

## New governor has a strong record working with tribes

Kate Brown is set to be sworn in as Governor this Wednesday, Feb. 18.

She was the Oregon Secretary of State, and also served in the state Senate.

Tribal Government Affairs Director Louie Pitt says that Gov. Brown has an excellent record of working with Indian tribes.

He provided this list of Indian-related legislation that Gov. Brown sponsored:

### The Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act.

**Senate Bill 488** – “S” word ban in 2001, set four-year limit for new names.

**Senate Bill 690** – Native language teacher certification bill in 2001. Allowed tribes to determine language proficiency so that elders could teach in public schools without teaching degrees/certificates.

**Senate Bill 770** – Tribal-State government-to-government relationship bill in 2001; required annual Governor-Tribal Chairs summit and progress reports by all state agencies.

**Senate Bill 180** – From SB 770, included tribes as governments to receive ODOT Special Transportation Fund grants for elder and disabled transport in 2003; ended begging to the counties.

**Senate Bill 878** – Restored Oregon Health Plan Plus coverage for Indians in 2003; fully reimbursed by Medicare funds.

**Senate Bill 807** – Authorized school districts to use federal reservation Impact Aid revenue to back school construction bonds for reservation public schools, 2003.

**Senate Bill 362** – Required local governments and state agencies to change “S”-word place names in 2005; requires consideration of Native language names.

**Senate Bill 855** – Requires the Department of Human Services to turn over Maternal Child Health dollars to tribes and negotiate for other federal health dollars, 2005.

**SB 1045** – Extended sunset on juvenile case transfer law from state court to Tribal Juvenile Court to 2010.

**Senate Joint Memorial 6** – Urged Congress to fund study for National 1855 Treaty Trail.

**Senate Joint Resolution 12** – Directs state agencies and urges local governments to honor the promises of the 1855 Treaty With the Tribes

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of Middle Oregon, 2005.

**Senate Bill 838** – Oregon Renewable Energy Act requiring that by 2025, Twenty-five percent of energy generated by major utilities be from renewable sources, needed for viability of tribes’ biomass project, 2007.

**Senate Concurrent Res. 10** – In memoriam for Celilo Falls and mourned the silencing.

**House Bill 2674** – Allows tribes’ libraries to obtain state library funds, 2005.

Gov. Brown also served on the Commission on Indian Services.

### Never quit

I had seven live births, and none of them were able to march with their graduation senior class at Madras High School. Rocky R. Kalama went to Timberlake Job Corps. He didn’t complete because he lost his grandmother Janice K. Lucei. And he felt so depressed he didn’t think that he could focus on any school work that needed to be done.

Shirley J. Hoptowit went to Fort Simcoe Job Corps. He learned a lot, but WEDD helped her get a job here at home. Dawn also went to Timberlake, but had so many tribal court hearings, and fighting for custody of her daughters, she was unable to complete.

Will Yum went to Chemawa board school for four years. He had a lot of hard times. When he came home to “visit” he didn’t want to go back, so he stayed there on the campus. He was able to march with this class at Chemawa.

My daughter Darleen Hazel-Charlie passed away. She had more than her share of difficulties... at MHS, tried to go to Timberlake too, but didn’t want to go that route.

Katherine held grudges and was strong willed. She tended to block a lot of her learning from losing her sister. (They all had a hard time during our time of loss.) She went to Alternative Education and finally earned her high school diploma through COCC. She then went to Timberlake for auto mechanics, and completed her training skills there.

My son Dondi Packy wasn’t much into the teacher-student roll, and kept getting expelled from MHS. They tried to place him in different alternative ed programs. A big thank-you goes out to his tutor Mr. Guy Chittenden—he was a great teacher to deal with “his

needs” to complete his credits toward graduation.

Ms. Mock was also a strong supporter to Dondi’s education by allowing him to express himself in writing his journal and the Buffalo writers’ book they published. He was 18 and lacking seven to ten credits to complete. He was a gloomy gus not wanting to be the “oldest” senior in the 2014-15 class. (What the heck does age got to do with it?) Gray-haired grandmas go to college with young people—I was still learning computer skills through our WEDD/Voc Rehab programs here at home to be more hireable! Learning and gaining new skills never stops.

The Roots program came into being here at home. He dreaded the thought of going back into tutoring—again. I took the steps to sign him up for Roots. He worked hard to finish, because we went through the steps of going to Job Corps. (Quinten, Look at your uncle! He struggled and had a lot of hurdles before him... He could do it, so can you!)

Our message to our young Native students: Don’t give up. You are worth a good education and training to be a working, breathing adult tribal member here at home. Set your goals high, and do the hard work to get there. With your hard work, blood, sweat and tears, all your efforts you put into your life will pay off one day. Try and do your hardest. Don’t give up and don’t you quit!

**Tamera J. Kalama**, Records Manager, tribal Credit.

### Births

*Shelby Zariah Boise*

Young Boise and Sasha Caldera of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Shelby Zariah Boise, born on January 28, 2015.

Shelby joins brothers LeBron, 10, and Koda, 2; and sister Angel, 16.

Grandparents on the father’s side are David Montiel-Veldez of Madras, and autwi Leah Boise.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Angel Wells of Portland, and Lawrence Caldera of Warm Springs.

*Maliky Dwayne Danzuka*

Ashlynn R. Danzuka of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her son Maliky Dwayne Danzuka, born on January 30, 2015.

Grandparents are Kathy Danzuka of Warm Springs, and Roosevelt Suppah of Warm Springs.

*Xa’Kylan Alexander Caldera*

Archie Eagle Spirit Caldera Jr. and Illante Smith of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Xa’Kylan Alexander Caldera, born on February 12, 2015.

Grandparents on the father’s side are Archie Caldera and Roberta Tufti.

Grandparents on the mother’s side are Leander Lucero and Rachele Smith.

## Indian Head Casino

— Employee of the Month —

*Vonda Wewa*

*Vonda Wewa was named the January 2015 Employee of the Month for Indian Head Casino.*

*Vonda has been with the casino since 2007, the past few years as a member of the Count/Drop Team.*

*Vonda is very dependable, with a positive attitude, always with a smile.*



*Congratulations Vonda!*

### For saving

Do you know about the Individual Asset Development Program or IDA program?

It is a way for individuals to save money and have that money matched for different purposes.

You may want to build up savings for a business, for education or to buy a home.

To learn more call Nettie or Chris at the Warm Springs Community Action Team - 553-3148.

### To keep in mind while gambling

Gambling—it can be a fun form of entertainment for most adults. But it’s important to keep these tips in mind

- Do not borrow money to gamble. Do not take out loans to gamble, and do not get cash advances to gamble.

- Do not gamble with the hope of winning to pay bills

Most people can gamble without negative consequences, but a small percentage have a problem that can lead to an increase in domestic violence or crime.

For help you can call the Oregon Gambling Helpline at 1800-695-4648 or 1-800-695. Or contact Warm Springs Community Counseling, 541-553-3205.

### Roots graduate



Dondi Packy Hoptowit

Courtesy photo.

My son Dondi Packy Hoptowit is our first tribal member to graduate from the Warm Springs Roots program. He completed his high school credits on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014.

I just placed a phone call to the 509-J school district vice principal Paul Navarra to withdraw him from their roster. He said he’d put an email out of

his completion.

November 11: he was bussed to the Angel Job Corps Center (his interest is in Auto Mechanics).

That address will be: Dondi P. Hoptowit, Angel JCC, 335 NE Blogett Rd., Yachats, OR 97498.

Family and friends, he misses home. Please write and encourage him to finish Job Corps. **Tamera J. Kalama**, mother.

### Indian Business Talk

## Keeping a healthy home and saving big bucks

**By Bruce Engle**  
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The crawlspace under your home can be a financial disaster area as well as health and safety risk.

I have a picture on the cabinet above my desk showing a cute little kitten looking at the camera from his warm spot by a disconnected hot air duct in the crawl space under a local home.

The crawl space was warmer than the house. And their electric bill was well over \$500 for the month.

Forced air heating systems have supply ducts to carry heated air throughout the house. Many of them are in

the crawlspace.

They can scoop up bad air from the crawlspace when they are not installed and sealed properly.

That bad air can be a health hazard. It can aggravate allergies and carry mold spores.

What to do? All heating system ducts should be tested and sealed properly. Make sure all foundation vents are well screened and all access panels are tightly secured.

Why tightly secured? Mice, spiders, snakes and who-knows-what-else can come into a house by way of holes in the ducts, open access panels, or heating duct connections that have fallen down or opened up.

Dampness in a crawl space is potentially a huge problem. Molds like moisture and warmth. They thrive on wood and paper products.

Dampness and mold can rot out a floor. One floor dropped off the foundation and into the crawlspace here in Warm Springs several years ago. I have a picture of that one too. It’s not pretty.

### Good suggestions

Some more suggestions to keep your family safe: Keep the crawl space dry! A vapor barrier should cover all the ground in the crawl space.

Keep kids, critters, and varmints out of the crawl space. That’s not a healthy play space, and they can’t tear

up the insulation and ducts if they are not in there.

Inspect the crawlspace at least twice a year—once in the fall and again after winter. Yeh, I Know I should have written this last October. Sorry about that.

Finally, it’s okay to panic a bit when receiving an unreasonably high electric bill during the heating season. Then have somebody check in the crawl space for leaks and faulty connections in the heating ducts.

A simple repair is often all that is needed, and you will probably sleep better, be healthier, and save a lot of money. What a deal.

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