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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Irreversible damage to the unborn child due to drinking alcohol while pregnant can be prevented is the theme of an American Indian public information campaign coordinated by the Oregon Commission on Indian Services. Distribution of information on the phenomenon known as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome will be specifically directed at Oregon's American communities and tribes.

This effort is part of the 1982 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention Campaign that is focusing on women and youth. To compliment the public service announcements, ads and brochures developed for general use by the National Institute, the Commission on Indian Services designed a unique newspaper ad and brochure which are captioned in Oregon tribal languages. They summon American women to listen to their message on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

All materials including an American Indian poster developed by the national campaign will be distributed through doctors, tribal health programs, Indian Health Service clinics, alcohol and drug treatment programs, and local government health departments.

For more information about the campaign or to get campaign materials for your office or organization, contact Kathy Greene, Commission Assistant, Commission on Indian Services, 454 State Capitol, Salem, Oregon, 97310. Call (503) 378-5481

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GRAND RONDE DELEGATES & MEMBERS ATTEND ATNWI ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNWI) held their Annual Convention, August 11, 12, 13, 1982, White Swan, Washington. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were represented by a delegation of 8. John and Eula Petite provided transportation for Howard and Ivanetta Cook, Kathryn Harrison, Ila Dowd and Martha Mercier. We were only one of a few to camp at the Pavillion grounds, but we had a good time visiting when not attending the day long meetings.

The convention was lightly attended due to an Indian trade fair being held in Seattle. Many interesting speakers provided a great deal of information to those attending the sessions. Two notable speakers being Mr. Roy Sampsel, a Deputy Director of the Department of Interior, Washington, D.C., and Rev. Walter L. Moffett, a Nez Perce.

The Pow Wow scheduled for Wednesday night was cancelled. A banquet the following evening was a tremendous success featuring barbecued salmon, steamed clams in the shell, sweet corn, baked potatoes, and chilled watermelon, all you could eat. Everyone enjoyed the banquet very much.

The Yakima Nation provided our delegation with a van and driver Wednesday evening and we toured the Yakima Culture Center and dined at the center restaurant.

We also visited with my cousin Mrs. Ferman Wheeler of White Swan. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

Merle Holmes, Tribal Chairman  
and voting delegate to the convention.

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A belated thank you is sent to Edith Barton, Warm Springs, for her donation of \$10.00 to the Tribe. Thanks Eddie!