

## Letters to the editor

### Family, friends

Family and friends, I would like to say thank you everybody that was by our side when we lost our bro Rex "Chubby" Robinson.

Thank you Roma and Starla for making the outfit, and helping us with everything. Thank you to the young ladies at High Lookee Lodge for taking care of him.

Thank you Deanie Johnson and Drummers for the songs at the hospitals and at High Lookee, also at the Longhouse.

Thanks Nancy Sooksoit for being our taxi, Norma Switzler for the food she sent, and Vicki, Anna nad Sena for the snacks during the services. Thank you Kimiko Mithcell and crew for cooking.

Thank you everyone who was here by our side. Love my bro's and sis and niece for coming from Klamath Falls and Seattle to be here. Thank you all.

**Gidget Robinson.**

### Cowdeo thanks

I would like to say thank you to all the people who helped me during the year to get to the rodeos.

Thank you to my Great Grandpa for taking me and my horse Wup-Sin-Nee to all the rodeos. Thanks to my Grandpa Evans Jr. for always being there to help me and my horse.

Thanks to all of those people for being my support, Aurolyn Stwyer, Jay at Cash & Release, Grandpa "J.E.", Uncle Koedy, Grandpa Azer Spino; to my Mom Teryl; and most of all to all my fans for supporting me to try harder.

Thank you from me and my horse,

**Isaiah Florendo and Wup-Sin-Nee.**

### At holiday time

There is a toy drive going on in Warm Springs. Drop-off points are at the Recreation Department, and Child Protection Services.

Help bring a smile to a local child's face by donating a new unwrapped toy or gift this season, ages 0 months to 17 years.

Meanwhile, Recreation is planning for the Car Light Parade and Tree Lighting in early December. "A Christmas Story—Spirit of a Giving" is a theme this year.

For the Car Light Parade, there will be trophies for first-, second- and third-place for each category. The more participation in the Car

Light Parade, the more fun it is for the whole community.

The Car Light Parade, and Tree Lighting and Christmas Caroling will be on Thursday, December 3, with the parade line-up at 5 p.m., judging at 6 p.m., parade starting at 7.

For more information, please call Recreation at 541-553-3243.

### Graduation

You are cordially invited to witness the graduation festivities for about ten tribal members and community members who are actively participating in the Indianpreneurship class. Graduation will be on Wednesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Warm Springs Credit Enterprise conference room.

The class is sponsored by the Warm Springs Community Action Team in conjunction with the Warm Springs Credit Enterprise. Lead instructor is Aurolyn Stwyer, with Gerald Danzuka and Bruce Engle.

### Wishes...

**October Birthdays ~**

*Happy 1st birthday to my granddaughter Ester marie Mireles, Oct. 15. October 18 - Marci Arce ~ Edith Walsey. October 19 - Sterling Green ~ October 20 - Tesbina Winishut - William Roah - Julia Stwyer.*

**October 21st - Yvonne PoorBear - Bobbi Jo Berry, Judge Polk, Denise LeClaire, Sarah Gonzales and Shawnee Johnson.**

October 24th - Happy Anniversary to my daughter and her husband, Andrew and Sasha Albert. October 25th - Jimmy Tohet Sr., and James Katchia Sr.

**October 26 - Cakes Smith and Vernice Scott ~ October 27th - James R. Johnson. October 28th - Baby Ann Scott. October 29th - Irene Garcia - Jackson Mitchell and Lt. Suppah.**

*October 30th - Reanna Charley, Sadie Sam and Deanie Johnson. From Gidget Robinson.*

### Buy back

The Umatilla Land Buy-Back program is initiating its Wave 3 offers. A buy-back official will be in Warm Springs for an information meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 2-7 p.m. at the Credit Enterprise building.

### Note from CPS

Well, it is that time again, when all our little ghouls and goblins will be out and about trick-or-treating.

Children's Protective Services is seeking your support in donating some candy or little goodies to the program to distribute to all the children. Your support has been very helpful in the past, and would be greatly appreciated again.

You may drop off your donations at Children and Family Services by October 30, at 1109 Wasco St., with the receptionist during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or you may contact the CPS center supervisor Reggie Clements at 541-553-3209, and your donation can be picked up at your convenience. Thank you!

**Children's Protective Services**

### Awareness Day

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and in Warm Springs the Diabetes Awareness Day is set for Wednesday, Nov. 4.

On that day visit the Agency Longhouse between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There will be a free healthy breakfast and lunch. During registration from 9-9:30 there will be free flu shots and blood sugar checks.

Presentations will provide education on how to manage or prevent diabetes. Stop by and learn more about how to assist loved ones who have diabetes to live long and healthy lives.

Educational sessions will focus on how diabetes can cause complications, and ways to avoid these complications. Meet the Warm Springs Diabetes Program's new nurse practitioner Jerry Foster.

There will be drawings for turkey breasts and other prizes. Jennifer Russell will lead an exercise class for all ages; this will count toward November Fitness.

We will conclude the afternoon with Bingo and more prizes, sponsored by Indian Health Services and the Confederated Tribes Diabetes Prevention programs.

**The Confederated Tribes Senior Program, Nutrition, Diabetes Prevention, Public Health Nursing, the Community Center staff, IHS Diabetes, Diabetes Prevention and Pharmacy staff.**

### Getting to Know Warm Springs

by Leab Guliasi

I arrived in Warm Springs a little over a month ago, having only been here once before. My name is Leab Guliasi and I am an AmeriCorps VISTA member with the Warm Springs Community Action Team.

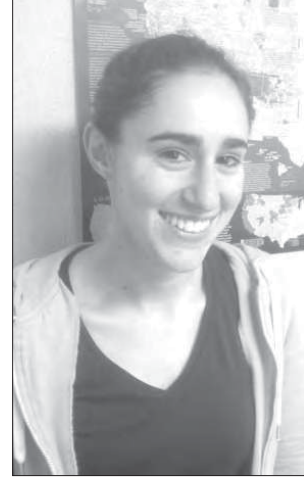
AmeriCorps is a program that allows people to complete a year of service in the U.S. You receive a living wage, but are otherwise living at the same income level as the community in which you work.

There are a wide range of AmeriCorps positions, depending on your interests and the type of work you are interested in doing.

Some volunteer opportunities involve working directly in communities while others focus on administrative work that helps the community indirectly. I would highly recommend the program to anyone who wants to volunteer and gain work experience.

So far, I really like Warm Springs (even with all the fires going on when I first arrived). In addition to the mountains and beautiful landscape, the community members I have met have all been very friendly. Everyone has been very welcoming and I am looking forward to meeting even more people, and being able to build relationships with the community.

I have learned about a lot of the opportunities on the reservation, as well as some of the other programs people want to see.



#### WSCAT classes

I have been attending the classes that the Warm Springs Community Action Team (WSCAT) offers:

Financial Planning for Families, Indianpreneurship, and Pathways Home. The courses are a great way for people to learn about saving, and they are free to anyone on the reservation.

I have learned a lot from them so far, and would encourage community members to take them. They provide valuable skills that can be used in your everyday life.

For example, the financial planning class teaches basic budgeting and finance skills.

The class is taught from a Native American perspective, comparing how ancestors hunted and dried food for winter with the necessity of having three to six months of money in a savings account in case of an emergency.

The Indianpreneurship class is very beneficial to anyone who wants to, or even is just thinking about, starting their own business.

The interests and stages of business start-up range for everyone in the class, but the business strategies carry

over.

By the end of this course, everyone will have a business plan for whatever type of business they are interested in, whether online or in the community, big or small, or individually or with a group.

If you have thought about opening your own business and don't know where to start, this class will break it down in a way that makes it seem more manageable.

#### Home ownership

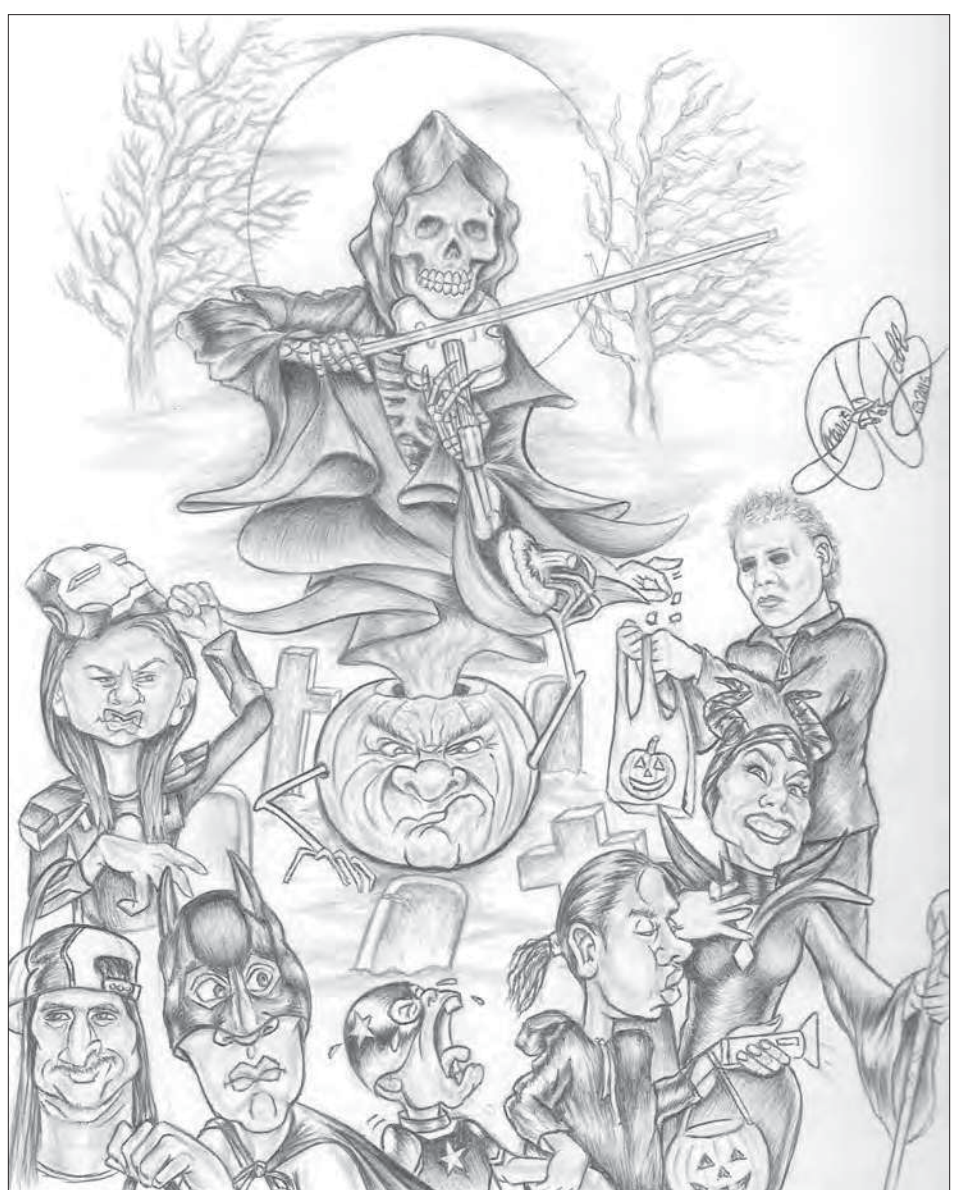
With so many people in need of housing, the homeownership class is very popular.

Similar to the Indianpreneurship class, it breaks down the steps necessary in order to buy a home. It gives everyone basic knowledge of what to consider when purchasing a house, including information on mortgages, and benefits and challenges of home-ownership.

Although I do not plan on buying a house any time soon, I still think the information will be very valuable in my future and would recommend the course.

In the little bit of time that I have been in Warm Springs, I have learned a lot about the reservation and about what programs are available.

I hope to keep learning and enjoy my time here. I hope to work collaboratively with people in the community to assist them in creating more opportunities to succeed. Feel free to introduce yourself to me; I look forward to meeting you!



Wishing you a safe and Happy Halloween! ~ Travis Bobb.

### This week

It's National Red Ribbon Week.

Did you know that children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42 percent less likely to use drugs than those who don't.

Yet only a quarter of teens report having these conversations.

Parents are encouraged this week, and always to have these talks.

### To artist

I would like to extend my appreciation to Travis Bobb.

Travis, your art each during the holidays has been most enjoyable. It is a happy view of Natives

having fun.

Sincerely, **Marge Kalama**

**Marge**

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