

## Housing Authority funds to help veterans

The Warm Springs Housing Authority is set to receive \$240,237 to help address homelessness among veterans.

This could help up to 20 homeless tribal member veterans on or near the reservation to find housing.

The funding will be used

for rental assistance to homeless veterans, said Scott Moses, director of the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

This is a new program on the reservation, and perhaps the first veterans housing assistance program administered by the tribes. "At least as far as I can remember,"

Councilman Moses said.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley made the award announcement during a Central Oregon visit last week. The funding is through the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Veterans Affairs-Supportive Housing.

The award to the Warm Springs Housing Authority is part of a \$5.9 million in grants that will go to 26 tribal housing organizations.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is the only tribe in Oregon to receive some of the funding.

## WSFPI, Council meet on future of the mill

The Warm Springs Forest Products Industries management met with Tribal Council this week.

The WSPFI team presented a financial forecast for 2016. This was the most accurate and honest financial accounting provided by the mill in years, Council members said.

On the other hand the numbers were a matter of serious concern for the Council. The level of debt at WSPFI, and the 2016 financial outlook, raised the possibility of some major change in the mill operation.

The sale of the trust as-

set of reservation timber provides for the Senior Pension Fund, and per capita.

The tribes have to receive a fair market value for the timber, or the BIA would issue a cease and desist order on the mill operation.

The BIA would allow below market value sales of the trust asset only on the condition that Tribal Council put in writing that the Council is aware of the below market sales, and is approving such sales.

Council members say the idea of selling reservation timber to WSPFI for less than fair market is a disservice to

the rest of membership.

This subject is difficult because the mill employs about 60 tribal members, and Council members do not want to shut the mill. On the other hand, they are elected to oversee the tribal assets for the membership at large, which numbers 5,332, many of them young people.

The mill board has not made a recommendation as to a future course of action that would see the mill operation at least break even.

The projected loss in 2016, as presented to Council on Monday, is over \$10 million. Even if the tribes were to give

the timber away to WSPFI, and receive no compensation, the mill operation apparently would still end up losing significant money this year.

This is not the fault of the current mill management and board members, Councilman Carlos Smith said.

Instead, for many years in previous decades, WSPFI gave tens of millions of dollars in dividends to the tribes' general fund.

Some of this money could have been invested into the operation, but that was not done, and now the operation is in jeopardy, Councilman Smith said.

## Sweetheart sale, baby fair coming up at Recreation

Warm Springs Recreation will host the Sweetheart Sale on Friday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Wellness Center Social Hall.

Call Carol to sign up for a table. The first 20 to sign up will get a table (one table per person), 541-553-3243. Stop by and find your sweetheart a

gift.

Recreation will host a **Sweetheart Baby Fair** in February.

There will be a family photo shoot, door prizes, a baby board gallery, and a Little Tykes Regalia Fashion Show for walkers to 5 years old.

This will be on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 5:30-7 p.m.

## Parenting class begins in Feb.

A **Positive Indian Parenting** series will begin on February 4 at the Community Counseling Center. They will hold two classes a week, and participants must attend all eight classes to get a certificate. They will be held Thursday and Friday from 2:30-4:30.

The next ten-week series of **Anger Management Group** will begin with an orientation on February 3 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It will be held every Wednesday for ten weeks thereafter.

You must attend all sessions to receive a certificate.

**Wellness of Warm Springs—WOW—will meet this Thursday, January 28 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Family Resource Center. Any further questions please contact Judith at 541-553-2460.**

## Warm Springs Community Calendar

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### Thursday, Jan. 21

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 at 2pm and there is a **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 7 tonight 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. Tonight is IBA from 6 to 8:45.

**Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors** classes meet today from 1 to 3 in the Prevention Room at Community Counseling. The class is for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

Warm Springs **k-8 girls basketball** travel to Redmond to play Elton Gregory. Seventh grade plays at 4; eighth at 5:30.

**Wellness of Warm Springs** will meet on at noon in the Family Resource Center.

### Friday, Jan. 22

There is no school today for South Wasco schools. It's the end of the second quarter and first semester.

**MHS Sports**: Girls basketball hosts Gladstone tonight. Freshman and JV play at 5:30, varsity at 7. Boys basketball are in Gladstone. And freshman/

sophomore wrestlers have a meet at Crook County.

**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 class in the aerobics room. And at the Health and Wellness Center, Pilates Yoga Class is at noon.

The Jefferson County Library **Film Center** will show *The Wiz* at 7:30pm. Films are free and are shown at the Rodriguez Annex in Madras.

Friday at 5 p.m. is the deadline for youth to submit artwork for the **Tribal Youth Art Exhibit** at the Museum at Warm Springs. The opening reception is coming up on January 28. Talk with Natalie Kirk at the Museum for more information, 541-553-3331.

The **North End Express** All Indian Women, and Men's 6ft-under Basketball Tournament is January 22-24 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

### Saturday, Jan. 23

**MHS Sports**: Varsity Wrestling is hosting the White Buffalo Classic.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at Warm Springs Community Counseling.

### Sunday, Jan. 24

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, Jan. 25

**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. At the Health and Wellness Center, Pilates-Yoga class is at noon, and there is Ladies Night Basketball tonight from 6 to 7:45.

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 has or may have a disability that is a barrier to employment or employment advancement, they can learn about their options at an orientation or by calling 553-4952.

The **Soaring Butterflies - Warrior Spirit** class meets today at 3:40 at the Warm Springs K-8 Community Room. This is for 3rd to 8th grade youth and includes culturally based teachings, hands on activities as well as drug and alcohol prevention education.

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

There is a **509-J school board meeting** on January at 7 p.m. in the Support Services Building.

Warm Springs **k8 girls basketball** teams have games at Obsidian in Redmond. Seventh grade plays at 4, eighth at 5:30.

**Tribal Council agenda**: in the morning, an update from the Secretary-Treasurer, the February agenda, travel delegations, review of minutes and draft resolutions. In the afternoon, a legislative conference call, enrollments and an update on Human Resources, Education and the 401k Draft Resolution.

### Tuesday, Jan. 26

Today is an **early release day for South Wasco** schools. Students will be released at 2:15

**MHS Sports**: Girls basketball has home games tonight. Freshman and JV play at 5:30, varsity at 7. The boys are in Crook County tonight.

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. There is IBA this evening from 6 to 8:45.

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.

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

The **Mobile Medical Unit** will be at the Campus. You can call IHS to schedule an appointment, 541-553-1196.

**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.

This is **Picture Day** for Warm Springs k8 Academy for girls basketball and wrestling at 4.

**Tribal Council agenda**: in the morning, a Superfund-Portland Harbor briefing and an update from Indian Health Service. In the afternoon, Tribal Council trip reports and board/committee updates.

**Weekly Bible study** is this evening from 6-7:30 at High Lookie Lodge. It is open to all and a light snack is provided.

### Wednesday, Jan. 27

Today at Warm Springs Community Counseling there is **Aftercare Class** this morning at 8:30 in their conference room, Women's Group meets at 1, Adolescent Aftercare Talking Circle is at 5:30 in the Prevention Room and an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting this evening 7.

**Fitness Opportunities** today include: Water Aerobics at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Pool. At 10:45 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. Tonight is Ladies Night Basketball from 6 to 7:45.

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