

Buildings, water update at Tribal Council

Tribal Utilities is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the approximately 100 tribal buildings.

The buildings include a diversity of structures, from the longhouses to the Community Center, the administration building and Early Childhood Education Center, among many other structures.

Utilities Department general manager Don Courtney developed an inventory of the buildings including their maintenance and repair needs.

Utilities does its best to keep up with repairs and maintenance, but budget restrictions in the tribal general fund preclude many of the projects.

"We're not able to meet these goals because of the lack of revenue," Mr. Courtney said, during a re-

cent update with Tribal Council. "We do what we can to get us by."

He gave the Council update with chief operations officer Alyssa Macy. "Unfortunately," Ms. Macy said, "grants are not available for building maintenance and repair."

The buildings in question are important to the members, leading to competing interests. The longhouses, for instance, are used for many community and family events. The community center and ECE are important to young people; tribal administration to the organization as a whole, etc.

Mr. Courtney gave an example of the kind of decisions that Utilities has to make while dealing with a limited budget:

The EPA in recent years began phasing out a certain

Water plant a critical need

The water treatment plant serving the Warm Springs community is 32 years old, somewhat past its lifespan.

Indian Health Service and the tribes are studying the plant, including the algae content of the water, for instance.

IHS and the tribes will look at possible options to improve efficiency at the plant, said Utilities general manager Don Courtney.

Next will be development of long-term options for water service to the community, he said.

A new plant at the same

site, or one somewhere else, could be among the options.

Funding will be critical, as cost of a new facility could be \$25 million or more.

A few years ago the tribes developed a new water system for the Simnasho community. Funding for this came mainly from the EPA, HUD and the tribes, with IHS contributing some.

A water meter project in Warm Springs, through tribal Planning, is part of an initial means of addressing this critical issue.

kind of refrigerant used in air conditioners. The price for refrigerant then more than tripled, from about

\$300 per container to nearly \$1,000. "And it takes seven containers to recharge a system," Mr. Courtney said.

Summer youth program

Health and Human Services Native Aspirations Soaring for the Future work program is getting ready for summer.

This is a chance for youth ages 14 to the college level to gain work experience with the Confederated Tribes.

Native Aspirations has placed many youth with employer-mentors and supervisors, but there re-

main opportunities for prospective supervisors. To these potential employers: If you are interested in participating in the program, helping a youth gain job experience through summer employment, then please contact Buffy Hurtado, Native Aspirations Soaring for the Future, 541-615-0141. Or stop by the Family Resource Center.

On the Tribal Council agenda at the end of the month:

Tuesday, May 30
9 a.m.: Timber appraisal with the BIA, Timber LLC, and Forestry.

11 a.m.: Children's Protective Services update with Susan

DeNight, CPS director; and Caroline Cruz, general manager, Health and Human Services.

Wednesday, May 31

Rights of first refusal, Columbia River federal property, discussion.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, May 25

Warm Springs jurors will need to check-in at 9:30 this morning at Warm Springs Tribal Court.

There is a **Rez Dog lunch fundraiser** today from 11am to 1:30 set up near the post office. The plates come with chips and a drink.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the Behavioral Health Center, and **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

Fitness activities scheduled for today at the Community Wellness Center: There's noon volleyball in the gym, Functional Fitness class at 12:10 in the social hall, and boot camp class in the Aerobics room at 12:10. This afternoon at 4:10 is Turbo Kick class.

Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors classes meet today from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Prevention room at the Behavioral Health Center. The class is for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

There is **Social Dance class** today from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Center Aerobics room.

It's **Family Fitness Night** at the Youth Center (former elementary school gym) from 5:30-7:30. There are activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

Session #4 of **Financial Skills for Families** class is this evening at 5:30. To find out more about the classes and about Individual Development Accounts, also known as IDA - a matched saving account to be used for home purchase or renovation, starting or expanding a business, post-secondary education or adaptive equipment for a job or business - contact the Warm Springs Community Action Team 541-553-3148 or stop by their office at 1136 Paiute Street.

Friday, May 26

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Senior building. There is noon basketball in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room and Pi-Yo class at the clinic.

There is a **Rez Dog lunch fundraiser** today from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. set up near the post office. The plates come with chips and a drink.

The Community Health Program at the **Behavior Health Center** has a behavioral health clinic today, walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. Services include

screening, assessment, crisis intervention, referrals to mental health, medical, substance treatment, or other community resources. Children, adolescents and adults are welcome.

Saturday, May 27

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at the Behavioral Health Center.

Sunday, May 28

Warm Springs Christian Fellowship is this morning at 9:30 at High Lookee Lodge.

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

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day: There is no school, and the tribal organization is closed.

Tuesday, May 30

On the Tribal Council agenda: In the morning, a presentation regarding a non-profit board, and an update from Children's Protective Services. This afternoon, an update from Indian Health Service, the Joint Health Commission and Managed Care.

Fitness activities happening at the Community Wellness Center today: Volleyball at noon in the gym, Functional Fitness class is at 12:10 in the social hall, and also at 12:10 there is a Boot Camp class in the Aerobics room.

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** program has orientation today at 3 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Center. 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.

There is **Indianpreneurship class** this evening 5:30-7:30 at the Tribal Credit Conference Room. It will cover Chapter 5: *Getting Ready for Market*. To find out about financial education classes available in Warm Springs, contact the Community Action Team.

Wednesday, May 31

Today's **fitness schedule**: Water Aerobics is at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village pool. Senior Fitness Class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. There is basketball at noon in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room. Pi-Yo class at the clinic atrium.

Women's Group meets today at 1 at the Behavioral Health Center.

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit meets today from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs k-8 Academy.

There is **Warm Springs Christian Fellowship** this evening at 6 at High Lookee Lodge.

Thursday, June 1

The **Timber Committee** meets at 9 a.m. in the Forestry building.

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Guiding Butterflies & Mighty Warriors classes meet today from 1 to 3 in the Prevention room at Behavioral Health Center. The class is

for adults to participate in cultural-based teachings, crafts and activities.

St. Charles Health System is sponsoring a **Mental Wellness & Substance Abuse Awareness** event from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Kids Club of Jefferson County. It's open to kids, adults and families.

There is **Social Dance class** today from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Community Center Aerobics room.

Session 5 of **Financial Skills for Families** class is this evening at 5:30.

Friday, June 2

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Senior building. Noon basketball is in the gym, and at 12:10 there is Functional Fitness class in the Aerobics room. Pi-Yo class is at the clinic.

The Community Health Program at the Behavioral Health Center has a Behavioral Health Clinic today, walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

There is an **Alcoholics**

Anonymous meeting this morning at 10 at Community Counseling.

Sunday, June 4

Warm Springs Christian Fellowship is this morning at 9:30 at High Lookee Lodge.

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