

Council candidates join work group for forum

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The Warm Springs Meth and Opiate Work Group completed their first Tribal Council candidate forum last week.

The forum would not have been possible without the guidance of Alyssa Macy. Twenty-two Tribal Council candidates participated in the Meth and Opiate Work Group forum.

There were 11 Agency District candidates: Cassie Katchia, Jeffery Sanders Jr., Anita Jackson, Dustin Seyler, Wil Sando, Glendon Smith, Carina Miller, Mike Clements, Dan Martinez, Lola Sohapp and Marcia Soliz.

Six candidates from the Simnasho District were on hand: Levi VanPelt, Sylvester Sahme, Jaylyn Suppah, Taw Foltz, Aurolyn Stwyer and Charlene Dimmick.

Five candidates from the Seekseequa District took part in the forum: Martha Winishut, Gerald Tufti, Wilson Wewa Jr, Reuban Henry Sr. and Bridgette McConville.

Sixty-four community



Tribal Council candidates respond to one of the yes-or-no questions at the Meth and Opiate Work Group forum.

members attended: 37 from Agency, 15 from Simnasho and four from Seekseequa.

The forum was live streamed by KWSO. *Detailed answers to questions can be heard by going to kwsu.org*

The forum started with a dinner provided by donations made by Meth and Opiate Work Group members.

Don Sohapp gave the opening blessing, and Carlos Calica served as master of ceremonies.

Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves and give a brief background summary.

The Meth and Opiate Work Group developed the questions.

The questions

Candidates were then asked two questions, and allowed two minutes to answer. The questions were:

How would you create a pathway toward healing for our community? And:

How would you plan to deal with the main source—the drug dealers?

Candidates were also asked the following four yes-or-no questions:

Would you be willing to do an intense training on prevention of meth and opiates?

With the rising number of meth affected babies, would you consider mandating birth control?

Would you support banishment for repeat offenders?

Do you support the mandatory sentencing?

Carlos Calica gave the closing blessing, following my closing remarks on behalf of the work group.

Evaluation results from community members who attended were:

The overall Forum was 60 percent rated Excellent. Twenty-percent rated the forum as good; and 10 percent said it was average.

As a voter, how useful was the forum? Seventy-per-

cent said excellent; 20 percent rated good; and 10 percent rated average.

We would like to acknowledge our present Meth and Opiate Work Group members: Danielle Wood, Colletta Macy, Susan Mitchell, Deanie Johnson, Lisa Lomas, John Brunoe, Micheal Martinez, Raylene Thomas, Alyssa Macy, Paul Jim, Rico Thompson, Nancy Seyler and Sarah Frank.

The Meth and Opiate Work Group highlighted their previous education classes and events. These include:

Drug Endangered Children, presented by Charlene Dimmick and Jayceline Frank.

What is Meth Contamination? presented by tribal Sanitarian by Russell Graham.

Drug Trends in Warm Springs by Lt. Starla Green.

Criminal Thinking and Substance Abuse by Stephanie Wachter.

Meth and the Brain, presented by Micheal Martinez.

Restoration Rely by the Meth and Opiate work Group, and Victims of Crime Services.

Damaging Effects to the Brain video presentation by Sarah Frank.

Choices by Ron James. *Ride Out the Storm* by Pastor Titus Upham.

Candlelight Vigil by the Meth and Opiate Work Group members.

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The work group would like to thank the following programs for their financial contribution to make these education classes and events possible:

The Oregon Community Foundation, the Warm Springs Housing Authority board, Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, the Madras Living Hope Church, Danielle Wood, and Victims of Crime Services.

Upcoming events: Victim Impact Panel, which will take place one time a month.

Honoring Our People, Addiction Treatment Medication in Warm Springs, by Dr. Locker, and *Healthy Relationships*.

Our next Meth and Opiate Work Group meeting will be on March 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Housing Conference room.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, February 14

The Range Committee meets from 9 a.m. to noon in conference room 3 at the tribal administration building.

In **Warm Springs today**, there is Functional Fitness class at 10:45 in the Community Center social hall; volleyball at noon in the gym; Insanity class at 12:10 in the Aerobics room; and open gym for men from 6:30-8:50 tonight.

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.

There is **Ichishkin class** today from noon to 1 p.m. at the Museum. Bring your own lunch.

The Senior Wellness Center is having **Senior lunch** at noon. On the menu: Baked salmon, brown rice, Brussel sprouts and fresh fruit. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

Wellness of Warm Springs is having a **winter soup kitchen** today

at noon at the Family Resource Center conference room. *Everyone is welcome.*

There is **Social Dance class** today at 4 in the Community Center Aerobics room.

Friday, February 15

A **senior citizen fitness** class is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 at the Senior Building. After class, participants can eat brunch. **Today's meal** will be chili stew, corn muffins and fresh fruit.

There is **noon hoops** today at the gym. There's also Functional Fitness class at 12:10 in the Aerobics room; and PIYO class at 12:10 in the clinic atrium.

There is a **Behavior Health Walk-In Clinic** today. Appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m.

The Jefferson County **Library Film Center** will show "Crazy Rich Asians," rated PG-13, for its Friday night movie. It will start at 7:30 at the Rodriguez Annex next to the Library in Madras. It is free to

watch, and refreshments are available.

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

Warm Springs **Christian Fellowship** meets this morning at 9:30 at the Senior Center.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Sunday School** at 1 and **Worship Service** at 11 this morning.

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

Monday, February 18

The tribal organization is closed, and there is no school, in recognition of **Presidents Day**.

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

Tuesday, February 19
Warm Springs fitness

Coming up in youth sports

Here are some activities coming up in youth sports:

Thursday, February 14: The Warm Springs Academy girls basketball team plays at home against Jefferson County Middle School at 3:30.

Also on February 14: In Madras High School sports, the boys' basketball teams travels to Molalla. Freshman, JV and varsity girls basketball host Molalla at 4, 5:30 and 7.

Listen to KWSO 91.9 FM for Madras High School basketball. The Madras-Molalla tip-off is at 7 p.m. this Thursday.

The **Fish and Wildlife Committee** will meet on February 19 from 3-5pm in conference room 3 at the Tribal Administration Building.

There is a **Pathways Home Native Home Ownership** class this evening from 5:30-7:30 at the Credit building. They will cover Module 4: Evaluating Credit for Home Ownership.

The Jefferson County

day. You can also listen on the Internet at kwsu.org

Friday-Saturday, February 15-16: Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) state Wrestling Tournament.

Friday, February 15: Madras High School is hosting the 1A Big Sky Conference Basketball, February 15-16.

Tuesday, February 19: In Madras High School sports, the girls JV and varsity basketball play at Estacada High School. Boys JV and varsity host Estacada at 5:30 and 7. Listen to KWSO. Tipoff is at 7.

Library will have a free **Family Craft Night** at 6 at the Rodriguez Annex. It's open to all ages.

There is a **Wellbriety Warriors Accepting Recovery** meeting this evening from 6:30-8:30 at the Community Center Social Hall. It is open to anyone seeking sobriety and wellness.

Talk to Carroll at the Higher Ed office for more information.

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