

Savings, jobs through energy efficiency

One way for the tribes to save money in coming years would be through energy efficiency improvements to tribal buildings.

This would involve improvements such as weatherization, and changing existing light bulbs to more energy-efficient ones.

Tribal grant development director Jolene Estimo is in the process of hiring an energy efficiency coordinator. This is a one-year position, full time. The Warm Springs Energy Efficiency Green Team will then work with the intern to develop an energy efficiency plan.

The plan would include an inventory of tribal facilities and their energy usage. The inventory will lead to energy efficiency proposals, which could be funded through grants. This would create employment while saving on energy costs to the tribes, Estimo said.

Last week, the tribes hosted a tour of tribal buildings. On the tour were Tertia Speiser of the U.S. Department of Energy representative, program specialist Pete Gingrass, and supervising electrician with Sunlight Solar Energy of Bend (from left), review the solar panel project at the Warm Springs Media Center.



During a facilities tour last week, tribal government affairs director Louie Pitt, Tertia Speiser of the Department of Energy, program specialist Pete Gingrass, and Marc Chambers, supervising electrician with Sunlight Solar Energy of Bend (from left), review the solar panel project at the Warm Springs Media Center.

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They visited the clinic, and the community center, among other buildings that could be made more energy efficient. They also visited the media center, which is powered in part by solar panels.

The tour group also met with

tribal officials to discuss the requirements of expending grant money on energy-efficiency projects. Certain minimum payment levels, and buy-American provisions, for instance, are requirements.

There are 89 public buildings that the tribes oversee, so the potential savings through energy efficiency is significant, Estimo said. Public Utilities is the lead department in maintaining the buildings.

The long-term goal is generate a 25-percent energy savings through efficiency projects, Estimo said.

— by Dave McMechan

Thank you from graduate



At graduation: Thomas Medina, Alison Medina, Sophie Medina, Mayanne Mitchell, Alena Mitchell, Allen Mitchell, Jada Medina, Margaret Switzler, and Evelyn Aguilar (from left).

My name is Allen Mitchell. I recently graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Management.

I would like to thank everybody at the Higher Education Department for providing me with the opportunity to attend Haskell.

During my senior year at Haskell, I was selected for an internship with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

It was Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) Internship, working at the American Indian Records Repository in

Lenexa, Kansas as an archives technician.

Shortly after I completed the internship, I was hired as a permanent employee.

I still currently live in Lawrence, Kansas with my wife Mayanne Mitchell, and my daughter Alena Mitchell.

I want to thank everybody at the Higher Education Department again, and would also like to thank the Tribal Council for the graduation present.

I also want to thank all of my family and friends, and Mayanne's family, for your support.

Allen Mitchell

Realty items

Open for comment for the tribal membership, as posted at the administration building, HIS, Macy's Market, the Post Office and Three Warriors Market (with more details):

Grazing lease application by Sandra Greene on tribal land T-204, in the Simnasho area, Sect. 18, T7S, R12E, WM, Wasco County, OR, containing 72.26 acres more or less. Formerly tribal land assignment no. 268, granted to William George John aka Buck Jones, deceased.

Grazing lease application by Kyly Queahpama on tribal land T-108, in the Simnasho area, Sect. 18, T7S, R12E, WM, Wasco County, OR, containing 21.34 acres more or less.

Grazing lease application by Magdalena Chico Holliday

on tribal land in the Mill Creek Flat area, Sect. 7, T8S, R11E, WM, Wasco County, OR, containing 65.0 acres more or less.

Homesite lease application by Wayne Miller on tribal land in the Tenino Valley area, Sect. 32, T9S, R12E, WM, Jefferson County, OR, containing 5.0 acres more or less.

Homesite lease application by Lei-Lani Polk on tribal land in the Sidwalter Flat area, Sect. 36, T7S, R10E, WM, Wasco County, OR, containing 5.0 acres more or less.

To submit comments please contact Randy Scott, Land Service Administrator at the administration building planning office, ph. No. 541-553-3314.

Healthy breakfasts at clinic

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center is hosting Healthy Breakfasts at 9 a.m. in the kitchen conference room on the following Tuesdays, covering the following topics:

September 13: Neuropathy.
September 27: Sick day management.
October 11: Appointment

access to Warm Springs clinic.

October 25: Healthy heart eating.

November 8: Hypertension.

November 22: Mindful nutrition.

December 6: Making healthy changes.

December 27: Thrifty shopping.

Happy birthday wishes...

Being a grandparent is something very special. Grandchildren are the biggest joy of our life. And on this August 28, 2011 I want to say a big happy 8th birthday to our handsome pride and joy Clarence Vernon Sam at 3:43 p.m., length 17.5 in., 4 pounds 10 ounces at Mountain View Hospital. I remember that day you were born like it's yesterday. Baby I love you and you know I will always be here for you and all your brothers and sisters. You will have the biggest day and we'll all be there for you. With all our love, your grandmother-mom Marella Sam and dad grandpa Robert Sam Sr.

Happy birthday to our brother Clarence Vernon Sam. You're 8 years old on August 28, you have a great day! From: Woody Jr., Dartanian, Kaylobe, Chantel and Elisha Picard, Janathian, and Gerald Jr.

Happy birthday to Clarence Vernon Sam, our little (brat) but we all love you, from OOah, Thomas, Tracy and Kaila, and Robert Sam

Jr., big G and mom Neda Tias, Woody and mom Sadie Picard.

Happy 8th birthday to our grandson Clarence Vernon Sam, with all our love, your G-Grandma and G-Grandpa Eliza and Harvey Jim family.

A big happy 8th birthday to my pride and joy, the love of my life, my #1 Clarence Vernon Sam. Mom loves you son, with all our love son from: Mom and Joey.

A big happy birthday to my big brother Clarence Vernon Sam. Love u, from your baby sister and the boss Shasta Lynetta Nancy.

A happy belated birthday August 11, 2011, I want to wish one of my pride and joys Kaylobe Picard a happy 8th birthday. Love you and hope your day is a good one. You always make so proud of you. With all our love and hugs, your grandmother and grandpa Marella Sam and Robert Sam Sr.

Happy belated birthday to our brother Kaylobe Picard, with all our love form all of us: Woody Jr.,

School supplies items for giveaway

Volunteers will be stuffing 700 backpacks for the back to school barbecue and giveaway, on Sept. 1.

The grade school backpacks have different supplies than the high school or middle school backpacks.

Here is a list of items that will be given away:

Four-hundred boxes of

crayons; 550 glue bottles; 550 glue sticks; 6,000 pencils; 600 pink pearl erasers; 400 safety scissors; 150 sharp scissors; 50 coloring books (pre-school).

If you have any questions, or wish to contribute, please call at 541-553-2307.

Dartanian, Chantel, Elisha Picard, Janathian and Gerald Tias, Clarence Vernon Sam and baby Shasta.

Happy belated birthday August 11, 2011 to our son Kaylobe Picard. You're 8 years old. We love you son, have a great day. Love, Dad and Mom.

Happy belated birthday to Kaylobe Picard from all of us, Tracy Ray and Kaila, Gerald and Neda Tias Sr., Robert Jr., Thomas, Jeleah Sam, Elsie and Joey.

Happy belated birthday to our G-grandsons Kaylobe Picard and Janathian Tracy Ray-lee Tias, with all of our love, you're G-grandma and grand pa family Eliza and Harvey Jim.

Happy 6th birthday this August 11, 2011 to one of my pride and joys Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee Tias. Grandma loves you. I am proud of you. Thank you for all the help you do at home. Love, your grandma and grandpa Marella and Robert Sam Sr.

Happy 6th birthday to our little brother Janathian Tracy Ray-Lee Tias. Have fun, okay,

from all of us. Your brothers and sisters, Woody Jr., Chantel, Dartanian, Kaylobe and Elisha Picard, Clarence Vernon Sam, baby brother Gerald Jr., and Shasta.

Happy 6th birthday to one of our boys Janathian Tracy Ray - Lee Tias. Love you son. You will have a great day and a lot of fun. Love you son from dad and mom, Gerald and Neda Tias Sr. and your baby brother Gerald.

A happy 6th birthday to my namesake Tracy Ray-Lee Tias. Yes, I will see you on your day. From uncle Tracy Ray and Kaila.

Happy belated birthday out to Asiari S. Lopez. We all love you and you have a good day. From grandpa and grandma Robert and Marella Sam and family.

Happy belated birthday Asiari Lopez from all of us: Woody and Sadie Picard family, Gerald and Neda Tias family, Elsie and Joey family, Tracy and Kaila, Robert Sam Jr., Jeleah and Thomas Sam.

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Legal Aid Services of Oregon provides free assistance to low-income Oregonians in many civil cases. Speak with an attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the **second Monday in September**, at the Warm

Springs Community Action Team building, 1136 Paiute Ave, Warm Springs.

Or call 385-6944 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. (at lunch from noon-1 p.m.)

The deadline to submit items for publication in the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Sept. 2. Thank you!