



NEWS

NOTED NATIVE ACTIVIST AL SMITH REMEMBERED

Longtime Native American rights advocate Alfred Leo Smith died Nov. 19. Smith was from Chiloquin, was a member of the Klamath Tribe and was known in Native communities throughout the Northwest. He died shortly after celebrating his 95th birthday in Eugene.

He's remembered as a "loving husband, friend, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and fearless warrior," says his wife of 34 years, Jane Farrell, in a statement sent to his supporters. "He will be missed and remembered for generations to come."

In a landmark 1990 U.S. Supreme Court case, *Employment Division v. Smith*, Smith fought to provide protection for the Native American Church and its religious peyote ceremonies. He and Galen Black were fired from a private counseling service for using peyote and were then denied unemployment benefits. The headline-making case bounced back and forth between the high courts of the U.S. and Oregon and Smith eventually lost, but the issues raised a national debate and led Congress to amend and strengthen the 1978 American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

Smith was a 50-year adherent to Alcoholics Anonymous and "Native recovery through cultural and spiritual practice and programs development on local, state and national levels," Farrell says.

A video of Smith speaking about his life and activism can be found on the EW blog. — Ted Taylor

ACTIVIST LERT

• **The Human Rights Commission** Homelessness Work Group meets at noon Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave. On the agenda is the Homeless Bill of Rights and a forum on child homelessness. Call 682-5177 or email michael.j.kinnison@ci.eugene.or.us.

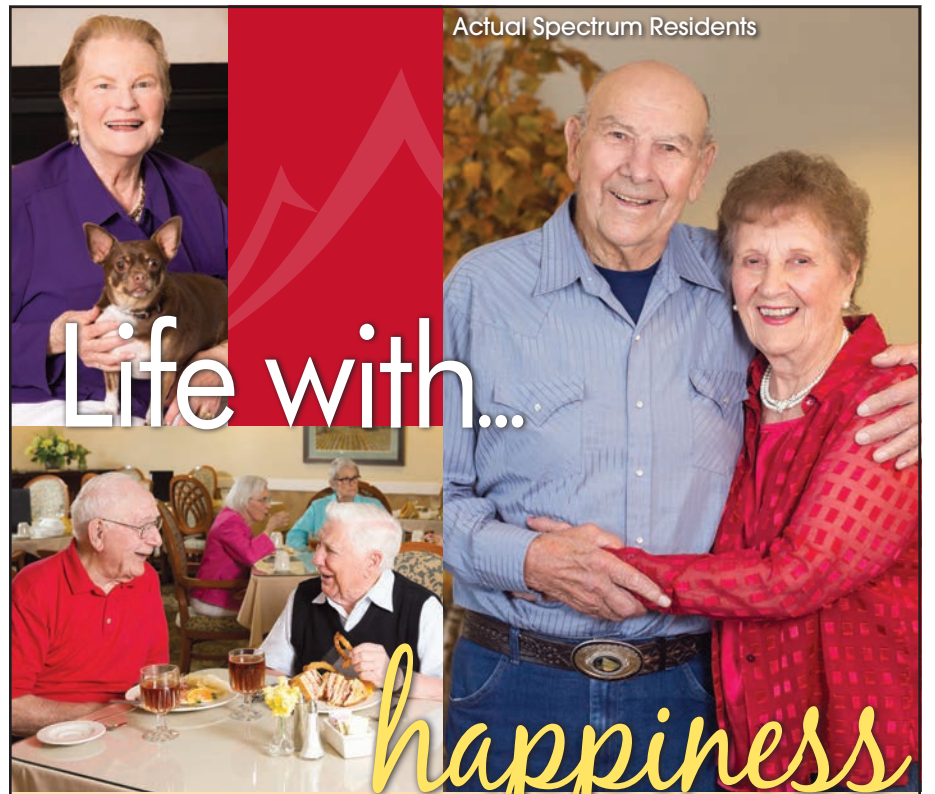
• A community **forum on cell towers** in south Eugene with Dr. Paul Dart and County Commissioner Pete Sorenson will be from 6:30 to 8 pm Thursday, Dec. 18, at Good Samaritan Center, 3500 Hilgard St. This educational event will explore the questions, "Where should our cell towers be located?" and "Who should decide?" A dessert potluck will begin the event, followed by talks and an open forum.



High CBD Flower & Concentrates
Frank's Gift is here!
Eat Half First Fall Medibles Menu
Come see our Impressive selection of
Flowers, Concentrates, & Topicals
Daily Specials & First Time Patient Gift
Extremely knowledgeable Staff



1395 CROSS STREET EUGENE, OR 97402 • 541.246.8972



Actual Spectrum Residents

Life with...

happiness

Live in comfort. Make new friends.
Enjoy each day. **It's time to thrive!**

- Anytime dining
- Washer & dryer in all apartments
- Wellness Center with state-of-the-art Technogym® equipment
- Large apartments with ample closet space

Call today to learn how you can save \$1,000!

Tours Daily

541.636.0665

2951 Coburg Road • Eugene, OR 97408

CrescentParkSeniorLiving.com 

Half mile north of the Beltline on Coburg Road



A SPECTRUM RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 

