

Letters to the Editor

Contribution

The Museum At Warm Springs would like to thank Warm Springs Power Enterprises for its recent membership contribution.

Power Enterprise presented a \$10,000 TWANAT Museum Business Membership check on October 17.

The check was presented by Ralph Minnick, Power Enterprises board chairman, board members Ginger Smith and Morris Holliday, and Power Enterprises manager Jim Manion.

The check was presented to Beulah Tsumpti, museum office manager, Dora Smith, development officer, and Leana Blueback, membership/development assistant.

Museum membership helps the Museum at Warm Springs raise funds to support general operations and to fulfill its educational mission.

The museum receives about one fourth of its budget through Tribal Council appropriations, and raises the balance through membership, donations, admissions, gift shop sales, grants, and special events.

Warm Springs Power Enterprises has been a long-time supporter of the Museum at Warm Springs through membership, and often sponsors the Annual Tribal Youth Art Exhibit.

Businesses interested in becoming a member may contact the Museum at Warm Springs at 541.553.3331. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational institution. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

The Museum At Warm Springs greatly appreciates the Warm Springs Power Enterprises for their support.

Dora Smith

Golf tourney

The Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Association would like to thank the following people and groups who have made the FryBread Golf Tournament a success:

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino Donations Committee; golf pro shop and greens crew; banquet staff; Michele Stacona, Janell Smith, Satch Miller, Libby Chase, Jake Cochise, Benny Heath, Delvis Heath, Gary George and Keith Quempt.

This year's tournament had over 65 participants and golfers from Canada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Phoenix and California.

The Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Association.

A thank you

We would like to take this time to thank the friends and community for your support with the passing of my mother, Lucy Wolfe-Oscar.

It was so wonderful to have so many people that came to offer prayers, support and donations. We do not want to forget out aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and the many grand and great grandchildren who were present and those who could not be present, and hope that you know how much we appreciate your support.

Special thanks to Aunt Flossie for her wonderful guidance, support and donations. We also want to give special thanks to Carol and the Johnson family and Marina for their support, and Helen who brought donations from the Yakima Tribe.

We would like to express our gratitude to the cooks from the Senior Center and their helpers that worked many hours to prepare exceptional meals.

All my relations, **James, Patricia Wolfe and family.**

Gratitude

The Elmer and Cleda Schuster family would like to thank and express our gratitude to the family, friends, co-workers and relatives that helped us so generously in our time of loss.

We extend our appreciation to the Warm Springs Credit Enterprise, and the following from the Yakama Nation: Emergency Assistance, Enrollment, Juice, Game and Fisheries, Cemetery Program, Tribal Council and Housing Authority; and the Granger School District 204 staff.

We would also like to give a big thank you to the Satus

Longhouse officers, Evans Dick and Roy Dick, and all Longhouse members, the dressers, drummers, dancers, indoor-outdoor cooks, meat cutters, food servers, and the many volunteers who understand our family tradition and gave huge support.

We would especially like to acknowledge our grandchildren, nieces and nephews and their children for dancing, serving, cutting meat, washing dishes and cleaning up the Longhouse as a demonstration of family unity and solidarity.

Thank you to all family, relatives and friends that donated finances and their time to help us in our time of grief and need. We also thank those who could not attend but were there in heart.

We thank the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Congregation for after funeral activities for family consolations.

Elmer and Cleda Schuster.

Invitation

Children from Warm Springs are welcome to attend Awana, a two-hour program for kids age 4 through the eighth grades. It is positive fun for the kids. The program has five parts:

Opening flag ceremony, handbook time where children memorize Bible verses, game time around the game circle, Bible story and prizes awarded, and closing at the game circle and prayer.

Awana runs every Wednesday, from 6-8 p.m., through April, 2008, at the Madras Conservative Baptist Church. If school closes because of the weather, we don't have club that night.

The children are divided into 4 groups:

Cubbies, ages 4-5; Sparks, kindergarten to second grade; T&T, third to sixth grades; and Trek, seventh and eighth grades.

The Madras Conservative Baptist Church is located at 751 NE 10th, Madras. For more information, contact the church office at 475-7287; or call me at 475-5444.

Thank you, and have a great day.

Debi Stinson.

Concerns

Where did management get all the millions to throw into Kah-Nee-Ta again? What happened to their casino? These same managers have always been Indian Fighters, but the old Council kept them in line, some were even fired. The past 20 years the Council has gotten weaker with managers getting in, making policies and using Indian

money, to protect them from us. Now they do anything they want, knowing no one will stop them. Look at the millions meant for a school, Housing and Construction that disappeared during the reign of Larry, Moe and Curly. The Housing Commission turned them in, and some good people got the axe. At least they had guts.

Management wants to enhance Kah-Nee-Ta again. Every year the Resort loses money, so they say, even with the casino. Remember, this management always hand picks the manager. Now you hear some Council blaming the Indians for wanting gaming at the Lodge. From the beginning of both the Lodge and gaming, management wanted the Indians kept away, because Indians would turn the place into Rialto. The orders were just short of putting up signs saying, "No dogs and Indians allowed." I know this be-

cause I was one of those they tried to order to enforce it.

Things like the Bear Springs project shouldn't have even gotten this far. Who on Council would even consider giving away the Reservation? Next they'll want their own Representative, fire station, clinic, strip club and cops to keep Indians out. They always claim it would bring jobs. What kind of jobs maids and butlers and moving targets? Construction jobs don't last forever. Like everything else I'd bet they're going to do it anyway, vote or no vote.

Who runs to the BIA about the failed adoption voting? If the Council asked the people, instead of hiding, they'd know it was more of a boycott to say no, because nobody trusted the vote counting.

Why isn't the Council fixing the problems, being caused by managers, right here? Council cries to the public about hous-

ing shortage. They did everything they could to keep homes from being built. Council seems to be proud of the way Housing preys on members, by ignoring all the complaints. Now they want to build expensive house for their white brothers and sisters right away. Why won't Council jump this fast for the people they begged to represent?

Another thing, did our leaders 638 the clinic? What happened to the millions that were meant for Indian health care? What kind of "leaders" can claim to be "The Elite" and are willing to sacrifice the people and the Reservation?

Management has given away the water, health care and now wants to give away the land, without a word to the people. What next, Termination? So, where is the Tribal Council when they are doing all this? Probably waiting to pose around looking all "happy." **Victor Moses**

Oregon Natives



submitted photo

The Oregon Natives basketball team at the NABI tournament. Back row (from left): assistant coach Denys White, Allison Coochyouma, Ashley Davis, Jacoba Smith, Erika Miller, Yolanda Yallup, head coach T.J. Foltz; front row: Shirelle Adams, Whitley Ruiz, Briana Stacona, Jasmine Graybael and Dani Case.

To the Warm Springs and Madras communities,

We would like to thank the following sponsors who donated towards our trip to the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI), July 8-15, 2007:

Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs Education Committee, Warm Springs secretary-treasurer, Madras Paint and Glass, Black Bear Diner, Ralph's TV, tribal attorneys, HAABLA, Madras Rotary, Madras Kiwanis, Oregon Embroidery, Warm Springs Techtonics, Warm Springs CHET, Lovie Ike, Vivian and Third Smith, Pi-Ume-Sha Committee, and the Bel-Aire Funeral Home.

This was a great experience for our ladies. It means a lot to have our tribal departments, organizations and local businesses supporting our youth. By participating in this elite basketball tournament, it gave our ladies the opportunity to be watched by many college scouts.

In round robin play, here are the results:

Game 1: Natives played Cherokee's Finest, a team from North Carolina. Oregon Natives defeated Cherokee's Finest 59-58.

Game 2: Oregon Natives played Rez Girls from Arizona. Oregon Natives lost 58-82.

Game 3: Oregon Natives had a bye, but played 4 Korners.

Out of 40 teams, the Oregon Natives went into the tournament as the number 15 seed. In

round 1 of the tournament play, Oregon Natives played AZ Hoops and lost 49-64.

We would also like to thank the community members who purchased Oregon Native t-shirts and for supporting our fund-raisers. A special thank you to Lana Leonard and the Alumni Team for some great games. Last but not least, our players. You played some outstanding tough games. It was great to hear the compliments that other coaches and college scouts said about you.

Without your donations and community support, the trip would not have been possible. Thank you.

T.J. Foltz and Marcie Stacona.

Toe Ness

Guy said to his landlady, "I can't pay my rent this month."

The landlady said, "But you said that last month."

"I kept my word, didn't I?" YIKES.

Two guys met in a narrow street where neither could pass. One said, "I never back up for stupid idiots."

Shifting into reverse the other said, "I always do." YIKES.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay. The next deadline to submit an item for publication is Friday, Nov. 2. Thank you.

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Happy birthday and other wishes...

Teva Girl, Wishing you the best on your birthday. Hope all your wishes and dreams come true. We love you lots. Love, Michael (Hiachel-Hiachel) Arnetta S.

Tena Girl, Here's wishing you a happy birthday and many more, and may Grandfather be with you always. Love, Gramma Rose Lee.

Teva, I wish you a happy birthday and hope you have the best birthday ever. Love lots, NaNa Martika.

Baby Girl Neteva, Happy birthday on your special day. Love you always. Love, Aunt Carol, Maureen, Tyrone, Daniel.

Happy 8th birthday Hunny Girlz, Tony said to say happy birthday LMH from BMH! We both love you very much and hope you like your new Pendleton coat we are giving you for your birthday. Love always, Uncle Tony and Auntie Terry. 2007.

Happy second birthday, Jaden! From Dave.



Happy Birthday Grandpa Jack, thinking of you always. Hope you had a good day, We love you, George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson.

Happy Birthday Dad, Love Tony and Selena



Happy birthday Jetz! Remember this first ride? Made Dad proud! Aye. Love, Jah Neice.

My, my, my... Don't we have big teeth now? Look who is 56 on October 18! Happy Birthday puff. Lots of love and respect, Dinisa.

