

SMOKE SIGNALS



March 1987

UMPQUA - MOLALLA - CHASTA

ROGUE RIVER - KALAPUYA

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 1987

GRAND RONDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

12:00 Noon

A chili feed and bingo will follow the General Council meeting on March 1, 1987. Chili will cost \$1.00 per bowl, and bingo cards will be 25¢ each, or 3/50¢. Everyone is invited to join in on this pow-wow fundraising event.

Donations are needed for bingo prizes and the meal. Call the Depot office, 879-5215, if you can help out!

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

On January 19, 1987, members of the Tribal Council met with local timber company representatives to discuss a timber proposal we mailed to them. The proposal addresses their concerns about log export, management of timber lands and the possibility of the Tribe competing for timber on public lands. The Tribe has offered a Ten year ban on these issues. We hope to meet again with timber company representatives to further discuss this proposal.

On January 21, 1987, Council members, Merle Leno, Kathryn Harrison and I went to Washington D.C. Accompanying us was Ken Smith, who is working with the Tribal Council on the final stages of the Reservation Plan. The purpose of the D.C. trip was to address any possible concerns the Oregon Congressional Delegation may have about the Reservation Plan. We still have much to do. Besides meeting with timber companies, we will be meeting with representatives of the three affected counties (Tillamook, Yamhill and Polk) to address their concerns.

It is unknown when legislation may be introduced (which is required to establish a land base), but the Tribal Council is working on getting the meetings going, and we will keep you posted on the Tribe's progress.

TRIBAL MEMBER RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Tribal member, David LaChance, 94, of McMinville was presented the Purple Heart medal 69 years after receiving wounds in World War I.

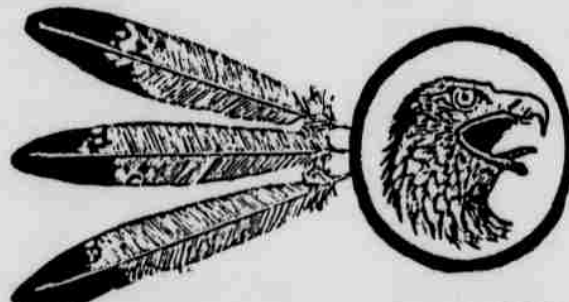
LaChance was wounded in the left shoulder and both legs while serving as a private with an infantry unit of the U.S. Army in France during WWI. LaChance was 26 at the time. His replacement division was fighting to keep the Germans out of Paris.

Why LaChance did not receive the award earlier is unclear. His Granddaughter, Deanna Johnston of Hillsboro, began looking into the matter about a year ago. With assistance from U.S. Representative Les AuCoin's office, the award was authorized by the U.S. Department of Defense.

LaChance was hospitalized for 22 months and has remained totally disabled from the wounds. The medal was awarded to LaChance by Les AuCoin. LaChance also celebrated his 95th birthday on February 1, 1987.

(from the News-Register)

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID!!!



PETITES TO CELEBRATE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Tribal members, Eula and John Petite, will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on March 7, 1987. Their daughter, Sister Kateri Petite, will hold a special mass for them at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Grand Ronde, beginning at 1:00 p.m. A reception will follow the mass.