

## Letters to the editor

### A fond farewell

Dear community of Warm Springs:

As many of you know, I am retiring from the Indian Health Service after a 20 year career.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for welcoming me here in Warm Springs. It has been a privilege to serve for over 14 years this tour of duty and 2.5 years on my first tour of duty here.

Many of you have become good friends and you all have a special place in my heart.

For those who trusted me with your care in our Pharmacy-run clinics—hypertension, tobacco cessation, anticoagulation (warfarin), and alcohol abstinence—I will miss our visits, and I thank you for the confidence you placed in the care of the Pharmacy Department. It means a lot and has provided such a great opportunity to get to know you on a more personal basis.

For those who come to the Pharmacy on a regular basis, thank you for sharing your humor and kindnesses with me. Many a day, those interactions lifted my spirits and brought a smile to my face. Thank you for including me in your life. I will miss you all!

For those who have come to share your crafts and culture, thank you for sharing that as well. It is what makes a career in Indian Health Service so interesting.

I will miss all my co-workers as well. I have found the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center to be a place where the staff strive for excellence and putting patient care first.

I have seen passion for improving health in this community, and it has been a privilege for me to work among the dedicated and caring professionals that exist throughout the clinic.

Once again, thank you, for everything!

Sincerely,  
**Linda Schrand Crosby,**  
Pharmacy Department.

### Boomer Classic

The Museum at Warm Springs will host the annual Boomer Classic golf tournament at Kah-Nee-Ta in July. The event is in memory of Jim "Boomer" Noteboom, former attorney for the tribes.

The tournament will be July 8, starting at 9 a.m. Registration is \$300 per team, or \$75 per person. Proceeds ben-

efit the Educational programs at the Museum at Warm Springs.

For more information please the museum at 541-553-3331. You may also email: maws@museumatwarmsprings.org

### Great help

I would like to thank the ladies in Vital Stats department and the Credit enterprise for all they do day in and day out, and still find time to delve into the questions asked of the them and get results in no time at all. I hope everybody appreciates how they handle their moral duties and obligations in a timely manner without complaint. Great work ethics.

**Curtis Brown**

### At museum

Coming up at the Museum at Warm Springs is the *Celestial Visions* exhibit, starting June 22 during the week before Pi-Ume-Sha.

Nature, Mother Earth and our natural elements have always been a significant part of Native American life since time immemorial. The museum will join in celebrating the August total eclipse with beaded bags and a variety of objects from the collections that portray the importance of this historic event.

There will be educational programs to enhance this exhibit, which runs through September 9. For information call the museum at 541-553-3331 ext. 412.

### Kids garden

Warm Springs Recreation is hosting the Children's Eating Garden at the Community Wellness Center Garden. Beginning this month the program is open Monday and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The benefits to young people:

Learn what to plant, and when to plant. The learning is fun with hands-on experience. Youth who help with the garden planting, watering and weeding are first to harvest veggies and pumpkins.

All youth and families are invited to participate. For more information call Recreation, 541-553-3243.

### Health Fair

The Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair—with the theme this year, "Water is Life"—is

coming up in June at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center.

For vendor information call Katie Russell or Edmund Francis, 541-553-2460. The health fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, a few days before Pi-Ume-Sha.

The fair is a chance to increase health through screenings, activities, materials, demonstrations and information. This is also a chance to learn more about the local, state and tribal health services and resources.

### Wisdom opening

Wisdom of the Elders seeks to hire a new executive director. The current executive director Rose High Bear has announced the transition to a new executive director. Applicants can submit a resume and cover letter to Jocelyn Furbush at: [Jocelyn@wisdomoftheelders.org](mailto:Jocelyn@wisdomoftheelders.org)

Or contact her if you have questions, 503-775-4014.

Wisdom of the Elders records, preserves and shares oral history, cultural arts, language concepts, and traditional ecological knowledge of exemplary Native elders and scientists in collaboration with education institutions, environmental organizations, and government agencies. The main office is located in Portland.

### Powwow run

The Warm Springs Recreation Department will host the Pi-Ume-Sha Fun Run on Saturday, June 24. The runs include a 10k, 5k and one-mile fun run.

The starting point for all three are at the Housing building by administration.

These are out and back races. The course starts flat, then moves to small up-hills, flat again, and then into rolling hills, all blacktop.

Water stations are at the 1.5 mile marker and at the 3.1 mile turn around.

Pre-registration before June 21, \$15; and afterward, \$20.

Every registered runner will receive a ticket stub for door prizes and a t-shirt.

Day of race registration is at 7 a.m. All runs begin at 8 a.m. sharp. For information contact the Recreation Department at 541-553-3243.

### On Father's Day

The Wellness of Warm Springs lunch will celebrate Father's Day on June 8 at the Family Resource Center at noon.

This month's topic is Men's Wellness. Lunch is provided to all participants.

### COCC grads

More than 850 Central Oregon Community College students will receive certificates and degrees at the college's commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 17.

The ceremony will be at the Bend campus Mazama

## Pi-Ume-Sha 2017 Royalty candidates

*Hello! My name is Charisse Heath. I am enrolled Warm Springs.*

*I am going to school at Yakima Valley College for Business.*

*My parents are the late Christopher Heath Sr. and the late Irma Wahnetab.*

*I live in Toppenish, Washington with my aunt and uncle Anthony and Colleen (Seelatsee) Johnson.*

*I'm running for 2017/2018 Pi-ume-sha Queen.*

*I enjoy traveling to powwows and beading, and going huckleberry and root digging. I enjoy doing cultural activities.*



*Priscilla Thomas "Ishkwii" is 8 years old. She is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.*

*Priscilla attends Kirkwood Elementary in Toppenish, Washington. She is a second grader with outstanding grades.*

*She participates in basketball baseball and dancing with the Iks Iks Washanala Youth Group, performing social dances such as swan dance and butterfly. She dances Jingle, Fancy and Traditional.*

*She has represented the Yakama Nation Treaty Days celebration as Little Miss Treaty Days, as well as Rock Creek Powwow as Little Miss Rock Creek.*

*Priscilla is the daughter of Elsie Sconawab Blackwolf and Tj Thomas. Her grandparents are Harold and Priscilla Blackwolf, Arthur B. Mitchell Sr., Andrew Stacona Sr., Willy Stacona and Monique Sconawab.*

*Priscilla is a year round food gatherer. She loves to dig roots and dry them, pick huckleberries and can*



*them, clean and prepare fish for drying and canning.*

*She loves to speak ichishkin and learn about anything and everything she can. She is vary obedient and outgoing.*

*She would love to represent her people as Miss Pi-Ume-Sha Queen.*

*If you would love to support her and purchase tickets from her please contact mother Elsie Blackwolf on Facebook.*

*She lives in Toppenish but will have someone in Warm Springs with tickets.*

*Please support her if you can.*

Field. There is a reception to follow. Tickets are not required for guests.

Rod Ray, former president and CEO of Bend Research, Inc., will provide the commencement address.

Mr. Ray holds a Doctorate in Chemical Engineering, and 23 U.S. patents.

He was raised in Bend and attended COCC part-time in the mid-1970s. He went on to helm Bend Research, a

technology development and pharmaceutical company that launched in 1975 and is credited with paving the way for Central Oregon's tech industry.

For information on COCC's commencement, contact Ron Paradis, executive director of College Relations, at 541-383-7599. In advance of college events, persons needing accommodation or transportation be-

cause of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola: 541-383-7775.

To be sufficiently prepared for a wildfire you must have a plan. You can reduce risks around your home. For more information on wildfire preparedness, contact the Fire Prevention Team at Warm Springs Fire Management, 541-553-1146.

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