

Housing contends with unit meth contamination

More housing on the reservation has been a long-time need of the Confederated Tribes. In addressing the need the Housing Authority contends with various challenges, including one that is particularly costly, as well as in the end avoidable.

Many Housing Authority units have been contaminated by methamphetamine. The presence of meth residue in a residence is a serious health hazard, especially to children.

Very young children are at high risk because they spend more of their time indoors. Infants and young

children have greater exposure because they are rapidly growing, and have a higher rate of oxygen consumption.

There are currently 30 Warm Springs Housing units that are contaminated with methamphetamine. These are 30 units that are off-line during a time when tribal housing is in short supply.

The cost of cleaning a contaminated unit depends on the extent of contamination. But the cost can be in the tens of thousands of dollars per clean-up. The test itself is hundreds of dollars.

Contaminated items removed from a unit—carpet

and upholstery, for instance—have to be safely disposed of, either at Prineville, or in more serious cases at Arlington.

Housing relies on limited resources. HUD funding is the main source, with Housing using no tribal money.

The expense to decontaminate a Housing unit is unfair to the overall membership: One person can contaminate a unit, creating a large clean-up cost to Housing and the overall constituency.

Through HUD, Warm Springs Housing has cleaned several units, making them habitable again. Some of the staff at Hous-

ing are certified decontamination specialists.

Housing staff test units as they become vacant. A sample is taken from each room, and sent to a laboratory for analysis. A positive results requires closure of the unit until it is cleaned.

Meanwhile, Housing has been switching units from carpeting to nonporous tile, which can be easier to decontaminate.

Housing is also looking at holding the responsible person accountable. A possibility is making a person who has contaminated a unit disqualified for future use of a Housing unit.

Lunch party for languages

Everyone is welcome to a Halloween party fundraiser this Friday, October 13 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Education building, 2110 Wasco Street.

You can support the Culture and Heritage Language Program: They are selling chili and fry bread. Stop by, visit and learn about the three languages during lunch.

Spooky Nite Out, powwow

The Spooky Indian Nite Out and Drummerz Jam Session is coming up on Wednesday, October 25 at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Presented by the Com-

munity Wellness Center and Recreation Department, the potluck dinner will be at 6 p.m. and the powwow at 7.

There will be a Clown Dance contest—Bring your clown outfits.

CRITFC fair celebrates Heritage Month

November will be Native American Heritage Month, and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission will celebrate with a Native American Arts and Crafts Fair.

This year's fair will take place on Friday, November

3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair will be in the Celilo conference room on the fifth floor of the CRITFC offices, 700 NE Multnomah Street.

The fair will feature an impressive selection of items from Native American artists.

For sale by Housing

Warm Springs Housing Authority has a list of mobile homes for sale to community members.

Some appliances and furniture may be in-

cluded in some units.

Viewing is by appointment only. Contact Danielle or Pam at Housing to schedule 541-553-3250.

Help in locating two gournays

Two gournays went missing from the Agency Longhouse following recent services.

If anyone has information as to the location of these gournays, please contact Larry Dick at 541-977-3344.

The gournays were taken from the funeral home to the longhouse.

Then following the funeral, upon returning to the longhouse, they were gone. Any assistance in locating these would be greatly appreciated.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, October 12

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 the Behavioral Health Center; and a Narcotics Anonymous meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

Fitness activities today at the Community Wellness Center: There's Boot Camp class at 12:10 in the Aerobics room; and Functional Fitness in the Social Hall.

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.

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

Friday, October 13

This is an in-service day: **No school.**

Head Start and Early Head Start are closed today

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. PiYo Class is at 12:10 in Pod A at the Clinic, and Functional Fitness class is at 12:10 in the Aerobics room.

The Community Health Program at the Health and Wellness Center has a **Behavior 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, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

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

There is a **Fusion Fitness class** every Monday and Wednesday morning at 6 at the community center aerobics room. The class is suitable for all fitness levels.

Monday, October 16

It's **late start Monday** at schools in the Jefferson County 509-J school district. At the Warm Springs Academy that means school starts at 9:45 today and kids should be at school by 9:30.

On the Tribal Council agenda: Treaty fishing/hunting update; right-of-way workshop with the Land Use Committee.

Here are **today's fitness activities**: Senior Fitness Class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. At 12:10 there is Functional Fitness in the Aerobics room, and Pi-Yo class at the IHS atrium. This afternoon at 4 is Turbo Kick class in the Aerobics room.

The Community Health Program at the Health and Wellness Center has a **Behavior Health Clinic** every Monday and Friday. Walk-in appointments are available between 1 and 5.

There is a **food handler's class** from 2-4 p.m. in the IHS atrium.

Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. Learn more by calling 553-4952.

Victims of Crime Services has a **Women's Support Group** today at the VOCS office, 1108 Wasco Street, behind the Old Boys' Dorm. It's from 3-5p.m.

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit Group for high school age youth meets today from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Behavioral Health Center Prevention room.

Aglow Bible Study is this evening at High Lookee Lodge from 6:15-7:30. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, October 17

Warm Springs Community Health Nurses will be at the Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center at 9 a.m., offering **flu shots** to children and staff. Students must have signed parent consent to receive a shot.

Fitness activities happening during the noon hour at the Community Wellness Center today are Functional Fitness class in the social hall, and 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.

Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at Community Counseling. Call 541-553-4952 for information.

Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit is afterschool today at the Warm Springs Academy from 3:30-5.

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Wednesday, October 18

Warm Springs Community Health Nurses will be at local schools giving **flu shots**. Today at 10 a.m. they will be at the Warm Springs Academy.

Mom Dad & Baby group meets today at 2 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. Families are welcome to join in making Halloween caramel corn and caramel apple bites.

Today's **fitness schedule**: Water Aerobics is at

the Kah-Nee-ta Village Pool at 10:15. Senior Fitness class at 10:45 at the Senior Center. At 12:10 there is Functional Fitness Class in the Aerobics room, and Pi-Yo class at the clinic atrium; and an afternoon Turbo Kick class at 4.

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

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

Lodge.

Thursday, October 19

Warm Springs Community Health Nurses will be at Madras High School and Jefferson County Middle School today giving **flu shots**. Students must have signed parent consent to receive a shot. Flu shots are also available in the I H S Pharmacy.

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

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