

## Letters to the editor

### Veterans Summit 2016

The 2016 Veterans Summit is coming to Warm Springs on Friday, November 4 at the community center. The summit will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Staff will be available to assist veterans and family members with paperwork, questions and information.

Please bring your DD214, service medical records, and personal medical records.

For information contact Mitchell DeVaney at the clinic, 541-553-1196 ext. 2120. Or email:

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Or call Terry Bentley at 541-440-1271. Email:

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At the summer meals will be provided by the Commissioned Corps Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service - Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center.

Resource teams on hand at the summit will include:

The Veterans Administration (VA) Portland Medical Center. The VA Portland regional office. The Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Native Procurement Technical Assistance Center. The Oregon Veteran Home of Lebanon/The Dalles. VETS employment and training services.

Elizabeth Estabrooks, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs - Oregon Women Veterans coordinator. The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).

The Bend Vet Center. The Department of Labor. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Social Security Administration. Central Management Services. The Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

Veterans should plan to bring documents such your DD-214, service medical records and personal medical records.

If you have questions contact **Mitchell DeVaney** at Warm Springs IHS, 541-553-1196.

### Vets powwow

The Warm Springs Honoring Veterans Powwow is set for November 12-13 at the Agency Longhouse. Time for re-joiners will be on Friday, November 11.

Master of ceremonies will be Mackie Begay, and

the arena directors will be Carlos Calica and Captain Moody.

There will be a Horsetail Special sponsored by the Morning Owl family. Contest categories and prizes for Golden Age and Adult, Teens, Juniors and Tiny Tots.

This year a special guest will be Linda Woods. Ms. Woods is a tribal member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Chippewa Indians. She is a Native recovery specialist.

For powwow information call Preston Meanus, 503-997-9577. Email:

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**The Warm Springs VFW Auxiliary Elliot Palmer Post 4217** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the social hall of the Community Wellness Center, 2200 Hollywood Blvd.

### Births

*Ordain Angeles Wolfe*

Salbador Robinson Angeles and Kaylyn Wolfe of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Ordain Angeles Wolfe, born on October 16, 2016.

Ordain joins brother Cyrhon, 9; and sisters Irie, 2, Makeena, 3, and Sasha, 1.

*Zavion Freddy Wallulatum*

Frederick J. Wallulatum Sr. and Nancy Wallulatum of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their son Zavion Freddy Wallulatum, born on October 18, 2016.

Zavion joins brother Frederick Jr., and sister Sylvia.

Grandparents on the father's side are Olivia and Fred Wallulatum of Warm Springs.

Grandparent on the mother's side is Rachel Charley of Portland.

*Cory Lawrence Colvard*

James Blatz and Harley Colvard of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Cory Lawrence Colvard, born on October 13, 2016.

Cory joins brother Bobbi, 1.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Cherrie of Magalia, California; and Torry of Chico, California.

### DAPL talk at COCC

Join Yvette Leecy and Jose Alvarez this Thursday, October 27 from 4-6 p.m. at the Central Oregon Community College Bend Campus.

They will speak on their journey to the Sacred Stone Camp and the No Dakota Access Pipe Line event. Pizza will be served. Questions? Call Gina Ricketts at 541-318-3782.

### Wishing...

*Happy birthday mom, Myrna Frank, on October 28.*

*From Travis, Bobbi, Amy, Jessie, Michael, Kendell and all your grandkids.*

*We all love you, through this rough year and almost losing you.*

*Happy birthday from all your kids—We love you!*

### Next Gen scholars grant

Next Gen is a doctoral training grant for the next generation of Native American special educators.

Next Gen will provide doctoral training in special education to scholars who will be prepared to respond to the needs of American Indians and Alaska Native students with disabilities.

An emphasis will be placed on recruiting, retaining and graduating Native scholars for an integrated training experience that will lead to a PhD in special education.

Project Next Gen will produce university faculty



Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a safe and Happy Halloween!

### Korean War Veterans Honor ceremony, banquet

The Eugene Greene Sr. American Legion and Auxiliary No. 48 will host the Korean War Veterans Honor Ceremony and Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

There will be a special presentation by the Office of the Consulate of the Republic of Korea from Seattle.

For more information call 541-460-8212.

### Archaeology

Smith Rock State Park is hosting its Fourteenth Annual Oregon Archaeology Celebration lecture series.

This Friday, October 28, Paul Patton will present A New Look at the Peopling of the Americas.

It is from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Smith Rock State Park Welcome Center in Terrebonne.

It is free and open to the public. Day-use parking fees apply.

### At Celilo

The Mid-Columbia River Powwow is this Friday through Sunday, October 28-30 in Celilo.

Grand entries are at 7 p.m. on Friday, and 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at 2pm Sunday.

## My experience at the Venture conference

*by Marie Kalama  
Intern, Warm Springs Ventures*

I walk into the Capitol lounge at downtown Bend, and I am surrounded by entrepreneurs from all over the country and of all ages. I can't even hear my own thoughts at this moment, because of all the chit-chat taking place.

It was like kids all excited to see their friends on the first day of school: That is how it was in the room full of business men and women.

Everyone seemed excited to be able to connect with other business people. This was my experience Wednesday afternoon in October, nervous and humbled to be in the presence of such brilliant minds.

The Thirteenth Annual Bend Venture Conference, Oct. 12-14, was hosted by Economical Development of Central Oregon (EDCO). It was a great learning experience.

The conference made me realize how much potential and opportunity the business

field has to offer, and the many different applications out there.

The business pitch competition at the Tower Theatre was a little like the television program *Shark Tank*.

There were three different business categories for the competition: Early Stage, Growth Stage, and the newly added component 'Social Impact,' which was a huge success.

Each category consisted of a three-person panel, as well as over 600 conference attendees in the audience.

The total amount of investment funds for the Bend Venture Conference (BVC) was \$3 million—the largest amount of venture capital for the state of Oregon.

#### Social Impact

The first competition was for the Social Impact businesses. Each company each gave a 25-minute pitch with an additional 10 minutes for questions and answers from the panel and the audience.

My supervisor, Ventures business and marketing director Aurolyn Stwyer, asked the company Tri-Eco



Marie Kalama

about their criteria for selecting a manufacturing plant for their product.

She advised that Warm Springs is a 'hub zone' with tax advantages for business.

One company that radiated with the audience for Social Impact was Sudara, an enterprise from India, which sells clothing in Bend.

The apparel company provides job training for who are survivors of sex trafficking at their country. Sudara was awarded \$250,000 for Honorable Mention.

#### Early Stage, Growth

The second competition was the Early Stage compe-

dition, for which the title speaks for itself. The six finalists each gave a 15-minute pitch. This competition enlightened me as to how creative people can be, and how much determination it takes to actually start a business.

The last but not least was the Growth Stage competition. The five finalist were successful companies that are in need of financial support to move on to the next step.

The big winner of the Growth Stage was Hubb. This company received checks in the amount of a little less than \$2.5 million from four different Angel investors.

Each competition was followed by a keynote speaker, who gave some encouraging words and shared their experience.

This was an extraordinary life-changing and learning adventure for me, a person with no background in business. I would like to give a huge shout-out to the Warm Springs Community Action Team and SCORE, who provided the ticket for me to attend the Bend Venture Conference.

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