

# First Tribal Health Scholars learning at clinic

The Tribal Health Scholars at the clinic—Lynden Harry, Kaliyah Iverson and Enrique Ramirez—are seeing first-hand the work of health professionals.

Over the next several weeks they will spend Monday mornings at the Warm Springs clinic, learning about a variety of health careers. During the final weeks of nine-week program, the students will choose an area where they want to focus.

Lynden, Kaliyah and Enrique are seniors at Madras High School. Each of them already has an interest in a specific health-care field: Lynden wants to work in the Physical Therapy field, Kaliyah in Dentistry, and Enrique in the Nursing field.

Enrique plans on going to Portland State University in the fall. Lynden and Kaliyah have not yet committed to a college, though schools are interested in offering them scholarships. Kaliyah just last week received a Dean's Scholarship offer; and various schools have shown interest in offering Lynden a basketball scholarship.

This is the inaugural year of the Tribal Health Scholars program, sponsored by the Northwest Native American Center of Excellence, Madras High School, On Track, and the Indian Health Service.

The Center of Excellence, at the Oregon Health Sciences University, works to address health care needs by increasing the Native American voice in the health professions.

Dove Spector, program coordinator, is a mentor for the Tribal Health Scholars, providing them with resources and knowledge about college, and how best to pursue higher education to achieve their dreams.

Dr. Erik Brodt, director of the Northwest Native American Center of Excellence, summarized the program goal:

"American Indian people face significant health disparities, further jeopardized by a shortage of health care professionals who come from these communities. We aim to change that."

— Dave McMechan



Tribal Health Scholars Kaliyah Iverson, Lynden Harry and Enrique Ramirez.

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## COCC Native program promoting students

Michelle Cary joined Central Oregon Community College last fall. She is the Native American Program coordinator at COCC.

Michelle, a Seneca-Cayuga member, worked for more than 20 years as a second-grade teacher, mostly at the elementary school in Prineville.

She went to college at the University of Oregon. Interestingly, at the U of O she had a partial football scholarship: She was the stats girl for Ducks football.

At COCC with the Native American program, she works to help ensure a successful college experience for Native American students. This work begins with high school students who are thinking about going to COCC, and lasts through the entire college experience.

With the First Nations Club, the program hosts many events through the year. These include the annual events like the Salmon Bake in June, plus special cultural enrichment speakers and activities. Most recently were the screenings of *Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Board School*, and the upcoming *Boys with Braids* event (see page 6). Speakers at *Boys with Braids* will include Wilson Wewa and Allison Schmiedel.

The COCC Native American program works on the Good Road, and STRIVE. The Good Road is a college preparation program at Madras High School, and the al-



Michele Cary at her COCC Madras office.

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ternative schools in Warm Springs and Madras.

STRIVE is the Summer Training to Revive Indigenous Vision and Empowerment program. STRIVE allows students to spend several days at COCC during the summer, getting ready for the start of the school year.

The goal of STRIVE is to provide cultural and academic support and give young Native American students leadership skills. A grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust

helps to fund these programs.

Michelle is at the COCC campus three days per week, and spends Mondays at the COCC Madras campus. If you would like to speak with her about COCC, you can reach her at 541-318-3782. Or email:

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## Important notice to tribal hunters

The 2017-2018 hunting season has come to an end for off-reservation and on-reservation subsistence hunting. The Wildlife Department is now gathering hunter harvest data and all tribal members who have issued tags for the 2017 tribal member subsistence hunts need to report as soon as possible.

Tribal Council resolutions 12,378 and 12,365 states:

Required reporting species hunting tag reporting requirements: Special species hunters, whether successful, unsuccessful or did not hunt, must complete and return harvest/hunting reports (the bottom portion of the tag) to the BNR Wildlife Department within 15 days after season closure.

General hunting tag reporting requirements: The bottom portions of all tags issued for the season must be filled out and returned to the BNR Wildlife Department by Feb. 15, 2018, unless specified otherwise, regardless of whether the hunter was successful, unsuccessful, or did not hunt. Information from these harvest/hunting reports assists in game population monitoring and management.

Tribal Council Resolution 12,378 states: Failure to report

results in loss of hunting/fishing privileges for the 2018 fishing and hunting seasons.

Harvest and hunting information is important for the department in determining wildlife population sizes, herd compositions and hunting pressure. In addition, this information helps determine where there are and are not animals, which helps focus habitat restoration efforts on the reservation. For off-reservation harvest, these results help the department and tribal staff in developing future off-reservation area hunts and management goals within the state game management units. Your continued support and participation in hunter reporting are greatly appreciated.

For additional information or questions, contact: Wildlife Department biologists: 541-553-2037/2046. Wildlife Parks and Enforcement Manager: 541-553-2043.

Conservation Enforcement Ranger Manager: (541) 553-2033

Mail: CTWS Branch Natural Resources, Wildlife Department, P.O. BOX C, Warm Spring, OR 97761

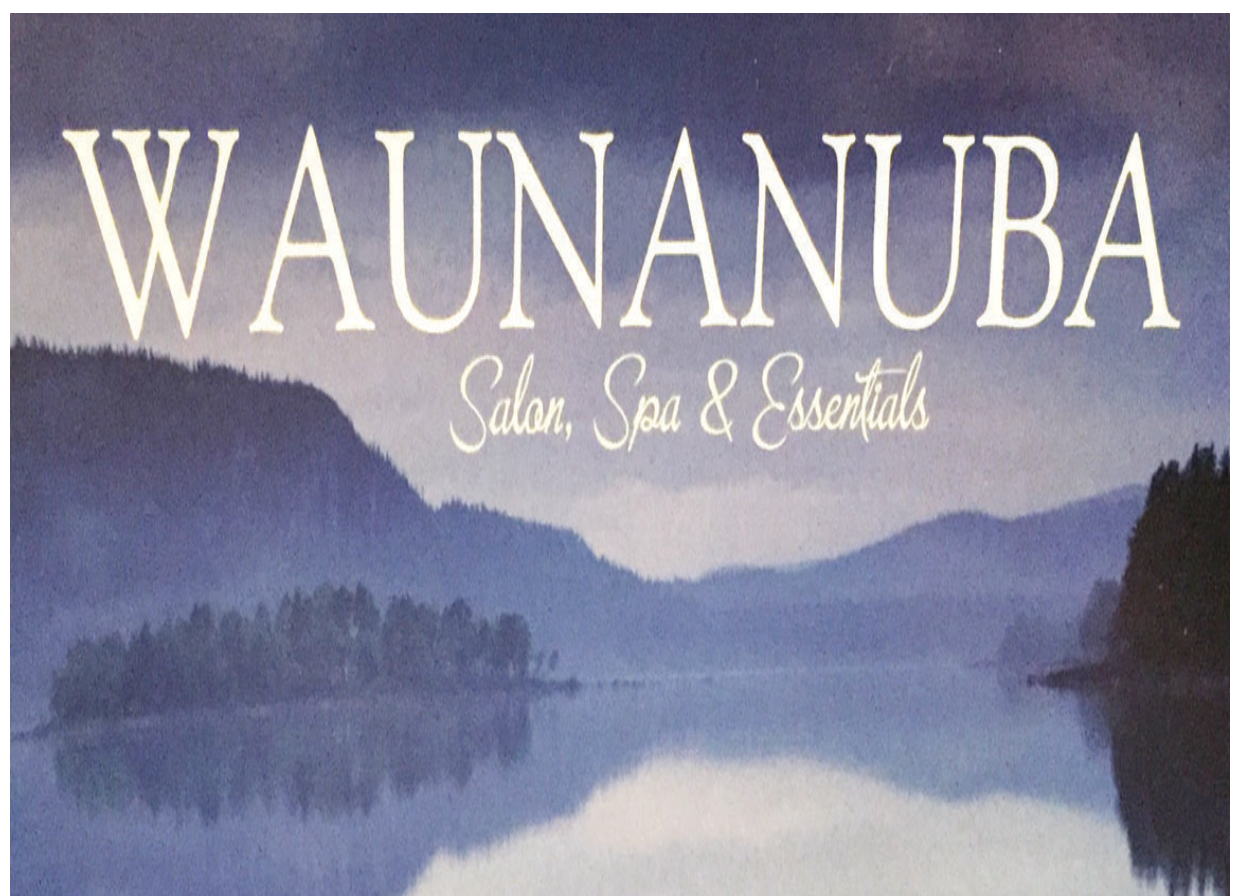
## Community notes...

There's will be an **Indian Taco fundraiser** next Tuesday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Culture and Heritage office in the Education building. Proceeds will go towards the salmon bake during the Northwest Archivist Conference, coming up in Warm Springs this April.

The Second Annual Warm Springs **Healing our Spirits and Lands Round Dance** is coming

up at the end of March at the Community Center. There will be sweats, pipe ceremonies and a feast.

Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Language Program is looking for volunteers to help chaperone, coach, judge and assist at the **2018 Language Bowl** in May at the Wildhorse Resort. To learn more call Culture and Heritage at 541-553-3290.



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