

School district asks for input on budget cut

Jefferson County School District 509-J has announced a projected \$3.127 million budget shortfall in the budget for the 2008-09 school year.

Meetings will be held across the district during the next month to outline the issues that led up to the shortfall, and to ask participants for their input on possible areas for reduction.

The meeting in Warm Springs will be from 5:30-6:45 p.m., March 17 in the Warm Springs Elementary School gymnasium. The input from meetings with the community and staff will be used by Superintendent Kay Baker as she prepares her recommended budget which will be presented on April 15 to the District Budget Committee.



Tahmaira Clements performs at Eagle Watch.

Powwow support appreciated

The Lincoln's Birthday wishes to thank those who purchased raffle tickets during the 2008 Lincoln's Powwow. The results (winner, item won, and person who donated the item) are as follows:

Leah Suppah, shell dress, Anna Clements. Julia Wolfe, satin casino jacket, Anna Clements. Elsie David, \$25 gift card, Mackie Begay.

Joni Jim, \$25 gift card, Mackie Begay. Leroy Bobb, \$50 cash, Sandra Greene. Yvonne Tapedo, Pendleton shawl, Norene Greene. Janae Adams,

star quilt bed spread, Margie Tuckta. Sabodor, Pendleton coin purse, Margie Tuckta.

Leroy Bobb, Pendleton mini purse, Margie Tuckta. Tyrell Smith, Pendleton pillows, Angie Spino. Trey Leonard, beaded medallion, Birney Greene-Boise. Yvonne Tapedo, microwave, Kyle Queahpama.

Newt Skunkeap, silver jewelry, Calvin Queahpama. Linda Mathis, Pendleton bag, Roberta Queahpama. Willy Fuentes, Pendleton bag, Roberta Queahpama. Kitty Denny, shawl, Norene Greene.

Lucinda Greene, Celilo blanket, Anna Clements. Levi Dowty, \$50 cash, Norene Greene from sister. D'Ann Nash, quilt, Grace Queahpama.

Farley Allen, Pendleton blanket, Suzie Slockish. Kalissa Alire, Pendleton shawl, Georgianna G. and Reuben Henry.

Rose Ball, jingle dress, Bridget Whipple. David and Julie Johnson, girls cloth traditional, Teeny Tappo. Che', drummer's bag, Bum Q.

Thank you. Lincoln's Powwow Committee.

Stimulus payments available to those who qualify

Some low-income workers and recipients of Social Security, certain veterans' benefits and certain Railroad Retirement benefits may qualify for economic stimulus payments this year from the federal government.

In most cases, payments will range from \$300 to \$600 for individuals and \$600 to \$1200 for joint filers. Taxpayers may receive \$300 for each qualifying child.

Most taxpayers do not need to take any extra steps

to receive the payment beginning in early May.

But there are some exceptions.

Free Tax Help Available

Individuals who need to file a return this year to receive a stimulus payment may be able to take advantage of thousands of free tax preparation sites nationwide for low-income and elderly taxpayers.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides help to low- and moderate-income taxpayers. Call 1-

800-906-9887 to locate the nearest VITA site.

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program provides free tax help to people age 60 and older. As part of the IRS-sponsored TCE Program, AARP offers the Tax-Aide counseling program at more than 7,000 sites nationwide during the filing season. To find an AARP Tax Aide site call 1-888-227-7669 or visit the AARP Web site.

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