

Letters to the editor

A thank you

Dear Family and Friends,
On behalf of our entire family, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who supported us during the funeral services for our beloved Lucy Gadberry.
Your kindness, presence, and willingness to help during such a difficult time brought us comfort and strength. Whether you helped with the ceremony, provided meals, offered a shoulder to lean on, or simply stood by us in quiet support—Please know that every gesture was deeply appreciated.
We are especially grateful to those who helped organize and lead the services with such care and respect, ensuring that Lucy’s wishes were honored with the dignity she deserved. Your compassion and dedication will never be forgotten.
In moments of grief, it is the love and support of those around us that carry us through. Thank you for walking beside us, for your prayers, and for honoring Lucy’s life with such grace.
With heartfelt gratitude,
Lee Gadberry.

Dear Danny Martinez and Caroline Cruz,
I want to extend my deepest gratitude to both of you for the incredible support and leadership you pro-

vided during the ceremony honoring Lucy Gadberry. Your presence, guidance, and heartfelt efforts meant more to our family than words can truly express.
Danny, your strength and knowledge were exactly what we needed during such a difficult time. You stepped in and led the service with dignity and care, just as Lucy would have wanted. The tribe is truly to have someone as dedicated and capable as you when it comes to honoring our loved ones.
Carline, having you there to help with the records was an exceptional blessing. Your organization, calm presence, and willingness to help made a real difference. We were so fortunate to have you by our side, and your support helped us carry through.
You both stepped up when no one else could, and you did so without hesitation. It’s rare to see such genuine dedication—you kept your word, acted immediately, and ensured everything was done right.
I can’t think of better people to have handled something so meaningful and important. We are so proud and thankful to call you our cousins.
From the bottom of our hearts, Thank you for honoring Lucy’s wishes and for being there when we needed you the most.
With sincere appreciation,
Lee Gadberry.

About early retirement

To my tribal and community members,
First, I want to thank the people who gave encouraging words to me after I found out my retirement was pulled because the Social Services were exempt from the DPR/DPR-VERA retirement program. To say the least I was so disappointed and heartbroken that this happened to me.
At first, I thought I don’t want to retire yet, but after my long time weighing the options, I decided to retire. I put my mind in the place, “Yes, it is time to retire, to move on, to take care of myself and my health. Yes, I am going to retire from the BIA social services.”
I did all the paperwork, sat in Zoom meetings that were held for all the people who were putting in applications to retire from the government. I kept thinking as time went on and

started filling out my retirement papers, I got a good feeling about doing this.
Well, after all the time and paperwork I did, I had to meet with my supervisor and was told my application was pulled because like I said Social Services was exempt. So, with great disappointment and heartache I had to accept I cannot retire under this program with the benefits that were offered to all the other potential retirees.
But I was told that I can retire the regular way? I am beyond this federal administration thinking and doings.
I have worked 26 years here at Warm Springs Agency, four years at Chemawa Indian School, and Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California.
So, I will be giving the government 30 years of service on August 8, 2025. I pray that those that can work, can help others, can support yourself and family or whoever by working and doing a darn good job.

We have so many of our tribal and community members that have the potential to work, live a good life and share your blessings with those who need you.
I worked through painful health issues, surgeries, death of many family members and friends and being there for family and friends through some hard trying times and have to use a walker for balance and walking.
I know you can do this, and you can be the best you can be as I have seen so many people do this while employed here. While working at the Indian Schools I have seen students who came from good homes, broken homes, tragic life experiences and to get a healthy healing so they can work, become amazing employees, the best parents, coparents and best friends to those in need that they went to school with from different reservations.
That gave me hope for

the future of our generations to come.
So, again I want to thank the people who came to the BIA Retirement luncheon, the gifts I received (they insist I keep them because in their minds and heart I deserve them) and the amazing words of ~ not to be idle, go out to do things, keep busy, continue to help your community through your culture and your good heart.
I am happy to say that I had to set my mind back to working and maybe (by my daughter’s hugs and words) there is something you still need to do and to keep helping those that need the help you can offer them.
So, with much respect and honor to my people and community, I am back at BIA Social Services.
Ramona Baez, tribal member.

Zone 6 fisheries

The four Columbia River Tribes set the following fishery plan, and the Columbia River Compact has concurred:
For zone 6, commercial platform and hook and line fisheries are open until further notice. Gear are hoop nets, bag nets, dip nets, and hook and line.
For zone 6, a commercial gillnet fishery is open from 6 a.m. on Monday, June 16 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 19; and from 6 a.m. on Monday, June 23 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25. Gear is drift gillnets with a seven-inch minimum mesh size.
For both fisheries, salmon (any species) may be sold or kept for subsistence. Shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Head Start celebrates 60-year Anniversary

The Head Start Program celebrated its Sixtieth birthday on May 18. This milestone marked six decades of the program’s impact on children and families, with celebrations planned throughout the month.
The Head Start program has supported millions of children and families by providing early learning, improved health, and family support.



The Warm Springs Head Start team.



The 60-Year Anniversary cake.

Head Start was established in 1965 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s War on Poverty. The program has served more than 40 million children and families, offering early learning, health, and nutrition, and family support. The Head Start program continues to provide services to children and families in need, ensuring access to quality early childhood education and support.
The Warm Spring Head Start Program has been a participating Native American/Alaska Native Pro-

gram since its inception. The Month of May has been busy with Teacher Appreciation month and the Head Start’s Birthday. Thank you to all our community part-

ners, students, families, and community members for your support to our Program.
Warm Springs Head Start

Winnerjoe Arthur Kaudle Kaule ~ 1984-2025



Winnerjoe Arthur Kaudle Kaule passed on to the Creator on April 10, 2025 in Bend. He was 40.
Winnerjoe born on May 10, 1984 in Portland to Faye Norma Kaudle Kaule and Clifford ‘Ricky’ Arthur Jr.
Winnerjoe graduated in 2002 from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He was a long-time resident of Warm Springs.
His passions were fishing and playing pool. Winnerjoe was known for being a hard worker and a dedicated family man.
He worked at Mt. Hood Ski bowl from 2018 to 2024. He started out as a lift attendant and worked his way up to a supervisor, not including the the responsibility of shuttling workers from Warm Springs to Mt.

Hood and back.
He is survived by his significant other, Ciara Palmer; Shotsii and Winnie, their furbabies. His siblings Vanessa Orange of Portland, Tasheena Arthur and Chandla Tias, both of Warm Springs; and Devery Arthur of Metolius. His closest nieces Fawntana Arthur, Danielle and Emmalina Andy and Tauriel Kaudle Kaule of Warm Springs. Along with his many other nieces and nephews.
Winnerjoe is preceded in death by his parents Faye Norma Kaudle Kaule and Clifford ‘Ricky’ Arthur Jr., grandma MaryAnn Meanus, brothers Virgil Orange Jr., and Clifford Arthur III.

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Saturday June 28, 2025
Pi-Ume-Sha Parade



Divisions:
Adult, Teen & Youth

- Categories:**
- Riders on Horseback
 - Walkers
 - Traditional Floats
 - Contemporary Floats



**Line Up at 10am
Parade at 11am**



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Contacts for Pi-Ume-Sha

The 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Master of Ceremonies is Council Carlos Calica; and the Whipman is Councilman ‘Captain’ Moody.
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