

In the Spirit of Giving

Getting ready for Christmas, Warm Springs Health and Human Services - Social Services hosted a toy drive.

Some of the items were donated by individuals, and many more were provided by Social Services.

This year families were able to specify a particular gift; so many young people of the community will have a Merry Christmas.

Among the volunteer gift wrappers were Simone Danzuka LeClaire and Ruby Hurtado (top photo). Meanwhile, Frank and Gerri, of the Health and Human Services work crew, prepare the gift packages for the seniors. The old elementary school gym was the scene of this festive occasion.

Some of the senior gifts will be presented at the Seniors Luncheon, scheduled for this Thursday, December 22. Others will be delivered by volunteer drivers.

Dave McMechan



Timber: set for Council on Dec. 27

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These would be delivered log sales, with one exception. The exception would be a test case whereby a sale would be put to bid, and the purchaser would be responsible for harvest and delivery.

The tribes could then compare which approach brings the most revenue and other benefits, such as tribal member employment. Tribal member preference, through compliance with the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), would be another aspect of the 2017 company, Mukumoto said.

A resolution was presented to Tribal Council, including a detailed memorandum of understanding between the company and Natural Resources. The vote on the resolution then raised a procedural question:

At the start of the Council meeting there were nine voting members present, not including the

Council Chairman who votes only in case of a tie.

The vote on the Warm Springs Timber Co. was three in favor, three abstain, and three out of the room, as three members earlier had to leave on other business.

The 3-0-6 vote was determined by legal counsel not to constitute approval. Council then set the matter over to the December 27 meeting.

Time is of the essence in deciding the question: timber purchases generally happen early in the year, as mills are establishing inventories for their yearly operation.

Tribal Council is proceeding carefully on this question: This Council does not want to repeat a scenario such as happened over the years with Forest Products Industries, where the tribes did not realize the full value of the reservation timber harvest, said Councilman Jody Calica.

Coming up on Tribal Council agenda

The following are some of the items coming up on the January Tribal Council agenda:

Monday, Jan. 9

9 a.m. - Bureau of Indian Affairs update with the acting superintendent.

10 - Office of Special Trustee update with Charles Jackson.

10:30 - Realty items with Urbana Ross.

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update conference calls, federal and state.

2:30 - Tribal attorney update.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

9 a.m. - Funeral benefits agreement with Lynn Davis and Lisa Lomas.

10 - Minors Trust Investment policy statement with Alfred Estimo.

11 - Land Buy Back program with Randy Scott, Alyssa Macy and Lonny Macy.

1:30 p.m. - TV Butte with Kathleen Sloan, Culture and Heritage Committee.

2:30 - Implementation Plan update with Alyssa Macy.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

9 a.m. - Financial overview with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

10 - Management Plan update with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

11 - Economic Stewardship update with Kahseuss Jackson.

Monday, Jan. 16

9 a.m. - Review minutes and resolutions.

10 - Every Student Succeeds Act with April Campbell of the Oregon Department of Education and the Education Committee.

11 - Adoption election discussion with Howard Arnett, Lynn Davis and Alyssa Macy.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Fish and Wildlife workshop at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Tribal Caucus with CRITFC.

Monday, Jan. 23

9 a.m. - Secretary-Treasurer and COO updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10 - February agenda/review minutes with the S-T.

11 - Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 p.m. - Legislative update calls, federal and state.

3 - Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson of Vital Stats.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

9 a.m. - Culture & Heritage Committee.

10 - Education Committee with Deanie Smith.

11 - Fish & Wildlife Committee with Bruce Jim Sr.

1:30 p.m. - Health & Welfare Committee with Janice Clements.

2:30 - Land Use Planning Committee with Jimmy Tohet Sr.

3:30 - Range & Ag Committee with Delford Johnson.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

9 a.m. - Timber Committee with Levi VanPelt.

10 - Water Board with Roy Spino.

11 - Miss Warm Springs with Alyssa Macy.

1:30 p.m. - EPA on Portland Harbor with Robert Brunoe.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26-27

CRITFC meeting.

Monday, Jan. 30

Enterprise updates
9 a.m. - Indian Head Casino.

10 - Power & Water Enterprises.

11 - Composite Products.

1:30 p.m. - Warm Springs Telecom.

2:30 - Credit.

3 - Warm Springs Ventures.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

9 a.m. - Kah-Nee-Ta update.

10 - Museum at Warm Springs.

11 - Housing Authority.

1:30 p.m. - Timber LLC.

3 - Cannabis update with Ventures.

All draft resolutions and ordinances, including any attachments or exhibits, will be due by the first Friday of each month by 5 p.m. Send by email in Word form for review: michele.stacona@wstribe.org
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Allowable cut

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Non-drought conditions will alleviate the problem, Wolf said.

Another point of discussion was in regard to logging roads. Forest Products Industries was responsible for maintenance and repair of these roads.

With the enterprise no longer operating, there is a question as to responsibility for this critical work, said Councilman Raymond

Tsumpti. Tribal engineer Travis Wells brought up the same point.

The responsible party would be the purchaser of the timber, Danzuka said.

Log trucks traveling at an excessive rate of speed is another problem, Councilman Tsumpti said.

Danzuka said the issue will be brought up with the timber contract administrators.

DAPL hearing next year

A hearing is expected in about two months on the Dakota Access Pipeline lawsuit.

The question for the judge is whether the pipeline developer can go forward with the controversial project, despite lacking a crucial easement.

The Standing Rock Sioux and the Cheyenne

River Sioux Tribe are vowing to fight the request, and so is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The tribes and the Corps of Engineers filed a request with the court, suggesting the case be held in abeyance while the question of the easement is addressed.

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