

Job openings

For information on job listing, or to submit an application phone Personnel at extension 3262. To ask about job detail, call the contact person listed on the advertisement.

Children's Protective Services/Protective Care Provider Part Time/Shift varies. Contact Rebekah Main 553-3209.

Fire Mgmt/Fire Management Officer full time. Contact J. Mark Jackson 553-2416.

Police Administration General Manager/ Justice Services full time. Contact Charles Jody Calica 553-

3228. Police Dept./Lieutenant of Corrections. Contact Don Courtney 553-3272.

Police Administration/Secretary III Full Time. Contact Su-Yenn Smith 553-3272.

Police/Police Officer Full Time (2) positions. Contact Don Courtney 553-3272.

Police/Communications Officer on call (2) Positions. Contact Lee Ann Tufti 553-3272.

Warm Springs Composite Products/Secretary full time. Contact Harold Majxner 553-1143.

Haskell Presidential Inauguration date announced

Dr. Karen Swisher, HINU's First Woman President, To Be Honored

Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) tribal college in Lawrence, Kansas, has announced February 2, 2001, as the inauguration date of Dr. Karen Gayton Swisher, the first woman to head the 116-year old institution. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (CST) at the Warner E. Coffin Sports Complex on the HINU campus.

"Dr. Swisher is an historic choice for Haskell and the BIA," said Michael J. Anderson, Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. "She is an experienced administrator with a deep commitment to her students and a strong leader for the University."

The inauguration is the focal point in a week of activities starting on January 29 that includes an inaugural banquet on the evening of February 1, when Dr. Swisher's presidential portrait will be unveiled and placed in the President's Room of Sudham Union on campus. A traditional honor powwow, which is open to the public, will conclude the week.

Dr. Swisher, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe who was born and raised on the Standing Rock reservation in North Dakota, joined Haskell in 1996 to direct its teacher-training program and chair its teacher education department. She was named interim president in July 1999 and served until May 2000, when she became the permanent president.

"Haskell is fortunate to have someone of Dr. Swisher's caliber," said William J. Mehojah Jr., Director of the BIA's Office of Indian Education Programs. "She's an Educator's educator."

Dr. Swisher has a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Edu-

cation and Master of Science degree in Elementary School Administration from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and a doctoral degree in Educational Administration from the University of North Dakota. She also has higher education experience from Huron College in South Dakota, the University of Utah and Arizona State University.

Dr. Swisher has been active in numerous education organizations including the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the American Educational Research Association, and served on the boards of the Urban Indian Education Research Center, the American Indian College Fund, and Girl Scouts of the USA. She received NIEA's highest award, Indian Educator of the Year, in 1997, and was named Native American Educator of the Year by the Kansas Association for Native American Education in 1998.

Haskell Indian Nations University was originally established in the 1884 as Haskell Institute, a boarding and vocational school for American Indian children and youth. In the 1980s, it began offering Associate degrees and was renamed Haskell Junior College. In 1995, Haskell was approved by the North Central Accreditation Association to offer its first Baccalaureate degree. HINU now offers Associate degrees in Applied Science, Science, and Art, and Baccalaureate degrees in Elementary Education, Indian Studies, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies, and Business Administration.

For information on inaugural activities, contact Freda Tapedo at Haskell Indian Nations University at (785) 749-8416 (e-mail: ftapedo@ross1.cc.haskell.edu) or Nedra Darling, Director, Office of Public Affairs, BIA, at (202) 208-3710, or visit the HINU web site at www.haskell.edu for a schedule of events.

Indian Head openings

Cashier: part-time positions available. Accepting applications through 1/29/01. Make change for guests; cash out jackpot tickets; verify paperwork. Evening and weekend shifts. One year cash handling and 10-key experience preferred. Must be friendly, courteous with excellent customer service skills. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time.

Jefferson County School District 509-J openings

Bus Driver-Transportation department; interested candidates should contact: Jefferson County School District 509-J; 445 SE Buff Street; Madras, OR 97741; phone (541) 475-6192 E-mail: cthorpe@509j.net or FAX (541) 475-6856.

Madras Employment

Registered Nurse PT; Radiology Tech.; RN/LPN Nurse; Forestry Teacher; Infant/Toddler Instructor; Educational Assistant; Employment Counselor; Juvenile Dept. Director; Sales Hardware; Food Server/Cocktails; Certified Nurses Aides; Park Worker I; HVAC Server Tech.; Bus Driver; Bus Driver/Class Aide; and Experienced Mill worker in Madras. Environmental Tech.; Public Health Educator; Mgr/Justice Services; Executive Secretary; Secretary III; Waiter/Waitress; Restaurant Cook; Protective Care Provider; Police Officer; Police Dispatcher and Fire Mgmt Officer in Warm Springs. Farm Hand in Lone Pine.

COCC OFFERS CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP

Central Oregon Community College is offering a career-planning workshop at 2 p.m. Jan. 31, in Room 160 of the Grandview Student Center on the COCC campus.

This session is designed to help participants make effective career decisions by evaluating their interests, work skills and values; exploring the Career Information Center; and taking one of the career assessment inventories.

It is preferred that the \$10 fee for the workshop be paid in advance, but payment at the door will be accepted. For more information on this session or to register, call the COCC Counseling Center at 383-7580.

Native Mobb

Lil Kain is bringing u the 2nd Native Mobb CD to hit tha streets artist: Lil Kain Title: Native Mobb \$15 eash included more Klown (Lance Thomas) Dogg songs another Bombay cd to bump! Contact Darreck Palmer at 553-1727 or pager 475-0969 to purchase! limited time only! 3rd Native Mobb CD coming soon...

All Warriors Memorial

The Veterans Corner

Ground broken for Tribal Veterans' Memorial

After many years of discussion, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde broke ground for a memorial that will honor all veterans from the Grand Ronde, Willamina, and Sheridan areas. Approximately 100 individuals attended the Veterans Day event.

The memorial will feature traditionally dressed male and female figures, arms lifted to the sky. Granite pillars to be placed at the memorial site, will bear the names of veterans who served in each branch of the armed forces. Steve Bobb, the memorial designer, attended the groundbreaking ceremony. Bobb is a tribal member and a veteran.

The memorial is estimated to cost nearly \$300,000. Most of the money donated so far has come from Tribal resources. But supporters are quick to point out that the memorial will recognize and honor all area veterans, not just Tribal members. "The Tribe, in the spirit of the occasion, is including all veterans and not just Tribal member veterans. They are honoring all who served," said Gene Hancock, an Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs field representative who has been working with the memorial committee for the last two years.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal member Travis Benoist, opened the ceremony by offering a blessing of the ground. Following the blessing, the Grand Ronde Color Guard, led by Tribal elder Marcellus Norwest, performed their duties. Members of the Tribal Council were in attendance to show their support. The Tribe's Veterans' Ad Hoc Memorial Committee will be conducting fundraisers in an effort to gather the estimated \$300,000 necessary for the memorial. Donations have been received from the Grand Ronde Tribal Council, and veterans' organizations and individuals. A fundraiser has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, in Willamina at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

It is anticipated that the project will be completed by Memorial Day 2003.

I-205 designated as Veterans Memorial Highway

Veterans, state and federal officials, and others gathered at Willamette National Cemetery on Veterans Day to dedicate Interstate 205 as a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

Annual Veteran's Healing Circle on tap

There will be a Veteran's Healing Circle at the Hehe Longhouse, Warm Springs, Oregon on April 19th, and 20th, & 21st. This year's theme is "Honoring All Women & the Sacred Circle". Point of Contact: Larson Kalama, Sr. (541) 553-1317. Messages can also be left at (541) 475-1798 or (541) 553-1335.

Tentative agenda is as follows:
Thursday, April 19th:
6:00 p.m. - Opening ceremonies - lighting healing fire; gather in

way and to designate it as Veterans Memorial Highway.

The National Council of State Garden Clubs started the Blue Star Memorial Highway project in New Jersey in 1944 as a tribute to all who have served in the armed forces and also as a demonstration of roadside beautification. It was one of the most extensive projects every undertaken by garden clubs and the first every attempted on a nationwide scale.

The name "Blue Star" was taken from the small service flag that family members placed in their windows during World War II. A blue star signified a family member serving overseas, a red star represented someone who was injured, and gold star meant a family member had died in action. While it originally began to honor World War II veterans, it's mission was enlarged in 1951 to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 392 (Portland) led the effort for the highway renaming, with assistance from elected officials and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Speakers at the ceremony included VVA members John Neuman and Mike Breshears, Nan Jean Roller of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Oregon Representative Kurt Schrader, Oregon Senator Rick Metzger, Oregon National Guard Adjutant General Alexander Burgin, and U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer.

Representatives from 29 veterans' organizations took part in the ceremony.

Increases Made in Veterans' Benefits

On November 1, 2000, President Clinton signed legislation known as The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2000. This signed legislation became Public Law 106-413. Effective December 1, 2000, the legislation included a 3.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment to the monthly rates of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation, as well as other related benefit improvements. The first check to be received by veterans and beneficiaries reflecting this increase will be the check received on or about December 31, 2000.

The increases are based on a cost-of-living increase of 3.5 percent reported by the Social Security Administration.

Monthly payments to veterans receiving disability compensation will now range from \$101 for a single veteran with a 10 percent disability rating, to \$2,107 for a single veteran

with a 100 percent disability rating.

Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated 30 percent or higher may be entitled to receive additional allowances for dependents.

The 3.5 percent increase in payment rates also applies to survivors of veterans who died of service-connected disabilities—the parents, spouses and children who receive benefits under the VA's dependency and indemnity compensation program. Surviving spouses of wartime veterans whose deaths were unrelated to service or service-connected condition and whose incomes are below an established threshold will also benefit from the increase in death pension benefits. The VA will also implement the same increase in VA pension for wartime veterans whose permanent and total disabilities are not service-connected.

Additional information is available from local county veterans' service offices or the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Federal Pension refund deadline approaching

Eligible federal retirees, surviving spouses and the beneficiaries have until April 16, 2001, to request a refund on Oregon State Income Taxes paid from 1991 to 1997 on federal pension benefits. The refunds are distributed by the Oregon Department of Revenue.

According to the court-approved settlement reached in February 1999 between the State of Oregon and the federal retirees, failure to file a completed verification form with the department by the April 16 deadline will result in denial of refunds.

To be eligible for a refund, you must meet these requirements: part or all of the federal pension benefits were earned prior to October 1, 1991 and, the pension benefits were included in Oregon taxable income.

Those who believe they may be eligible and have not submitted a form, may obtain the form (40-F) from the department's website at: www.dor.state.or.us/NewsR/FedRef.html

Forms also are available by calling the department's toll-free number (only in Oregon) at 800-356-4222. Outside Oregon, the number is 503-378-4988. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), the year-round toll-free number within Oregon is 1-800-886-7204. Outside Oregon, the number is 503-945-8617. These numbers are answered by machine only and are not for voice use.

If you already filed a verification form, you don't need to do anything more. If you are expecting a refund check or checks for tax years 1991 through 1994, those checks will be distributed after July 1, 2001.

Indian Trail Restaurant

Close Out Sale on Video Movies

All titles reduced to \$5 each
Also CDs & cassettes for sale

Indian Trail Restaurant
2001 Special
Good Through Feb. 28, 2000

\$11 Large Pizza 2 topping
\$9 Med. Pizza 2 topping
\$7 Sm Pizza 2 topping

Warm Springs Elementary School news

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Education's Web site: www.ode.state.or.us. Every school will receive one of five overall ratings: exceptional, strong, satisfactory, low or unacceptable. The ratings are based on a combination of student test scores, attendance and other factors. The report card also contains other information including teacher training and experience.

Schools that receive "low" or "unacceptable" ratings will be eligible to apply for state grants and technical assistance to improve their performance.

The Department of Education also will issue report cards for school districts. These report cards will include a list of all schools and their ratings, student performance scores district wide, and other information about students and teachers.

When the report card for your child's school arrives, please take the time to read all the materials carefully if you have questions or suggestions for improvements, please contact Dawn Smith at 553-1128.

Playground Safety

The students who received the most requested item for Christmas

this year, a scooter, are really yearning to take them to school. Unfortunately, scooters, skateboards, roller skates etc. cannot be used on the playground during school. We encourage students to leave these items at home so they don't have to be taken until the end of the school day.

Attendance

WSE attendance was really high for the first quarter of the school year. Parents are to be commended for making sure that their children are in school.

Just before winter break student absences started to increase. Since student attendance is part of the state report card and directly affects school funding, it is important that students are attending school regularly unless they are ill or have a family emergency.

Please remember to call the school office at 553-1128 if your child is out for illness or emergency. We do let the teachers know when you call, and the absence is marked as excused.

Winter Weather Dressing

When the temperature is too low, it is rainy or the playground too

snowy or icy that it is not appropriate for students to be outside, recess may be held inside. This does not happen very often at WSE. Please remember to have your children dress warm enough for the weather conditions.

We have a lot of lost and found coats hanging in the halls and the cafeteria. Parents are welcome to come check out the lost and found to see if their children have any unclaimed items there.

Making math fun

How can you give your children a boost in math? Build their skills with these simple ideas: Gather about \$5 in change. (Make sure to have planet of each coin) Then, call out amounts of money, such as \$44, \$1.78, or \$3.15. Your children can add together coins for each amount. * Suggest a younger child look for numbers, such as 7 and 21, on license plates. Then, have an older child find the answer to a problem, such as 21 - 7 = ? on another plate. * At the grocery store, ask your youngsters to weigh some vegetables or fruit and estimate the cost. Example: The carrots weigh two pounds and cost \$.79 per pound. Have them estimate by multiplying 2 x \$.80

Howlak Tichum Joyce Marie McKinley Surface

Joyce Marie McKinley Surface, age 51, died at her home in Klamath Falls, Oregon due to natural causes on December 31st, 2000. She was born November 5th, 1949 to parents Clarence and Stella (Culps) McKinley at the General Hospital in The Dalles, Oregon.

Ms. Surface worked as a CHR/care provider for the Indian Health Service in Warm Springs for three years before she moved to Grand

Ronde. Her favorite hobby was to research into antiques. She also had a deep love for animals, namely dog and cats.

Joyce was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and also a member of the Shaker Church.

Proceeding in death are her parents, a brother Nelson McKinley and two nieces.

Survivors include two sons

Jacob and Rubin Garcia; sisters Iva (Olsen) Meanus, Inez (Frank) McKinley of Warm Springs and Madeline Baker of Seattle, Washington, along with several relatives.

Dressing ceremonies was held at the Shaker Church in Warm Springs by Margo Boise and Mona Schuster with Wilford and Geraldine Jim officiating overnight services. Burial was January 3rd at Wolfe Point Cemetery.