

Allison retires after 40-plus years

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Carol Allison is well known to a great many people on the reservation, having worked for the tribes for more than 40 years.

Allison has been the arts and crafts coordinator, and family events coordinator at the Community Wellness Center for many of those years.

Allison decided recently to retire. Her last day on the job is this Friday, Aug. 17.

"I feel like the Lord led me on this path (working for the tribes), and now He is telling me to go on a different path," she said.

After retiring, Allison will continue working on some projects for the tribes, so people will still see her around.

She will continue working, for instance, on the Little Miss Warm Springs Pageant, which she has done since its inception in 1982.

She is also developing a report on the history and culture of the tribes. She is planning to present the report to the Tribal Council, fulfilling a project she began over 40 years ago. Allison has gathered the information for the report over her many years of working for the tribes.

She first moved to Madras in the late 1950s. She first vis-



Carol Allison

ited the reservation around that time, during the Root Feast. Her idea was to write a children's story about the feast.

She then got to know atwai Chief Nathan Heath, who told Allison of his concern that the history of the tribes was not being written. Tribal Council then gave her permission to write about the history and culture of the tribes.

During her visits to the reservation, she met atwai Rudy Clements, who at the time was director of the Recreation Department.

Clements hired her to teach drawing to children during summers at the Community Wellness Center. This work lasted a couple of summers.

For a couple of years she lived in Bend, but kept in contact with tribal members atwai Nathan "8 Ball" Jim, and Ver-

ena Greene. She would do drawings for projects that Jim and Greene were working on. She did drawings for school books that were part of the elementary school curriculum.

Then Satch Miller, Recreation Director after Clements, hired Allison as the arts and crafts and family events coordinator. "And I've worked here ever since," she said.

Allison took the Kah-Nee-Ta shuttle to work for many years. She learned to drive a car only after the shuttle service was discontinued.

Over the years Allison has come to know many people of the reservation. Her room at the Community Wellness Center, "Carol's Room," is a familiar to many young and adult people who have grown up here.

One of Allison's lasting legacies is the Little Miss Warm Springs Pageant.

In the early 1980s, tribal elders were voicing concern that young people were becoming unfamiliar with the tribal regalia. Allison had a discussion with Carolyn Tohet, Lucinda Greene and Ada Sooksoit, and they came up with the idea for the Little Miss Warm Springs Pageant. At first the pageant was to be a one-time occasion, but people liked it so much the pageant has been an annual event since 1982.

Golf scramble tourney at Kah-Nee-Ta

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino will host a four-person scramble golf tournament on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Tee times start at 11 a.m. Cost is \$35 per person; and \$20 for Kah-Nee-Ta members.

Entry includes green fees, kp's and long-putts.

Mulligans are \$1 each with five max per player.

Putting string: \$5 each. Two per team. One string per 9 holes. For information, contact

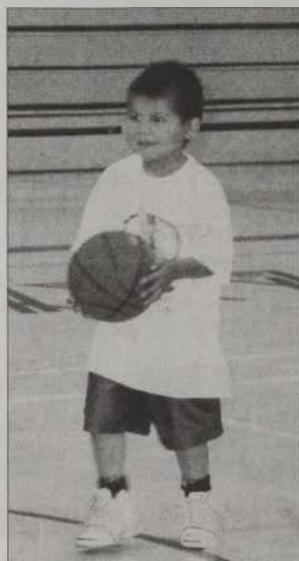
KNT Golf Assn: Janell Smith (541) 553-7829; or Michele Stacona (541) 553-6726.

First place award is a round of golf for four at Broken Top Golf Course in Bend.



The community center hosted the 2007 summer recreation Buffalo Skywalker Hoop Camp last week for local youth. A group featuring 6 to 8 year olds comprised one clinic, while another included youth from 9 to 12 year olds. The event lasted for two days.

Justin and Jevin Smith (left and right, photo above), and Dapri Miller (photo at right) participated in the activities.



Leslie Mitts photos

The Fifth Annual Mountain View Hospital Foundation Golf will be played at the Crooked River Ranch Golf Course on Friday, September 28. The tournament will be followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. The team fee is \$400 or individual golfer fee of \$100, and includes greens fees, driving range, cart, lunch, and awards. For more information contact Liz Hitt 475-3882 ext. 2440 or lhitt@mvhd.org.

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