

Composite: enjoys support of community

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The company has developed certifications for their products that other countries have adopted as well, Coochise said.

"Certifications really do carry us a lot," Darnell said.

But partnering with other companies is something that has carried the company even farther.

Partnerships and marketing have always helped the company advance, Darnell said.

In addition to partnering with Warm Springs Forest Product Industries to provide some of the raw material used, the partnership between Composite Products and various companies in a variety of countries has led to the boost in exports.

They travel to trade shows to showcase their products, but also rely on partnerships with companies in Portland and Salem to develop business for newer products, like the ballistics material.

"We try to carve out niches



Evan Cochran has worked at Composite Products for 15 years.

and markets," Darnell explained.

It was work with the Department of Commerce that led to a recent meeting with a group called Friends of Saudi. After meeting with the group at a dinner, the Friends of Saudi re-

cently traveled to Warm Springs and were treated to a dinner at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort.

"Out of it we will get some more contacts," Darnell said—a key element in developing ad-

ditional business.

Besides outside contacts, Darnell said local contacts and support have helped development as well.

"We've had a lot of support on the reservation—and that's critical," Darnell said.

It is the support of the community that encourages those at Composite Products to give back—they donate between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per year to local children and senior programs.

In Darnell's opinion, "You have to provide some level of that because if you don't these kids won't get exposed to other ways of thinking."

The goal of Composite Products, Darnell said, is to eventually expand their business and spread their economic base as much as possible.

"We're in the beginning phases of expansion into a bigger facility," he said, with a new building being planned on a lot in the industrial park.

But they don't want to expand until they are certain that a bigger business will succeed.

"Our model here is to grow slowly," Darnell explained.

ior division level after a try-out period. Results of that try-out will be based solely at the discretion of the local player representative and in concurrence with the Little League President.

All other players will be designated to their respective age division, according to national little league rules interpretation. Early registration is now underway to attain appropriate numbers of participants for team size at each level and insuring Warm Springs will be represented at all levels of the program.

Parents are encouraged to sign up and register your children early so these numbers will reflect on the amount of teams equally within the Warm Springs community as representatives to the Jefferson County Little League Program.

Costs are as follows, until March 16, 2007: t-ball division \$5 per player; rookies \$10 per player; minor/majors \$10 per player; junior division \$10 per player; family rate \$20 maximum (three of same household).

After the deadline of March 16, registration will increase \$5 at the t-ball level and \$10 in all

other divisions per player. Family rate maximum will be \$30 after the deadline.

Future sites for registration for the program will be as follows: March 6 in the Administration Lobby from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; March 7 at the Warm Springs Market from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; March 12 in the Administration Lobby from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; and March 13 at the Warm Springs Market from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

All volunteer coaches, managers, assistants and umpires that plan on participating with the Little League program will need to complete an official Little League Volunteer Form and turn it in as soon as possible. Interested coaches that plan on returning to the program need to contact Austin Greene at earliest convenience.

Next local coaches' meeting will be scheduled for Monday, Feb. 26, in the community center social hall beginning at 5:15 p.m. For information on the Warm Springs Little League Program contact Austin Greene at the Recreation Office at 553-3243.

Young Achiever Congratulations Wilma Alonso Sponsored by Les Schwab

Wilma Alonso likes numbers—which explains why she is excelling in math at Warm Springs Elementary School lately.

Wilma has already completed nearly four levels of the math-based program "Math Facts in a Flash."

The program features 44 objectives, and students must complete a series of questions in a given time period.

So far Wilma has mastered 2 minutes, 1 minute 30 seconds and 1 minute, and she is almost finished with the 45-second level.

The soft-spoken fourth grader is nine years old.

Wilma may be shy, but she still has a lot of friends at Warm Springs Elementary School, she said.

In addition to math, Wilma



enjoys writing.

She also enjoys doing homework, and plans to go to college in the future.

Wilma is the daughter of Josephine Alonso and granddaughter of Hilda Culpus.

She also is the role model for her two younger sisters: Lorraine and Lillian Tulce.

In her spare time, Wilma said she enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Wilma credits her parents as her heroes in life.

Little League registration starting

The Warm Springs Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Jefferson County Little League Chapter, will hold local registration for the community of Warm Springs.

These registration sites will be around the local area, including the Administration Building, Warm Springs Market, and daily at the Recreation Office and at the Community Center.

Little League Baseball, softball and t-ball programs are open to youth ages five to fourteen years of age. T-ball participants will play co-ed divisions at that level; all participants ages five and six years of age will play t-ball.

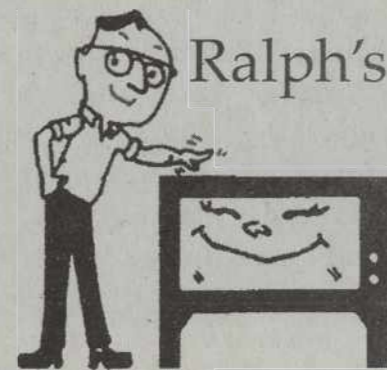
Youth from age seven to age 8 will be assigned to Rookie League Teams in both boys and girls divisions. Ages 9 and 10 will be assigned to Minor League Teams for both genders. Ages 11 and 12 will be Major League teams for both genders. Thirteen and 14 year olds will participate in the Junior Leagues.

Local player representatives for the Warm Springs area will consider those playing in the age 10 league and age 12 league to move up to the Major or Jun-

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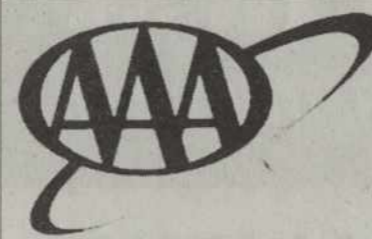
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