

Director recognized with national IHS award

Caroline Cruz has won the Indian Health Service national Directors Award.

Cruz is director of the Warm Springs Health and Human Services Branch.

She will receive the award at a ceremony on June 29 in Washington, D.C., at the National Museum of the American Indian.

In announcing the award, acting IHS Area Director Dean Seyler said:

"Caroline has demonstrated outstanding leadership by her ongoing efforts in improving access and quality of care, strengthening our partnership with the tribe, and striving to keep our work transparent and accountable."

Seyler commended Cruz for her openness and willingness to partner with the IHS staff, consistently demonstrating an ongoing dedication to raising the



Caroline Cruz

physical, mental, social and spiritual health of the tribal members.

"Her efforts have improved our ability to promote the agency's priorities for change and improvement," he said.

"Congratulations to Caroline," said Urbana Ross, chief operations officer of the

Confederated Tribes. "We are all very proud of her hard work."

Departments in the Health and Human Services branch are the Community Wellness Center, Children's Protective Services, the Community Counseling Center, and the Community Health Education Team.

Cruz also oversees the tribal social programs such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Senior and Disabled Services, the Senior Center, and the Commodities program.

About 100 employees work in the various departments of the Human Services Branch.

Work experience

Cruz first worked at Community Counseling in the 1980s, as a counselor and then as the prevention coordinator.

She later worked for the state of Oregon for 16 years. Her position before returning to

Warm Springs in 2009 was regional coordinator of the state Addictions and Mental Health Division, Alcohol and Drug Policy Unit.

She was also the statewide coordinator of Oregon's prevention programs, and served as lead trainer and tribal liaison to the state's nine tribes. She was the Oregon representative of the National Prevention Network.

Through these positions, Cruz remained in contact over the years with the Warm Springs community.

Two years ago Secretary-Treasurer Jody Calica encouraged Cruz to apply for the Human Services general manager job, which had been without a permanent GM for a few years. Caroline has brought stability, and her years of valuable experience, to the Health and Human Services Branch.

Graduation banquet

Graduates, their parents and other family members are invited to the 2011 Graduation Banquet on Tuesday evening, June 21 at the Agency Longhouse.

The Education Department wants to ensure that all graduates are the list for recognition:

This includes high school, GED, college, vocational school, higher education, etc.

Bring your diploma or certificate of completion to Rhonda Smith at the Tribal Council office.

Summer lunch service for youth

The Jefferson County School District is participating in the summer food service program, starting June 29.

Meals are served at no charge for all kids ages 1-18

years.

Meals will be provided at the Warm Springs cafeteria from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through August 19 (closed July 4).

Students post outstanding grades

Madras High School announced the Honor Roll students who achieved Honor Roll and the All Star Honor Roll.

Michaela Adams Kalama and Andrea Guerin.

Honor Roll: Clair Manion and Miriam Vance.

Grade 9

All Star Honor Roll (3.6-4.0 with no grade lower than a B): Kortney Rae Stacona.

Honor Roll (3.0-3.59 with no grade lower than a B): Bryson Miller and Leticia Palacios Harness.

Grade 10

All Star Honor Roll:

Grade 11

Honor Roll: TaSheena George and Rosey Suppah.

Grade 12

All Star Honor Roll: Leslee Henderson, Leslie Robinson and JoElla Smith.

Honor Roll: Zachary Miller and Chelsie Patt.

Native youth survey scheduled for next month

The Oregon Native Youth Survey will be conducted in Warm Springs on July 29.

The purpose of this survey is to help identify the strengths and needs of youth in the community, and to develop strategies for working with Native youth.

Youth between the ages of 12 and 19 are asked to participate in this survey.

The survey contains 110 questions and will take about 40 minutes to complete.

The survey asks about many parts of youth life:

Relationships with family and friends; experiences in school;

the community we live in; cultural activities; drugs and alcohol, firearms and crime.

The survey will take place in a group setting; however, youth will not share their answers to any of the questions with other members of the group.

A moderator will walk the youth through the survey and be available to answer any questions the youth may have about the survey.

The local contact for the survey is Michael Martinez, suicide prevention specialist at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center. He can be reached at 541-553-3205.

Youth who participate will be told that they may skip any question(s) that they are not comfortable answering; or that they can stop completing the survey at any time.

There will be a \$10 stipend for each youth completing the survey. (The incentive is subject to change, and may be increased to \$20.)

The location of where this survey will take place is still being worked out, but early discussions have identified the Agency Longhouse as a good location.

Important notice to parents: If you do not want your

youth to participate in this survey, come and see Michael Martinez or Rosanna Jackson at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. Mention that you do not want your son or daughter to take this survey. More information on the survey will be provided as the date approaches.



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

Catalino LeClaire holds up his unharmed egg, as the crowd eagerly awaits the next egg to drop from the roof of Warm Springs Elementary. Students were challenged to create a container for their egg no larger than 7"x7" that would keep it from cracking during the drop.

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Museum to host Huckleberry Harvest fundraiser in August

The Sixteenth Annual Huckleberry Harvest will be on Saturday, August 13.

The Harvest dinner and auction benefit cultural education services offered by the Museum At Warm Springs.

The event will feature a live and silent auction of arts, crafts and special premiums. This one

of a kind celebration showcases creative artists. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. on August 13, and goes into the evening.

For more information on how you can join this event please call the museum or check the website:

www.museumatwarmsprings.org. Or on Facebook.

VOCS support group schedule

The Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services Summer Support Group schedule is as follows:

Evening women's support group meeting at 6 p.m. on the following Mondays: July 11 and August 1.

Evening men's support group meetings at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, July 7 and August 4.

Regular weekly schedule will resume after Labor Day in September. For more information, contact the Victims of Crime Services office at 541-553-2293, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call the police dispatch for an on-call advocate: 541-553-1171.

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