

"Let us put our minds together and see what kind of life we can build for our children" — Sitting Bull

Help Families Grow Stronger

The Social Services program is sponsoring a two day Nurturing Parenting Facilitator Training and we would like to invite all interested community members to participate.

When: October 7 & 8, 2004

Where: Spirit Mt. Casino

For information & registration please contact at Carmen Pearsall, Prevention Specialist at 503-879-2094 or Lisa Leno, Youth Prevention Coordinator at 503-879-1471.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**2004 RESTORATION
CELEBRATION & POW-WOW
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need volunteers to help with the mini pow-wow and names of people who would like to be considered for preparing the meal.

If you are a Tribal member craft vendor and would like to participate, there will be no cost to set up, but space will be limited and you will need to bring your own tables.

For more information please contact Jackie Provost at 503-879-7724 or Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309.

Letters

Dear Tribal members,

I would like to take the time to thank those who have supported me while pursuing a very dear and personal goal. About 8 years ago I chose to return to school and become an Occupational Therapist. This goal was met with many raised eyebrows and looks of wonder. Pursuing an educational goal that requires dedication and continued hard work for 8 years is not a small feat for anyone, let alone for a mother of three who has been out of school for more than 10 years. Despite this, I chose to follow my heart. I believe it was after successfully finishing my first year that those around me started to take me serious. It was at this time my mother told me about the education department at the Tribe. Soon I was in contact with April Campbell who set me up with the appropriate paperwork needed to apply for a scholarship. April was so kind, understanding and genuinely interested in my goals it made the process seem effortless. I received a full scholarship for the remainder of my undergraduate career. I was also fortunate enough to receive a Tribal scholarship for graduate school as well. This spring I finally received my degree in Occupational Therapy. However, my blessings do not stop there. Before I could practice as an O.T. I needed to pass my National Boards. Again, the Tribe was there for me and providing the necessary funding and support needed to register for the exam. As of August 16, I can gratefully state I have completed my goal and am now an official Registered Occupational Therapist.

Becoming an R.O.T. has not been an easy task, however with the support of my loving and understanding husband, my forever-patient children and respectful Tribe my goal has been achieved. In closing, I must not forget to thank my parents who provided me with the morals and values needed to pursue this goal. Together they taught me courage, perseverance and compassion for all. Thank-you all for helping me learn how to paddle my own canoe.

Jodie McCue

Roll #4152

Dear family and friends,

We would like to thank all of you for the flowers, cards and comfort you gave to us during the passing of our mother, Etta Hansen.

We would also like to thank the Tribal Council (past and present) for the Burial Fund Ordinance. It was greatly appreciated not to have to think about finances when we just lost our loved one.

Again thank you all so much,

The Children of Etta Hansen

Editor's Note:

For those of our local readers who are still looking for that new "Gathering Place for the Indian Nation" that was to open in the old Cheers building along State Road 18 in Sheridan, as reported in our July 15 issue, we are sorry to say that last minute disagreements among the principles ended the project.

Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, September 24 observance of National Indian Holiday.

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