a.m.; grades 3-5 at 9:40 a.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 2

The annual Warm Springs Christmas Tree Lighting and Lights Parade is tonight. Lineup is at 6; judging 6:30 and parade begins at 7 with the tree lighting immediately after. The Warm Springs Christmas Family Fun event at the Community Center starts follows tree lighting.

### Friday, Dec. 3

Warm Springs Health and Wellness Employee Appreciation Committee completes its Community Food Drive. Donate nonperishable foods.

The Museum at Warm Springs stops accepting artifacts and archival materials for consideration today during an appraisal process. Object history forms are available at the Museum. One object per person or family. Contact Natalie Moody 541-553-3331, ext. 412.

At 7:30 p.m. the Jefferson County Library Film Center will show the PG-rated film, ELF, and all children (and parents) are invited to come in their pajamas to watch. There will be hot and cold cider, popcorn, and holiday cookies for all to enjoy. The Film Center is located in the Rodriguez Annex, 134 SE E St., in Madras.

The Warm Springs Holiday Basketball Eliminations Tournament is being held through Sunday at the Community Center. Call Austin Greene, 541-553-3243.

### Saturday, Dec. 4

The Madras Christmas Lights Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 6 p.m. The theme is "Christmas of the Century."

The Madras Event Center has a Christmas Toy Drive going on—they are seeking donations of new toys. If you make a toy donation, you can rent a table from the flea market half price. The Madras Event Center is located at 180 NW B St. The flea market is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For details, contact Melissa Melting Tallow, 541-604-4106.

### Sunday, Dec. 5

The Museum at Warm Springs is closed Sundays and Mondays through April 1.

### Monday, Dec. 6

There is a 2-hour late start today for 509J schools.

The Madras High School Buff Boosters meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Mazatlan restaurant in Madras. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

First Monday of each month: Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. You can speak with an attorney between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. Call 385-6944 for details.

The Victims of Crime hosts it weekly Women's Support Group from 6-8 p.m. Call 541-553-2293 for details.

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

In Madras prep sports today—Boys' Basketball—freshman, JV and varsity teams—host Mountain View. Games are at 3:30, 5:15 and 7 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 9

Community Diabetes Screenings will be held Thursday from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Administration Building.

A Warm Springs Joint Health Commission committee meeting will be held at the Agency Longhouse. Dinner is at 6 and the meeting at 7.

### Friday, Dec. 10

Jefferson County Library's Film Center is showing the movie "Tetro"—rated R—on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. All films are free and shown at the Rodriguez Annex next to the library in Madras.

### Saturday, Dec. 11

The Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is at the community center from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Carol, 541-553-3243.

Madras Saturday Market hosts its Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in the Keeney/Maccie Conroy Buildings. Call Ann at 541-489-3239 or email to: MadrasSatMkt@gmail.com

Attention Simnasho and Schoolie Flats residents—this is your Water Delivery Date. Set your empty bottles outside for pick up. Contact the Tribal Sanitarian, 541-553-4943.

### Monday Dec. 13

IHS Dental will be providing sealants at the Jefferson County Middle School this week. Parents should be receiving a permission slip in the mail or they can stop by Dental to fill one out. Call 541-553-2462.

The Victims of Crime hosts it weekly Women's Support Group from 6-8 p.m. Call 541-553-2293 for details.

### Tuesday, Dec. 14

Healthy Breakfast from 9-10 a.m. at the Health and Wellness Center in the Kitchen Conference Room. The topic this week is Holiday Eating.

The Native People's Circle of Hope Cancer Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center.

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