



Kirby Heath and Larson Kalama (at left and right) honored Raymond Tsumpti Jr. with a life membership to VFW Post 4217, the Elliott Palmer Post, last week during a veterans gathering at High Lookee Lodge.

VFW post supports highway designation

VFW Post 4217, the Elliott Palmer Post, voted unanimously to ask for Tribal Council support to write a letter of approval for a committee seeking to rename US 97. Dick Tobiason, chair of the committee seeking to rename the highway, spoke to the group last week about their efforts. The US 97 World War II Veterans Historic Highway Committee is requesting that the Oregon Department of Transportation designate the stretch of US 97 throughout Oregon as the World War II Veterans Historic Highway. While there are memorials in Oregon for veterans of other wars, no memorial has been built for veterans of WWII, Tobiason said. For that reason, they are hoping to rename the highway. According to the request made by the committee, they seek to rename the highway in

order to recognize the WWII training activities and facilities along US 97 and the vital role the US 97 played during WWII. During the war, Army, Navy and Marine units with more than 200,000 individuals trained at or near Biggs, Madras, Prineville, Redmond, Bend, Sunriver and Klamath Falls. If the request is granted, twelve signs designating the highway as the World War II Veterans Historic Highway would be installed on US 97 near the WWII training sites. The group is also hoping to work with the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (OSFGCI) to restore the missing Blue Star Memorial Highway signs along US 97. They are proposing to dedicate the signs on June 6, 2008, which will be the 64th anniversary of the invasion of Europe by the U.S. and allied forces that led to the end of WWII.

Sixteen million Americans served in WWII. Of those who served, 405,000 died during the war. During WWII, 85 tribal members served in the armed forces. Of the 85, three men died during the war: Benjamin Dick, Elliot Palmer (for whom the VFW post is named), and Gilbert Yahtin. Daniel Brisbois Sr., 88, is the only remaining WWII veteran involved with the local VFW post. The VFW post heard the presentation during a support group meeting for posttraumatic stress disorder. They also heard a presentation from the Portland VA Medical Center. For more information on PTSD, visit www.ncptsd.va.gov.

— by Leslie Mitts

Hide tanning classes at museum

The Museum at Warm Springs is presenting a two-week hide tanning class, "Preserving Our Culture, Learning Our Heritage." The classes will be taught by Roberta Berry-Williams and Leander Williams. Classes are scheduled for

Monday through Saturday, Oct. 22-27; and Monday through Saturday, Oct. 29-Nov. 3. Time of classes is from 3 to 7 p.m. Location: the Museum at Warm Springs grounds. The classes are for adults and young adults, ages 16 and up, men and women, up to 20 par-

ticipants. \$25 fee per participant, due prior to class, payable to the Museum at Warm Springs. For information contact the Education Program at the museum, 553-3331.

Recreation, High Lookee host Halloween fun

The Warm Springs Recreation Department is having their annual Halloween Carnival on October 31. If you are interested in hav-

ing a booth, contact us at 553-3243. Set up will be from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the carnival is from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

High Lookee Lodge invites trick-or-treaters to visit the lodge from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Halloween night.



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