

HHS branch hires new tribal liaison

There are more than 200 employees in the tribal Health and Human Services Branch. The workers in the various HHS departments serve the membership in many ways, in all aspects of the field of health.

The branch interacts with the federal and state health agencies. So an important function of Health and Human Services is good communication and representation with the outside agencies, and funding sources.

The Health and Human Services tribal liaison is dedicated to this task, ensuring the tribes are part of government processes that effect the tribal health services.

Caroline Cruz used to serve as the HHS liaison. But since she resumed her job as branch general manager, she no longer has the time. So she hired Shana Radford as



Shana Radford

the new Health and Human Services tribal liaison.

The liaison job is really inter-government affairs, "making sure our voice is out there, making sure we're well represented and connected," Shana was saying recently.

Just before moving to Warm Springs, Shana was studying at the University of New South Wales in Sidney, Australia. This is where Shana got her Master's degree in International Law and International Relations.

She was a Sir Keith Murdoch Fellow with the American-Australian Association at the University. Shana was in Australia for a year and half with her kids Maddox, 12, and Artis, 3.

Growing up, Shana lived part of the time in Warm Springs. She was here until the fifth grade, when her family moved back to Umatilla. Her parents are atwai Billy Jo Bagley and Art McConville.

After they moved, Shana would often come back to Warm Springs, to visit family, play in tournaments, for community events, etc.

Later, she pursued her career and education, she focused on international indigenous issues. One of her teachers was Megan Davis, chair and expert member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous

Peoples.

In 2010-2011, Shana was a Hatfield Fellow, working in Sen. Ron Wyden's office as the tribal liaison.

More recently, living in Australia was a great experience, she says. But it is good to be back in Warm Springs.

"I want my kids to have what I had growing up—community and culture," Shana says.

When young people have these things, "the sky is the limit. When you grow up with family and community, you can go out in the world as far as you want to go."

Shana is happy to bring her experience and knowledge back to the Warm Springs community. "And I'm learning more all the time. There is always knowledge to be gained when you work in a Native community."

B&G Club preparing for summer program

The Boys & Girls Club of Warm Springs is open after school until 5:30 p.m. The club provides a positive place where youth 5 years and older can participate in gym activities, outdoor play and other activities.

The Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club serves at least 50 youth daily, and continues to accept new members.

The club is housed in the gymnasium and adjacent building at the old Warm Springs Elementary School.

Upcoming closures at the club are as follows:

Monday, May 30, closed for Memorial Day; and Friday, June 10, so the club staff can get ready for the summer program.

The summer program begins on Monday, June

13. The club hours in the summer will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The summer fee is \$25 per member. Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily on-site by the 509-J summer meal program.

Returning members will need to update medical information and emergency contacts. New members will need to complete a membership form.

Over the summer, the club will be closed on July 4. You can reach the club at 541-553-2323; or email:

jsmith@wstribes.org

As another reminder, the Boys & Girls Club annual fundraiser is coming up in June (see page 4 for details).

Twenty years of service at the clinic

Kathleen Spaulding worked for 20 years in administrative support at the Warm Springs clinic. People also know her as the organizer of the Heart Smart Dinner, and for her work on the IHS Employee Appreciation Committee

The clinic held a retirement party for Kat last week, as her last day was on Friday.

Kat began her career in health care administration in Seattle, where she worked for eight years as a medical receptionist. She then moved to Portland, where she worked in administration with the Affiliated Tribe of Northwest Indians.

Then 20 years ago she moved to Warm Springs. Her first job here was at

the clinic, and in time she became the administrative assistant for the Diabetes program.

Kat was the secretary of the Employee Appreciation Committee. "We had a lot of fun with that," Kat says.

She also organized the Heart Smart Dinner for 15 years. As an employee, her last Heart Smart Dinner was in February. She plans to attend the dinner next year, but this time as a guest. "The dinner is really a lot of work," she says.

Kat will miss her co-workers, and the clinic patients. "I really love the patients," she says. "They always made my day." Asked how she made a successful career at the clinic, Kat says:

"Be punctual, practice customer service by treating everyone the way you want to



Kat with retirement gift, Seattle Seahawks beadwork.

be treated, respect your co-workers space, and leave your personal problems at the door before you walk in."

Kat is going to stay in the

region to be close to family. In retirement she plans to spend more time with her five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



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The clinic co-workers held a retirement party with cake last Friday.

Honor Seniors Day in May

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Honor Seniors Day is coming up in May.

The popular event will see hundreds of guests from around the region visiting the reservation.

This year Honor Seniors Day, hosted by the Warm

Springs Senior Program, will be on Friday, May 13. The main events happen at the Agency Longhouse.

If you want to volunteer to help out in some way, contact the Senior Program at 553-3313.

The **Spring Yard Sale** is happening Saturday, May 14 on the front lawn of the Community Center from 9-4. The event is sponsored by the Recreation Department. For information call 541-553-3243.

Play the Game: Intercultural Awareness

Central Oregon Community College ~ Madras Campus ~
Monday, May 2, 12-1:30, Room 116,
Lunch will be served.

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