

## Letters to the editor

### At tribal HR

It is with great pleasure I share with you new staff in the Human Resources Department.

Please welcome Casandra Moses, tribal member who previously worked in Compensation and Benefits and Voc Rehab.

Casandra is pursuing her AA/Bachelors in Human Resources/Business, and is serving HR as our new Compensation and Benefits administrator.

Michael Jackson, who is earning his MBA, is also a tribal member. He is an HR Specialist who is working with the department director on a comprehensive salary survey and new grading system, as well as HR grant research.

Alexa Tellez has moved up from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) trainee to full-time permanent Compensation and Benefits coordinator.

Alexa is also a tribal member. We are very proud of our new diverse team of 80 percent tribal members.

**Elizabeth Sato**

and reserved the rest of our national sovereignty to ourselves.”

The purpose of the Elder Council is to reinstitute the traditional role and responsibility of elders in our modern society.

The CTWS Elder Council goals are:

A traditional rose, voice and value to our leadership and CTWS members.

To consult, advise and share our knowledge.

Host a formal honor ceremony including a banquet with excellence awards for elder contributions and achievements in behalf of our people, for example, Living Treasures of the CTWS Nation Awards.

Call to action when necessary.

These are starting goals and they will be updated as the organization moves forward. We give our devotion, time and energy to the outcomes stated in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Elder Council.

**Mike Clements**

### Health Challenge

A health challenge is coming up during the month May: Attend two events during the month-long challenge and you receive a t-shirt. As part of the challenge, attend two of these events:

The Warm Springs Academy Assembly on May 2 (various times depending on grade); or the Academy Family Night at 5 p.m. on May 2. At the Family Night there will be a speaker at 6 p.m.

Family Fitness Night Mini-Resource Fair on Thursday, May 4. This will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Center (the gym at the previous elementary school).

The Walk on Monday, May 8 at noon at the IHS Veterans Walking Path.

Child friendly gardening class on May 16 from noon to 1 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office, 1110 Wasco St.

Cooking class on Thursday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hosted by the Community Health Nutrition Department in the pod A kitchen at the clinic.

The Glow Run on Thursday, May 25. Sign-up at 7:30 p.m., and start run/walk at 8:30 p.m. This is at the Diabetes Prevention program on campus by the Family Resource Center.

Participate in the Spring into Fitness Tribe to Tribe physical activity challenge.

Sign up starts now. Coordinated by Community Wellness, **Jennifer Russell, 541-553-3589.**

The May Health Challenge is organized by the Child Health Task Force.

### Birth

*Aereliey Lucinda McGill Robinson*

Rex Bryant Robinson-Angeles and Tallulah Fawn McGill of Warm Springs are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Aereliey Lucinda McGill Robinson, born on April 12, 2017.

Aereliey joins brothers Joshua, 15, and Adam, 10; and sisters Alyssa, 17, Natalya, 10, Morlika, 9, Robin, 8, and Yaceli, 16 months.

Grandparent on the father's side is Amanda Robinson of Warm Springs.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Debra McGill of Warm Springs; and Melvin McGill II, of California.

### Please contact Vital Stats

Warm Springs Vital Statistics would like the following individuals to contact Vital Stats:

Bechtol, Debbie  
Chastang, Edward  
Chavarria, Christopher  
Chavarria, Lupita  
Chavez, Mark  
Chavez, Antonio  
Ching, Elmina  
Crowe, Marcus  
Cruz, Jered  
Delarosa, Donna  
Greene, Dominique  
Greene, Gabriel  
Gilbert, Henry  
Leach, Sabrina  
Leonard, Richard  
Lopez, Jonathan  
Miller, Albert  
Minnick, Scheldon  
Mitchell, Rayfield  
Nejal, Sweet Water  
Niday, Destiny  
Niday, Todd  
Redfox, Breanna  
Redfox, Jenny  
Sahme, William  
Sanchez, Marisela  
Smith, Eric  
Smith, Rhyan  
Thomas, Jones  
Tufti, Ferman Sr.  
Waheneka, Dawn  
Williams, Francelia  
Williamson, Wendy

You can reach Vital Statistics at 541-553-3252. Or

### ONABEN work with W.S. artists



Courtesy ONABEN

Workshop in Warm Springs with the Artisan Co-Op: Jaime Scott and Anita Davis focus on inventory.

ONABEN (Our Native American Business Network) is working with Warm Springs artists during monthly classes for six months.

At this time ONABEN is helping to develop a logo and website to showcase Warm Springs artists and products.

Leah Guliasi and Shayleen Macy, of the

Warm Springs Community Action Team, have been active with creating a strategic plan and listing upcoming events for artists.

These include the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians conference that will include Trading at the River; and also the artist village during the eclipse at the Museum at Warm Springs.

As part of the

ONABEN project, Warm Springs artists gathered for a lunch training session at the Credit.

More than a dozen artists were on hand to participate in an interactive workshop on inventory.

They will meet next this Thursday, April 27 at the Museum at Warm Springs.

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Vital Statistics, PO Box C, Warm Springs OR 97761.

### For Pageant

Congratulations and thank you to Carol Sahme and Norene Sampson for a job

well done regarding the Lil Miss Warm Springs Pageant, April 12.

You really worked hard to see that all contestants understood what you were asking of them.

And all the contestants understood, answered and performed—their culture and traditions—and they did it very beautifully.

You both are to be commended for all your hard

work and dedication, following through with all your expectations and carrying the contestants through this performance.

Thank you for the special recognition you presented to us. We were overwhelmed and delighted. Keep up the great work. Love and God bless,

**Carol Allison and Arlene Boileau**

### American Indian Business Leaders



Courtesy photo

Brevin Holliday (parents are Tony and Talya Holliday) and classmates at Salish Kootani College prepare for business plan competition at the 2017 American Indian Business Leaders Conference, held in Chandler, Arizona earlier this month.

### Seeking items for Relay for Life silent auction

‘You’ve Got Cancer’ are the scariest words you can hear from your doctor.

This year, hundreds of people will hear those exact words, and there is a good chance it could be someone you know, someone you are close to.

We have all been touched by cancer in some way... and we all have the power to make a difference.

The Relay for Life is a 24-hour walking and running team event, held in July

at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The goal of the event is to raise money to fight the battle against cancer.

While participants are not walking or running, they are camping, enjoying music, entertainment and food.

Another important aspect of the Relay for Life is to focus on those that have battled cancer, honor those that have lost the battle, and celebrate with those that have survived.

We need your support as

we motivate several hundreds of participants during the event.

At the Relay for Life, July 15-16, we will hold a silent auction, which has been another fantastic way to raise money during the event.

All the proceeds of the silent auction go to the American Cancer Society to help with cancer research, education and advocacy.

We also see local benefits through the gas card program, and other programs

offered at the Redmond Cancer Center.

We are now gathering Silent Auction items, and would appreciate your donation of items to be auctioned the day of the event.

During the Relay for Life, we will make sure to recognize your company for any donations you make.

Thank you again for your help and support. Please contact Teri Drew 541-419-8097 or email:

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