



SOCIAL SERVICES

U.S.D. A. FOOD

If you're interested, or think you might be eligible to receive commodities through the USDA Program, please contact Joann McClary at 879-5352.

We are working closely with Gary Butler in Siletz to be sure all eligible Grand Ronde Tribal members receive USDA commodities.

The income guidelines have recently been changed and there has been a slight increase in income eligibility.

If you have any questions about the program or the eligibility requirements, please call.

NEEDS SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED

Joann McClary, Social Services Researcher, will begin a house to house completion of our data base questionnaire. We would appreciate every tribal member to fill out this data base, as the information is vitally important to the future of the organization of programs for the tribe.

THANKS LINDA!!!

The Social Services Department would like to thank Linda Olson for all of her fine organization of the information booth at the Pow Wow. Linda stepped in and volunteered her time and was a valuable asset for our program. If anyone who was at the Pow Wow has any questions about something they were given at the time, feel free to contact our office at 879-5253.

SCHOOL WALKING POOL

We would like to remind those of you with children that walking to and from school can be a very dangerous time for your youngsters. If you are unable to walk them to school, perhaps a walking pool could be started in order to take turns seeing that the little ones make it to school and back safely. It doesn't matter how short the distance is, it is a prime time for children to encounter some kind of abuse if not supervised.

Parents interested in a walking pool in Grand Ronde can contact Mary Ring or Joann McClary at 879-5253.



Pauline Johnson and Nora Kimsey at the Oregon State Fair



Grand Ronde history on display at Oregon State Fair.

STUDENT ATTENDS YOUTH CONFERENCE

Tribal member Michael Childers and Social Services Director, Mary Ring, recently spent a week in Los Angeles learning and exchanging ideas on how to organize youth programs.

The conference, which ran from August 17 - 21, covered topics on working with alcoholism and drug abuse, learning to identify teens in crisis, and strategies for creating successful youth groups.

Childers, a senior at Willamina High School, will be using her training to work with Ring during the school year to set up various activities for tribal youth.

For Childers, an important part of the conference was the story by Andy Chelsea, from the Alkali Lake band of Indians in Canada. Chelsea told of his tribe's battle with alcoholism.

"In the 1940's, 100 percent of the tribe's population had an alcoholism problem. Everyone was drinking including the children," said Childers, but by 1986, the tribe had a sobriety rate of 90 percent. "They as a tribe, quit drinking," Childers said.

The whole community got together and worked as a group, according to Childers. "They showed themselves that they were important," said Childers.

"Before you can help anyone else, you have to help yourself" is one thing she learned at the conference, said Childers.

She also learned about signs students show when they are having problems. These include loss of interest in participating in school activities, loss of friends, dropping of grades, and a shortage of money, said Childers.

The conference also stressed good health and the importance of taking care of ones body. Conference participants also spent time discussing ways teens could deal with various problems.

Some of the ideas included creating a teen group that would discuss problems and create solutions, establishing a community based teenage hotline monitored by an adult who has successfully battled alcoholism, drug abuse, stress, etc; community projects for teen groups; and getting students actively involved in creating an atmosphere of awareness which lets students know that help is available. This would involve students in writing newsletter articles, making signs and posters, etc., said Childers.

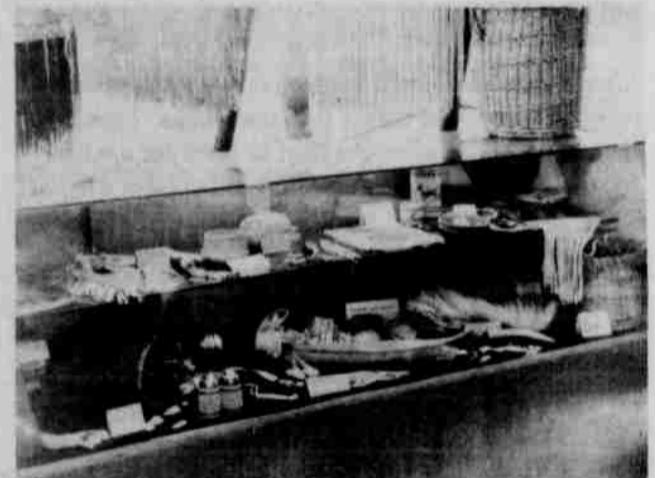
The first thing Mary and I will be working on is letting people know that we're setting up a program and that we want to help people, Childers said.

If students are interested, Childers would like to see some sports activities started and have students do something like sponsor a pow wow.

Anyone who would like to help us set up a tribal program is welcome to contact her at 876-2890 or Mary Ring at 879-5253, she said.

LEAD SINGER

Tribal member Marie Landreth will be singing the lead part of Mimi, in La Boheme, with the Rogue Valley Opera Association. Ms. Landreth is a graduate of the University of Oregon Symphony, Linn-Benton Symphony, Hindermen Festival, Oregon Mozart Soloist, Portland Concert Solo and was the regional winner of the Metropolitan Opera auditions. Ms. Landreth has sung the lead in Carmen, the Magic Flute, Pirates of Penzance and Cinderella. Puccini's La Boheme will be presented in English in three performances at 8:00 p.m. on September 9, 11 and 13 in the Southern Oregon State College Music Recital Hall, Ashland, Oregon.



Grand Ronde Tribal display at Oregon State Fair.

TITLE IV ACTIVITIES

PARENTS!!! WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR CHILD'S INDIAN CERTIFICATION (506) FORM, FOR ELIGIBILITY IN THE TITLE IV PROGRAM, PLEASE RETURN PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE OF 12/1/87.

Following is a tentative schedule for craft classes for the Willamina Title IV Program:

Mondays 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. - Grades 6, 7 & 8
 Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Grades Kindergarden, 1 & 2
 Wednesdays 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Grades 3, 4 & 5
 Thursdays 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

All classes take place at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

Volunteers are needed to help with the craft classes. Anyone! Call Michealle at 879-5210 for more information.

Do you need a ride to Title IV meetings? Call Joann after 5 p.m. at 879-5444.