



Martha Mercier is highly regarded because of her sense of warmth and kindness when it comes to others.

"MARTHA MERCIER"

By Michael Childers

The home of Grand Ronde Tribal Member, Martha Mercier, is neat and cozy with white and creamed colored crochet items, including a large blanket covering the couch, doilies and pillows of all sizes, sitting everywhere, making the house quiet and comfortable.

Martha, 79, rests in her rocking chair talking with a friend. "I've lived her all my life," says Martha, "and if I could go back in time, I wouldn't change a thing." Martha has raised her six children here in Grand Ronde, that consists of five boys and 1 girl, from oldest to youngest, they are, Darryl, who has given Martha 8 grandchildren, Winston, who passed away in 1978 but survivors included his 5 children, Crystal, who has 3 children, Frances, who has 2 children and last but definitely not least, Martha's twin boys, Dennis and Lennis, who both have 2 children each. Martha says, "I am not only blessed with 22 grandchildren but I am blessed because I see them all regularly and that makes me very happy."

Martha has always been an active person with a wide range of activities going for her. At this time, all of her main interests revolve around the Tribe. She enjoys attending the craft classes with some of her family members and friends. She is more than willing to always participate in all of the functions that the Tribe holds, such as the elders trip to our Reservation which took place in July, all of the elder luncheons and get togethers held here at the office, and she also attends all of the General Council Meetings every month to keep "updated", she says. "But out of everything I do, says Martha, "I think that being on the Enrollment Committee for so many years now has proved to be the most rewarding for me and I'm honored to be a member."

Margo Mercier, daughter of Darryl and Ruth Mercier, is one of Martha's first few grandchildren and Margo feels very close to her, she says, "Martha has been the center of my personal and Tribal life as long as I can remember. Her love and giving never ends."

"I think that the Tribe does a very good job taking care of its elders and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say, "Thank-You," was Martha's last quote during the interview. And we all thank-you, Martha, for being such a special lady.

GET WELL SOON JIM BUTLER!

Jim Butler recently had back surgery in Salem Hospital and is recuperating. A speedy recovery is wished for you Jim, by the Tribal Council and entire Tribal Staff.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

JOB TITLE: Bookkeeper/Data Entry

RESPONSIBLE TO: Accountant/CHS

LOCATION: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Office, Grand Ronde, Oregon

DUTIES: Maintain, balance and reconcile Contract Health Service account records.

Prepare Contract Health Service statements and reports.

Maintain various types of records requiring accuracy in selecting, posting and consolidating pertinent data.

Making mathematical computation, applying formulas or conversion tables.

Coding, compiling or verifying statistical data.

Screening various types of documents to verify the accuracy of codes, amounts or similar data in numeric form against related documents or guides.

Operating a computer and adding machines.

Maintain computerized obligations register and payment register.

Data entry of CHS transaction and adjustments-past and present.

Taking phone messages for CHS pre-authorizations.

Data entry of patient/vendor registration.

Coding PAO 21's.

Send provider letters as needed.

Provide back-up for CHS clerks when clerks are unavailable.

Separate and respond to CHS mail.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Tribal/Indian preference.

High School Graduate or equivalent.

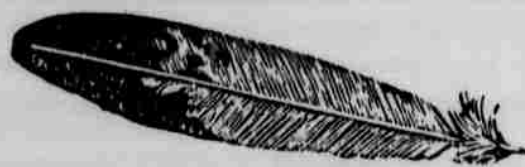
Previous bookkeeping experience, a minimum of two years experience.

Computerized accounting experience helpful.

Some knowledge of computers necessary.

Able to operate an adding machine by touch.

TEMPORARY POSITION



ARTICLES NEEDED FOR NATIVE PRESS ANNUAL

The Native American Press Association (NAPA) is now accepting articles, essays, and research papers by Native American writers, journalists and students concerning the state of Indian journalism.

Past, present and future perspectives on the state of Indian journalism will be accepted. Suggested article topics include, but are not limited to, freedom of the press on Indian reservations, recruitment and retention of American Indian journalism students, Native American journalists and press responsibilities, the role of the press on Indian reservations, etc.

Final selections will be made in January 1989. Students and working professionals are encouraged to submit their articles or papers by December 31, 1989. Papers submitted will not be returned.

Please submit all papers to NAPA, Native American Journalism Annual, P.O. Box 1734, Boulder, CO 80306-1734.

"COME JOIN THE FUN!"

The JOM Program in cooperation with Grand Ronde Elementary School is offering FAMILY SCIENCE & MATH Classes for parents and children, grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. The Family Math & Science would hope to improve a child's self-image as a learner of these subjects and the classes are specifically geared to helping parents work with their children in these areas. The classes are fun and the activities can build understanding of mathematical concepts with "hands-on" materials. So please parents, plan on attending with your children.

A light supper is usually included and you get to take home all the materials you make. The next Family Math & Science is November 20th 1989 from 6-8 pm. Hope to see you there!

For any additional information, please call Dean or Camille at 879-5211.

CONGRATULATIONS DANA!

One of our outstanding students entering school for the '89-'90 academic year is Ms. Dana Leno. Dana was awarded an Oregon Minority Tuition & Fee Scholarship to attend Oregon State University. The Scholarship will provide Dana a total of \$1,707 each year for tuition & fees for the next five years. Ms. Leno received the award based on her academic achievement, a 3.40 Accum. GPA in high school, and her leadership abilities. Dana is majoring in Accounting & Business Administration. She attends OSU along with her sister Lisa Leno, who is majoring in Home Economics. Dana & Lisa's parents are David Leno and Lynn (Simonson) Leno, of Roseburg.

Congratulations Dana, we are proud of you.

THANKS JERRY GEORGE!

The Members of the Fish and Wildlife Committee would like to thank Jerry George for his \$50 donation to the Fish and Wildlife Committee.

NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WANTED FOR JOURNALISM REGISTRY

Native American journalists working in print, radio and television are encouraged to submit their names for inclusion in the Native American Press Association's Journalism Registry.

The registry will provide the journalist's name, address, phone number, place of employment, job position, and tribe. The registry will be given to interested job recruiters, schools, and other journalists. Native American student journalists are encouraged to register.

Susan Arkeketa, NAPA director, said that the registry is needed to identify Native American journalists working in either the tribal or mainstream press. She added that the registry will be a valuable tool for job recruiters who are looking for Native American journalists.

To be included in the registry, please submit the above information or send an updated resume to NAPA Journalism Registry, PO Box 1734, Boulder, CO 80306-1734.

Deadline for submission is October 30, 1989. There is no charge for the listing.