

Year in Review: solar panels, Housing Authority, weavers

September

Housing Authority

The tribes have received the long-awaited letter of intent to impose remedies on eight findings that remain open within Housing. Out of the 10 initial findings, eight remain a concern.

HUD says that it intends to adjust some of all of the tribes' future Indian housing block grants and intends to limit availability of payments.

Solar panels

The media center for Warm Springs is the first tribal building to have solar panels installed. Solar energy will provide between 25 and 50 percent of the power needs of the media center. The project is the first of its kind in the area.



Waylon Meanus, Nathan Youngman and Emilio Yahtin (from left) at the Agency Longouse during a Washat and traditions gathering.

December

New Public Safety GM

Stan Suenaga is replacing Jim Soules as the general manager of the Warm Springs Public Safety Branch. Soules is retiring for health reasons, but assures the people of the community that he will be in touch. Suenaga, who most recently worked at Bend's FBI office, looks forward to earning the trust of the reservation's people.

Antunez sentenced

Aldo Antunez, 32, has been sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of attempted aggravated murder and one count of attempted murder.

Reduced budget

Tribal council has posted the budget for 2011, calling for a 2.5 percent cut from the current year budget. The reduction is smaller than other options considered. Council chose this option and will meet later to determine where to make the necessary cuts. The budget process this fall was one of the more difficult in recent years, mainly due to an unexpected shortfall in revenue.

October

Weavers gather

The Basketweavers Association held their Sixteenth Annual gathering in Warm Springs. Expert weavers and an array of presenters and instructors shared their practical and artistic techniques with the visitors. Youth also had the opportunity to learn weaving.

Chieftainship protocol

About 150 people attended an open meeting regarding the process of selecting the next Wasco Chief. During the meeting, elders were called in order of age to give their input. The matter of the chieftainship was the subject of recent tribal court proceedings.

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Sinnasho water

An analysis in February showed dangerous levels of arsenic in Sinnasho's drinking water supply. Since May of 2007, a company from Culver has been delivering drinking water to homes in the area. Water systems in the nation were required by the EPA to have a limited amount of arsenic levels as of January 23, 2006. At that time, Sinnasho's water supply failed to meet minimum standards.

Museum grant

The Museum at Warm Springs has received a \$90,000 grant to expand its development office and boost the museum's earned and contributed income.

November

Rainbow

Final determination regarding Rainbow's liquor license may come in December. An administrative law judge disagreed with most of the assertions that the high number of law enforcement calls to the area were the consequence of the market's sale of alcohol.

Roughly 80 calls for law enforcement or other emergency responses were cited as illustrations that alcohol sales at this location were to blame.

Budget worries

At the district meetings, tribal members were alarmed with the

news that the tribal budget for 2011 is actually short by as much as \$6 million. The forecasted decrease comes from Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprise: The revenue forecast was adjusted down since June. A memo from the ST states that the tribes have enacted a hiring and travel freeze for the rest of this year.



The 2010 Madras High School White Buffalo football squad featured several players from Warm Springs.

Community Counseling has crisis support available round the clock

Warm Springs Community Counseling continues to offer 24-hour crisis support to tribal members.

During overnight weekday hours and the weekends, calls made for crisis support go to Police Department Dispatch, 541-553-1171. Dispatchers will take

your name and telephone number and notify the crisis worker. The crisis worker will then call you to provide crisis help.

Call 541-553-3205 during office hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for crisis assistance Mondays-Fridays. And always call 911 in an emergency.

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