

Job openings

The current job openings as of November 15 are being advertised at the Human Services department. If interested see Amelia Twee or call 553-3262 or to ask about job details call the contact person listed.

Substitute Teacher Aide; ECE; Sue Matters 553-3241

Deputy Clerk/criminal; Judicial; Birney Greene-Boise 553-3278

Court Interpreter; Tribal Court; Lola Sohapp 553-3454

Prevention Coordinator; Community Counseling Center; James Quaid 553-3205

Fisheries Technician I; Fisheries; Patty O'Toole or Mick Jennings 553-3233 or 541-296-6866

Systems Analyst; OIS; Lloyd Phillips 553-3275

Clerical Support Part time; Po-

lice Dept.; Don Courtney

Collections Officer; Housing; Ray Moody 553-3250

Accounting Clerk; Indian Head Gaming; Georgianne George 553-6122

Jefferson County School District 509-J

Elementary Special Education Teacher at Warm Springs Elementary and Head Track Coach at Madras High School.

Interested candidates should contact: Jefferson Co. Sch. Dist. 509-J; 445 SE Buff St.; Madras, OR 97741 or telephone (541) 475-6192.

Madras Employment Office

Registered Nurse, A.R.T., Child

care Teacher, Center Director, Assistant teacher, Educational Assistant, Aerobics Instructor/Coordinator, Job service Rep., Associate planner, Cashier, Landfill/transfer station, enumerator, Cook, Cook, Athletic Director, Care Giver, Certified Nurses Aide, Car Wash worker, Bus Assistant and Millworkers in Madras.

Systems Analyst, Sub Teacher Aide, Budget/Contract Analyst, Court Interpreter, Prevention Coordinator, Family Intake Coordinator, Accounting Clerk, Waiter/Waitress, Line Cook, Dishwasher, Housekeeping, Security Officer, Motor Grader operator and Equipment Operator/truck driver in Warm Springs.

Cook Mexican Food in Culver. Journey Electrician in Central Oregon.

Jump Start Program report given

The Jump Start Program, Beaver Creek Enhancement report from April to May 1999. Fish & Wildlife Committee. Asking if we can have access to the spawned out salmon carcasses from the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery so that the carcass can be put inot the Beaver Creek area half a mile above the gas spill that happened in March. Four thousand gallons of gas spilled into a small stream that goes directly into Beaver Creek.

The Fish & Wildlife Committee then talked to Warm Springs Fish Hatchery people. They in turn contacted other biologists in their chain of command to get an okay.

I received a letter stating that I could not use the spawned carcass because the salmon are chemically treated and are dangerous to the stream and its environment.

I then checked with Mavis Shaw at the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery and she said she would freeze the last 50 salmon after spawning them out. The salmon can be held until I can get some more information confirming yes or no.

August 18, 1999 Lewiston, ID I then showed the letter that I had to Doug Dompier of Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission. He disagreed with the letter and took my letter so he could do research into the spawned out salmon carcass.

In the middle of September, I received a letter from CRITFC, Doug Dompier. From Dougs findings and testing each salmon carcass, I now had the chance to use the carcass.

I shared the letter with Mavis Shaw, who in turn passed this information on to other hatcheries in the area.

Now it was just finding the time to plant the salmon carcasses in Beaver Creek.

The last of the salmon steel head fishing at Sherars Falls due to the irrigation waters being put back into the Deschutes River. The legal buck deer season is in full swing from September 1 to October 31. Besides all this, I land survey and run heavy equipment for Chilkat Enterprise.

The information on the salmon carcass have to be in e streams as soon as possible.

October 4-Monday Regular Fish & Wildlife meetings. I brought up the issue of putting the salmon carcass into Beaver Creek. No volunteers, but the committee liked the idea.

October 6-Wednesday I happened to be at my brothers house eating lunch and I jokingly asked if he would like to plant salmon carcass into Beaver Creek. Pete, my brother, agreed to help me.

October 8-Friday Overcast and cool

1. Left Warm Springs-9:05 a.m.
2. Natural Resources for wading boots-9:20 a.m.
3. Arrived at National Fish Hatchery, sun shining-9:45 a.m.
4. Left NFH with proper salmon carcass-10:45 a.m.
5. Beaver Creek spill area 11:20 48 salmon carcass
6. Ended fish enhancement 1:45 p.m.
7. Back at Pete's 2:45 p.m. Cleaned up blue tarpaulin and 2 backpacks.

Submitted by TE Courtney

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

VA Direct Home Loans For Native American Veterans Living on Trust Lands

Department of Veterans Affairs



to January 31, 1955), and Vietnam-era (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975) veterans must have at least 90 days service. Veterans with service only during peacetime periods and active duty military personnel must have had more than 180 days active service. Veterans of enlisted service which began after September 7, 1980, or officers with service beginning after October 16, 1981, must in most cases have served at least 2 years.

- The veteran must occupy the property as his or her home; a loan for rental or investment purposes is not permitted.
- The veteran must be a satisfactory credit risk.
- The income of the veteran and spouse, if any, must be shown to be stable and sufficient to meet the mortgage payment, cover the other costs of owning a home, take care of other obligations and expenses, and have enough left over for family support.
- We would encourage all prospective applicants to first contact either their local housing authority or the nearest VA regional office to discuss their financial situation and obtain a general idea of whether or not they might qualify for a home loan.

Persian Gulf Conflict. Basically, reservists and National Guard members who were activated on or after August 2, 1990, served at least 90 days and were honorably released from the period or activation are eligible.

Reservists

Members of the Selected Reserve, including the National Guard, who are not otherwise eligible and who have completed 6 years of service and have been honorably discharged or have completed 6 years of service and are still serving are eligible. Eligibility for Reservists and National Guard individuals will expire October 28, 1999. Ask your local VA office about what is needed to establish eligibility. Reservists will pay a slightly higher funding fee than regular veterans. (See paragraph entitled "Costs of Obtaining a VA Direct Loan.")

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

VA direct home loans are available to eligible Native American veterans who wish to purchase or construct a home on trust lands. Details on the military service requirements are spelled out on down the line.

WHAT CAN THE LOAN BE USED FOR?

A VA direct loan can be used to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. These loans may also be used to simultaneously purchase and improve a home. VA direct loans are generally limited to the cost of the home or \$*0,000, whichever is less.

VA Determination of Reasonable Value

The maximum loan amount may not exceed VA's estimate of the reasonable value of the property to be purchased. A qualified appraiser assigned by VA will perform the appraisal and make this determination. An application fee, collected from the veteran at the time of loan application, will be used to pay for the cost of the appraisal and for other expenses connected with the processing of the loan.

It is important to recognize that VA does not guarantee the value or condition of the property. Home buyers should carefully inspect the property themselves, or have it inspected by a reputable inspection firm.

Loan Application

Contact either your local housing authority or your local VA office to apply for the loan. The party processing the loan verifies the applicant's income and assets, and obtains a credit report to see that other obligations are being paid on time. If the VA office reviewing the package determines that all is well and the appraised value of the property is enough to cover the loan needed, the loan will be approved and a date set for loan closing.

Requirements For Loan Approval

- To obtain a VA direct loan, the law requires that
 - The applicant must be an eligible Native American veteran who has available entitlement.
 - The tribal organization or other appropriate Native American group must be participating in the VA direct loan program. The tribal organization must have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs which spells out the conditions under which the program will operate on its trust lands.
 - The loan must be purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. Individually allotted land is considered trust land for this purpose.

Costs of Obtaining A VA Direct Loan

A funding fee of 1.25 percent must be paid to VA unless the veteran is receiving compensation because of a service-connected disability. In the case of veterans who qualify based on service in the Reserves or National Guard which was not active duty, the funding fee is 2 percent of the loan amount. The funding fee may be paid in cash or it may be included in the loan.

Other closing costs may not be included in the loan. Closing costs may vary because of differing local laws and customs. The following items may be paid by the veteran purchaser, the seller, or shared.

- VA appraisal
- Credit report
- Loan processing fee of up to \$300 to a party who processes your loan.
- Title search and title insurance or other title review fee.
- Recording fees
- State and/or local transfer taxes, if applicable
- Survey
- Hazard insurance premium

No commissions, brokerage fees, finders fees, or "buyer broker" fees may be charged to the veteran buyer.

Need More Information?

Veterans seeking more detailed information concerning the VA direct loan program should contact their local housing authority or the nearest VA regional office. Loan Guaranty personnel at the office will be pleased to answer specific questions and provide any other assistance they can.

If you are a Native American veteran interested in obtaining or improving a home on trust land, or know of someone who is, it makes sense to look into the VA direct loan program as a good way to finance a home purchase.

A VA office for Oregon veterans is:

VA Regional Office, Federal Building, 1220 Southwest Third Ave. Portland, OR 97204 (503) 326-2475.



Howlak Tichum Eugene A. "Cougar" Greene, Sr.



Eugene A. Greene, Sr. passed on November 1, 1999 at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, OR. Fondly known by all as "Cougar", Eugene was an enrolled Warm Springs Tribal member as well as a veteran having served in the Korean War, recipient of the Silver Star for his valiant acts of courage

on the battle front.

Mr. Greene with a degree in fisheries technology provided valuable knowledge and expertise to the Confederated Tribes in Natural Resources. Employed 30 plus years with the Tribes, a past Tribal Council Chairman, Eugene served as chairman of the Fish & Wildlife committee and was an active member as well as Chairman of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission for many years. An avid bowler for many years, became a strong supporter of his family's interest in bowling, sponsoring bowling teams and serving as President of the WSIHBT Committee. Other interests include maintaining the Queahpama family ranch in the areas of hay and livestock. He also maintained an enormous collection of recorded tapes collected over the years through his own recordings from powwows. He continuously encouraged and supported his children and grandchildren to carry on tribal traditions. Having been on the dean's list in college, Eugene was a

strong supporter of education and encouraged all young people to finish their schooling.

Greene was born to Francis & Cecilia Greene on May 16, 1933. He went on to marry Norene Queahpama on December 28, 1950.

Preceding in death are his parents, a daughter Sheila Rose, brothers David, Harold and Perry Greene. Survivors include wife Norene, children Eugenia "Teeny" (Monty) Tappo, Birney (Randy) Greene-Boise, Margie (Joe) Tuckua, Angie (Azar) Spino, Sandra (Jerry) Greene-Sampson and Eugene Austin Green Jr., brother Levi Greene and sisters Agnes Lumpmouth, Muriel Chase and Laurel Greene. Also he leaves numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Dressing ceremony was Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Simnasho Longhouse with overnight services following. Burial was held Thursday, November 4, 1999 at 9 a.m. at the Simnasho cemetery.

Priscilla Magdleine Pinkham

Priscilla Magdleine Pinkham, a Nez Perce elder and cultural leader, died of complications of heart disease and diabetes Tuesday October 19, at her Tsa Week Tah (Spalding) home. She was 76.

She was born to Annette Blackagle Burke and Alexis M. Pinkham on March 28, 1923, at Spalding. She graduated from Lapwai High School in 1939.

Following high school and with encouragement from Sister Helen Francis, former director of St. Joseph's Hospital, she became one of the first Nez Perce Indians to attend the Lewis-Clark Normal School. She graduated as a registered nurse in 1944 and entered the Nurse Corps Reserve that same year.

She married David (Chickee) Harrison in 1948 in Lapwai. They divorced in 1950.

She married Edward C. Henry Sr. in 1955 at Warm Springs, OR. Later that year, she left the Nurse Corps Reserve and moved to The Dalles, OR, where she worked as head nurse at The Dalles General Hospital.

She and her husband divorced

in 1965. She came to Lewiston in 1965 and was the emergency floor head nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital.

She married Jonathan L. Schuster in 1967 at Lapwai. He died in 1972.

In 1971 she went to work as the head nurse at the Indian Health Service Clinic. The tribal elders often asked for her to assist them at the clinic, because she was one of the few who spoke the Nee Mee Poo language.

She retired from the Indian Health Services Clinic in November 1997 and was elected to the Nee Mee Poo Health Board at Lapwai.

She resigned the position last year for health reasons.

She was a member of the Wah Luss Sut religion, known to non-Indians as the Seven Drum religion. She was a teacher of the Nee Mee Poo language and culture, a member of the Epehtes Powwow committee and an elder with the Eagle Speaks Healing Circle. An avid beadworker in the traditional style, she also taught ribbon shirt classes for the Puyallup Indian Tribe of western Washington.

Survivors include four sons,

Michael J. Penney and Joel Henry both of Lapwai, Edward Henry Jr. of Warm Springs, OR and Jay W. Henry of Spalding; three daughters, Sarah D. Williams of the Tri-Cities, Jana Buck of Lapwai and Jena Henry of Nespelem, WA; four brothers Alexis M. Pinkham Jr. of Anchorage, AK, Alfred Pinkham and Allen Pinkham Sr. both of Lenore and Alvin Pinkham of Spalding; two sisters Audrey Redheart of Spalding and Loretta Alexander of Cayuse, OR; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Albert Pinkham Sr., a sister Bernadine Pinkham Greene, a son Allan Henry and a daughter Christy Henry.

A dressing ceremony was held at 2 p.m. at Malcolm's Brower-Wann memorial Chapel in Lewiston, ID.

A Wah Luss Sut service will be held at 4 p.m. at the Pi Nee Waus building in Lapwai. Burial was at Red Bear Cemetery at Lenore with Armand Minthorn officiating the service.

HOW TO GET A VA DIRECT LOAN

Who Is Eligible?

Veterans who were honorably released from active duty service, during World War II and later periods are eligible for VA loan benefits. World War II (September 16, 1940 to July 25, 1947). Korean conflict (June 27, 1950,



Indigenous band set tour dates

Following their successful run on this summer's B.B. King Blues Festival tour, blues-rock band Indigenous have just announced 13 new headlining tour dates. The band's live performances have been met with critical praise. Jane Ganahl from the San Francisco Examiner wrote: "Mato Nanji's work is explosive and fiery, full of psychedellic, note-bending fury."

Indigenous is also in the studio recording new tracks for the highly anticipated follow-up to 1998's "Things We Do", due out early next year. "Thing We Do" introduced Indigenous to numbers of new fans and critics and sold over 100,000 without the help of a major record label. Fans can also expect a live performance

- video due out in December as well as a live CD available on the band's website on November 10.
- Don't miss one of Indigenous' high energy live performances, just ask legendary blues artist B.B. King, who said, "I like to take people out with me who deserve to be heard. Indigenous is someone America and the world should hear."
- Nov. 12-El Rey Theater-Albuquerque, NM
- Nov. 13-Camel Rock Casino-Santa Fe, NM
- Nov. 14-Bash On Ash-Tempe, AZ
- Nov. 16-Roxy Theater-Los Angeles, CA
- Nov. 17-Mystic Theater-Petaluma, CA
- Nov. 18-Slim's-San Francisco, CA
- Nov. 19-Feather Falls Casino-

- Oroville, CA
- Nov. 20-Show Box Theater-Seattle, WA
- Nov. 21-The Roseland Theater-Portland, OR
- Nov. 24-Sioux City Convention Ctr.-Sioux City, IO
- Nov. 26-Cain's Ballroom-Tulsa, OK
- Nov. 27-Sokol Auditorium-Omaha, NE
- Dec. 10-Paradise Rock Club-Boston, MA
- Dec. 11-Foxwoods Hotel & Casino-Mashantucket, CT
- Dec. 31-Radison Hotel-St. Paul, MN
- For more information about Indigenous, please contact Georgette Pascale (gpascale@shorefire.com) or Seth Cohen at Shore Fire Media (718) 522-7171; 32 Court Street, Suite 1600; Brooklyn, NY 11201

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