

# W.S. Telecom launches service

## Free telephone handset on installation

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Warm Springs Telecom is open for business.

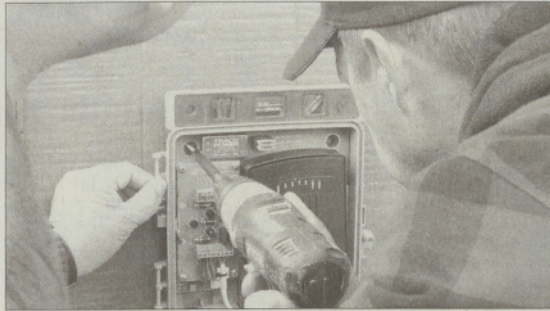
After years of planning, the day is finally here.

It may seem like Warm Springs Telecom has been quiet since its big ribbon cutting event back in January, but actually our Telecom staff has been working hard these past months gearing up to offer quality telephone and broadband service to reservation members and businesses.

A few technical challenges put the launch date for service behind by a few weeks, but after many late nights and hard work, the Warm Springs Telecom (WST) is now ready for prime time.

Initially, service will be offered to those homes and businesses located within certain areas of the reservation where there is direct sight of the Miller Flats and Eagle Butte towers.

Danica Greene, customer service manager, says, "People in Greeley Heights, Sunnyside, Wolfe Point, Elliott Heights, Trailer Courts, Tenino Apartments, Dry Creek, and other areas near the Warm Springs Telecom Customer Center can now



Crew installs residential Telecom unit.

sign up for service.

"If you live in any of these areas," she said, "you should drop by the new WST Customer Center at 4202 Holliday Street as soon as possible to sign up. Even if you are not sure, stop by and visit with us or call 541-615-0555. Service will be provided on a first come, first served basis and the first step is to sign a customer agreement."

### Installation

WST operations manager Jose Matanae explains what it takes to install a customer: "There are a number of steps to the installation, including putting a small antenna near the eave of the roof and installing a subscriber unit on the side of the home and placing a power supply and back-up battery. The installation will take at least a few hours to complete and we want to make sure that everyone is happy with the job."

He adds, "To get people

hooked up as soon as possible, we are contracting with two experienced installation companies from the Central Oregon area. Along with our own technical staff, this means we'll be able to have three installation crews doing installs each day."

The company will continue to build out the new network, and as new areas are available, new customers will be able to be hooked up.

The more remote the area, the later it will be before service is available. But the goal of the company is to serve the entire reservation.

In fact, the fire lookout tower at Sidwalter has been reinforced to handle the installation of our Point to Multi-Point radio and WST is in the process of extending power to a new tower site under development at Schoolie Flats.

### Products available

There are a number of products available to meet your needs and finances.

Telephone service is either available as a stand-alone service, or bundled with basic high-speed, broadband Internet.

"The best way to go is to sign up for one of our bundled packages," says Gabriel Walker, sales and marketing coordinator.

"Basic phone service is always a great deal, even on its' own, but when you package with Internet, you get more calling features and add-on services at lower costs than if you bought them individually."

For those who sign up for phone service, the company will be providing a free corded telephone to everyone who is connect to the telephone service.

Walker comments, "I'm really happy that Warm Springs Telecom will be giving out free telephone handsets. I think that basic telephone service is a critical service and that everyone should have a telephone in their home in case of emergencies, particularly for tribal elders who may need to reach our fire and safety department."

The phones will even work during a power outage, Walker says, "so police and fire will only be a phone call away."

Basic telephone service will include local calling, with the option of adding other features.

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## Tribal Council agenda

(The following are items on the May Tribal Council agenda.)

### Monday, May 7

9 a.m.: Bureau of Indian Affairs Update with Lyle Fox, acting Agency superintendent.

10 a.m.: Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson, fiduciary trust officer.

10:30 a.m.: Realty items with BIA Realty officer.

1:30 p.m.: Legislative conference call.

2:30 p.m.: Tribal attorney update.

### Tuesday, May 8

9 a.m.: Tribal Court report with Susan Alexander, chief judge.

1:30 p.m.: Victims of Crime ordinance with Glendon Smith, associate judge. Also, plan for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment.

3:30 p.m.: Secretary-Treasurer items to be scheduled.

### Wednesday, May 9

9 a.m.: Fish hatchery reorganization with Terry Courtney, Fish & Wildlife Committee, Bruce Jim, chairman.

10 a.m.: Range and Agriculture Committee with Sharlyne Garcia, chairperson. Grazing plans for Sidwalter, Simnasho and Mutton Mtn.

1:30 p.m.: Education Committee, scholarship plan with Margie Tuckta, chairperson.

3 p.m.: Economic Development update with

Kahseuss Jackson, economic development coordinator.

### Thursday-Friday, May 10-11

Commission on Indian Services Training, and Commission on Indian Services event at the Oregon State Capitol.

### Friday, May 11

Honor Seniors Day.

### Monday-Thursday, May 14-17

Seventeenth Annual National Indian Timber Symposium at Kah-Nee-Ta.

### Thursday-Sunday, May 17-20

Oregon Indian Education Association Youth Conference, McMinnville.

### Friday, May 18

Meeting with Bureau of Indian Affairs Management & Budget.

### Monday-Friday, May 21-24

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) meeting in Lincoln City.

### Tuesday, May 29

9 a.m. Tribal Council June 2012 Agenda

9:30 a.m.: S-T Update with Jody Calica.

10 a.m.: COO update with Urbana Ross.

11 a.m.: Draft Resolutions with the S-T.

2:30 pm Enrollments

# Warm Springs Community Calendar

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### Wednesday, May 2

The first Wednesday of every month is **Coffee with the Principal** from 8-8:45 a.m. at the Madras High School Parent Center.

Parents of **incoming kindergarten students** who will be age 5 by September 1 can stop by the Warm Springs Elementary office to pick up a packet to get your child enrolled for the upcoming school year.

The Warm Springs **Community Cleanup** Project will be in the Greeley Heights area May 2-3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick-up will be of all metal, appliances, televisions, computers, batteries, tires and large bulky items. They ask that items be placed at the curb, not piled and that all refrigerators and freezers be emptied. Yard debris can be taken to the large trailer that will be located at the housing maintenance area on Bear Drive. If you have questions call 541-553-4943.

The IHS Warm Springs Diabetes Program and Tribal Nutrition Program are hosting a **Community Lunch and Learn** on this day at noon in the Health & Wellness Center atrium. The topic is Sexual Dysfunction and Diabetes (parental discretion advised.)

Warm Springs Elementary will have **awards assemblies** today at 1 for Kindergarten thru second grades; and at 1:40 for third, fourth and fifth grades.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Wasco language and a presentation on Funerals. It's from 3:30 to 5pm in the basement of the education building.

Today in **Carol's Room** - Craft time is from 3:30 to 5:15, Beading with Marge is from 4-5 and the Sewing Circle starts at 5:30.

At the **Boys and Girls Club** after school today they have Power Hour homework

assistance and the TRAIL program which stands for Together Raising Awareness of Indian Life. The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is located in the Vern Jackson Home next to the CPS center.

Attention all **Combat Veterans** - There is a Group Session today at 4:30 at the Family Resource Center.

An **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting will be held this evening at 7 in the Family Resource Center conference room.

### Thursday, May 3

The **JCMS Track and Field** team will be at The Dalles Invitational this afternoon.

There's **Snack Attack** at 3:45 today at the Community Center; Beading with Marge is at 4:00; and The Reawakening Program is from 5-7pm.

Nutritionist Linda Porter is putting on seminars on **Sugar Management** today at 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. in the Health & Wellness kitchen conference room.

### Friday, May 4

A Jefferson County Coffee Cuppers meeting will take place today at 8 a.m. at Dance Arts Unlimited located at 13 SW "F" Street in Madras.

The W.S. Recreation Dept.'s **Mother's Day Sale** is today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can contact Carol at 541-553-3243 to sign up for a table.

Today in **Carol's Room** after school they are having popcorn and a movie. Art Adventure Gallery will have an **Artist Reception** today from 5:30-7 p.m.

At the Jefferson County Library **Film Center** they are showing *Ides of March*, rated R, at 7:30 p.m. The film center is in the

Rodriguez Annex, next to the library in Madras.

### Saturday, May 5

This is the Earth 20 **water delivery** day. Please set empty bottles outside.

The **Relay for Life** Cancer Awareness Event is on this day at 3 p.m. at the Jefferson County Senior Center in Madras. FMI: Chamber of Commerce 541-475-2350

The Museum at Warm Springs is offering a **Solar Printing Class** to any community members age 13 and up. It is free and all materials, snacks and beverages will be provided. Solar plate etching is a non-toxic printing process that uses light and water. You are encouraged to bring photos to add to your project.

The Inaugural Tom Green **Memorial Ranch Rodeo** is planned for May 5 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Madras. It starts at 5:30 p.m. and kids 12 and under are free.

### Sunday 5/6

The **Root Feast in Mission** is on this day at the Mission Longhouse. Services begin at 9 a.m., the feast will follow.

### Monday, May 7

Monday is a **2-hour late** start for all 509-J schools.

The **Madras Aquatic Center** reopens today on their regular schedule.

There will be a Warm Springs **Community Advisory Board Meeting** Monday at 10 a.m. at KWSO. Anyone interested in participating in learning more about what KWSO is working on and offering feedback is invited to come to the meeting.

A **Food Handler's Class** will be held from 2-4 p.m. in

the IHS Atrium.

In **Carol's Room** today they are playing board games from 3:30 to 5:30 and then the room is open until 6:45.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Paiute language and a presentation on Burial. It's from 3:30 to 5pm in the basement of the education building.

### Tuesday, May 8

**Healthy Breakfast** at the Health & Wellness Center in the kitchen conference room. Montell Elliott will make a presentation on Diabetes Prevention.

A **HOPE Diabetes Class** will be held from 11 a.m.-noon in the Health & Wellness Center kitchen conference room. The topics are Healthy Eating and Goal Setting. A light lunch will follow.

The **JCMS Track and Field** team has a meet at LaPine this afternoon.

Today in **Carol's Room** at Recreation - Snack Attack is after school and Beading with Marge is at 4.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Warm Springs language and a presentation on Mourning. It's from 3:30 to 5pm in the basement of the education building.

### Wednesday, May 9

Today in **Carol's Room** - Craft time is from 3:30 to 5:15, Beading with Marge is from 4-5 and the Sewing Circle starts at 5:30.

Today's **Cultural Class** will be the Wasco language and a presentation on Good Spirit. It's from 3:30 to 5pm in the basement of the education building.

### Thursday, May 10

There is a **Women of Wellness Lunch** at the Family Resource Center at

noon. They will be discussing Women's Health: Breast Cancer Awareness.

There's **Snack Attack** at 3:45 today at the Community Center; Beading with Marge is at 4:00; and The Reawakening Program is from 5-7pm.

Nutritionist Linda Porter is putting on seminars on **Sugar Management** at 3:30 and 5:30pm in the Health & Wellness kitchen conference room.

The **Warm Springs Baptist Church** is having a revival with special speaker Pastor John Sears. It will be held May 10-12 from 7-8 p.m. and May 13 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

### Friday, May 11

The Twenty-Second Annual **Honor Seniors Day** is today at the Agency Longhouse.

Today in **Carol's Room** after school they are having popcorn and a movie.

Today is the **deadline** to submit items for the next edition of the Spilyay Tymoo coming out Wednesday, May 16.

The Madras Aquatic Center is putting on the **2012 MAC Slam Co-ed Softball Tournament** May 19 & 20 at Juniper Hills Park in Madras. The registration deadline is May 11. You can contact Steve Keever for more information at 541-233-8953.

At the Jefferson County Library **Film Center** they are showing *Inside Job*,

Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the Warm Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)