

Smoke Signals seeking perspectives from incarcerated moms

Are you a Tribal member and a mother who has been in the correctional system? What were some of the challenges and obstacles you faced trying to mother from the inside of prison walls? Were you able to reconnect with your children upon release and mend fractured relationships?

If so, *Smoke Signals* would like to hear your story. Staff writer Danielle Harrison is writing a series on mothers who have been in prison and the effects on family relationships, and would like to talk to Tribal members who are in various stages of the process, from incarceration to post-release.

What has worked for you to stay an active/engaged part of your children's lives and why? What services do you wish were more readily available for mothers in prison?

Your story is important and we would like to hear from you, no matter where you are at in the process.

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'I look forward to serving the city I love'

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be able to bring their full humanity to their work."

Rubio was assigned to oversee the Office of Equity and Human Rights by Mayor Ted Wheeler last month.

"Equity and anti-racism are core values of our city," Rubio stated in a press release. "They are never just one person's or one bureau's responsibility. For Portland to succeed, we need Black, Indigenous, and other Portlanders of Color; LGBTQIA Portlanders, and Portlanders living with disabilities to be able to bring their full selves to their work and to this city. ... I know Lisa and Jeff share this attachment, and I'm excited to work with them to see this vision through."

Watson has been a Portland community leader for several years. She owned and operated Cupcake Jones for 10 years in the Pearl District, was deputy director at Our House and director of development at Latino Network.

Currently, she is employed as the executive director of the American Leadership Forum of Oregon, a job

she'll be leaving to take the new position with the city.

"Working to build equitable systems, structures and policies can contribute to not just the richness of working within city government, but can add to the pride we all take in living here as Portlanders," Watson says. "I am excited to work toward building an even more equitable city working with this amazing and skilled team. As a lifelong Oregonian, I look forward to serving the city I love and have made my home."

Over the years, Watson, 55, has served on numerous boards such as the Q Center, Center for Women's Leadership at Portland State University, Travel Portland and Basic Rights Oregon. She was the first Native American female City Club president and she currently serves on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors.

Her father is Tribal Elder Robert Jones Watson and her mother is Vera Miller. Watson's aunt is Tribal Elder and Restoration leader Kathryn Harrison. She has two sisters, Tribal members Sandy Watson-Pikl and Roberta Watson. ■

Over a 10 Barrel



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier presents a blanket to 10 Barrel Brewing co-founder Jeremy Cox with the help of Spirit Mountain Casino Public Relations Administrator Jocelyn Huffman as co-founder Chris Cox looks on during the opening of the 10 Barrel Brewing Hop Yard in Spirit Mountain Casino on Wednesday, April 13. The new dining and drinking outlet honors Tribal members' history of working in the Willamette Valley hop yards with wallscales that depict historic photos of the Tribal workers.



From left, Tribal Council member Kathleen George, Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Spirit Mountain Casino Public Relations Administrator Jocelyn Huffman talk before the opening of the new 10 Barrel Brewing Hop Yard.