

Graduate now pursuing Masters Degree

Robin Smith recently graduated from Everest College of Tampa, Florida.

She first earned an Associated Degree in Accounting, and then a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration.

She did this while working full time at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, where she does the payroll.

She took her college courses on-line, working at night after work. "You have to be disciplined," she says. "And work at it every day."

She usually put in between two and four hours a day on her school work. The work paid off, as she graduated with honors.

Now that she has her Business Administration degree, Smith is beginning work towards her Masters Degree in Business Administration. That will take about a year and half, she says.

The Tribal Education pro-



Robin Smith with Bachelors degree diploma.

gram has agreed to pay for the Masters Degree tuition.

Having the degrees is a good idea, because you don't know what the future will bring, in terms of new job opportunities.

She got the idea to pursue her education on-line from friends.

There are all kinds of degrees that a person can pursue on-line. For instance, accounting, business, criminal justice, dental assistant, legal assistant/paralegal, massage therapy, medical assistant, nursing, to name just some.

Smith has worked for Warm Springs Forest Products Industries for several years. She started as a log scale clerk back in 1983. She later worked as a secretary at Human Resources, and then took over at payroll in 1998.

Robin said she wishes to thank her sister Sharon and her kids for helping her pay her financial tuition payments.

— by Dave McMechan

Boys & Girls Club fundraiser on April 23.

A fundraiser for a great local cause happens later this month at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino.

The Second Annual Boys and Girls Club fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 23 at the resort.

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

Events include:

Nine-hole two-person golf scramble, \$25 per person, from 1-4 p.m. at the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Course.

Silent auction and cocktails 4:30-6 p.m.

Dinner, live auction and

entertainment, 6-8 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person.

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is a recognized section 7871 non-profit organization, and your payment may be tax deductible. Please make checks payable to:

Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club

PO Box C

Warm Springs, OR 97761

For Event Information, contact:

june.smith@wstribs.org

For golf scramble details, contact:

jsmith@kahneeta.com

Children's health insurance kick-off event this month

The Children's Health Insurance Program is hosting a kick-off event this month in Warm Springs.

The program kick-off—promoting Healthy Kids for a Healthy Oregon—will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 at the Family Resource Center.

Healthy Kid's is a health coverage program for all uninsured Oregon kids and teens (under 19 years of age).

Representatives will be on hand to help with the application process and for recertification of health benefits. Even if a family has private health insurance, the child or children may still qualify.

Stop by the Family Resource Center any time between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to fill out an applica-

tion. Things to bring: Pay stubs within the last 30 days if you are employed, tribal ID's, drivers license and private insurance cards to make copies.

The hosts will be serving Indian tacos; so please bring your family. There will be balloons, coloring books, crayons, stickers for the children. Vouchers for Thriftway grocery store will be given to parents who sign their children up and remain certified for the Healthy Kids Insurance.

For More Information Contact: Anita Z. McEwen, Wanda L. Berry or MartiRai Ramsey at the clinic, 541-553-1196.

This is a program of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA).

Museum honor dinner April 16

This year the Museum at Warm Springs Honor Dinner is on Saturday, April 16 at the World Forestry Center in Portland.

The museum will honor Commander John B. Harrington, USN, retired, the first Native American astronaut.

This is a fundraiser event for the museum.

For banquet tickets call Beulah or Carol at the museum, 541-553-3331. On Friday, April 15, the Museum At Warm Springs is having a reception for Commander Harrington from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

This will be open for the community to come and meet Commander Harrington, who is from the Chickasaw tribe in Oklahoma.

Refreshments will be served at this reception. If you have any questions, please call the museum, 553-3331.

VOCS presents training day

The Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services and the Unified Solutions Tribal Community Development Group Inc. present training on Tuesday, April 19.

The training will be at Kah-Nee-Ta from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The agenda items include:

Aftermath of drive-by shootings: Victim traumatization.

Sexual assault; victims rights; and compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma.

For information, contact Victims of Crime Services, 541-553-2293; located at 1132 Paiute St.

School District 509-J budget meetings

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Jefferson County School District 509-J, Jefferson County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 will be held in the Support Services Building, 445 SE Buff St., Madras. The meeting will take place on the May 3, 2011 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and

document of the district.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected on or after May 4, 2011 at the Support Services Building or at the Jefferson County Public Library, 241 SE Seventh St., Madras, Ore.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. A subsequent Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10 at the same time and location as the first meeting.

Any person may appear at the meetings.

Public questions and comments will be taken at the May 10 meeting and at any subsequent meeting. The location of the meetings is accessible to the disabled.

Please let the Chief Financial Officer know at 541-475-6192 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meetings.

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Or email yvonne.iverson@wstribs.org



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Leadership Corner

A Message from Rick Molitor Superintendent



You've probably been hearing a lot about the education budget shortfall throughout Oregon. Our team has been working to understand the projected budget for our district and what it means to our students and staff. While we still have a lot of work to do in terms of planning for this challenge, I wanted to share what we know right now with parents and community members.

Here is what we can expect so far:

- A reduction from last year's budget of approximately \$814,000
- Complete elimination of the \$900,000 Federal Stimulus (ARRA) funds

While these budget cuts are going to make things challenging, our district's careful budgeting and planning over the past several years will help lessen the impact on our employees, programs and students.

As always, we keep looking for ways to spend less and work smarter, but we know for certain that our staff will be affected by this round of cuts because they represent 85% of our budget. It is never an easy task to consider staff reductions, but I am proud to say our district will be able to meet the following goals:

- Maintain our class sizes;
- Keep our programs in place;
- Avoid decreases in the number of school days; and
- Continue moving forward with our improvement efforts.

Our focus will be on keeping jobs in our district and providing the best education for students. We also recognize that our role as educators in Oregon is to make sacrifices to allow our children a better future – just like we do as parents.

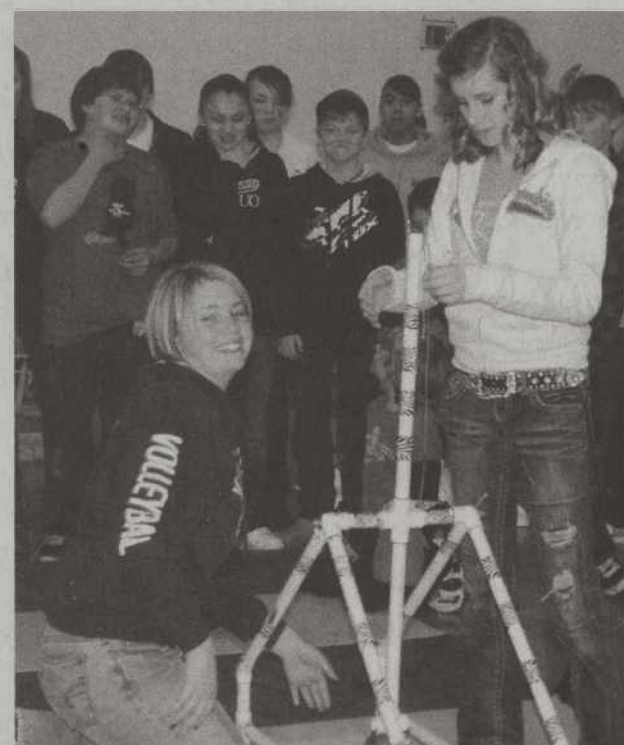
I continue to be impressed with our staff and thank them for their extraordinary efforts during this challenging time. We will keep you informed as we know more about the challenges ahead. Please feel free to contact me at (541)475-6192 with any questions. Thank you for your support.



JCMS Students Soar at Annual Science Fair

The recent JCMS Science Fair was a huge success!

- More than 93 students participated in a catapult competition!
- 13 students built and used pinhole cameras!
- 170 students completed a traditional science experiment!
- More than 65% of the 7th and 8th grade students received credits for taking part in our growing science fair competition!



Science Fair Awards

7th Grade Experiment
Best Display Board: Aubry Holliday
Best Experimental Design: Kati Viscaino
Most Applicable: Karen Correa Vasquez

8th Grade Experiment
Best Display Board: Jasmine Ike Lopez
Best Experimental Design: Elle Renault
Most Applicable: Jarred DuPont

7th Grade Catapult
Best Display Board: Keaton Hartman
Best Design: George Mendazona and Howard Bell-Raines
Most Accurate: Kianna Adams and Hilda Medina

8th Grade Catapult
Best Display Board: Frank Reed and Zach Mikkelson
Best Design: Dylan Buck and Francisco Juarez
Most Accurate: Broc Sanders and Ethan Short

Pinhole Camera
Best Display Board: Brent Sullivan
Best Photograph: Jasmine Vasquez
Best Discussion of Science: Maxwell Armitage

Calendar

- April**
- 4/15 No School, End of 3rd Quarter
 - 4/18 2-Hour Late Start