

Hoop Contest winners



Elks Hoop Shoot Contest winners are Jiana Smith-Francis, Kaliyah Iverson, Lynden Harry, Marisel Sanchez, Simon White, Kanim Smith III, Perry Isidore, Brent Graybael (from left).

2011 Rezalution

— This Saturday, Jan. 29 —

The Warm Springs Boxing Club will host USA Boxing at Kah-Nee-Ta this Saturday, Jan. 29. *Rezalution* will be the kick-off event for



the 2011 boxing season. The bouts start at 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$5 for students. Seniors, \$3. Kids under 7 free.



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Telecom Corner

Project has been in the works for quite a while

By **Marsha Spellman**
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Why is it taking so long? Now that we are on the brink of having our own tribal telephone company, it seems like it is taking forever to get service.

However, improving tribal telecommunications has been in the works for a long time, and this article will give you a little bit of information to help you better understand what has been happening with telecommunications here at Warm Springs.

For the last 10 years, the Warm Springs tribal leadership has been working to understand and improve the telecommunications needs of the Reservation.

What telecommunications services were being provided to the tribes from outside companies? What services did the Tribes lack and desperately need? Should Warm Springs try to get companies to offer better service or should the Tribes

do it themselves?

First, the tribes commissioned studies to see what existed and what was needed. It became clear that the number one priority was to improve the emergency two-way radio system used by the police and fire departments. There was not enough coverage and the equipment that did exist was too old.

Since the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the federal government has also recognized the importance of having better "interoperable" communications, and has funded Homeland Security grants to help communities build better networks.

Warm Springs has benefited from these grants and slowly has been improving this network, including installing the new tower that is visible on Miller's Flat, a new police dispatch console and additional equipment such as hand held mobile radios.

With the addition of future grants, this network will continue to be expanded.

Second, the early studies indicated that there was a lack of basic telephone service. Like

most tribal lands, Warm Springs had only about 63 percent of all residents able to receive "Plain Old Telephone Service."

This compares to about 95 percent throughout non-tribal lands in America. In addition, the lack of telephone service limits the ability to get access to Internet service.

Over the years, Internet has become more and more important to all areas of life, not only for fun, like downloading movies or playing games and email, but for work, education and even health care.

Without high speed (often called broadband) internet, the tribes could not build new businesses which, now-a-days, rely on the telecommunications.

Since no provider was willing to come to Warm Springs to build out telephone service to everyone on the reservation, tribal leaders decided to do it themselves.

Since then, the Warm Springs Telephone Company was created. This company will provide telephone service, high speed Internet, and hopefully in

the future, cable TV like services to all tribal members living on the reservation. Beginning this spring, you will see people building out network throughout the Reservation.

You will also be able to read more information in the paper that will keep you updated and informed on the changes and progress as this network becomes a reality.

As they say, stay tuned. I will explain what is going on every issue, from the technology deployed, services, and even all the regulation that affects the new company.*

The Warm Springs Telecommunications Company (WSTC) is a tribally chartered enterprise whose mission is to bring advanced broadband services to the Warm Springs tribes, including voice, data and video. The start-up company expects to begin delivering services by next fall.

Valentines Day wishes...

The Spilyay Tymoo (print edition and Facebook) wants to publish your Valentine's Day greetings. They will be in our Feb. 9 edition. Deadline is Feb. 4 for the newspaper.

We'll consider later submissions for use on Facebook.

Send all messages by email or drop them off. You can even type them in as a comment on Facebook, but note in the comment posting that this is for Valentine's Day use.

Have any pictures? We'll put those in as well. Email address: terri.harber@wstribes.org.

Diabetes education topics for 2011

Diabetes prevention specialists have scheduled dinner meetings for 2011.

The meetings will be at the Warm Springs Senior Center from 5-6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesdays of each month.

No meetings scheduled in February and December, though the Heart Smart Dinner will be on Feb. 15.

Dinner is served along with good information and the opportunity to talk with others who are managing their diabetes or caring for diabetic family members.

Here is the schedule of speakers and topics for this year's diabetes awareness and

support group dinner and education meetings:

February 15: Heart Smart dinner.

March 15: Erin Ressler, "Supplements, vitamins, etc."

April 19: Edmund Francis and Ron Berry, "Fitness at all levels and how exercise affects diabetes."

May 17: Jeri Kollen: "Kidney, heart and liver affected by diabetes."

June 21: Montell Elliott, "Preventing diabetes."

July 19: Diane Fuller, "Access to care at Warm Springs clinic."

August 16: Linda Porter, "Food safety."



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