

## Job openings

The following job openings as of October 11 are currently being advertised by the Human Resource department. If interested call Amelia Tewee at 553-3262. If you want job details call the contact person listed.

**Store clerks (3);** Simnasho Store; Ron Suppah 553-3468/3469

**Teacher; ECE;** Lola Trimble 553-3241

**Substitute Teacher Aide; ECE;** Sue Matters 553-3241

**Bus Driver Limited Duration;** Headstart/ECE; Nancy Sampson 553-3241

**Secretary IV; ECE;** Julie Quaid 553-3241

**Prevention Coordinator; Com. Counseling Ctr.;** James Quaid 553-3205

**Secretary; Social Services;** Gayle Rodgers 553-3491

**Budget/Contract & Grant Analyst; Budgets/Contracts & Grants;** Jamie or Bonnie 553-3497/3219

**Family Intake Coordinator;** CPS; Rebekah Aguilar 553-3209

**Equipment Operator; Fire Mgmt.;** Michael Cunningham 553-

1146

**Forest Crew Member (seasonal);** Fire Mgmt.; Luther Clements 553-1146

**Systems Analyst; OIS;** Lloyd Phillips 553-3275

**Secretary; WS Composite Products;** Harold Majxner 553-1143

**Surveillance Observer; Indian Head Gaming;** David Therrien 553-4890

**Snack Bar Attendant; Indian Head Gaming;** Georgianna George 553-6122

**Marketing Coordinator; Indian Head Gaming;** Georgianna George 553-6122

**Jefferson Co. School Dist. 509-J**

Educational Assistants for Special Ed; 62.5 hrs. positions; one 7 hr. position at the JCMS. Intersted candidates should contact:

Jefferson Co. Sch. Dist. 509-J; 445 SE Buff Street; Madras, OR 97741 or phone (541) 475-6192.

**Madras Employment**

### openings

Registered Nurse; A.R.T.; Child Care Teacher; Assistant Teacher; Educational Assistant; Special E. Assistant; Aerobics Inst./Coord.; Job Service Rep.; Domestic Violence Inv.; Associate Planner; Cashier; General Office Clerk; Waiter/Waitress; Cook Restaurant; Cook Assistant; Housekeeper; Hair Stylist; Athletic Director; Certified Nurses Aide; Child Care Attendant; Custodial Substitute; Car Wash Worker; CATV Installer; Yard Delivery Person; Bus Assistant; Gas Attendant; Millworkers and Production Worker in Madras.

Systems Analyst; Budget/Contr Analyst; Prevention Coordinator; Accounting Clerk; Cashier/Counter person; Waiter/Waitress; Line Cook; Line Cook; Surveillance Observer; Forest Crew Member; Exterior Painter and Equipment Operator/Truck Driver in Warm Springs.

Site Director and Mexican Food Cook in Culver.

Journey Electrician in Central Oregon.

## The Indian Warrior-The Veterans Corner-Information/Tips For Vets

### Native American Veterans



Native Americans, like other Americans who have served in the military services, can be potentially eligible for a wide variety of veterans benefits.

rehabilitation. A disabled veteran will be given an initial evaluation to establish eligibility and entitlement and to determine whether extended evaluation, independent living services, educational or vocational training, or employment assistance is needed. Native American veterans who are seriously disabled may receive services and assistance to improve their ability to live more independently in finding a suitable job.

Educational and vocational counseling is also available to service members within 6 months of their separation date from military service or within 12 months after being separated.

#### DEATH BENEFITS

Native American Veterans may be buried in a VA national cemetery, along with spouses and minor children. These veterans are eligible for a plot allowance and those receiving disability compensation or pension payments also are eligible for burial allowances. VA will furnish a flag and a headstone or marker to mark the grave of any veteran buried in a national, state or private cemetery.

#### EMPLOYMENT

There are various benefits available to Native American veterans and their dependents which are not administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. While there is no law which authorized hiring preference to native Americans for appointments to positions in VA, veterans preference and affirmative action outreach efforts to target racial and ethnic minority groups, including Native Americans, are integrated aspects of VA employment practices.

The principal hiring preference statute for Native Americans is Section 12 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which established preference for the employment of qualified Native Americans in the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service. For more information, contact either of these Departments.

Assistance in finding jobs is also provided to Native American veterans through State employment job service local offices throughout the country. The local Veterans Employment Representatives provide functional supervision of job counseling, testing, and implement referral and placement services provided to veterans. Priority in referral to job openings and training opportunities is given to eligible veterans, with preferential treatment for disabled veterans. In addition, the job service assists veterans who are seeking employment by providing information about job fairs, on the job and apprenticeship opportunities, etc., in cooperation with VA regional offices and vet centers.

Native American veterans should apply for this kind of help at their nearest local State employment service/job service office.

How to obtain VA benefits: Benefits are not automatically available. For specific eligibility information, contact the nearest VA regional office or VA medical center. Look under U.S. Government, Department of Veterans Affairs, in telephone directories. Too free service is available in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

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#### DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active service in line of duty during wartime or peacetime service and were discharged or separated under other than dishonorable conditions may be compensated for their service-connected injury or disease. Veterans who are found to be eligible for disability compensation are entitled to monthly payments. The amount of payment depends upon the degree of disability. In addition, a wide variety of benefits, including specially adapted autos and homes, are available to certain severely disabled veterans.

#### PENSION

Veterans of wartime service may be eligible for a pension if permanently and totally disabled for reasons not traceable to service. A pension is awarded on the basis of need. A pension is not payable to those who have estates that can provide adequate maintenance.

#### EDUCATION

VA administers education programs for veterans and active duty servicemen. Native American veterans who participated in the Montgomery G.I. Bill while on active duty have eligibility for 10 years after their last discharge or release. The Montgomery G.I. Bill also provides educational assistance to members of the Selected Reserve.

Spouses and children of the deceased or seriously disabled Native American veterans may also be eligible for VA educational assistance.

Native American veterans entitled to VA educational benefits are also entitled to educational and vocational counseling. This counseling is also available to service members within 6 months of their separation date from military service or within 12 months after being separated.

#### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Native American veterans who served in our Armed Forces during World War II or thereafter and suffered a service-connected disability in active service which entitles them to compensation at a rate of twenty percent or greater may be eligible for vocational

#### HOME LOANS

Native American veterans with sufficient active-duty service may obtain VA-guaranteed loans to purchase or improve houses, manufactured homes, and condominiums.

#### MEDICAL CARE

A full range of health care services is available at VA medical facilities for eligible Native Americans. A law recently passed by Congress made several changes in a veteran's eligibility for VA health care. The intent of the law is to ensure that care at a VA medical facility is provided to service-connected veterans and to lower-income veterans. Those veterans with higher incomes will be provided VA health care on a space-available basis and may be charged a deductible for their care based on their income.

The law established two categories, "mandatory" and "discretionary," for VA medical center, nursing home, and outpatient care. The eligibility assessment will be completed and applies to all non service-connected veterans regardless of age, except for the following groups: former prisoners of war, veterans requiring care for condition that may be related to exposure to certain herbicides while serving in Vietnam and to ionizing radiation in connection with atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, or in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, veterans receiving a VA pension, veterans of WWI, the Spanish-American War and Mexican Border period, and veterans eligible for Medicaid. Outpatient medical care may also be available.

VA has also begun use of mobile vans for providing medical services to veterans living in remote areas.

#### READJUSTMENT COUNSELING

Many vet centers in the Veterans Health Administrations' Readjustment Counseling Service are actively engaged in providing psychological counseling service to Native American Vietnam veterans, and veterans of the Persian Gulf War, and conflicts in Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama Services also include outreach, networking, coordination or services with other providers (native and non-native), educational presentations to local veterans groups, information exchange between vet center staff and Native American service providers, and providing individual and group readjustment counseling on Native American reservations.

## Howlak Tichum Nathan "8-Ball" Jim, Sr.

(Colwash) February 24, 1958.

Mr. Jim served on the Fish and Wildlife committee many years advocating for treaty hunting and fishing rights. He was a renowned master of ceremonies for powwows throughout Indian land in the US and Canada.

Preceding him in death are his parents, two sons

Survivors include his wife, Ella Jane, children Alice (Jim) Stewart, Annette, Frank and Curt Jim all of

Warm Springs, and a brother Levi Kennedy. He also leaves many relatives and friends.

Dressing ceremonies were held Monday, October 4, 1999 at the Agency Longhouse at 4 p.m. with overnight services following. Burial was at sunrise Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at the Tenino Cemetery in Warm Springs.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Hospice of Redmond and Sisters.

## Earl Erwin "Taz" "Koots Koots Wapta" Conner

Earl Erwin "Taz" Conner, a descendant of the Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce Indians and a Vietnam veteran, died October 12, 1999 at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. He was 61 years old. Conner was born to parents Elsie (Spokane) and Gilbert Edward Conner on February 18, 1938 in Pendleton, Oregon. He was raised on the Umatilla Indian Reservation where he attended District 44, the last public grade school on the reservation and then graduated from Pendleton High School in 1956.

Mr. Conner attended Boise Junior College prior to enlisting in the US Navy. He served his country from Nov. 28, 1956 to July 18, 1972, and was honorably discharged as a Personnelman, First Class Petty Officer. Awards and decorations included Combat Action Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal, Vietnam Service medal, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Meritorious Unit Commendation (Gallantry Cross), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct medal (third award). He served two tours of duty in Vietnam on the USS Fox and USS Leonard F. Mason. His Navy career took him

to Providence, RI; Norfolk, VA; Kona, Spain; Oakland and Point Mago, CA; Tacoma, WA; Japan and Vietnam.

In addition to his military career, he worked in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Walowa-Whitman National Forest; State of Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries Civil Rights Division; Smith Frozen Foods; Portland Urban Indian Council; Multnomah County Juvenile Court; Confederated Tribes of Umatilla; and various local ranches in wheat and pea harvests. He also studied sociology at Portland Community college where he was active in United Indian Students for Higher Education as president.

Mr. Conner lettered in varsity football as a starting defensive guard at Boise Junior College. At Pendleton High School, he was captain for 1955 varsity football, was an all-conference tackle in 1955, lettered in track and tennis, and was a member of the concert and marching bands.

His Indian name was Koots Koots Wapta, after his mother's paternal uncle. His father's grandfather was Alikut, younger brother of Young Chief Joseph. As a descendant of the Joseph Band, Mr. Conner dedicated more than 10 years to the development of a gathering and healing place for the original and present-day inhabitants of the Wallowa Valley. His

efforts resulted in the founding of the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Inc. a scholarship program and the Tamkaliks Celebration, held annually in July since 1991. He was also active in efforts to revitalize Indian participation at the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo and Encampment. He was also a member of the American Legion George St. Dennis Post 140 and VFW Post 922 in Pendleton.

Preceding him in death are his parents and siblings Naomi Sheppard, Duane, Cecil and Antoinette Williams.

Survivors include brother Norman, sisters Leah & Elta, cousin Gordon Waters, all of Pendleton; cousin Irvin Waters of Lapwai, ID and Ken Conner, Portland, OR and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dressing was at the Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, Washat Services began at 7 p.m. in Wallowa, 209 East Second, with burial at Wallowa Cemetery on Whiskey Creek Road. Dinner was at the Wallowa "Coalition" property following the burial.

The family requests that in lieu of floral arrangements, contributions be made to the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Center, Inc. in his memory at PO Box 814, Wallowa, OR 97885.

## Reuben Urban "Shortbones" Johnson, Sr.

Reuben Urban "Shortbones" Johnson Sr., age 67, passed away at Mt. View Nursing home in Madras, OR from natural causes on September 24, 1999. Mr. Johnson was born to parents Elvina (Stacora) Johnson Switzer and Buford Johnson Sr. on July 6, 1932 at Warm Springs, OR.

He was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs and an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes. He went to school in Warm Springs, Madras and Barber school in Portland. Johnson served in the US Army during the Korean Con-

lict then worked as a logger for Smith-Greene Logging. He was also active in sports, playing on the Maggie's basketball team and helped coach the girls softball/basketball teams. He was also an expert cook.

Preceding him in death are his parents and three brothers.

Survivors include children Natalie Johnson of Warm Springs, Reuben (Janet) Johnson Jr. of Seattle, WA, Carla (Charles) Hinthorn of Warm Springs, Heather (Brad) Schut of Yakama, WA and Elmina Johnson of Warm Springs, brother Buford (Nancy) Johnson Jr. of Warm

Springs, sisters Beulah (Raymond) Tsumpti, Leota (Wayne) Saunders of Warm Springs, Sidonia Santelleno of Walla Walla, WA and Susan (Lupe) Coronado of Walla Walla, WA; 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Dressing ceremony was held Saturday, September 25, 1999 at 4 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse with overnight services following for two nights.

Burial was Monday, September 27, 1999 at 9 a.m. at the Agency Cemetery.

## Kenny Blackwolf

Kenny Blackwolf, lifelong resident of Warm Springs, Oregon went to the Lord on Sunday, October 2, 1999 in Madras, Oregon at his daughter's residence. He died of natural cause. He was 52 years of age.

Mr. Blackwolf was born to parents Ellery & Julia (Ike) Wolfe on April 6, 1947 in Toppenish, Washington.

Wolf was a journeyman carpenter and helped build many of the Warm Springs tribal buildings such as the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge, Warm Springs Plaza, Warm Springs Court house, Housing building and numerous houses on the reservation. Kenny was employed by the Utilities department, S & S Construction and also owned his own con-

struction business called the "Blackwolf Construction". For many years was a ceremonial fisherman and ceremonial hunter for the tribe. His favorite hobby was being a commercial fisherman on the Columbia River for over 25 years. Also fished as dip netting and eeling at the Sherars Bridge and built scaffolds for many years at Sherars Bridge and at the Columbia River and also at the Willamette River.

Preceding him in death are his parents Ellery and Julia (Ike) Wolfe, sons Leander "Timber" & Charlie Jason Wolfe, brothers Charles & Reggie Wolfe, sisters Carol & Nina Wolfe and grandson Martin Scoonah.

Survivors include sister Katie Blackwolf from Pendleton, OR,

Eunice Esquiro & Josie Redfox of Warm Springs, brothers Alfred Wolfe & Harold Blackwolf Sr. of Warm Springs, sons Hiram Yaw Sr. & Avery American Horse of Warm Springs, daughters Lillian Blackwolf of Warm Springs and Angelina Blackwolf of Madras-Warm Springs, OR. He also had six grandsons and three granddaughters among numerous relatives and friends.

Dressing was held on Tuesday, October 5, 1999 at the Warm Springs Agency Longhouse with overnight Washat services. Officiating the dressing was "Wilfred Jim, Sr. and Rosie Johnson. Burial was at Sunrise on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at Wolfe Point Cemetery.

Majorie Kay (Kalama) Danzuka  
Laura (Dick) Crowe Stywer

Information for the above was not obtained at the time of publishing. It will be in the next publication.

## Fallen Warriors Foundation Presents Healing The Wounds of War

This 4-day retreat is designed for veterans and non-veterans to come together in a space of mutual sharing to gently explore healing the wounds of war. The retreat will include silent sitting and walking, writing, sharing our writing and experiences, and creating appropriate rituals to affect healing. Veterans of all wars are welcome, as well as family members, and anyone who is interested in sharing this time together.

Claude AnShin Thomas, a veteran of the Vietnam War, draws upon his own journey from soldier to spiritual practitioner and also his work over many years leading retreats for veterans.

To register, please send the registration from on the reverse side, or for further information contact:

**Times:** Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 11th  
**Cost:** \$185, includes accommodations and all meals  
**Place:** Nestucca Sanctuary on the Oregon Coast

Applications can be picked up at Spilyay Tymoo  
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