

## Progress with UAS test range program

GeoVisions, a division of Warm Springs Ventures, is working with VDOS Global in pursuing public and private contracting opportunities for the tribes' unmanned aerial systems program.

VDOS Global—VDOS standing for Virtual Data Operations Support—is the first U.S. authorized inspection company of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), commonly called drones.

VDOS Global has its headquarters in Corvallis, with offices in Texas and Louisiana, and international divisions in Brazil, Mexico and Nigeria.

UAS flights on the reservation test range is planned for this fall. The company interested in the flights is Textron, known internationally for its brands of aircraft, defense and industrial products.

Public entities that are interested in working with the tribes on the UAS program are the BLM and Forest Service. The fire-fighting aspect of UAS technology has a

great potential, Sampson said.

BLM and Forest Service representatives have met with VDOS to discuss a training and standardization program for their use of unmanned systems, Sampson said. The idea is to use the Warm Springs test range as the operations center for training and curriculum, he said.

Some other highlights from Ventures' recent update at Tribal Council:

Sandia Labs of New Mexico is interested in conducting operations at the Warm Springs test range for cyber security and sensor testing. Federal funding is already available for these activities.

Ventures and GeoVisions have completed their first contract, for \$500,000, from the Special Public Works Fund; and have been approved for another \$500,000 from the Oregon Strategic Reserve Fund, for a total of \$1 million for UAS infrastructure.

This funding will allow the tribes to proceed with five test site developments—

Miller Flat, Metolius, Kah-Nee-Ta and Sidwalter. This will also help with renovation at Kah-Nee-Ta, including office and meeting space, and a flight simulation.

The state has also provided \$3 million SOAR and the three test ranges in Oregon. This can be used for operational funding over the next two years.

Ventures is expecting to hire a business/development marketing manager in September. This person will lead the Warm Springs test range marketing and business recruitment efforts. The funds allow for the hiring of the project manager (VDOS), and a test range safety officer.

Ventures and GeoVisions have finalized the Warm Springs test range fees.

"This will serve as a source of revenue to repay the BIRF loan over the next three years," Sampson said.

"We established fees for a client who wish to use the Warm Springs test range at approximately \$9,600 per month per UAs.

### Cannabis development

A committee under Warm Springs Ventures has been looking at aspects of the cannabis situation, since the state has voted to legalize its use. There is potential major revenue to the tribes from cannabis, as presented by a cannabis company in Colorado.

Meanwhile, the tribes have met with federal law enforcement to clarify the legal aspects of cannabis, which remains a controlled substance under federal and tribal law.

The legality, and potential commercial aspect have been the focus of the committee. Regarding the commercial potential: A state law appears to preclude the tribes from participating in the commercial benefits of the new law. However, tribal officials have pointed out the discrepancy to state officials, who appear to be willing to address the problem, said Pi-Ta Pitt, committee member. The membership may see a referendum on how the tribes should proceed regarding cannabis.

## Getting Ready to Read

The Warm Springs Education Committee will host Ready to Read, on Tuesdays and Thursday, August 20, 25 and 27, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Ready to Read, held at the community center social hall, is for parents and kids who are getting ready for kindergarten.

The kids will work with Carol on a craft, while family members will work with an educator. Parents and family members will learn some tips to do at home to make sure kids are ready for kindergarten.

By the end of the sessions, each kid will leave with nine different books. Snacks will be provided at the Ready to Read sessions.

## Back to School Yard Sale

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Back to School Yard Sale on Saturday, August 22.

The sale will be from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m., with set-up starting at 8:30 a.m. Tables are limited, so call to sign up. Call Carol at Recreation, 541-553-3243.

## Pre-budget meeting

Finance and management will host a pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at the community wellness center social hall.

The meeting, on the 2016 tribal budget, will be from

1:30-5 p.m.

The agenda includes budget review and questions with the tribal department and enterprise general managers and directors.

## Warm Springs Community Calendar

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### Thursday, August 20

The **Boys & Girls Club** of Warm Springs has activities planned in the gym today, outside time in the morning and afternoon. The club is open weekdays 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and is now located in the old elementary gym building.

On today's **fitness schedule**: at noon there is Functional Fitness class in the community center social hall, turbo kick class in the aerobics room, and volleyball in the community center gym. The weight rooms at the center are open 8 a.m.–5 p.m. today.

Warm Springs **jurors** will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at Community Counseling.

**Alcohol Education Class** is today 2 p.m. at the counseling center.

There is a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

**Financial Skills for Families** class is this evening from 5:30-7:30 at the Community Action Team office on campus. Tonight's session is on understanding your credit report.

The Education Committee is having a **mini-reading workshop** this evening for families with 3-5 year olds from 6-7 p.m. in the community center social hall. Kids will get a book and do art activities related to the stories. Family members will learn literacy tips from kindergarten teachers, as well as what the kids will be learning and tested on in kindergarten.

The Jefferson County **Business after Hours** will be hosted by OSU Agriculture Research Center, at 850 NW Dogwood Lane in Madras, from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Friday, August 21

The Warm Springs **Outdoor Market** is today from 11 til 2 at the Community Action Team building on campus.

At the Warm Springs **Boys & Girls Club** there is a choice of indoor and outdoor play today along with time in the gym, the game room and doing art. TRAIL (Together Raising Awareness of Indian Life) will do healthy snack making at 2 this afternoon

### Fitness opportunities to

day include: a campus walk break stating at the Diabetes Prevention office at 10 a.m. At 10 there is senior fitness class at the Senior Center. At noon there is basketball in the community center gym and Functional Fitness in the aerobics room. And at the Health & Wellness Center, Pilates Yoga class is at noon.

Today at the **community center** there will be archery, basketball and horseshoes for activities. In the game room there will be a morning walk followed with free play. Don't forget to sign in daily. Carol's room will have arts and crafts followed with popcorn and a movie.

### Saturday, August 22

On the **summer recreation** schedule today there will be a back to school yard sale. The sale is 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Center.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at Warm Springs Community Counseling.

The **Madras Saturday Market** is open 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. today at Sahalee Park.

### Monday, August 24

On today's **Tribal Council** Agenda: a legislative update and board appointments

**Fitness Opportunities** today include: a campus walk break stating at the Diabetes Prevention Office at 10 a.m. At 10 there is senior fitness class at the Senior Center. At noon there is basketball in the community center gym and Functional Fitness in the aerobics room. And at the Health & Wellness Center, Pilates Yoga Class is at noon.

The Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. if you or someone you know may have a disability that is a barrier to employment or employment advancement, you can learn more at an orientation or call 553-4952.

Community Counseling has their **Aftercare Relapse** support group today at 5:30.

Today on the summer recreation schedule there is archery, open gym, and golf for activities. In the game room there will be a morning walk followed with side-walk art and in carol's room they will be working on the

garden. September 3 there will be a field trip to the state fair don't forget to sign up at the recreation office.

Today at the **community center** there will be steal the flag, knockout, and horseshoes for activities. In the game room its Tournament Tuesday, don't forget to sign-in daily. Carol's room will have yoga followed with SWA.

### Tuesday, August 25

**Healthy Eating class** is today from 10-11am at the Warm Springs Health & Wellness Center kitchen conference room. Everyone is welcome and no sign up is required.

There is **Positive Indian Parenting Class** today from 10 til noon in the Prevention conference room at Community Counseling. There is also a class on Wednesday from 5:30-7 p.m. in the main conference room. This week's topic is *Lessons of the Storyteller*.

On today's **fitness schedule**: at noon there is Functional Fitness class in the community center social hall, Turbo Kick class in the aerobics room and volleyball in the community center gym.

Community Counseling has its **Men's Support Group** today 3-4:30.

Community Counseling has an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting at noon today.

Warm Springs OSU Extension is hosting a **Garden Lunch N Learn** today noon until 1 p.m. Gardening and nutrition lessons, a light lunch, and a quick food demonstration are included. Call 541-553-3238 to register.

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one you knows may have a disability that is a "barrier" to employment or employment advancement, you can learn more at an orientation or call 553-4952.

**Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirit** class is every Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at Community Counseling in their prevention room. This is for all youth third-grade and up.

Community Counseling

has their **Relapse – Anger Resolution Group** for adults today from 5:30-7:30.

### Wednesday, August 26

**Fitness opportunities** today include: a campus walk break stating at the Diabetes Prevention Office at 10 a.m. Water Aerobics is at 9:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Pool. At 10 there is Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center.

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for the month ahead

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