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## Seekseequa to get fire hall

By Selena Boise  
Spilyay Staff

An appropriation of \$250,000 by the Tribal Council will fund the construction of the Seekseequa fire hall.

The Fire and Safety Department first expanded to Simnasho, now is expanding to Seekseequa, and in the future plans to build in the Sidwaller area.

Plans for the Seekseequa fire hall began in April 2001 and are now in the final stages.

A question to be resolved soon is the availability of water at the proposed Seekseequa fire hall site.

This week, Fire and Safety was expected to learn the results of water tests, which will determine the exact

location of the new building.

"If we don't find water, we are in trouble," said Danny Martinez, Fire and Safety Chief. If there is no water, then another area at Seekseequa may be considered, he said.

The proposed location is 11.5 acres at the top of the hill near the turn toward Indian Park. This includes two lots, one for the fire hall and one for the living quarters. Driving time and weight distribution of the fire truck were key factors in picking the site.

The projected cost for the building is \$158,000. This figure does not include the infrastructure. The living quarters will be paid for by a HUD grant.

The fire hall will be 39 by 66 square

feet and will include drive thru fire station bays, meeting room, kitchen, utility and bath. The possibility of expansion is considered in the construction of this building. It can be expanded in either direction.

The drive-thru bay will be two doors to drive-thru and one door for backing into. The drive-thru was thought to be safer because of the ability to see behind the ambulance and fire truck while in reverse. If meetings are being held during an emergency, children may be present, or the ambulance may be damaged. The back-in bay is for fire management to park their engine during the fire season.

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## Enterprise program in works

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Staff

A plan is nearly complete for the start of a new tribal business enterprise, "Warm Springs Environmental Services."

The program is expected to begin operation next year.

Initially, while getting under way, Environmental Services will employ a supervisor, assistant supervisor, and perhaps a couple more staff members, said Mike Clements, director of the Warm Springs Economic Development Department.

These job openings will be advertised, and any interested tribal member is encouraged to apply.

Eventually, during regular operation, Environmental Services will employ probably between six and 10 people, said Clements.

In the long-term, perhaps in five years, the goal of Environmental Services is to generate \$300,000 in revenue, and employ up to 30 people.

The plan is for the program eventually to fund itself, through contract work. To get started, though, the project needs funding.

The Tribal Council has made available \$500,000 for start-up money for Environmental Services and for a second jobs project.

The second program will be in construction, and will become a focus when Environmental Services is up and running, said Clements.

Warm Springs Environmental Services will be involved in outdoors kind of work, both on the reservation and off. Activities will include tree planting and marketing, seed orchard maintenance, hand-line construction and fencing.

Currently on the reservation, as well as on nearby public forestland, these services are provided by non-tribal members.

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## Program helps kids with choices

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Staff

For the first part of the current school year the number of student suspensions at the Jefferson County Middle School has been low compared to the number during the same time last year.

Teachers and other school staff agree that students who might otherwise cause discipline problems are making better choices.

Teachers and staff also agree that the middle school will continue to show improvement in the area of student discipline through the rest of the year and in years to come. The credit for this improvement, they say, is due to a program called "Stop and Think."

Parents of middle school students may already be familiar with the program through talking with their children or with a teacher.

The main goal of the program is to teach students the social skills necessary to succeed in school, said Butch David, Warm Springs community liaison for the middle school.

The goal is achieved by giving the students the knowledge and ability to make the right choices, and to be responsible for their decisions, said David.

Early in the year he was not con-

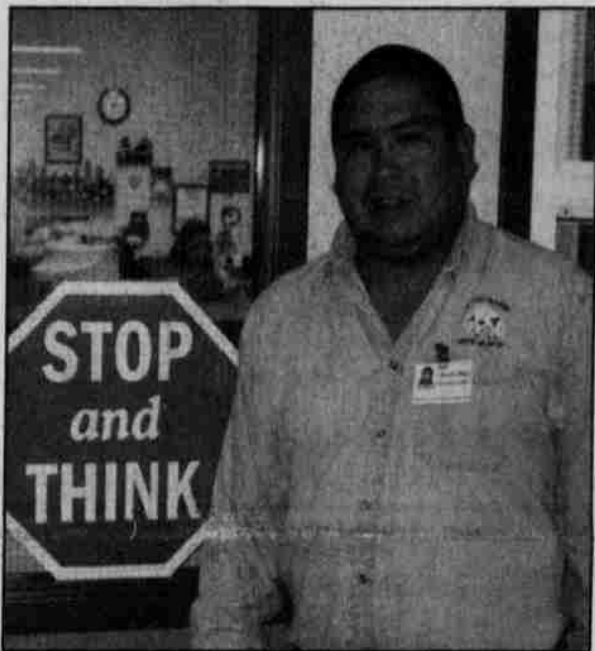


Photo by Dave McMechan

Butch David was skeptical, but now values program.

vinced that the Stop and Think program would work at the middle school. "I was skeptical at first," said David, "but now I see this is working."

The drop in the suspension rate, he said, is one example of how the program has brought positive change at the middle school.

Middle school principal Pat Kelly said, "We're still early in the school year, but already there are obvious changes. Now you don't see ten and

12 students lined up waiting to see the assistant principal (for disciplinary reasons)."

The middle school "success room" — where students who have gotten into trouble are sent to study — is almost empty these days in comparison with last year, said Kelly.

He said that the large majority of students at Jefferson County Middle School do not cause discipline prob-

lems. For the small number of students who are at-risk of becoming disciplinary problems, the Stop and Think program is proving successful, Kelly and other school officials agree.

### First in the state

Jefferson County Middle School is the first in Oregon to adopt Stop and Think. The program began about 15 years ago at a Florida middle school that was experiencing disciplinary problems.

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## Water standards approved

Unlike any other tribes in the state, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has its own water quality standards.

Final approval of the standards — regulating streams and lakes on the reservation — happened in October, following a lengthy negotiation process between the tribes and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The event was commemorated at a brief ceremony in which EPA representative Ron Kreizenbeck presented Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatam with a letter of agreement.

EPA approval of the tribes' water quality standards is noteworthy for a number of reasons.

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## Trio of young women serve on Lincoln's Powwow court

This week we are featuring the three young tribal members who are the Senior Court of the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

The candidates are Maranda Blueback, Winona Tohet and Matilda Wallulatam. They are selling Lincoln's Birthday Powwow raffle tickets, \$1 a piece, or six for \$5.

In the next issue of the Spilyay we will feature the Junior Court, Jolene Charley and Ada Polk.

The powwow is Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at the Simnasho Longhouse.

For more information, contact Trudee Queahpama-Clements at 553-3274 (work) or 553-1245 (home), or Anna Clements, 553-3290, Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Committee for 2002-03.

### Maranda Blueback

My name is Maranda Blueback, and I am a proud Tribal Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

I am 11 years old and have two brothers and one sister. They are Kelly, Anthony and baby sister Trianna Blueback.

My father is Kevin Blueback and my mother is Leana Blueback. My dad works for the fish hatchery and my mom works for Voc Rehab Department.

My grandparents are the late Harold and Effie Culpus and the late



Maranda Blueback

Frederic & Evangeline Trimble.

I attend Jefferson County Middle School, where I am in the sixth grade. I enjoy cross country, basketball and traveling to rodeos and pow-wows. I would like to participate in future parades, Native Clubs and one day strive to be Miss Warm Springs.

I would like to represent the Lincoln's Pow-wow, which is held the second weekend in February. I will be selling tickets for the raffle to be held at the pow-wow in Simnasho, and would like to ask you to purchase raffle tickets from me.



Winona Tohet

Thank you very much and I would like to invite you all to attend the 2002 Lincoln's Birthday Pow Wow to be held in Simnasho, Oregon February 8, 9, 10, 2002.

### Winona Tohet

My name is Winona Tohet. I am 11 years old, and I am in the eighth grade.

My parents are Jimmy Tohet Sr. and Melinda Tohet. My grandparents are Jacob Frank Sr. and Winona Stahi Frank, and the late Caroline Tohet.

I attend Jefferson County Middle School, and enjoy classes and the



Matilda Wallulatam

friendships I've made throughout the years.

I've learned not only academically but sociably as well. Meeting new people and rekindling old friendships are what I look forward to every year.

I enjoy participating in sports and have played on the volleyball team and intend to try out for the basketball team after the Christmas break. I especially am looking forward to that.

Horse riding is something I also enjoy doing. Going riding and horseracing is something I do every

summer. My Tilla Jacob have racehorses I enjoy watching win at the racetrack. I also have a lot of fun going to and dancing on the Pow-Wow Circuit.

Being on the Lincoln's Pow-Wow Court will be so much fun at the future pow-wows.

I love listening to music both modern and Indian songs. I also go to the longhouse where I believe in the Washut Religion.

Interested in buying some raffle tickets for Lincoln's Pow Wow? See Winona Tohet!

### Matilda Wallulatam

Hi! My name is Matilda Wallulatam.

I am in the seventh grade, and I am 13 years old. I am the daughter of Fred Wallulatam Sr., and Olivia Wallulatam. My father's parents are Merris & Freda Wallulatam. My great grandparents are Matilda and Louie Mitchell. My mother's parents are Lolita Greely and Oliver Kirk Sr. On my mother's side my great grandmother is Alice Scott.

My favorite sports are volleyball & basketball. I am running for Miss Lincoln's Pow Wow Queen and would like you to help support me. I will be around Warm Springs selling raffle tickets.

Thank you,

Matilda Wallulatam