

Warm Springs tribal member to work in Senator Gordon Smith's office



Senator Gordon Smith with Direlle Calica.

Direlle Calica, a 1998 graduate of Portland State University, has been selected to serve in Washington D.C. as the recipient of the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship. She is currently a Tribal paralegal Specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Oregon.

The fellowship was established and funded by the Grand Ronde Tribe's Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The Hatfield Fellowship is an annual \$45,000, nine-month appointment available to qualified tribal members of the nine Oregon Indian tribes who are at least 21 years-old. The fellowship position is rotated each year between the U.S. House and Senate. Calica will serve in Senator Gordon Smith's office.

Direlle, the daughter of Charles "Jody" Calica and Marie Calica, has long been interested in Indian law and policy. In 1996, she worked in the nation's capitol as a student intern for a month on the Committee on Resources for American Samoa Representative Eni Faleomavae. This was done through Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS). Direlle served two additional months as a White House intern at the Office of Public Liaison.

Returning to Washington D.C. for the second time, responsibilities for Ms. Calica will include writing speeches and floor statements, briefing members before committee deliberations and floor debates, helping arrange congressional hearings. She will serve as an advisor to Senator

Gordon Smith on Native American issues. She will also act as a resource on Native American issues for the entire Oregon Congressional delegation.

The appointment will begin in September and run through May. Direlle will attend a month-long training seminar sponsored by the American Political Science Association. The orientation will feature daily seminars with legislators, congressional staffers, journalists, lobbyists, political scientists, and policy specialists. When asked if she is interested in going into politics, she responded by saying, "No, but that's probably where I'll end up. I'm really interested in Indian law, Indian policy, and environmental law." Upon completion of her assignment, Direlle will attend law school. She has narrowed her choices to Lewis & Clark college, the University of Oregon, and the University of Washington.

Kathryn Harrison, Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairperson, said the Hatfield Fellowship was named in honor of the Senator and in memory of one of his aides, Susan Long. Ms. Long worked diligently in helping the Grand Ronde restoration project. "I think Direlle really personifies Susan with her exactness in her schooling, her goals and lifestyle," Harrison commented. "As you know, Susan passed away and I think we couldn't have made a better choice than Direlle to honor her. Direlle

was an 'A-1' candidate...I was so impressed with her poise and maturity." Harrison commented that Senator Smith is a new senator, and Direlle will be excellent in helping him understand and appreciate Indian issues. Chuck Galford, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Spirit Mountain Community fund, stated, "Over a period of years, fellows will return to their tribes knowing their way around Washington, and in-turn, will make their tribes more effective in dealing with the federal government."

Direlle Calica has patiently set goals and priorities, and then worked hard to reach those goals. Education has always been important to her family. Her father, now the Chief Operations Officer for the Tribe, is a former director of Education at Warm Springs, and her mother worked as a liaison between the Tribe and the school district when Direlle was growing up. During her Sophomore year at Madras High School she transferred to St. Mary's Academy in Portland, where she shared an apartment with her mother, who was getting her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences at Portland State University. Direlle graduated from St. Mary's and enrolled at Portland State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in general studies in Social Sciences. Direlle now works at the U.S. Attorney's office in Tribal Relations. After graduating, Direlle married Shirod Younker of Coos Bay. Younker is an artist and a Coquille

tribal member. He and their new baby daughter, Kale'a, will be accompanying Direlle to Washington D.C., where Shirod plans on taking care of the baby, finishing his bachelors in Fine Arts, visiting a lot of museums and working on artists-in-residence projects. Discussing the fellowship and living in Washington D.C., Direlle says, "It is so important for me to have my family going with me." Calica said she was excited to be working on behalf of all tribes. "There's a real need for Native Americans to be working in Washington D.C. so our voices are heard and not forgotten - we're also a part of America."

Coming from a family that has a history of being involved in tribal leadership, Direlle will gain valuable first hand experience in government at the highest level. Experience that could serve her well if she should choose to explore the political scene, or follow a career to improve the lives of Native Americans.

"I would like to express my gratitude for this opportunity to the people at Grand Ronde who made it possible," Calico said. "It is their program through the Spirit Mountain Casino Community Fund that has made it possible for tribal members of Oregon tribes to apply for and participate in this great program." Direlle continued, "The fellowship is also special because it is in honor of Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield who has helped Indian people for so many years in so many ways."

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For more information contact: Holly Kumle at 475-4457, Self-Directed Supports with Naomi Jacks, Case Manager.

Food for Thought
An employee that is LATE for work 30 minutes a day with a yearly salary of \$14,368 earns \$6.32 an hour.

Cost to Tribal Government:
\$3.16 hour
=\$15.80 week
=\$63.20 month
=\$758.40 year.

If just ten employees did this every day the cost would be \$7,584.00.

Jessie Jones rides in the Grand Floral Parade in Portland

The big Grand Floral parade went right on schedule, and the weather was just perfect for a parade on a bright sunny day. With bands playing, baton twirlers dancing along, what a sight. There were high school bands from all parts of the country even as far as Minnesota.

It was the same old Rose Festival with all the different kinds of activities and the Mid-way with all the rides, only this year there was a charge to get into the fun center after 6 PM. The Rose City was visited by the U. S. Navy, the Coast Guard and the Canadian Navy ships that docked on the water front. This year Dobid Rodrigues was aboard the USS John Young that docked by the Burnside Bridge.

For once it didn't rain on the big parade.



Jessie Jones of the Umatilla Indian Reservation rides through the Rose Parade in Portland representing the Happy Canyon pageant that is staged during the Pendleton Round-up each year.

The fire damage at the Health & Wellness is \$26,000

The fire at the Warm Springs Indian Health & Wellness building broke out about 2:30 a.m. last Wednesday, June 9. The damage is estimated to be approximately \$26,000.

The Health and Wellness building is protected by an internal sprinkler system which prevented the fire from causing more damage according to Dan Martinez, chief of Warm Springs Fire and Safety.

The fire happened on the east side of the building, where some person(s) set some garbage cans on fire. Martinez says it is certain that it is arson. The Warm Springs Police have a suspect in custody and the investigation is continuing. Health workers and patients were unable to use the facility the following day and was sent to the Mountain View Hospital in Madras. "We want to thank Mountain View for handling the additional case load," Martinez said.

Martinez said the fire was discovered shortly after 2:30 a.m. when a patrol officer responded to an alarm sounding at the IHS facility. Fire crews were on the scene a short time later and the blaze was contained within about 25 minutes.



Fire began from the trash can outside the eastside of the building

News from the Indian Health & Wellness: Business office



The Warm Springs Health and Wellness office staff is requesting your cooperation in keeping our records current. Please assist us by updating your medical records. The information you provide is very important for us to maintain an adequately process claims to your private insurance carrier.

Establishment of services for newborns is made through the patient registration clerk. Eligibility for services is based upon proof of enrollment in a Federally recognized tribe or being a descendant of a Federally recognized tribe. We will accept a hospital birth certificate for temporary eligibility until a state certificate is provided. A copy of your social security card is required with the exception of newborns until the card is received. Any kind of alternate resource that you are eligible for such as private insurance, Oregon Health Plan/Medicare and Medicare information an coverage is included as part of a new application.

Every patient at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center needs to have current demographics to help us and the medical providers help you. Please make every effort to update your records within 3-6 months so we have current information in your file. In order for us to properly bill your private insurance it is very important to have the following in-

formation for your record; legal name, date of birth, mailing and or physical address, and insurance status (Regency Life & Health, Medicare, ODS Health Plan(s), OHP, etc.) Name changes for yourself or those of your family members require legal documentation such as court verification, marriage certificate, current Oregon driver license or other picture identification. Other patient information that is pertinent to your records are emergency contact, next of kin, veterans affiliation and any other current information that may be provided.

By contacting the Patient Registration Clerk or a staff member from the Business Office you can update your own record and family members within the household by telephone or in person. This information is confidential and restricted to authorized personnel use only.

The purpose of the Business Office is to increase the collection of revenues from Medicaid, Private Insurance, and all other alternate resources for which American Indians and Alaskan Natives are eligible. The reimbursements received from these alternate resources, in addition to the IHS appropriation, will be directed to improving the health status of

American Indian and Alaskan Native people and to ensure a comprehensive, high quality health care delivery system.

You may receive a statement from your insurance carrier asking for more information. This statement is known as an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). An EOB will provide you with the status of your visits to the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. You may also receive a request for further information if you are involved in an injury related accident. This form must be completed and returned to your insurance company to process your claim. If you have questions or concerns regarding the above, please feel free to contact the business office.

Our staff consists of five qualified employees, Leslie Squiemphen our Patient Registration Clerk, who is located across from the main reception desk. Norma Chee-Kaudle Kaule, Business Office Manager, and LeAnne Teeman, Louella Bagley, Elsie Gonzales, Billing and Accounts Receivable Clerks, who are located in the managed care department across from the dental department. Each of these ladies can assist you with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your records.

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COBRA seeks adoptable stuffed animals
 Aspen Dry Cleaners of Bend have accepted the challenge to clean and re-fluff adoptable stuffed animals. Once cleaned, these lovable toys will be given as prizes at the Cascade Children's Festival, July 24th held at Drake Park in Bend. The festival is COBRA's (Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance) major fundraiser.
 Support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Donate your discarded or new stuffed animals to COBRA. The Sisters Academy,

One-Day Grief Workshop
at the Warm Springs Shaker Church
 Friday, June 18, 1999
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Agenda: Grief Cycle, Panel Discussion, Open Forum.
 Everyone is invited to attend, especially those who are having difficulty with a recent loss in the family.
Lunch is provided
 To sign up contact
 the Probate Department at 553-3264.
No Registration Fee
 Sponsored by the Probate Department and Community Counseling