

Impact Aid, school agreement on agendas

The Confederated Tribes and Warm Springs Academy hosted a meeting with the school district board last week.

This was the annual Impact Aid hearing, when board members hear tribal member comments on the use of Impact Aid, and any other school related business.

The Warm Springs Education Committee then hosted a follow-up meeting earlier this week, after meeting with Tribal Council on Tuesday morning.

Two agenda items are the use of Impact Aid funding by the Jefferson County School District; and the long-term education agreement between the tribes and 509-J.

If you missed a chance to comment at one of the meetings, you can comment online till Dec. 9, at the school district website: jcsd.k12.or.us

Or contact Education Committee secretary Becky Picard, 541-553-3257. Email: becky.picard@wstribes.org

Or drop off a written comment at the Tribal Council office at administration.

Community comments

The importance of the tribal cultural perspective in the school district curriculum has been, and remains a main point of comment.

Deanie Smith is the Language Program Director, and a tribal Education Committee member.

Cultural awareness, she said, is a foundation for success among Native students, in whatever they choose to do in life. "It's important for them to know who they are and where they come from," she said.

In her own case, Deanie said, she was able to study her

tribal culture only after going away to college.

Another Impact Aid comment was that some school curriculum should be geared toward the regional and reservation job market.

Another was that there should be more focus on career and college planning.

This point came up again at the Education Committee-Tribal Council meeting.

Councilman Carlos Smith said the school district has a good program that prepares students for college, but there is not a lot of outreach regarding the course.

Another good opportunity at the high school, he said, is the college-level courses that are offered to seniors.

The students can earn college credits before graduating high school. This creates the incentive to continue on to college, as some of the

course work is already done. Plus the students can graduate college early, he said.

These and other issues can be addressed in the next education agreement between the tribes and school district.

The current agreement ends next summer. Council and Education Committee members feel the current 11-page agreement is too general, with no benchmarks to judge performance.

The school district has received an average of \$2.2 million in Impact Aid funding over the past three years.

The funding is available to districts that include non-taxable lands such as a reservation.

About one-third of the 509-J district's total student enrollment is Native American. At the k-8 Academy, 97 percent of the students enrolled are Native American.

Art Market, music performance at museum

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the Native American Art Market this Saturday, Nov. 14.

There will be the art market, plus an original play and acting workshop, open to people of all ages.

The museum Art Market is all day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Jim Pepper Project will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m., and the acting workshop will follow.

Admission is free of charge. Contributions go to the museum Education program.

The Jim Pepper Project is presented by Triangle Productions, now on tour with its original play about Native American musician Jim Pepper.

The Jim Pepper Project takes you through Jim's journey to become a world renowned musical artist.

Four actors use text, multi-media and music to explore history from the early 17th century to Jim's rise to fame in 1969, when his song Witchi Tai To reached the Top 100 on the Pop Charts—the only Native American song ever to do that.

For more information on the Museum at Warm Springs Native American Art Market, call Tamera Moody, Education coordinator, 541-553-3331 ext. 407. You can email her at:

tamera@museumatwarm-springs.org

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, Nov. 12

Warm Springs K-8 Academy is having a **book fair**. It's open for students this week during school hours and open to the public from 4-7:30 today. The fair is set up in the community room at the front entrance of the school. The fair will also be open during school hours next week Monday through Wednesday for students. Teachers will be handing out certificates to all students for a free book.

Warm Springs **Recreation** is open afterschool for kids. Carol's Arts & Crafts, the Game Room, Gym Activities, and Snack Attack are open to youth from 3:30 to 5.

The Warm Springs **Cultural and Heritage Committee** meets today from 9 a.m. until noon in the tribal administration building conference room 3.

The tribal **Water Control Board** meets today from 1:15-4 p.m. at the Natural Resources Cougar Den meeting room.

Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors classes meet on Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. in the Prevention room at Community Counseling. The class is for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

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.

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 **community center** is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. today. Game room hours are 4 to 6. There's IBA tonight from 6 to 8:45.

Friday, Nov. 13

Today at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy's **Rise & Shine** before school program, Culture & Heritage will teach Ichishkiin language students. Rise and Shine is from 7:40-8:50 each school day and includes activities in the library and gym for students.

The Jefferson County Library Community Film Center will show the movie **The Salt of the Earth** – rated PG 13 tonight at 7:30. Films are shown in the Rodriguez Annex. Films are free and refreshments are available.

The film "Unbranded" will be shown at the Madras Performing Arts Center. The documentary about wild horses will start at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Warm Springs Horse Network.

Fitness Opportunities today include: Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center at 10:45. 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.

Saturday, Nov. 14

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

The Museum at Warm Springs will hold its **Native American Art Market** from 9-5. Admission is free. This year, also free of charge, will be an original play, The Jim Pepper Project, from 12:30-1:30. And at 2 p.m. an acting workshop for all ages.

Sunday, Nov. 11/15

The Warm Springs **Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open today from 11:30-1:30. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

Monday, Nov. 16

The Rise & Shine program offers something for kids at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy activities before the start of school from 7:45 to 8:50am. Today, the Culture and Heritage department will have **Kiksht Language** for the kids.

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 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.

Community Counseling has their **Aftercare Re-**

lapse Support Group today at 5:30.

Fitness Opportunities today include: Senior Fitness class at the Senior Center at 10:45. 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 **Soaring Butterflies & Warrior Spirit class** meets Mondays at 3:40 at the Warm Springs k-8 community room. This is for third- to eighth-grade youth, and includes culturally based teachings, hands-on activities, as well as drug and alcohol prevention edu-

cation.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Powwow, hoop dance and drum practice for beginners and anyone who would like to practice is today from 5:30 to 7 at the Community Center aerobics room.

The Warm Springs Vocational Rehabilitation Program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at Community Counseling.

The **Mobile Medical Unit** will be at the Campus area today. Call IHS for more information, 541-553-1196.

The Jefferson County **Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street. They are open for distribution this

afternoon. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash.

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Culture and Heritage will teach **Numu language** this morning at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy's Rise & Shine program – 7:40 to 8:50am. Rise & Shine is open to students who arrive before school starts.

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