

Spilyay Tymoo Sports



2000 Annual Holiday Basketball Tournament



Yakama Bucks won championship



MVP Kelly Wetcher



Indian Pride vs Yakama Bucks in championship game



Close game between Yakama Bucks and Indian Pride



Kelly Wetcher shows why he earned Most Valuable Player

News from the IHS Health & Wellness Center: New Social Worker hired



Nothing could ever have prepared me for the sense of excitement I felt when Diana Howell, my new supervisor, told me "I had the job". I am the New Warm Springs Health & Wellness Social Worker. I started on December 6, 1999. I knew I liked the area very much when I interviewed for the position at the end of October 1999, but now I have had so many things to think about. I was excited to live in a small town for the first time in my life. I was excited to have the opportunity to work with a whole new population, and to be part of the beautiful Health Center you have in this area.

I am a licensed Clinical Social Worker with a background in Home Health experience for seven years. During that time, I also had the opportunity to work exclusively with the Hospice Program in home health. This was an experience that was deeply enriching for me as far as understanding my own feelings about my own death as well as exploring different aspects of my own spirituality. At that time, I developed many close relationships with my patients as well as their families.

I have a high interest in group work as I have facilitated caregiver groups, bereavement groups and breast cancer support groups. Geriatrics was my focus of study during my graduate school. I have worked extensively with senior, and am amazed at all, they have taught me. In home health, I have enjoyed working in rural areas as they give a sense of belonging that I enjoy.

For the last 10 years, I have worked as a Family Preservation Therapist for the Utah State Division of Human Services. This gave me the experience to work with the younger generation; I had not worked with before. The majority of my responsibilities were with individual and family therapy, in the home setting.

I was born and raised in Denmark, consequently I feel "like I have landed in heaven", when I tasted your wonderful smoked salmon. The ocean surrounds Denmark, so I grew up eating many fresh fish. I have lived in Utah for many years, raising my two daughters there. One daughter is married with two sons and the other is starting college there.

I am very grateful to be working in an area so rich in history and traditions. I already feel very welcomed around the community. Like the Danes, people from this area like to eat and I have tasted some wonderful food at the Longhouse, the Senior Program and at the Clinic during cooking classes. People of this area have a wonderful sense of humor, which helps me on my job, by being able to joke and laugh with patients. I hope to be able to assist the people of this area with their needs in any way I possible can at the Health Clinic or in your homes. The nature around here is breathtaking and I am looking forward to watching the different seasons as well as learning more about the Warm Springs Tribes culture and traditions.

Yetta Borgesen, LCSW

Tax clinic set

Tax clinic w/ Isler & Co. (CPA Firm) February 15 & 16, 2000 Tribal Administration Building. Appointments are available from 8:00 am to 5:45 pm. Call the Management office's at 553-3229/553-3232/553-3213. Cost is \$10 Warm Springs Tribal Members only.

Pharmacy and Nutrition sponsors Special "Drop in"

Special "Drop-in" time on:

- Dietary Supplements and Herbs.
- Drop in to find out more about herbs, vitamins, and minerals.
- Bring in your supplement bottles to be looked at.
- Get your questions answered: Is it safe? Does it work? How much is too much? Will it interfere with my medicine?

Sponsored by the Warm Springs I.H.S. Nutrition and Pharmacy Departments. For more information call 553-3460, ask for Sara or Lillian.

Drop by January 27, 2000 (Thursday) at the Warm Springs I.H.S. Kitchen-Conference Room between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Farm Service Agency news

The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) is announcing sign-up 20 of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CRP is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land. The duration of the contracts is from ten to fifteen years. Under sign-up 20, all eligible offers will be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to accrue if the

land is enrolled in the CRP. Use of the EBI ensures that only the most environmentally sensitive lands are selected and that all offers are considered fairly and equitably.

Fact sheets on CRP eligibility and EBI information are available at the Central Oregon Farm Agency Office, 625 SE Salmon Ave., Suite 3, Redmond, OR 97756 or can be mailed to you by calling (541) 923-4358 ext. 2 and requesting CRP sign-up 20 information.

The sign up begins January 18, 2000 and applications will be accepted through February 11, 2000.

Judge orders court oversight of Indian trust fund management reform

In an historic and long-awaited decision, Federal District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth ruled on December 21, 1999, that the federal government has breached its fiduciary duties to 500,000 individual Indian fund beneficiaries, and cannot be trusted to carry out trust management reform without continued oversight by the Court. Calling decades of Indian trust fund mismanagement by the United States "fiscal and governmental irresponsibility in its purest form," Judge Lamberth vowed to retain jurisdiction over the case for at least five years to ensure that the government's promises to reform are kept. The judge characterized the outcome of the first phase of this case as a "stunning victory" for the Indian plaintiffs.

The decision came in the first phase of a class-action lawsuit filed over three years ago by the Native American Rights Fund and private attorneys to hold the federal government accountable for the on-going mismanagement of the Individual Indian Money (IIM) trust fund accounts. By law, the accounts are held in trust by the government and are comprised primarily of money that is earned by Indians through leases of their land for oil, gas, timber, ranching and farming.

"We are very happy with the decision," says John Echols, Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund. "It sets the groundwork

for finally achieving justice for those individuals who have suffered the worst kind of mismanagement at the hands of the federal government."

Earlier 1999, the same judge held Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in contempt for violating his orders, and appointed a Special Master to monitor discovery in the case. Judge Lamberth stressed that he will not hesitate to appoint a second Special Master or to exercise his contempt powers again should the government fail to live up to their own representations regarding reform efforts or fail to abide by the Court's orders.

The second phase of the case, which will involve an accounting by the government, has not yet been scheduled for trial.

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-profit organization that provides legal advice and representation to Indian tribes, individuals and organizations nationwide in the areas of: the preservation of tribal existence; the protection of tribal natural resources; the promotion of human rights; the accountability of governments to Native Americans; and the development of Indian law. NARF is headquartered in Boulder, Colorado with offices in Washington DC and Anchorage, Alaska.

For further information, please visit www.narf.org.

The Museum At Warm Springs presents:

For the Month of February:

Baby Boards instructor: Tina Aguilar
Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 15, 17, 22 & 24, 2000
6-9 p.m. At the Museum Fee \$10
Supply list available-must attend first class!

For the Month of March

Beadwork-instructor: Esther Culpus
Monday & Tuesday, March 20 & 21, 2000
6-8 p.m. Adult Classes (16 years +) At the Museum
Fee \$10
1-4 p.m. Children's classes (7-15)
At the Museum Fee \$10
Supply list available-Kits available \$10
Must attend first class!

Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult

For the Month of April

Ribbon Shirts/Wing Dresses-Instructor: Pebbles George
April 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 2000
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At the Museum Fee \$10
Supply list available-must attend the first class!

Limited space, call The Museum for more information at 553-3331.

Heart Smart Dinner

at the Longhouse February 17,

sponsored by

the IHS Diabetes Program
& Senior Center

Prizes, skits, live music,
dancing to the big band sounds,
great food and fun for all ages.

Everyone come to the Longhouse

Monday, at 5:30 p.m.

For further information call

Royce at 553-2478