

## Letters to the editor

### Opportunity

The Warm Springs Community Action Team seeks to hire an Americorps Vista community development specialist.

This is a one-year position from August of this year through August 2019. Benefits include a living stipend (a choice of education award or cash stipend); childcare assistance; first-hand community service, and a healthcare allowance.

If you are interested, call 541-553-3148. Or email: [gabby@wscat.org](mailto:gabby@wscat.org)  
**Gabby Robinson**, W.S. Community Action Team

### Tribal Scholarships

The deadline to submit your application for Tribal Scholarship is fast approaching:

The deadline date to submit your Tribal Scholarship is July 1. For information contact **Carroll Dick**, Higher Education, 541-553-3311.

### On the Fourth

Warm Springs Recreation is gearing up for Fourth of July festivities. There is theme this year of *Honoring Our Veterans and Warriors—Those Who Served in the U.S. Navy*.

The Fourth, on a Wednesday this year, will see the Parade, line up at 9 a.m. at the former Warm Springs elementary school. Judging the floats will be 10, and the parade starts at 11 o'clock sharp.

Recreation will host a barbecue shortly after the parade, with a horseshoe tournament at noon. All activities are the Community Center:

A watermelon eating contest, family fun games, and fireworks at dusk. For more information contact Recreation at 541-553-3243.

### Tribal Council

The following are some of the items on the Tribal Council agenda for the rest of June (subject to change at Council discretion):

#### Monday, June 25

9 a.m.: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operations Officer updates with Michele Stacona and Alyssa Macy.

10: July agenda/Review minutes with the S-T.

11: Draft resolutions. 1:30 p.m.: Legislative update calls.

2:30: Enrollments with Lucille Suppach-Samson, Vital Stats.

3:30: May 2018 financial update with Alfred Estimo and Dennis Johnson.

#### Tuesday, June 26

9 a.m.: Casino/Travel Plaza updates with Jeffrey Carstensen.

10: Hold for casino. 11: Travel Plaza/Land into trust with Howie Arnett and Mr. Carstensen

Items for consideration: The 2019 budget. Ted Ferrioli tour of the fish tower/Mill Creek Fish Accord project. Karmen Fore/State of Oregon, cultural resources-railroad safety. Laura John/City of Portland liaison.

### Big reunion for descendants

All direct descendants of Billy Chinook and Annie Holliquilla and their families are invited to attend an extended family gathering in August.

The gathering will be at the Community Center social hall, 10 to 5 p.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, August 18-19. There will be a potluck each day but no other planned activities: Just socializing and getting acquainted with all your new found relatives.

Consider bringing a register to record your relatives' names and addresses, and don't forget to bring all your old family photos and stories. (See the article on page 7.)

**Richard Macy**

### Pi-Ume-Sha royalty candidate

Sharmiah Brisbois is a candidate for 2018 Pi-Ume-Sha Royalty Court.

She is selling raffle tickets and appreciates all support and encouraging words.

Her parents are Jaycelene Frank and Vance Brisbois. You can contact them for tickets.

### Naimuma

Warm Springs Culture and Heritage is planning for this summer's Camp Naimuma, coming up in July at the HeHe camp grounds.

The camp—July 20-24—is open to the first 50 boys and 50 girls to sign up. The deadline to register is July 18. You can contact Culture and

Heritage at 541-553-3290. Or email: [deanie.smith@wstribes.org](mailto:deanie.smith@wstribes.org)

### Mac Dash

The Eleventh Annual Mac Dash Sprint Triathlon will be on Saturday, August 11. Volunteers are needed to help with the event, which consists of swimming, bicycling and running.

All volunteers receive a free t-shirt and lunch. The event needs help in the pool area, bike and run routes, and at the finish line.

If you would like to help, send an email to **Jim Gemelas**. Let him know which area you want to volunteer. If you have no preference, he will assign you. His email address is [jgemelas@gmail.com](mailto:jgemelas@gmail.com)

### 2 Specials

This Friday, June 22 at Pi-Ume-Sha our families will be holding two specials for Owen and Arlena Danzuka's kids, who will be joining the powwow circle.

We'll be holding a 11 years and under boys special to honor Damon Ray Danzuka, "Keiken" (all categories). We'll have an embroidered Pendleton coat and cash for first place, with two consolation prizes, a Columbia coat and cash.

We'll also be holding a 6 years and under girls special to honor Anilese Roselyn Danzuka. Winner takes the Pendleton coat and cash.

Contestants in regalia please. We'll also have other prizes as they're donated. We're looking forward to having your kids join us to help celebrate this happy occasion.

**Sandra Danzuka**

### Food service

The summer food service meal program provides nutritious summer meals to all children 18 and under at no cost. In Warm Springs, breakfast is from 8:45-9:15 and lunch 12-12:30 at the Youth Center.

Breakfast is served at the Bridges Program at Westside School in Madras at 7:45-8:45; and lunch at noon.

### Medicare cards

The new Medicare cards are being mailed out. Oregon is the first state in the nation to start receiving the modified cards.

The old Medicare cards had the card holder's name, date of birth and the Social Security numbers. This allowed for cases of fraud.

The new Medicare cards have the client's name, an assigned Medicare number, and the date the client became entitled for services.

This was a long time coming, and will run through April 2019, for the current changes of the Medicare cards. If you have any questions, please call Rosemary 'Mushy' Alarcon at the Family Resource Center, 541-553-4955. Or contact Warm Springs Managed Care at 541-553-4948.

### For your many years of dedication

Jeri has been at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center for over 15 years, and has been in the Diabetes Program for most of that time.

She has been our dedicated Nurse Certified Diabetes Educator, and the program will miss her commitment to our patients.

Jeri has repeatedly gone above and beyond to assist people with their healthcare needs, often thinking ahead to provide for the need before it ever arises.

She has also taken on many of the duties within the facility, such as becoming the employee health coordinator for the clinic and TB committee chairperson.

Jeri has also worked with other departments to provide education in



how to prevent and manage diabetes.

She has taught water aerobics classes at Ka-Nee-Ta pool, coordinated talks at the Senior Center, participated in many community health fairs and taught Diabetes Prevention classes.

Personally, I have worked with Jeri for years as a co-worker and for the past two years as her supervisor, and I will miss all her support in the diabetes program with her organization skills, as well as her reliability and

dedication.

Her support and hard work have been invaluable in assisting in any way needed for both employees and patients.

Jeri has remained positive and focused on patient needs throughout difficult times of short staffing, program changes and challenges. She consistently goes above and beyond to work toward program and IHS goals.

Jeri has done a great job at managing the education programs, providing nursing care to patients and program support. It will not be the same when she retires.

Thank you, Jeri, for all that you have done! You will be missed and your service has been much appreciated.

**Montell Elliott**, Diabetes coordinator.

### School BBQ

The Back to School Barbecue has been set for August 30 at the Warm Springs Academy. Health and Human Services has budgeted for food costs.

The menu will be hamburgers and hot dog, fruit and raw veggies. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Sue Matters**

### Market kick off

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market kicks off this Friday, June 22.

There will be a free barbecue, local produce and plants, value-added foods, handmade arts and crafts.

The market will set up in front of the Re-Use It store from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Grilling starts around 10:30 a.m. Burgers will be served on a first-come first-serve basis, while supplies last.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team has hosted the Outdoor Market

since 2013. This year the team has the help of Tananawit, the newly forming Warm Springs artisans organization.

Tananawit is working towards facilitating economic opportunity for Warm Springs Indian Reservation artists, providing educational opportunities for aspiring Native artists, and increasing public knowledge and understanding of the tribal arts and crafts of the Columbia River Plateau.

The Warm Springs Outdoor Market will happen every other week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The market on Friday will be in front of Re-Use It, and on Saturdays, beginning this Saturday, June 23, the market will be at the corner of Highway 26, by Kalama's frybread.

If you or someone you know is looking for a consistent location, or means to sell value added foods, locally grown produce/agriculture, or handmade arts and crafts, contact the **Community**

**Action Team** at 541-553-3148 for more information or to sign up today.

### Strive in June

Central Oregon Community College will host Strive at their Bend Campus June 28-July 2. Strive is a residential summer program for Native American high school students in Central Oregon.

For more information contact Kathy Freeman at 541-330-4369. Or Michelle Cary, at 541-318-3782. Emails: [kfreeman@cocc.edu](mailto:kfreeman@cocc.edu) [mcary@cocc.edu](mailto:mcary@cocc.edu)

### The Crown

The Miss Warm Springs committee is seeking proposals for the 2019-2020 Miss Warm Springs Crown.

The deadline to submit a proposal for this project is Friday, July 13. Contact Alyssa Macy.

### To Graduates



At the Madras High School 2018 graduation ceremony.

The Warm Springs Graduation Banquet is this Thursday evening, June 21, at the Warm Springs Academy.

The banquet is for high school and higher

education graduates, starting at 6 p.m.

The evening is hosted by the Native Aspiration Coalition, TRACes (Trauma, Resilience and Adverse Childhood Experiences) of

Central Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Education Committee, and the Johnson O'Malley Committee.

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