

NOTICES

Pow-Wow and Friendship Feast Set for Mother's Day Weekend

LA GRANDE, Ore. — Eastern Oregon University will host the 36th annual Pow-Wow and Friendship Feast on May 13 in Quinn Coliseum. The spring celebration has been a tradition at EOU since 1970 and is free and open to the public.

The Friendship Feast begins at 5 p.m. in the Hoke Union Building, followed by the grand entry at 7 p.m. in the coliseum. The Howt-Mi Singers from Pendleton will be the host drum and Fred Hill, language and cultural teacher, will be the master of ceremonies.

Arts and crafts vendors begin setting up in Quinn at 4 p.m., and Indian fry bread tacos will be available for purchase all evening.

Miranda Medcoff (Apache), an EOU senior and president of Speel-Ya, EOU's Native American Student Council, is in charge of coordinating the event this year.

"The pow-wow is a great opportunity to get in touch with Native American culture," she said. "I am looking forward to working side by side with the master of ceremonies, being able to listen to all the drumming, and just take in the whole event."

The pow-wow is sponsored by Speel-Ya, the Student Fee Committee, Student Affairs, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. It's a family-friendly, drug- and alcohol-free event. For more information, contact the EOU Office of Multicultural Affairs at 541-962-3741.

Eastern Oregon University serves as an educational, cultural and scholarly center in La Grande, connecting the rural regions of the state to a wider world. For more information, visit www.eou.edu.

Tillamook Forest Center Opens Doors to Public

The new Tillamook Forest Center opened its doors to the public for the first time April 1, celebrating the start of Arbor Week.

The new visitor and education facility is located 50 miles west of Portland on the Wilson River Highway (Oregon 6) in the heart of the former "Tillamook Burn," which is today's Tillamook State Forest.

Admission is free and the center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At today's dedication, officials praised the efforts of the public-private partnership that turned the dream of a center into a reality. No tax dollars were used to build the \$10.7 million center.

"This new special place is a gift to Oregon," said Gov. Ted Kulongoski in a statement read by State Forester Marvin Brown. "It reminds us about the spirit of Oregonians who came together in adversity to literally re-make a landscape from ashes."

Today's Tillamook State Forest, still recovering from a series of devastating wildfires in the 1930s and 1940s, is regarded as one of the largest forest planting efforts ever undertaken. Following the fires, thousands of Ore-

nians, many of them schoolchildren and volunteers, helped plant more than 72 million Douglas-fir seedlings across the blackened landscape.

During the dedication ceremony, the area where the center sits was inducted into the Oregon Heritage Tree program, recognizing the grove of trees as historically significant. The forested site was planted entirely by schoolchildren in the 1950s.

The center — with its 40-foot tall replica of a fire lookout and dramatic 250-foot-long suspension bridge for pedestrians across the Wilson River — offers visitors an opportunity to see how their lives are connected with forests.

Visitors can explore the past, present, and future of the Tillamook State Forest through artifacts, personal stories, photos, film, exhibits, games, hands-on models, computer simulations, and interpreter-led programs.

Outdoors, the forest comes alive for visitors with salmon-watching viewpoints and a network of interpretive trails.

For more information about the center, call 503-815-6800 or visit online at www.tillamookforestcenter.org.

May 2006 - PSU Native American Cultural Awareness Month

May 1st - Speaker Carrie Dann & the Western Shoshone Defense Project
6:00 pm @ NASCC

May 4th - Native Art Show
6:00 pm @ NASCC

May 8th - "And the I's Have It - Indians, Ideas, In Action" Featuring Professors Donald Fixico & Robert Warrior
6:00 @ NASCC

May 12th & 13th - 2006 NACAM Powwow
3 Sessions! Competition Dancing, first 10 drums paid, vendors welcome!
12th—7:00 pm Grand Entry
13th—1:00 pm Grand Entry
—7:00 pm Grand Entry

May 15th - 4th Annual Film Series
6:00 pm @ NASCC

May 17th - Annual Salmon Bake
11:30 am to 3:30 @ PSU Park Blocks

May 25th - Speaker John Trudell & Film
7:00 pm @ Columbia Fall Ballroom:
University Place at Portland State University

May 26th - UISHE Youth Day
9:00 am @NASCC

May 29th - 4th Annual Film Series
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National Charter Schools Week

Get ready for National Charter Schools Week — May 1-6, 2006! This year's theme is Quality for Kids.

The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools has developed easy-to-use resources to help you increase awareness on how charter schools are providing high-quality options in public education.

Be sure to visit the alliance's Web site to download your copy of the National Charter Schools Toolkit, poster, event banner, and online banner ads for local media.

Source: National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, www.publiccharters.org/section/publications/http_charterweek2006

ODOT Schedule for Highway Improvements

- US 101, Otis Junction to Boiler Bay: Paving, night work; contractor to complete before Memorial Day
- US 101, South 19th to 32nd St., Lincoln City: Phase 1, build retaining wall, contract completion Sept. 30; Phase 2, construct three-lane section, sidewalks (west side of Hwy. 101), estimated completion fall 2007
- US 101, SE 32nd St., Lincoln City: Realignment proposed to realign SE 32nd Streets in the Nelscott District; consider signal installation; work in conjunction with Nelscott Urban Renewal efforts
- US 101, Spencer Creek Bridge: Phase 1, build new bridge at Beverly Beach State Park in current alignment, detour structure already in place. Funded for construction 2007/2008; Phase 2, realign highway inland because of beach erosion. This is currently unfunded.
- Maintenance — Next Three Months**
 - OR 18 mp 17.6 Murphy Hill: Grind/pave sink; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 18 mp 13.8 Boyer Hill: Grind/pave sink, replace GM rail; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 18 mp 7 to mp 18: Possible fog seal; one-lane traffic control with pilot car
 - OR 18 mp 0 to mp 7, mp 18 to mp 22: Grind inlay delimitation areas, pothole patch, ditching; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 18 mp 0 to mp 22: Danger tree removal; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 22 mp 10 to mp 22: Pothole patch, danger tree removal, ditching
 - OR 22 mp 17.2: Fix slide area; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 101 mp 105 to 91: Tree and brush removal, ditching; possible one-lane traffic control
 - OR 229 mp 0 to 24: Ditching, danger tree removal, general cleanup; one-lane traffic control
 - OR 229 mp 19 to 24: Possible chip seal
 - OR 229 mp 7 to mp 8: Logging to roadway; one-lane traffic control

- OR 18: Fort Hill to Wallace Bridge Interchange Project, scheduled for 2008: Proposed transportation changes between Fort Hill Road and Wallace Bridge are:
 - Widening highway to two lanes in each direction with six-foot shoulders
 - Adding a raised concrete median between Fort Hill Road and east end of project near milepost 26
 - Constructing a new interchange about ¾ mile east of Fort Hill Road to replace the existing OR 18/22 Fort Hill Road/South Yamhill River Road
 - Access improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion

US 20, Pioneer Mountain-Eddyville Project: One state bridge is being replaced on US 20 east of Newport. This is part of ODOT's project to upgrade the last old stretch of US 20 between the valley and the coast; Should finish in October 2009.

TICC Board Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center Board of Directors.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on this board, please submit a letter and short résumé of experience to Brenda Bremner, General Manager, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Deadline for submission of your letter and résumé is close of business May 15, 2006.

