

## Skate park idea deserves community support

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Spilyay Tymoo

Well, it appears there is a group of kids who have taken interest in a new skate park in Warm Springs, the campus area to be exact.

They have had one meeting so far to discuss plans to build the skate park, and they had juicy watermelon to eat while they talked. The youth are involved in the decisions regarding location and blueprints for the skate park. Which is a good idea because they are the ones who skateboard, ride scooters or bikes off the curbs in Warm Springs.

### Spilyay Speaks

The makeshift ramps that are built at home, or wherever there is a good piece of pavement, just are not cutting it for these skaters who want to do more with their skating skills.

At this first meeting the youth made good points in their discussion about the location. They would like to have it built on the campus area because they want a drug free environment. Some of the other locations were said to be locations where youth go to smoke or otherwise do drugs.

That is a very good point, because a drug-free mind is needed to perform these stunts and tricks without getting injured. These youth are completely for the skate park and are willing to do the necessary fundraising and planning.

They all signed a paper showing interest in this possibility, and these signatures will be used to assist with grant writing for funding. At the next meeting they hope to get more signatures from youth willing to help with this project. They are looking forward to the next meeting, and hoping that more of the Warm Springs young people will participate in the planning process.

The next meeting will be September 26, 6 p.m. at the same location, on the campus near the bus stop. If it rains, then it will be moved to the Family Resource Center (the old clinic).

I've watched the skateboarding on TV and seen the video games of Tony Hawk. I think with a new skateboard park we could someday see one of our own youth on TV. They will be able to build on their skills in their own community.

The fact they want a drug-free environment is what makes this project worthwhile. From beginning to end this project will provide drug-free activities for the youth.

We have many talented kids in our community. You probably have seen the skateboarding, bikes, and scooters around these last few years. They have talent in boarding just like the sports athletes in our schools. They just need a place to use that talent.

## Memorial

**Nikki Lee Courtney.**  
Saturday, September 21.  
9 a.m. Agency Longhouse.

Happy fifth birthday to a precious granddaughter, Rheianna Wolfe, September 19. You always keep us laughing with your cute remarks and happy attitude. We love you very much. Grandpa Raymond and Grandma Beulah, and sister Clarissa.



## September Birthday wishes...

Happy September Birthdays, Otis Johnson, Ellie Johnson, Raynele Danzuka, Jay Switzler, Mandy Switzler, Ronoldo Greystar, Charmagne Wilhelm (in Hawaii), Lil' Shortbones Jr., Emil Johnson, Tim Greene. Take care. Raymond, Beulah, Rheianna and Claire.

Happy birthday to my son **Floyd Calica (20<sup>th</sup>)**, brother **Jody (23<sup>rd</sup>)**, and nephew **Kenny Calica (30<sup>th</sup>)**. Wish you all happiness. From Dad/Brother/Uncle Raymond and family.

Sarah Frank, here's wishing you a very happy birthday on this special day of yours.  
Unk Franny.

Fudd, Good goll, Neff, another year of celebrating your b-days. Happy birthday, sweet pea. Unk Franny.



Happy birthday to son Kanet Weylin Wolfe on September 30. Take care of yourself and heed what appears in your life. Make good judgment and your life will be happy. We love you very much. Mom, Raymond, Rheianna and Claire.

### Happy (Belated) Birthday to:

**August**  
1-Lucy Gadberry & Nadine Wms;  
2-Valerie Switzler; 6-Regan Calica; 7-Ron Palmer and Soap; 12-Sid Miller; 15-Larson Kalama.

**September**  
8-Georgiann Aguilar; 11-Raynele Danzuka; 14-Jay Switzler; 17-Mayann Switzler; 23-JoJo Smith (lil chief); 26-Dorina Surface; 30-Warren Smith.

**October**  
6-Merle Wms Sr.; 16-Bob Medina; 29-Tena Wms; 31-Michael Wms.

Love, Tina, Easton and kids.

## Letters to the Editor

### Rodeo results

Dear family and friends,

Another wild and woolly HeHe Rodeo past. It was an honor to see all the smiling faces during the Huckleberry Feast and Junior Rodeo.

I would like to thank the work crews that made the event a success. The summer work crew (Gayleen's Crew) and the Salmon Corp (Aldo's Boys) and for the arena help.

Thank you, Toot and Yvonne Pennington for announcing, Jeff Walden for judging, Jaime Scott and Fish Blueback for directing the arena and the games, Ray Roba for helping me round-up after each event.

Thanks to the Suppah Family, thanks to my family, and to Delcie and Carmela for the rodeo office help, solicitations, and advertisements. Thanks to Bark Charley and Family for the arena grant.

This year I would like for you to be a judge. Through audience applause we have the results of Jeff Walden's judging card. We would like for you to send your response to me for final results. (Send your response to the address listed at the end of this letter.)

Congratulations to the Richard Walsey Memorial Winners, The Hicks Team, and to ALL (170) Rodeo Contestants.

Stick Horse Race: Benjamin Billy, WindyBoy or Inez Jones.

Mutton Buster's: Jalen Graybael, Debra Medina or Brandon Arquett.

Jr. Calf Riding: Anthony Blueback, Jasmine Graybael or Sterling Sampson.

Sr. Calf Riding: JC Frank, Delvis Heath or Mark Garcia.

Cow Riding: Delvis Heath, Simon Jim or Sonny Heath.

Mane Hold Colt Riding: Jacoby Frank, Michael Carter or Sonny Charley.

Jr. Wild Colt Race: Miranda Blueback Team, Collins Team or Jasmine Graybael Team

Sr. Wild Colt Race: Wesley Graybael Team, Raymond Torres Team, or L. Hicks Team.

Three-Man Wild Cow Milking: Sat., Jeff Walden Team; Sun., Spino Team.

Fat Womans Race: Maddie Spino.

Fat Mans Race: Harry Hisatake.

Cow Pie Toss: Kevin Blueback.

Wild Ride Saddle Bronc: Joe Scott Jr.

Horse shoe Pitching: Kim Thompson, Danny Scott, Don "Wolfman" Miller, Lester Poitra.

Youngest Cowboy: Joe Scott III, 2 yrs. old / Jr. Calf Riding.

Until the next rodeo, be safe.  
Buzz Scott, Stock Contract, HeHe Rodeo, PO Box 841, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

### Rodeo thanks

People who enjoyed the HeHe Rodeo would like to thank the following sponsors:

Warm Springs Composite Products, Warm Springs Museum, The Dalles Auction Yard "Rocky Webb," Warm Springs Market, The Feed Barn, Broken Bow Trading Post, Big R, Tygh Valley Tavern, CulPepper & Co. Western Wear, Tumalo Feed Co., Abby's Pizza, Figaro's Pizza, Russells Towing, The Cove Bar and Grille, Numb Butt

Fly Co., Hog Hunter Fishing Guide Service, Oregon Beef Co., The Cover-Up Shop, Round Butte Inn, Ira's Sales and Service, Guiren Logging, Papa Andrea's Italian Food," Spilyay Tymoo, WS Public Relations, thanks Nat. KWSO 91.9 FM. Warm Springs Tribal Council.

### House fire

To the Editor,

We'd like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the families who gave us housing for the night, after our house was set on fire and destroyed, with all we had and owned including our vehicles for transportation.

May the Creator bless all of you and those like you and your families, who do not hesitate to assist others in time of need, especially during emergencies. Also to Lucy Suppah for transporting Rex (Chubby) from the hospital and aunty Bernice Mitchell, on getting us new tribal ID cards.

The Victim's Assistance Program was unable to do anything for us, because staff on call did not have the authority to make a move without the signature of the upervisor, who could not get a response from by phone at the time.

Common sense is that staff should be able to assist families and justify what was done and how, with a report for the supervisor to go over if there are any questions. The job of Victims Assistance director requires someone who works for the people.

Sincerely, The Robinson Family,  
1712 Foster

### Special angel

Dedicated to my son Gary Curtis Switzler, born Sept. 22, 1975.

My Special Angel.

There was a very special son in my life, who had a brain as keen as a knife. He knew how to treat people with immense respect, which left everyone with a very happy effect.

As a teen he became a singer and drummer. That kept him occupied during the summer.

This made him believe in his heart that life was a sacred religious part.

He lived for songs and made the drum beat, that sounded so beautiful and sweet.

When he went to be with the Lord, with eagle wings he soared.

His work was done here on Earth, which means he's been given rebirth.

I can't wait to join by beloved son, for into his arms I will surely run.

He's always in my heart along with my mother, who is happily reunited with my father.

I love and miss him very much, yet these days, his wonderful and happy-go-lucky ways.

This is my beloved precious son, who is my Special Angel and baby rolled into one.

### A big thank-you

To the editor,

Our appreciation goes out to those who contributed to the Back-to-School BBQ and school supply distribution on Aug. 28. There were plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Welcome back students and teachers, and we wish everyone a successful and educa-

tional school year. A big thanks goes out to OSU Extension, Community Counseling Center, Life Skills students, 509-J teachers, ECE, Utilities staff, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Kah-Nee-Ta, Dechutes Crossing, Title VII, JOM, Mickey Boileau, Rick Ribero, Wiggy, Willy Fuentes, Jeff Sanders and Lisa Sledge.

Sincerely, the Tribal Education Committee

### Eat huckleberries

Half a cup of fresh huckleberries has only 40 calories and is a good source of fiber, vitamin C and vitamin E. The natural substances that give blueberries and huckleberries their deep-blue color are also the reason for many of their surprising health benefits, including:

Improving and protecting eyesight, preventing and treating urinary tract infections. Helping prevent cancer, helping protect the body and brain from the effects of aging with powerful antioxidants.

When over 40 common fruits were tested, blueberries were found to have the highest antioxidant capacity of any of the fruits that were measured. Because of their smaller size and more intense coloring, wild blueberries and huckleberries are even higher, better than the best.

Sincerely, Sara Lee Thomas, MS, RD Public Health Nutritionist, Indian Health Service Nutrition Department

### Memorial set

Our mother left us nearly a year ago. The loss we felt was difficult. We have tried to go on and prepare ourselves for her memorial. We are truly thankful for all the prayers and encouraging words. These were helpful during her time in the hospital and at home for her final days.

So we the family of Edith Wynaco Sampson have set a date for memorial. It has been set for Oct. 19, 2002, at 9 a.m. at the Satus Longhouse, Satus, Wash.

We will have a traditional giveaway, name-giving ceremony and dinner. At this time, we are asking for all the friends and relatives who were touched by our loved one to come and help us remember her on this day. Nys.

Sister, Sophie Courville, Tootsie, Muxli (grandson), Pete, Jerry, Teddy, Bruce, Smi, Tuner. All her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

### New library

The Warm Springs Library would like to thank all who attended our Grand Opening on August 21. By the end of the day over 150 people had come by. Thanks for supporting your community library.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank some wonderful individuals and organizations without whom our library would not be what it is today. Thanks to the following:

Chilkat Enterprises for the donation of the Harry Potter bookends, and subscriptions to two more magazines.

Maria and Bobby Macy for the donation of subscriptions to *The Oregonian*, *The Pioneer* and *Indian Country Today*.

## Letters reminder

Spilyay Tymoo greatly appreciates the Letters to the Editor that we receive.

As a standadr, letters should not exceed 350 words in length.

Letters that are longer than 350 words must be cut beginning with the last sentence and then upward.

Also, letters that contain statements libelous against another person will be edited.

Thank-you again very much for writing to Spilyay Tymoo.

The Jefferson County Library District for their warm congratulations, tons of support, and a copy of *Developing an Outstanding Core Collection: For Public Libraries*.

Carladean Caldera for an autographed copy of a Delphine Tsinajinnie poster to decorate our new library.

Laurie Abel and family for their generous donation of a computer and encyclopedia set.

Mavis Shaw and Pinky Beymer for helping to staff the library during the Grand Opening. I don't know what we would have done without you.

The Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery for loaning us Mavis. It is business support like this that will help our library flourish.

Thanks again for all the support. Those of you who signed up to help us out should expect to hear from me in the next week or so, as we are ready to take the library to the next level.

Sincerely, Shawnele Shaw

### Hello to everyone

To my friends and family,

Not much is going here in the big snake pit (S.R.C.I.) I'm out here with a few other springers doing the final year of my set amongst these snakes.

We're still representing the Native way of life.

I just wanted to say hello to my family, Jon R. Smith, Mario Smith, my Broham Willis, Dessa and Baby, Ray, Angela and Tyler, Bernie and Jamie and fam, also Dionne T. and fams...

Francies and Ricky, my deepest condolences for your loss. Your brother will be truly missed.

Phillip T. and Young Melvin, Big Melvin, Julio and Tonya T. My friends Tom and Rena Adams (Kanim Smith Jr.) and the list goes on. But I can't possibly fit every name on one piece of paper so I'll just say to everyone else who I forgot to mention, much love and respect. Write me some time.

Jermaine L. Williams, No. 1220487, S.R.C.I. 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914.

### September 11

I am writing this on September 11, one year after the terrorists killed 3,000 U.S. citizens in New York.

It hurts to know many citizens were killed in a planned crashing into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

But it is great to know that I have faith in our most precious and awesome Lord.

I want to say, "The battle belongs to the Lord." Amen. Thank you.

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