

Veterans gathering at Hehe this weekend

The 2002 Honoring of the Sacred Healing Circle is set for this weekend at the Hehe Longhouse.

The event begins on Friday, April 19, and concludes on Sunday, April 21.

The Sacred Healing Circle is an event for veterans and their families, though others are welcome as well.

The opening ceremonies, lighting of the healing fire, the blessing and honor song are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 19. All drums are invited.

Master of ceremonies will be Bill Wheeler, who will give the introduction. This will be followed by a talk by Larson Kalama, who coordinates the

event. Pete Simoneau will talk on treatment availability for veterans. He will speak again on Saturday, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a talk by Sam King, among other activities.

There will be a mini powwow beginning at 7 p.m. A clown dance contest will also be held, with prizes awarded.

Closing ceremonies will be Sunday at 10 a.m.

No fees of any kind are being charged. Contributions and donations of raffle items and food will be greatly appreciated. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

Menu will include buffalo meat, salmon, deer and or elk and trout.

Week of the Young Child



The Early Childhood Education Center last week helped in the celebration of the Week of the Young Child. ECE hosted special events to commemorate the occasion, including field trips, a fun run and obstacle course, SMART Reading Day, Zoo Day, and the ECE Children's Parade, featured in these photos. By Selena Boise.



Construction starting on PSU center

A group of Warm Springs tribal members, including Tribal Council members, recently attended a groundbreaking event at Portland State University.

The ground-breaking, held Friday, April 5, was for a new Native American Center at PSU. The building will be located on the campus at S.W. Broadway and Jackson Street.

The PSU Native American Center will be the only facility of its kind in the Portland area, home to approximately 14,000 Native American people.

The PSU Native American Center will offer a variety of learning and cultural opportunities for the community.

The center will serve as a cultural home for Native students, supporting their enrollment at PSU, and enriching



Warm Springs tribal member Gayleen Adams, who attends Portland State University, watches the ground-breaking

their academic studies.

The center will also provide a resource room equipped with computers for students, meeting and conference spaces for

tribes, and an opportunity for all who visit the center to learn about Indian people, their history as well as contemporary Native American issues.

New totes help pick-up service

The Sanitation and Landfill Department recently began distributing 90 gallon totes to all homes on the reservation with scheduled garbage service. Homeowners are asked to use the new totes instead of their old cans.

The drivers have a tote lifter on their trucks that empties the totes into the truck. This reduces the chances the drivers would get injured from repetitive motion injuries.

This change was suggested by the state of Oregon O.S.H.A.

The benefit to the homeowner is that more trash to be picked up than the two cans allowed before. The tote also has wheels and can be moved easily. If you have any questions call Nancy Collins at 553-1196.

On-line guild invites artists

Warm Springs Ventures would like to invite all interested tribal member artists to join the Warm Springs Guild.

The main objective of the guild is to help individual tribal member artists market their crafts nationwide using the largest on-line auction house in the world. Anyone interested is invited to attend a meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Warm Springs Ventures office at the Plaza.

Full Gospel hosting revival

There will be a revival at the Full Gospel Church on Mother's Day weekend, May 10, 11 and 12.

The services begin Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. Saturday May 11 services will begin at 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday May 12 services will start at 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, bring the

whole family, come believing and let the Lord bless you. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4." For further information contact Ote Lumpmouth at (541) 553-2553 or Pastor Ernest Hunt (541) 553-6316.

Tribal relations intern needed

A tribal relations intern position is available.

This is a temporary part-time position, lasting 3 to 6 months.

Job duties include coordinating and taking a lead role in a public relations campaign for a tribal planning project.

Candidates for this job must be reliable, with high school diploma or GED, and have experience with project management and meeting deadlines. Pay is \$10 per hour. Submit application to the Personnel Department by May 19. Starting date for position: May 1.



Duncan Brunoe of KWSO was on hand to record the event.



Chief Delvis Heath, and councilwomen Carol Wewa and Bernice Mitchell (from left) join former governor Vic Atiyeh in breaking ground.

Story idea? Call the Spilyay, 553-3274.

Home loan program benefits veterans

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs home loan program provides home purchase and home improvement loans to eligible veterans, within the limitations set forth in Oregon's Constitution and applicable laws.

To be eligible, you must be an honorably discharged veteran who served at least 210 consecutive days on active duty unless discharged due to a service-connected injury.

If you are an honorably discharged veteran and have less than the above mentioned 210 consecutive days of active duty service, you may still qualify if you served in a theater of operations for which a campaign or expeditionary ribbon or medal is authorized by the United States.

You must reside in Oregon at the time you apply for the loan. Also, loan applications must be filed within 30 years from the date of release from active duty.

The maximum loan amount for veterans is presently \$300,700. In some cases loans up to 95 percent of the property value can be made. Interest rates generally run about 1 percent below market. Call to get a quote.

All loans are made at fixed rates and veterans may choose up to a maximum loan term

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of 30 years. There are limits on the number of times you can use the program, and, of course, lending decisions will be based on the veteran's ability to repay the loan. Normal lending costs will apply, such as a loan fee, appraisal fee, credit report, flood determination fee, title insurance, and escrow fees.

Home improvement loans are available with no loan fee. Call to get a quote for the current interest rate. Minimal costs include escrow closing and title fees.

The department must be the first lien holder on all loans issued.

The Oregon laws relating to the Oregon Veterans Home Loans are contained in Oregon Revised Statutes, chapters 406 and 407.

The Oregon Administrative Rules for the agency are located in chapter 274.

To determine if you are eligible, or to inquire, further about a loan, please contact the loan origination staff at:

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 700 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301-1285.

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