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Salem First Nations Gathering

Come check it out!

A potluck dinner is held every fourth Friday of the month at Northside Fellowship (7685 River Road NE, Keizer) at 6 p.m. Fellowship around the drum starts at 7 p.m.

The gathering is an inter-tribal all-nations get-together. Native-language songs and drumming honoring God our Creator are encouraged.

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, call 503-982-2505 or 503-409-4228.

Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership Honors Allen

PORTLAND, Ore. – The 2005 Buffett Award for Indigenous Leadership was presented to Chairman W. Ron Allen (Jamestown S'Kallam) during a ceremony at Ecotrust's Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center on Nov. 30, 2005.

Four other finalists also were honored for their achievements; Robi Michelle Craig (Kiks.adi Clan), Sitka, Alaska; Leaf Hillman (Karuk), Orleans, Calif.; Chief Robert Pasco (Nlaka'pamux), Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada; and Chairman Shawn Yanity (Stillaguamish), Arlington, Wash.

Supported by the families of Howard and Peter Buffett, the Buffett Award recognizes indigenous leadership that improves social, economic, political, or environmental conditions. The award's intent is to provide resources for the development and transfer of knowledge in indigenous communities. The award recipient receives \$25,000 and the four other finalists each receive a \$2,500 cash award.

Allen was honored for his work in the fields of tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and governmental responsibilities at both the regional and national level. He also has worked to advance the political, cultural, and economic interests of the Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe. Since 1977, Allen has served as tribal chairman and since 1982 as executive director of the tribe.

Allen's regional and national leadership spans several decades. For more than 15 years, he has served the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in a number of leadership positions, including president.

He also has served as a long-term representative on numerous tribal governance organizations, such as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Washington Indian Gaming Association, Point No Point Treaty Council, Pacific Salmon Commission, and the Washington Coalition for Self-Reliance.

Allen plans to use part of the Buffett Award to offset the costs associated with his efforts to help NCAI advance its Embassy of Tribal Nations capital campaign. The goal of the campaign is to purchase a facility that will provide tribal people from around the country and world a permanent presence and working space in Washington, D.C.

Robi Michelle Craig is honored as a finalist for her efforts to improve the cul-

tural, social, environmental, and economic conditions of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska. She is the tribal deputy general manager and was the tribal anthropologist from 1996 to 2001. Craig currently is working on the Sockeye Salmon Traditional Ecological Knowledge project.

Leaf Hillman is honored as a finalist for his grassroots efforts to restore Klamath River salmon habitat, protect sites, and build the capacity of the Karuk Tribal government. He has served as vice-chairman of the Karuk Tribal Council since 2002, and previously was the Karuk Department of Natural Resources director. Hillman currently is the steering committee chair for the Bring the Salmon Home Campaign that seeks to remove four Klamath River dams.

Chief Robert Pasco is honored as a finalist for his contributions to the improvement of the Nlaka'pamux Nation's social, political, economic, and environmental conditions. He has served as Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council chair for more than 20 years. Pasco also has served as an educator on such matters as community planning, sovereignty and jurisdiction, fishing, and language.

Chairman Shawn Yanity is honored as a finalist for his leadership in the areas of intergovernmental cooperation, community development, and conservation. He also has helped improve the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indian's economic development opportunities and natural resource management. In May 2004, the Stillaguamish elected him tribal chairman and he also serves as the tribal fisheries manager.

Buffett Award nominees are First Nation, Alaska Native, or tribal members over age 35 who exhibit extraordinary community leadership within the Salmon Nation region from Alaska to California.

Two Siletz Tribal members have been nominated for the Buffett Award. Agnes Pilgrim of Grants Pass, Ore., was honored for her achievements as a finalist in 2003. David Hatch of Portland, Ore., was honored as a 2001 Buffett Award finalist.

Ecotrust is a non-profit organization committed to strengthening communities and the environment from Alaska to California. For more information about Ecotrust and the Buffett Award honorees, visit the Web site www.ecotrust.org/buffettaward/.



Contributions are being accepted for the Lincoln County Veteran's Wall in Toledo. You can help with a monetary donation or as a volunteer. Contact Maggie Wright at 541-336-3795 or Mike Kahler at 541-336-2612 for more information.

"Indianpreneurship™" Unveiled

PORTLAND, Ore. – ONABEN, a Native American Business Network, unveiled its long-awaited small business development training curriculum to 200 Native entrepreneurs and tribal government and business leaders at its Fourth Annual Trading at the River conference on Nov. 15.

The curriculum titled, "Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey Into Business™" is a new resource for Native American entrepreneurs who want to start their own business.

Differing from other small business training materials, ONABEN's curriculum is story-based, using American Indian entrepreneurial experiences as a basis for illustrating business principles. The curriculum also features Native-inspired graphics and photos of Native entrepreneurs and their businesses.

Three years in development, the curriculum was created to meet the demand for culturally relevant training materials in ONABEN small business courses.

"Before we embarked on this project, we had been using an assortment of training materials," said Tom Hampson, ONABEN executive director. "But we lacked a comprehensive curriculum that met the needs and reflected the experiences of our Native students – so we created it."

In fact, the American Indian experience is so unique that ONABEN has trademarked the concept with its own name – "Indianpreneurship™."

"Indianpreneurship™" was made possible by the generous support of the Meyer Memorial Trust, First Nations Development Institute, Washington Mutual Foundation, Spirit Mountain Com-

munity Fund, U.S. Bank Foundation, Wells Fargo Bank Foundation, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Indian Tribe, and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

ONABEN collaborated with a team of small business experts to research, write, and test working versions at tribal small business development centers that are part of ONABEN's network.

The curriculum will be used in ONABEN's small business classes and also will be available for sale to the general public.

Founded by a consortium of Native nations in the Pacific Northwest, ONABEN's mission is to increase self-reliance by promoting the development of tribal-citizen-owned small businesses and the diversification of reservation economies.

ONABEN's programs provide financial counseling, business mentoring, links to tribal efforts, and access to financing, markets, and a network of experienced teachers and business people.

Its annual Trading at the River conference gathers together entrepreneurs, tribal leaders, and experts to trade notes about small business development and make the connections that can assist tribal citizens as they try to support themselves and their families, and contribute to the economies of their nations.

To learn more about ONABEN and "Indianpreneurship™," call 1-800-854-8289 or visit our Web site at www.onaben.org.