

Letters to the editor

At Academy

The Warm Springs Academy Family Literacy Night is this Wednesday evening, March 14. Dinner will be from 5 to 6, and literacy activities will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please joins us for a night of crafts and activities, dinner and prizes. This is a Title I Family Engagement Event.

509-J board meeting

Also this Wednesday evening, the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board of Directors will meet at the Warm Springs Academy. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Warm Springs Academy Community Room, starting with the Academy Student Spotlight.

For B&G Club

The Ninth Annual Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs fundraiser is coming up in April.

The fundraiser—called ‘Great Futures Start Here’—happens on Saturday, April 28 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

All funds raised go toward operations at the Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs.

The club is a unit of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Snohomish County.

The Warm Springs club—in partnership with the Confederated Tribes—is located in the Youth Center. The club operates a school year session, and a full day summer session.

The Great Futures Start Here event includes a golf scramble plus a dinner with auctions and entertainment.

The club is currently looking for sponsors and auction donations for the fundraiser. All contributions are tax deductible.

Last year the membership at the club was 483 youth. Daily Attendance has increased over 90 percent since 2014, with an average of 100 kids each day.

Sixty-two percent of the members are from single parent households; and 100 percent are from low income households.

Club Spending in 2017 was \$110,180. Memberships accounted for \$3,960.

Individual and in-kind contributions brought in \$520; and fundraising accounted for another \$18,500.

Corporate and business contributions totaled \$9,500. And government support, \$52,700.

For more information

about the upcoming fundraiser, or about club operations, contact club director **June Smith** at 541-553-2323. Or email: jsmith@bgsc.org.

You can view a short video about the club at: uoutu.be/-Z9ROIWt0

Spirits & Lands

The Second Annual Warm Springs *Healing our Spirits & Lands* Round Dance will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 30-31 at the Community Center. There will be Sweats, feast and pipe ceremonies.

Vets memorials

The Veteran’s Honor Flight of Central Oregon is seeking veterans to participate in a trip back to Washington, D.C. to see the war memorials. To learn more about this opportunity visit the website:

honorflightofcentraloregon.org

You can also talk with Mike Williams at 541-912-1962.

Oldies, goodies

The Native Aspiration Coalition will host the Oldies But Goodies Dance at the Community Center Social Hall in April. This will be a family fun event, with the dancing and other contests. And there will be food! Oldies But Goodies Dance will be on Thursday evening, April 5 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Land Buy-Back

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians encourages you to consider using this important information, as one tool to help you make an informed decision about participating in the Land Buy-Back program.

Please remember the program is completely voluntary.

If you receive an offer and decide to sell your land, the sale cannot be reversed, therefore it is important to have adequate information for your decision making process.

For information call Randy Scott at 541-615-0997; or Charles Jackson at 541-553-2442. Some frequently asked

The Warm Springs IHS medical clinic is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: There is no late clinic at this time.

questions:

How did I get my land?
The common ways you obtain ownership are through inheritance from a family member or a gift deed from a family member. If you want more information, please contact your local BIA Probate and Real Estate office for more information.

Where is my land located? View the maps you received with your offer to find the location of your land. You may wish to visit the land area, to understand the location and what is on the land.

How much land do I own? Understanding how much fractionated undivided interest amount you own is important. For example, you may own 1 percent land interest in the allotment, and 99 percent is owned by the other 300 landowners in the allotment; thus, if you do not consent to a lease and the other 300 landowners do consent to the lease, then the lease may be approved.

Land interest ownership can be found on your quarterly and annual Individual Indian Monies Statement of Performance, Individual Trust Interest Report and the Purchase Interest Inventory in the Buy Back offer packets.

What can the land be used for (can I live on it)? The land may be used for a residential lease or other developments. Owning an interest in an allotment does not necessarily mean that you control land use decisions. For example, you may own 1 percent and others own the other 99 percent: In that case you will need to obtain consent from the other landowners. Recognize the consent requirements that must be followed in accordance with 25 USC 2218.

What is on my land? View your quarterly and annual Indian Individual Monies Statement of Performance to see what encumbrances you have on your land. Three may be pending developmental applications, renewals and projects with the BIA Realty Office for leases or rights-of-way on your land. What is the land worth? Before a purchase offer is made, an appraisal is completed on your property to determine fair market value. Read the Indian Land Tenure Foundation brochure that you received in the mail for more information. To determine the value of the entire allotment, divide your offer by your fractional ownership interest.

Great season for team, individuals



Jayson Smith/Spilyay

Tri-Valley League MVP Lynden Harry scores against Valley Catholic.

First and foremost I want to congratulate the 11 girls that ended the season with an overall record of 21-3 while bringing back the Tri-Valley Conference Championship back home to Madras High School, to share with all their supporting fans.

I also want to celebrate some individual accomplishments that were honored at the All League meeting in February. This year’s team had six girls receive All-League honors:

Tri-Valley League Most Valuable Player: Lynden Harry.

First Team All-League:

Lynden Harry and Kaliyah Iverson.

Second Team All League: Jiana Smith-Francis and Jayden Davis. Honorable Mention: Alesha Freeman and Vanessa Culps.

Congratulations on a great season ladies!

Coach Lillebo

Powwow contacts

These are the contact names and numbers for the Forty-Ninth Annual Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days:

For general information, Cassie Katchia, 541-325-1573 or 541-553-6296. Louise Katchia, 541-460-0224. For specific events the contact people:

Traditional Dress Parade: Ramona Greene Baez, 541-553-2406 or 541-460-0077.

Endurance Horse Race: Ricky Graybael, 541-553-2001.

Rodeo: Cheryl Tom: 541-553-1354.

Golf Tournament: Kah-Nee-Ta pro shop, 541-553-1112.

Fun Run: Recreation Department, 541-553-3243.

Boxing: Austin Smith, 541-553-2798.

Men and Women’s Softball: Sandra Greene and Jerry Sampson, 541-553-6619 or 541-325-1866.

Museum at Warm Springs: Exhibit, Memory of the Land: The Treaty of the Middle Columbia River Tribes and Bands, 541-553-3331.

The theme of Pi-Ume-Sha this year is ‘Chuush iwa naami waq’ishwit’ (Water is our life). Pi-Ume-Sha will be June 22-24.

Co-chairs of the committee are Isaac Mitchell and John Katchia. Arena directors are Carlos Calica and Captain Moody.

Birth

Jasper Thomas Wimpari
Mikko Wimpari and Nichole Wimpari of Culver are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jasper Thomas Wimpari, born on March 4, 2018.

Jasper joins brothers Ian, 9, and Mason, 4.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Jody and Jerry Stewart.

CostCo rep

You can become a Costco member. A representative will be in Warm Springs on Friday, March 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., at IHS pod A.

Tax help

The Warm Springs Community Action Team AARP Tax Aide Site is offering free tax preparation and filing on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make an appointment call 541-553-3148.

Correction

In the Howlak Tichum-Obituary of Suzanne Clarice Moody, the surviving relatives should have included Adrian Smith, Suzanne’s oldest brother.

The Spilyay Tymoo apologizes for this oversight.

Indian Business Talk

Needs and wants when calculating potential business success

By Bruce Engle
Loan officer
W.S. Credit Enterprise

We talk about ‘Wants and Needs’ for credit clean-up and budgeting, when credit counseling, or teaching financial literacy and homebuyer classes.

We can take a similar approach for helping Indianpreneurship students and business operators to

assess their existing or proposed markets.

Questions to be asked might include:

What are your probable and possible customers? •Wants? •Needs?

•Average household annual and disposable incomes?

The big questions are:

• Do they really need

your product?

• Are they already purchasing your product or a similar product?

• Do they only want it? • Can they afford it? • Will they buy it? • For what price?

• Can you afford to offer those goods for that price? • Who will be your competitors? • Is there a market trend

going on? Steady? New? Peaking? Dying out?

Be prepared—learn and plan. Do—Business. Keep on learning. Success—keeping on learning.

Failure—more lessons to learn.

Then, Do again! Remember Yoda—“Do or don’t do; there is no try.”

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