

# Flute players gather for healing

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Back when Foster Kalama taught himself to play the flute, he had very little idea about how much it would eventually mean in the healing journey of so many.

"Me and Larson Kalama started attending a circle up in Washington," Foster said. "Back then, Larson needed some healing, being a vet. That was 25 years ago. I got involved. He knew that I could play the drum... but he didn't know that I taught myself to play the flute when I was younger."

Twenty-seven years ago, Foster decided to change his life direction towards a more positive course.

"Everything became alcohol and drug free," he says. "We now try to stay away from negativity, which makes HeHe the perfect setting. There are veterans who attend our healing circle and they need peace. Some of them were broken inside, but each year they get a little bit better."

At the Gathering of Flutes, held last weekend at HeHe, participants focus on the spiritual aspects of life.

"Last year we had 38 flute players," Kalama said. "People are coming in,



Foster Kalama at the 2012 Gathering of Flutes at HeHe.

steadily. But this is an event that we'd like to keep small. This way, people can enjoy each other."

J'Deanne Kalama, Foster's wife, has become involved cooking for the event along with the couple's children.

During the first year, about 100 people attended. "That grew to around 150 the second year," Foster says. "Right now, we have around 80 people here. I'm hoping for, at most, 200 people."

Participants came from as

far away as Maine.

"There's also some from New York City, Montana, South Dakota, California. They come from all over. But a majority of them are from the Pacific Northwest."

At the gathering, participants are encouraged to display their healing abilities through music.

"We have rattles, flutes... people are invited to play just about any instrument they want. Music is a powerful tool, spiritually."

Foster hopes that the gathering serves as a tool to help keep culture alive. "I'm thankful that people come from all over to help. I pray that our people will come together to help support each other, as well. We all need work. We all need to help each other. And we all need to love each other."

The event ended Sunday with a ceremony at the healing fire along the Warm Springs River.

# Father's Day brunch at Indian Head

Father's Day Brunch will be served in the Cottonwood Restaurant at Indian Head Casino on Sunday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The brunch will be \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for ages 5 to 10 and 4 under are free. Reservations are not needed.

A Father's Day dinner special featuring a 1-lb. t-bone steak with baked potato and roasted vegetables will be served beginning at 5 p.m. for \$25.

A Father's Day slot tournament will be held at 1 p.m. with \$500 in guaranteed prize money. Entry is \$10. Men are

half-price at \$5. A Father's Day Blackjack Tournament will be held at 6 p.m. with \$350 guaranteed prize money and \$12 entry. Men are half-price at \$6.

Men can also stop by the Players Club and show their players club card for a complimentary gift. The Cedar Basket Gift Shop is running a 25 percent off sale on selected items from June 15-18.

Dining information including menus are available at: indianheadgaming.com

Or by calling 541-460-7777.

# Beaded Tapestries at Museum

The Museum at Warm Springs will present Warm Springs Beaded Tapestries, June 21-Sept. 16.

This exhibit will feature beautifully beaded regalia and adornment of all styles with colorful patterns of beads from the museum's permanent collection. This is a chance to view one of a kind works, each telling its own story.

The museum will kick off the wonderful exhibit with a Traditional Horse Parade and opening reception on Thursday, June 21, from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

The museum is inviting riders to participate in the parade. Participants must arrive at the museum no later than 4:30 on June 21 to line up at the far end of the museum parking lot.

Walkers and all veterans are welcome. The museum will open its gallery doors to the new exhibit at 6 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the Horse Parade, or if you have additional questions, please call Natalie Moody at 541-553-3331, ext. 412. The event is free and open to the public.

Head Start Graduation is Tuesday, June 19 at 10 a.m at Agency Longhouse

## Toy Sale & Swap

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