

Unique opportunity with apprenticeship program

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Tribal member Jayce Allen is working through the Workforce Development Program that began in January, called the Northwest Tribal Code Officials Apprenticeship Program.

Allen is working with master code professional Mike Roberts, who is one of six master code professionals in the state of Oregon.

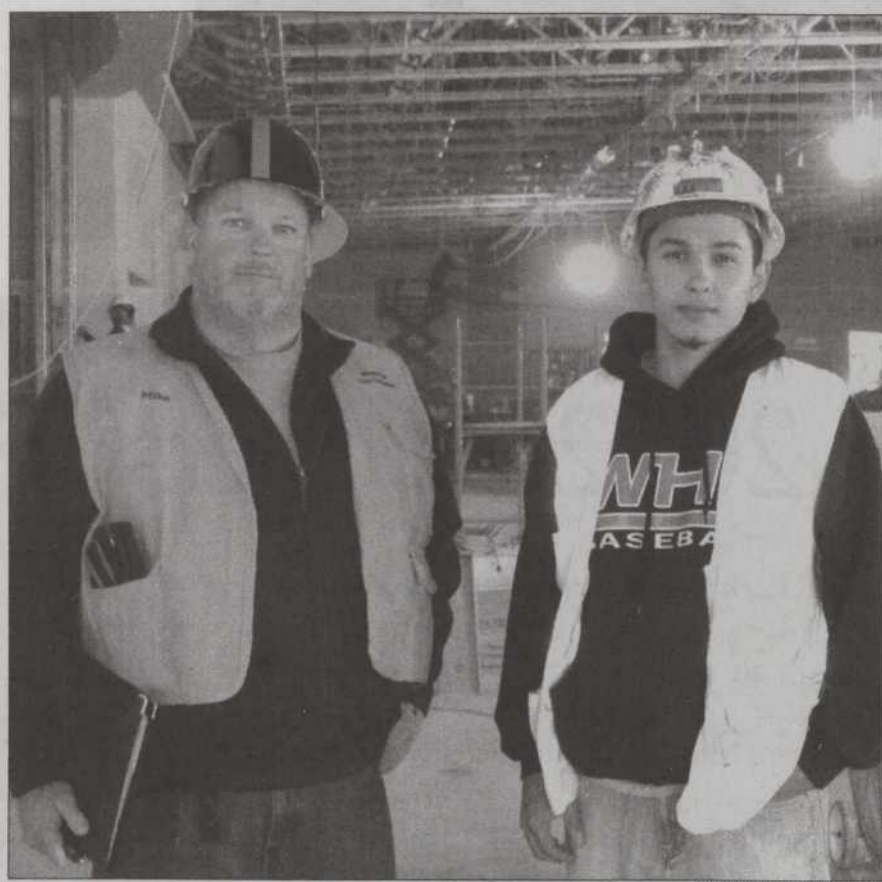
Through the program, Roberts is helping Allen to become certified with the International Code Council.

The code council provides certification in several areas including: building inspection, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing inspection.

Jayce has completed and passed the exam for the Residential Building Inspector Certificate, and is working on Public Building Inspection next.

To maintain the currency of ICC certificates, individuals must renew these every two to three years through retesting or professional development activities.

This is the only program of



Mike Roberts and Jayce Allen at the new casino construction site.

its kind in the Northwest, and the first program designed for Native Americans in the country.

Many other tribes are looking at the program as an opportunity for their tribal members. In the future the program may expand to include students from Cowlitz, Umatilla, and Yakama.

This apprentice program was spearheaded by atwai Alvis Smith Jr., who felt strongly about the need to train tribal members to be building inspectors.

The program atwai Alvis envisioned has become a reality, with the help of the Workforce Development, Utilities general manager Don Courtney and

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Fire Chief Dan Martinez.

Due to funding, Allen is the only remaining apprentice, and holds the position of Tribal Inspector for the Utilities Department.

Without a Tribal Inspector the Housing and Utilities departments would need to contract with an outside inspector, which could cost their department \$85 per hour, or \$200-\$300 per inspection.

Training for the various certification exams requires time in class studying book material and time in the field to carry out what is learned in class.

Depending on what type of certification Allen is working on, Roberts will find field work to correspond with that topic.

Sometimes that means traveling to Deschutes County, where companies have an arrangement with the Apprentice

Program to allow access to projects and new construction to complete field work.

Allen has shown his dedication to the program by doing his homework, paying out of his pocket for the certification tests, and traveling to the off-site testing center. It is the hope that more tribal members can become involved and provide this service to the community, helping to make sure that tribal buildings are safe for employees and the public, and homes on the reservation are safe living environments.

Part of that responsibility is to hold contractors accountable for their work, and in turn the Credit Enterprise does not release payment until their work passes an inspection. The casino construction project is currently keeping Allen and Roberts busy, as they inspect changes in building plans and different phases of the construction process, ensuring compliance with the building code.

Homeowners on the reservation who may need renovations, new construction, or appliance installation inspected, or want more information about this program, should contact the Utilities Department at 541-553-3246.

Births

Janaya Laylani Adams

Jessie Adams of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter Janaya Laylani Adams, born on November 20, 2011.

Janaya joins sisters Niyallee, 10, Hailey, 7, and Irenece, 3.

Grandparents are Nola and Rafael Queahpama, and Lloyd Adams.

Jenasis Janae Allen

Jayce Allen and Ernestine Ruiz of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Jenasis Janae Allen, born on November 21, 2011.

Jenasis joins sister Jayda, 4.

Grandparents on the father's side are Sheila and Orvie Danzuka, and Leroy Allen.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Vernice Switzler and Armando Ruiz Sr.

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

Tribal Council meets today on the proposed 2012 budget.

There's **water aerobics** this morning at 10:15 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Pool. This is also a fitness challenge bonus activity.

Crafts and popcorn will start after school at Recreation. Beading with Margie is at 4:00 p.m. The Sewing Circle begins at 5:30 this evening.

John Trudell will be at COCC from 6-8 p.m. This is a free event, open to the public. For more information, contact the COCC Native American Program at 541-318-3782.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

Line-up for the **parade** begins at 6:00 p.m. at the elementary school. The **Christmas Lights Parade** starts at 7:00 p.m.

The **tree-lighting** will be at 7:45 p.m. at the Community Center, followed by Subway sandwiches, a bonfire, coloring contest, pictures with Santa and a Christmas play.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

Movie and popcorn will begin after school at Recreation.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Today is **water delivery** day for Simnasho residents. Please place your empty bottles outside.

Lola Dick and Celeste White will receive their **Indian names** at 9 a.m. at the Agency Longhouse. Drummers are needed for Washat Services.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Remember to reserve your space for the **Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar**, coming up on December 10 at the Community Center. Stop by Recreation to sign up. If you have questions, call 541-553-3243.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

Today is a **2-hour late** start for all 509-J schools.

There will be a **Warm Springs Community Advisory Board Meeting** at 10 a.m. at KWSO. Anyone interested in participating and learning more about what KWSO is working on and offering feedback is invited to attend.

There is a **glucometer class** beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the clinic's Kitchen Conference Room.

Financial Skills for Families Class is this evening from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Community Action Team office on campus.

Victims of Crime will hold its weekly **Women's Support** meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Call 541-553-2293 for details.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

The **Year-End Group Benefit Meetings** for Full-Time Employees are scheduled this morning at 8:30, 9:45, 11:00 and this afternoon at 1:30 in the Community Center Social Hall.

The **Healthy Start Breakfast** is at 9 a.m. in the clinic's Kitchen Conference Room. The topic today will be "Making Healthy Changes".

There is a **food handler's** training class at 2:00 p.m. in the clinic atrium.

Snack Attack will start after school as part of an after school food program for six to 18 year old youths. Beading with Margie begins at 4:00 p.m. Today they will be working on projects for the Tribal Youth Art Exhibit.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Grief Support During the Holidays will be held at the Family Resource Center from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

The **Native People's Circle of Hope** Warm Springs Support Group meets in the clinic's Kitchen Conference Room at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Rosanna at 541-460-2382. The next meeting will be on December 20.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

A **movie and popcorn** will start in Recreation after school.

Today is the deadline to submit applications for the **Warm Springs Cultural Trust Grant**.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Today is the **Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar**. For more information, call 541-553-3243.

MONDAY, DEC. 12

There is a **glucometer class** beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the clinic's Kitchen Conference Room.

Today in Recreation, there will be **crafts and popcorn** after school. They are working on projects for the Youth Tribal Member Art Show.

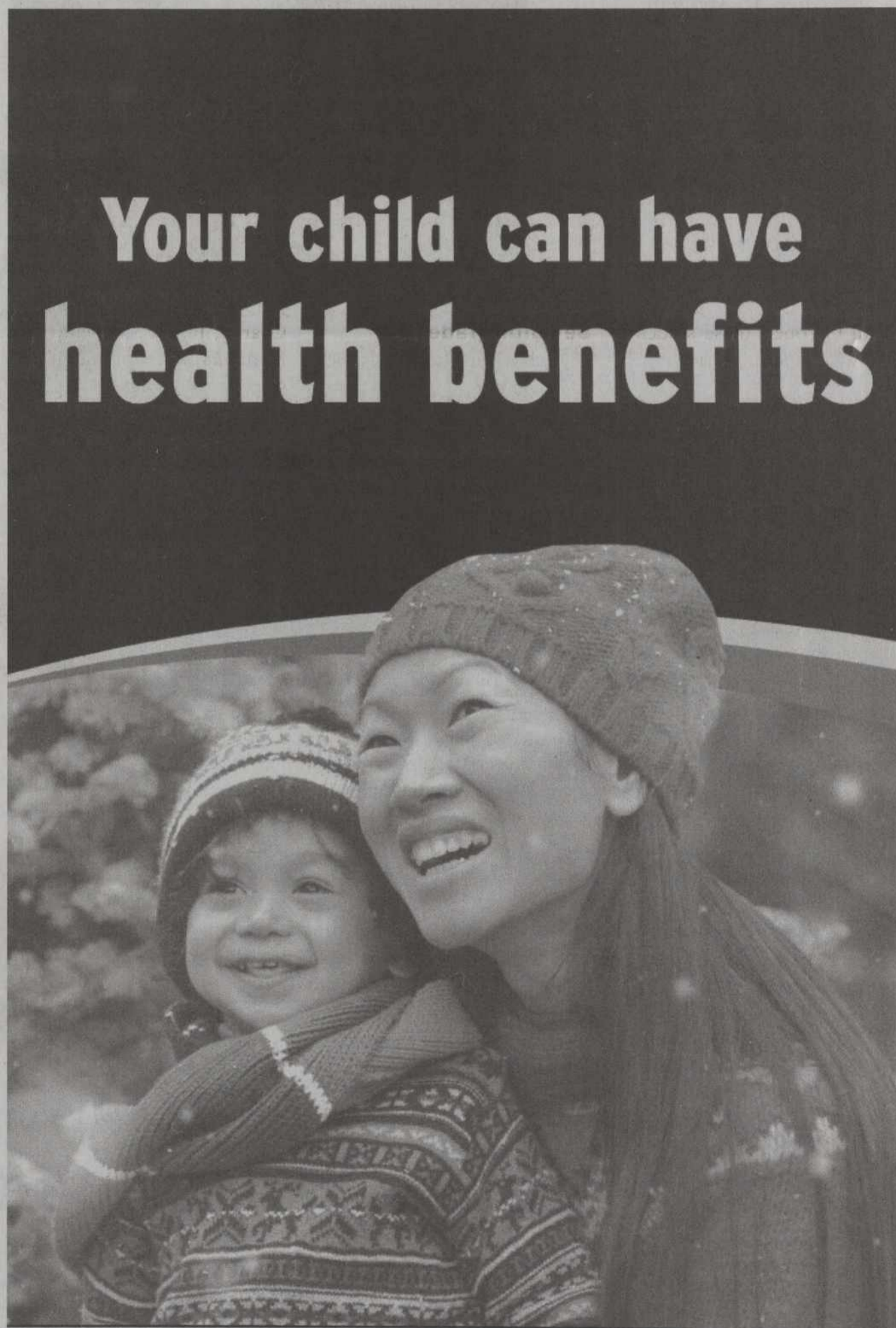
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The **HOPE Diabetes Class** will begin at 11 a.m. at the clinic. They will cover medications, blood sugar, and sick day management, followed by lunch and a short walk.



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