

## Making a difference at the Dental Clinic

The Dental Clinic at the Health and Wellness Center has a great prevention strategy. "I see prevention making a big difference in the community," said Farrell Lucei, dental assistant.

Young people today are seeing much less tooth decay, because of three main prevention programs, Farrell says. There is the fluoride treatment at the Early Childhood Education Center, the silver nitrate program, and the sealant clinic.

Farrell has been with the Warm Springs Dental Clinic for 13 years. She is an Expanded Function Dental Assistant. Her work, she says, "is my way of giving back to my people."

For her dedication, the IHS Employee Appreciation Committee chose Farrell as the Health and Wellness Center Employee of the Year.

Farrell grew up in Warm Springs. During her high school years, she lived in Bend. She first started thinking about becoming a dental assistant when she was 13 or 14.

"I would come to the clinic for cleanings, and every time I was here there was music playing," Farrell says. "I thought it would be nice to work where music is always playing." Her mentor was Juanita Simpson, hygienist at the clinic.

After high school Farrell moved



Farrell Lucei at the Dental Clinic

to Los Angeles for a time, and went to Santa Clarita Career College. She became a dental assistant at 19.

She worked in the Salem area for a couple of years, and then came back to Warm Springs. "This is where I'm from. I know most of the families here," Farrell says.

The prevention programs at the clinic are a great service to the community. Another good development, Farrell says, is the oral surgeon who comes to Warm Springs once a month. Before, the patient had the choice of going off reservation for surgery and paying out-of-pocket, or having the tooth pulled at the clinic.

As an expanded function dental assistant, Farrell can place fillings and crowns, and do cleanings, among her other duties. She is one of four dental assistants at the clinic, where there used to be eight.

So the four who work there now are busy. Farrell was on duty in the clinic earlier this month when the Health and Wellness Center was holding its monthly employee meeting. She was told this was one meeting that she should attend.

And during the Appreciation Committee presentation, they announced Farrell as the Employee of the Year.

— Dave McMechan

## YouthBuild

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Hearth of Oregon Corps, YouthBuild, Butch David, and Madras High School vice principal H.D. Weddel met last week with Tribal Council for information sharing.

The YouthBuild program, vice principal Weddel said, "has generated some excitement in the hallways. Students are saying, 'If they can do it, then I can.' It's another opportunity to serve the kids."

Tribal Council members said the program looks promising for Warm Springs students and the community.

YouthBuild has worked with the Confederated Tribes in the past, for instance at the Pine Creek property. A YouthBuild crew was working on nearby BLM land, said Laura Handy, when they were introduced to the Pine Creek manager. This led to some YouthBuild restoration work at Pine Creek.

The next YouthBuild session begins in March. Anyone interested should contact Butch David at the high school. Or go to: [hearttoforegon.org](http://hearttoforegon.org)

## Tribal housing: 10- to 20-year project

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"... this situation requires immediate attention," the letter says. "We therefore urge you to complete the legal analysis as quickly as possible in order to inform the Army Corps' Fiscal Year 2016 Work Plan and the President's Fiscal Year 2017 budget process."

The letter is addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, U.S. Department of the Army. The potential for a federal appropriation clear, Mr. Lumley said, but the tribes have to develop a plan.

CRITFC has been the lead party so far in the process, but tribal housing is not necessarily a core mission of the commission. Instead, the tribes now have to take the lead in developing a long-term plan.

Agreement on a plan among the treaty tribes of the Columbia is important, Lumley said, because if one of the tribes is in opposition, then a federal appropriation becomes unlikely.

Warm Springs and Yakama would be the lead tribes for a zone



This is a Depression-era photo of the Indian community of Underwood. At the Tribal Council meeting last week, CRITFC executive director Paul Lumley showed the photo as an example of the kinds of communities taken by the floodwaters of the Columbia dams.

6 housing program. The approach recommended by CRITFC is to establish a Tribally Designated Housing Authority at the Columbia River.

This would be similar to a tribal Housing Authority, but the jurisdiction would be areas along the river, rather than the reservation.

Toward the goal of developing a long-term plan, Tribal Council

members are planning to meet soon with Yakama leaders. There is some urgency in the matter, as the possibility for significant funding is better than ever, Mr. Lumley said.

The project itself—construction of new tribal housing at the river—is long-term. "We'll need young leadership," Louie Pitt said, "because this is a 10- to 20-year project."

## Challenges to overcome toward river housing

The 31 in-lieu and fishing access sites at the Columbia River were developed by the Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the treaty tribes.

The sites were designed and developed mainly for day-use fishing and temporary camping. Some tribal members and others, however, have set up permanent residence at some of these sites.

Water and other utilities are free, so the sites become in effect camps for otherwise homeless people.

As they live away from the reservation, the individuals may have no real access to social programs, health care, child care and education.

Through over-use, the fishing sites and their facilities become unsanitary and unsafe, a situation unfair to other tribal members who should have reasonable access.

It was a tour of these sites that in large part prompted the fed-

eral delegation from Oregon and Washington to encourage the Corps of Engineers to move forward with the river housing project.

The presence of these camps presents one of the challenges the tribes will face in developing a long-term plan for housing at the river.

Another issue: the sites by law are now equally accessible to members of the four Columbia River treaty tribes, although the area is traditionally territory of Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Yakama Nation.

Identifying the families that were actually displaced by the dams is one of the major challenges that will have to be addressed.

These challenges, though, should be met: "The dams are they, and they caused a lot of damage," said Louie Pitt. "All we're asking is that they keep their word."

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