

Housing has help for homeless veterans

The Warm Springs Housing Authority has implemented a new program to help homeless veterans.

Jonathan Smith, the Residency Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Coordinator at Housing, is working with veterans on this program. Four veterans have been helped so far, and there is funding to help 16 more, he

said.

This program is made possible by a Housing and Urban Development grant that came through last year. Warm Springs was one of 26 tribes across Indian Country to receive funding. "Our goal is to end homelessness among veterans," Jonathan says.

The program is available

to veterans who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. The help is in the form of rental assistance.

A participating veteran finds a home of his choosing, and then a monthly voucher is provided, based on the residence market value.

Any veteran who is eligible for Veterans Adminis-

tration services is eligible for the Housing program.

Meanwhile, Housing is starting a survey to determine an approximate number of veterans who are homeless.

This is being done with cooperation from the local American Legion, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Christmas Bazaar Friday

A Christmas Bazaar, with baked goods and handmade gift items, will be this Friday, December 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be Indian

tacos and more. The bazaar will be at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church. For more information please call 541-553-1237.

Community Christmas dinner

The Warm Springs Baptist Church will host a Community Christmas Dinner this Saturday, December 10.

All are invited to enjoy this free community holiday din-

ner, provided by the church. You can reach the church, located at 2230 Elliot Heights, at 541-553-1267. Dinner on Saturday will start at 5 p.m.

Native STAND



Courtesy Scott Kalama/Prevention

Youth participants at the Native STAND conference at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Warm Springs Prevention hosted the Native STAND—Students Together Against Negative Decisions—at Kah-Nee-Ta in November. Scott Kalama and

Anita Davis from Prevention were the facilitators.

The conference was in partnership with Family Preservation. The conference, for youth ages 12-18, focused on goals and val-

ues; culture and traditions; honoring diversity and respecting differences. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention were another area of focus.

During the three-day conference, Prevention took the

STAND youth on field trips around the reservation.

For more information on Prevention, call Scott or Anita at 541-553-3205.

Schools

(Continued from page 1) Impact Aid replaces this revenue discrepancy.

District finance officer Martha Bewley provided information on spending and revenue. One of the categories was district expenditure per student.

The Warm Springs Academy figure is \$11,232 per year per student. This was the highest among the district schools, made possible in part by a grant that provides more staffing at the school.

For comparison, expenditure at Buff Elementary is \$7,756 per

student per year, the information shows.

Public comment at the Impact Aid hearing was limited to three minutes per person, as required by policy.

This was a point of contention at times. District board member Tom Norton explained that he was trying to conduct the meeting according to the established policy, with no intention of limiting public input.

There is a chance to comment on Impact Aid at the district website:

jcsd.k12.or.us. Comments will be taken until mid December.

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Resolutions of Tribal Council

Scholarship fund

Whereas the Tribal Council has established the Warm Springs Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing assistance to eligible Tribal members in obtaining a post secondary or vocational education; and,

Whereas it is the stated policy of Tribal Council that the fund be managed with the objective of being self-sustaining; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the Warm Springs Scholarship Fund and the amounts needed to provide for scholarships for calendar year 2017; and,

Whereas the amount of \$430,000 recommended for

expenditure for the purpose of providing post secondary education, \$223,000 is recommended for providing post vocational education scholarships including post baccalaureate and distance learning, and \$47,000 for Operational costs to support the administration of the Scholarship Program, for the Calendar Year 2017; and,

Whereas the 2017 scholarship fund budget of \$700,000 is not recommended by the investment advisory committee to meet the long term objective of self-sustainability of the fund and provides an approximate remaining life of 8 years. A self-sustaining fund would utilize the interest earnings only and not draw from the principal. Given the Scholarship fund's

principal and the historical interest earned an amount of approximately \$300,000 per year is recommended to be managed with the objective of being self-sustaining; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Ordinance 26 and Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Constitution and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed \$700,000 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Scholarship Fund For calendar year 2017. (Resolution no. 12,252)

Senior Pension

Whereas the Tribal Council has established the Warm Springs Senior Distribution Fund for the purpose of providing payments to Tribal Members who have attained the age of 60; and,

Whereas it is the stated policy of the Tribal Council that the fund be managed with the objective of being self-sustaining, however has failed to do so in previous years due distributions being in excess of earnings; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council has reviewed the Senior Distribution Fund and

the estimated amounts needed to provide for distribution payments in the future; and,

Whereas the recommended benefit payments for calendar year 2017 be \$300 per month to all seniors reaching the age 60; and,

Whereas the approximate amount of \$1,774,800 is recommended for expenditure for the purpose of providing such pension payments to approximately 493 Tribal Members for the calendar year 2017; and,

Whereas the recommended approximate expenditure of \$1,774,800 from the fund is not consistent

with the long term objectives of the fund and is projected to be fully expended during 2017 if new revenue is not generated to sustain the program; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Seventh Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article V, Section 1 (f) of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws as amended, that an amount not to exceed \$1,774,800 is hereby authorized for expenditure from the Senior Distribution Fund for calendar year 2017. (Resolution no. 12,251)

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