

Dedication of homeless shelter

The Shelter to Independent Living shelters will be opening soon. A tentative date for the dedication ceremony is next Wednesday, March 16, said Caroline Cruz, general manager of Health and Human Services.

This month Warm Springs Construction was doing some final work on the site manager residence. A kitchen is also going in. And there will be restrooms and showers on site.

Funding for the Shelter to Independent project comes through Oregon Measure 110. Voters adopted the measure in 2020. The new law makes personal non-commercial possession of a controlled substance no more than a Class E violation, maximum fine of \$100.

The state decriminalization of controlled substances does not apply on the reservation land of the Confederated Tribes.

Measure 110 also designates use of the state marijuana tax for drug addiction treatment and recovery. The Shelter to



The units are located across the street from Behavioral Health.

Independent project falls within this provision, as homelessness is a factor leading to addiction.

Shelter to Independent will be alcohol and drug free. There will be on-site resident-managers living in the house by the shelters.

Shelter to Independent will be a good complement to the Supportive Housing project, being developed by the Warm Springs Housing Authority.

As gatherings may resume, food handlers needed

Warm Springs Environmental Health does not currently have an instructor for food handlers classes.

With community festivities potentially beginning to resume for the first time since the covid shut-down, people's food handler's cards need to be renewed.

Anyone interested in food han-

dlers training with certificates can go to the Indian Health Service website.

The training and certificate are free:

ihs.gov/foodhandler/

Or go to the Oregon state website link. There is a \$10 fee: oregon.gov/oha/ph/healthyenvironments/foodsafety/pages/cert.aspx

Bufs at quarter finals

The Madras High School Lady Bufs hosted Astoria over the weekend, in the first round of the 4A State Playoffs. The Lady Bufs came away with a 51-36 victory, and are moving on to the quarter finals of the State tournament.

Madras High School, and Tri-Valley Coach of the Year Jerin Say recapped the high points of the Astoria game:

"We had a lot of time to prepare for this one. We hadn't run the zone all season long and this was the perfect game to throw

it at them. Nobody has film of that except from maybe tonight.

"But coming in to this game we wanted to throw it at them and those girls worked hard on that zone, blocking out, rotating, communicating. It was such an awesome thing for me to see as a coach."

The Lady Bufs will face off against second-ranked Cascade this Thursday night, March 10.

Cascade also defeated La Grande last week at State, moving on from the first round.

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