

MHS Graduation



Patti Tanewasha/Spilyay

Poncho Medina and the rest of the Madras High School Class of 2014 received their diplomas at the commencement ceremony last Saturday.

Fond farewell at Warm Springs Elementary

by Sue Matters
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Long time Warm Springs Elementary School teacher Vicki Moore is retiring as a full-time teacher this year.

Ms. Moore grew up in Dayville, so when she moved to Warm Springs in 1984 she was already used to living in a small rural community.

Over the years, Ms. Moore says, technology has changed in the classroom, and that's been a little bit of a learning curve for teachers.

The past few years she has really enjoyed working together with other teachers in her same grade level. These teaching teams join together weekly to review and refine curriculum, come up with strategies and lend each other support and ideas.

Ms. Moore has lived longer in Warm Springs than anywhere else in her life. She has really enjoyed her time on



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Teacher Vicki Moore

teacher row, and her connection to the Warm Springs families and kids and the community. "This will always feel like home," she says.

Although this will be the

first fall in 30 years that she won't be working full time, she does look forward getting some classroom time in as a substitute at the new K-8 Academy.

Birth

Takoda Frank Hatathli Terence Gene Hatathli and Shayla Francine Smith of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Takoda Frank Hatathli, born on June 6, 2014.

Takoda joins brother Trevyn, age 21 months.

Grandparents on the father's side are Rose Dele and Thomas Hatathli, of Ariz. Grandparents on the mother's side are Shirley Eder of Montana, and Frank Smith of Warm Springs.



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Resolution of Tribal Council

Indian Child Welfare Act

Whereas the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4), defines an "Indian child" as "any unmarried person who is under age eighteen and is either (a) a member of an Indian tribe or (b) is eligible for membership in an Indian tribe and is the biological child of a member of an Indian tribe"; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council is aware that some state courts have questioned whether children who are not eligible for automatic enrollment under Article III, Section 2, of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, and Warm Springs Tribal Code (WSTC) 120.300, but who are eligible for enrollment by adoption under Article III, Section 3, of the Tribal Constitution and WSTC 120.800, are "eligible for membership" in the Tribe under ICWA if they don't currently meet all of the requirements for adoption; and,

Whereas the Tribe has the exclusive authority to determine who is eligible for membership in the Tribe, and the Tribal Council views children who meet the blood quantum and descendent requirements for enrollment by adoption as eligible for enrollment under ICWA because the child may one day become a member of the Tribe if the child meets the other requirements for enrollment by adoption; and,

Whereas the Tribal Council believes it is necessary to add a provision to the Warm Springs Tribal Code to make it clear that the Tribe views these children as eligible for enrollment under ICWA; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Twenty-Sixth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, pursuant to Article III and Article V, Section 1(l) and (u), of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws, that the Tribal Council hereby amends WSTC 360.500 as follows (amendment represented by additional underlined text):

Applicability of Indian Child Welfare Act. The pro-

visions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et seq., apply to certain state court child custody proceedings involving juveniles who are enrolled or eligible for enrollment in the Warm Springs Tribes. A juvenile who has the blood quantum necessary for automatic enrollment or enrollment by adoption under Article III of the Warm Springs Constitution (as amended) and who has a biological parent who is enrolled in the Warm Springs Tribes is eligible for enrollment for the purposes of the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Under the jurisdictional provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. § 1911, the Warm Springs Tribes may intervene in or seek to transfer jurisdiction of applicable state court child custody proceedings; and,

Be it further resolved by the Tribal Council that the amendment to WSTC 360.500 set forth above are effective immediately.

(Resolution no. 11,866)

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