

K-8 Letters to the Editor

Pricetag

By Duran Bobb

Tribal members were told recently, "We are the closest that we've ever been to trying to get a K-8 school in Warm Springs."

Next month the school administration is going to the school board in hopes of putting up an \$8 million bond election, with the understanding and expectation that the tribes would contribute a like amount.

"That's something that we need to at least consider," Jody Calica, S-T, said. "Is that something we want to make a commitment to? If that's the case, we need to work with Tribal Council on how we're going to come up with our share of that cost."

Mona Smith-Cochran said at a recent meeting that we're scraping the bottom of the barrel as it is. "There's a ten-percent administrative fee, which kicks right back into the tribe. That could be used for a K-8 school. That comes out to about \$95,000 a year, unless I'm mistaken. Some of that could be kicked back for the children."

"I don't think we can afford to pitch in for a new school," Leona Ike said.

Many tribal members agreed that the school district should pay for the cost of a new school, not the tribes.

"They get millions for our children," a member said. That helps pay for all the new school buildings. "Our attention should be [obtaining] the same environmental standards that the *shiapus* get."

Jonathan Smith said, "If our proposed school offers more choices for our kids, prepares them to compete in the modern world while at the same time honoring our culture; can demonstrate documented progress achievements equal to or greater than outside standards, and most important help our kids feel safe and enjoy their experience with choices that the community demands — then yes, we do need this school."

"If we can't even help our own people, then right now in reality we can't afford to financially help contribute to the cost of a school," LRaye Squiemphen said.

"We do need this school... We're neglected by 509-J, we have children that get expelled, and it is the school district's obligation to educate our children."

Spilyay Speaks

Dress drive

Norene Sampson and I are looking for new or gently used formal gowns to distribute to deserving young ladies in Warm Springs for the Cinderella Ball in January 2012.

We also welcome donations of shoes, evening bags and jewelry, as these items are important for a complete prom look.

We prefer that the items be in very good condition with no tears, stains or other damage. It is also important that the dress be of modern style.

If you have a donation or would like to help in any way, please call the Community Wellness Center and ask for **Carol Sahme**, 541-553-3243.

Biomass

The Simnasho and Seekseequa districts had their meetings. I'm still waiting for the Agency District's required biomass project scoping meeting, which was advertised in the Spilyay community calendar for Wednesday, March 31. Location at the Agency Longhouse, but there was no meeting as advertised. No signs showing of a schedule or anything.

The Agency District is the largest of the three districts and that biomass project is planned to be located here, very near Sunnyside and Upper Dry Creek communities.

The Agency District and our right to comment on concerns and issues was by-passed regarding the biomass project scoping meeting. This type of evasive action is not acceptable. That meeting is important to the Agency District.

Tribal member, **Anthony Littleleaf**

Please write

Baby dolls, children, even though I'm not there or you don't take the time to visit me or write me, my love is always there. I love you all no matter what. I did wrong and I'm doing everything possible to change my evil ways. I love you all so much. Love, Mom **Vickie Youngman**. P.S. Please write and let me know what is up.

To my family

I'm sorry and apologize for my wrong doings. I realize my mistakes' cost. For that I'm sorry. You all try to get me out for the services and I can't be there. Makes me feel low. The

court or nobody is making me write this, so I feel good about my feelings coming out. I'm sorry alcohol influenced my life! I run from grief, and I'm trying to change. All who I have hurt in any way, please forgive me. Silvie, you're very special. My kids, very precious. And my grandkids and great grandkids, priceless. Love, all my relations. **Lau-Lau N. Ike Sr.**

Wishes...

Happy birthday to my lil bro's Bobby and Clint. Wish I could be there with you, know you're in my heart. I love you and miss you so much. Love, Jolena, your sis.

Happy birthday, Devina NoRunner on November 21. I'm so glad that we met and I hope that I can make this day with you special, because you are special to me. Smile for me, beautiful. Let's have that party just me and you. I love you, Jolena.

Feliz cumpleaños, cuete.
Happy birthday, Clint and Bobb, From us, family and Dawn and kids, and Blue-boy.

Happy 29th birthday to my wonderful loving man, Robert Warner Sr. Love with all my heart, forever and always. Dawn Rowland, James Smith III, Michael Smith, Nikita Smith, Inez Smith, Dyani Warner, Robert Warner Jr., and Sahale Warner.

I would like to wish a big Happy birthday to my Littsa', Sarah Ike. Love, your bro. Lau Lau, Louie N. Ike Sr.

I would like to wish our "mom" Sarah Ike, a Happy Birthday, from Elliot Jr., Shanda, Mary, Charlene, Brittany and Sammy. LOL...xoxo!!

Happy birthday to my love, Sarah Ike. Love, Oohh (Elliott).

Happy birthday grandma Sarah Ike. Love, your grandkids. Mahay La, Destiney, Joseph, He Avem (heck of a guy), Gretalynn (chunky).

Happy birthday to my twins Louie N. Ike Jr. and Lance Ike on Nov. 13. Love, your dad Lau-Lau, Louie Ike Sr. May you have a great day, and love to you from heart.

Happy birthday to our bro's, Louie Ike Jr. and Lance Ike (on Nov. 13). Love, Tori, Pam,

Lights On Afterschool Day



Courtesy of June Smith.

Beads and puzzles activity at the Boys & Girls Club during Lights on Afterschool Day.

The Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club held a Lights On Afterschool Day in October.

The Warm Springs event was one of over 7,500 such events held around the nation on Oct. 20, from 3:15-6 p.m. The national event was the Eleventh Annual and was organized by the Afterschool Alliance.

Boys & Girls clubs of America and various afterschool programs participated to support national efforts to promote the need for youth to have access to afterschool programs.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children have access to quality afterschool programs.

More information on

Lights On Afterschool is available at: www.afterschoolalliance.org.

During our event, we turned off video games and computers to participate in various activities such as cars (similar to truck driver), writing Halloween stories, a beading activity, board games, kickball and basketball.

We also talk to youth about the importance of participating in afterschool programs and utilizing what's available in the community.

Our event highlighted three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to the community:

1. Keeping kids safe and healthy;
2. Inspiring them to learn and;
3. Relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon

hours. We operate a year-round program (afterschool and summer) for youth kindergarten age and older.

We currently serve 50 youth a day and provide homework assistance, mentoring, physical activity, social games, nutritional information, arts and crafts, recreational games, leadership opportunities, and positive guidance.

We collaborate with other local programs and encourage new collaborations to enhance youth awareness of other opportunities out there.

If you would like more information about our program you can contact us at 541-553-2323 and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you,
June A. Smith, Club Manager.

Holiday baskets

The public Prevention Coalition is planning activities for the Christmas Family Fun event. One of the events discussed during this planning process is putting together Christmas baskets (not to exceed \$30) for door prize raffles.

If you would like to donate to this event, please drop your items off with Rosemary

(Mushy) Lewis at the Warm Springs Library; or to Caroline Cruz at the Community Counseling Center. Both offices are located in the Family Resource Center.

For more information, you may contact Rosanna Jackson at 541-553-0467; or contact Rosemary at 541-553-1087.

Next Spilyay deadline is next Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Indian Business Talk

A strong economy is like a winning athlete

By Bruce Engle
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Think of a booming economy as a successful athlete—a go-getter. A sputtering economy resembles a weekend warrior—an occasional go-getter. And a flat economy is more like a couch potato—all his go-gettums gone.

What makes the difference? Part of the answer can be found in listing the physical characteristics of high level athletic performance and restating them in terms of an economy.

For example:
Strength — Provides jobs for everybody, living wage incomes, and profits for growth. Also, the ability to produce successful people.

Quickness — To get start-ups going without undue delays and to respond in a timely manner to changing conditions.

Speed — Ability to set and achieve a fast paced business environment.

Endurance — Ability to weather financial storms and setbacks.

Agility — Ability to react to changing market conditions; to change focus and direction with precision.

Flexibility — Bend, not break; adapt and adjust without sacrificing principles for gains.

Balance — Stability; ability to meet a variety of business, employee and societal needs.

Recovery — To regroup and recover from blips in the economy and natural disasters.

Goal Setting — Athletes and coaches do it, and people in the

economy need to do it. If you don't know where you want to get to, it's difficult to chart a course.

Planning, Organizing, Staffing, Directing, and Controlling — Somebody has to do it, whether for an individual, a family, or a business.

Perseverance — Ability to "keep on keeping on" when the going gets tough.

The go-getter economy or athlete has all of the characteristics listed above—and usually more. The weekend warrior is missing one or some. The couch potato isn't even in the game.

There is an old saying that you don't win the derby with a donkey. How does that apply to an economy?

A lot of components must be brought to a race or an economy. Make sure the im-

portant ones are dealt with properly and the horse or the economy may well thrive. Omit or ignore any of them and the horse won't even get out of the gate or the wheels will come off.

What a thought—a horse with wheels—or an economy without.

After the race, a young up-and-comer is a bit envious and a whole lot respectful of the winner. The young horse is smart enough to ask the champion what are the secrets to his success.

The older horse very matter-of-factly says, "Yuh gotta want it bad enough to train right and work your tail off—and, I'm not done beating yuh."

That pretty well sums it up: Set goals, work smart, and work hard. Time and good fortune will usually take care of the rest.

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