

Firewood policy, horse removal at Council

Tribal Council met on two policy issues last week, one involving the sale of firewood at the mill, and the other regarding the reservation horse removal program. There are aspects of both programs that Council members are concerned about.

The firewood sales at the mill appear to be below-market value sales. It seems that truck loads of wood were being sold for \$150, although the truck-load amounted to approximately 10 cords of wood.

Apparently, sales were being made to non-members living off the reservation, according to a report from Secretary-Treasurer Glendon Smith.

Councilman Carlos Smith said Forest Products Industry should implement a tribal member preference regarding firewood sales from the mill.

The Council also wants to ensure that tribal elders receive enough firewood to make it through the winter.

Horse removal

The horse removal program began a few years ago to address the horse overpopulation on the reservation.

The animals—thousands of them on the reservation—destroy fish habitat and productive rangeland, reducing habitat for deer and elk and native vegetation, among other problems.

The Range and Ag Department of the Branch of Natural Resources has captured many of the horses, possibly half of them so far. The animals are then transported to buyers off the reservation.

Tribal Council and the secretary-treasurer looked at the financial aspect of the program. They noticed, for instance, that the program had cost more than was brought in.

They also looked at the question of who was receiving compensation for the animals that have been removed. The policy is to compensate the individual who claims ownership of the particular horse.

There appear to be some

problems with this, Council members and the S-T said. For instance, the tribes charge no grazing fee to the owner who allows a horse to roam the reservation. But then the person is compensated for the removal.

And a few individuals seem to have received most of the money that has been paid out, the S-T and Council said.

Another issue is taxation of the money being paid. Payments would appear to be taxable income. Tribal Council directed the Secretary-Treasurer to contact the Internal Revenue Service in order to make sure the situation is being handled in accordance with the IRS.

Ross and Carmen Parkins of the BIA.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 items include enrollments with Vital Stats; a Human Resources and Education update; and a review of the Joint Health Commission. *(For the full agenda, stop by the Council office at administration.)*

Raffle for Youth Council trip

Gavin Begay, co-president of the Warm Springs Youth Council, is going to represent the youth council at the Mid-Year UNITY Conference in Mesa, Arizona this month.

He's having a 50/50 raffle fundraiser to help with his trip.

The drawing will be on February 10. You can call 541-410-3293 to purchase tickets.

Community notes...

Warm Springs 4-H archers will meet this Friday, Feb. 5, in the old Warm Springs Elementary cafeteria for shooting practice. This will be at 4 p.m.

The archers are getting ready for competition, but even if you're not taking part in that, you are welcome to stop by and work on your archery skills. Call 541-553-3238 for more information.

Students in grades four through 12 are invited to enter the **Second Annual Eagle Watch Art Contest**. The deadline is February 15 at 3 p.m. Enter artwork that shows your love for birds of prey. Students can submit artwork to their school, or the Cove State Park office.

Recreation will host the

Sweetheart Baby Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the community center. There will be a family photo shoots and lots of door prizes. And there's a Little Tykes Regalia Fashion Show from walkers to 5 years old, and a baby board gallery where you can showcase your family's boards.

The **Mobile Medical Unit** will be at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 9. You can call also IHS to schedule an appointment, 541-553-1196.

The **Aglow weekly bible study** is Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, from 6-7:30 at High Lookee Lodge. It is open to all and a light snack is provided.

Tribal Council February agenda

Tribal Council adopted an agenda for February, subject to change as the month progresses.

An important item is set for 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 9, when the Warm Springs Forest Products In-

dustries board and management are on the agenda. This will be followed by a meeting with the Tribal Court judges, set for 1:30 p.m., Feb. 9.

Other items include the BIA update from Agency superintendent John Halliday.

This is set for 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 8. The election on the proposed tribal Constitutional amendment is a subject likely to come up during this update.

Also on the Monday agenda: A meeting with the Office of Special Trustee; and Realty items with Urbana

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, Feb. 4

The Warm Springs **VFW Post** meets the First Thursday of each month from noon until 1 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall.

MHS Sports: Girls freshman basketball play at La Pine and varsity wrestlers travel to Molalla.

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 2 p.m., 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.

The opening reception for the **All Jefferson County Exhibit** is from 5:30-7 p.m. at Art Adventure Gallery in Madras.

Warm Springs **k-8 girls basketball** teams have games in Sisters today. Seventh grade will play at 4, eighth grade at 5:30.

A **Positive Indian Parenting** series begins today at the Community Coun-

seling 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.

Friday, Feb. 5

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 & Wellness Center, Pilates-Yoga Class is at noon.

Positive Indian Parenting Class is today from 2:30-4:30 at the Community Counseling Center.

Warm Springs Recreation's **Sweetheart Sale** is today from 10 til 4 at the Community Center social hall.

The Jefferson County Library **Film Center** will show *Cold Comfort Farm*, rated PG, at 7:30 p.m. Films are free to watch and are shown in the Rodriguez Annex.

Saturday, Feb. 6

MHS Sports: Varsity wrestling has a meet at La Pine.

There is an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting this morning at 10:00 at Warm Springs Community Counseling.

Sunday, Feb. 7

SUN 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, Feb. 8

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 & 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** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. Learn more by calling 541-553-4952.

The Soaring Butterflies - Warrior Spirit class meets today 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 education.

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

A Women's Prayer Group meets Mondays from 12:05 to 12:35 at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church.

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

Warm Springs **k-8 girls basketball teams** have home games today versus JCMS. Seventh grade plays at 4, and

eighth grade at 5:15.

Tribal Council is in session today. On the morning agenda are updates from the BIA and Office of Special Trustee, and Realty Items. In the afternoon, Legislative Update Conference Call and update from the Tribal Attorneys.

Tuesday, February 9

MHS Sports: Girls JV and varsity basketball teams have home games today vs.

Estacada. JV plays at 5:30 and varsity at 7. JV and Varsity boys basketball are on the road in Estacada.

On today's **fitness schedule:** at noon there is Functional Fitness class in the Community Center social hall. Turbo Kick class is 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.

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.

Madras Campus UPCOMING

for the month ahead

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