

Community News



Mary Ring (middle) receives gift as a graduate from the Aging Institute

RING GRADUATES FROM AGING INSTITUTE

Norman, Oklahoma:

Mary Ring, Community Services/Title VI Director for the Klamath Tribe (s), and member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, recently graduated from the Native American Leadership Institute on Aging in Arlington, Virginia. Mary was one of 32 individuals selected from 193 Administration on Aging Title VI program personnel throughout the United States. Some of the subject areas which were included in the Institute were: leadership skills development, legislation affecting Indian elders, how U.S. laws are made, leadership trait identification, negotiations, administration and management of title VI programs, and meeting individuals who contribute in formulating aging policy.

Other highlights of the Institute included a luncheon with AoA, the Associate Commissioner from the Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Programs, Dr. M. Yvonne Jackson and a guided tour of Washington, DC. The Institute concluded with a banquet featuring keynote speaker, the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell, United States Congressman for the 3rd District of Colorado and entertainment by renowned ventriloquist/magician, Buddy Big Mountain. Dr. Jackson, Associate Commissioner on Aging, and Antonia Dobrec, President of Three Feathers Associates, gave words of encouragement and congratulations to the graduates. The Institute participants were then inducted into the Title VI Leadership Society.

The Older Americans Act Programs, Titles III and VI, provide funding for supportive services, senior citizens centers, congregate and home delivered meals to American Indians, Alaska Natives and Hawaiian Natives aged 60 and older.

The Institute was conducted by Three Feathers Associates of Norman, Oklahoma. Support for the Institute was from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging.

Courtesy of: Antonia Dobrec, Three Feathers Associates

ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dear Fellow Tribal Members and Friends:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde now has a total of 2770 members. The Enrollment/Vital Statistics program has been providing services in the following areas:

ENROLLMENT - Applications are available on request. The eligibility requirements for Grand Ronde membership are as follows; an applicant must be a descendant of a Grand Ronde member, must possess 1/16 degree or more total Indian blood, and must file an application for enrollment in accordance with the Grand Ronde Enrollment Ordinance.

All applicants are required to submit birth documentation that lists the name of the parents to prove descendance from a Grand Ronde member. All information that is given to the enrollment office is confidential. We have many adoption and paternity cases that can be sensitive to families. I would like to assure our clients that required information is used to prove eligibility and to complete the enrollment process.

All applicant files are reviewed by an enrollment committee member who has taken a confidentiality oath. Our enrollment ordinance provides protection for our clients by a removal procedure for any committee member who breaks the confidentiality of an applicant or member.

INDIVIDUAL FILES - The enrollment office maintains the files of individual members with an on-going update system. Address changes and enrollment verifications are available to tribal programs to effectively provide services to our members. Outside agencies must submit a release of information by members before any personal data is provided. All releases of information are kept in the individual file.

STATISTICAL DATABASE - The enrollment office maintains a statistical data base to provide demographics of tribal members. Tribal programs depend on the statistics to plan for future services. Again, all information gathered is confidential.

If you need assistance or information, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Also don't forget to come to the office to receive a tribal I.D. card. The cards are issued under the following regulations:

1. Photo I.D. cards will be issued to enrolled members who are age 11 and over.
2. An enrollment update form must be completed before the I.D. card is issued.
3. No hats or sunglasses may be worn when the I.D. photo is taken.
4. The first I.D. card will be issued at no cost to the tribal member. The Tribe is not responsible for a

replacement card due to a blood quantum correction or change of address. A \$2.00 fee will be charged for replacement cards issued. The replacement fee is waived for elders, age 55 and over.

You must have tribal I.D. card to receive a tribal fishing or hunting license. We will issue a new card at no cost every 3 years. Come in soon!

Sincerely,

Margo Mercier,
Enrollment/Vital Statistics Director

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

This summer from July 15-25, 1991, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will host a Summer School Program for Tribal members. The Program will be held three days a week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) for half day sessions 8:00 am to 11:30 am. This Program is open to Tribal members from ages 6 to 13 years. The class will be held at the Church of Nazarene in Grand Ronde.

We will employ 4 high school students to assist with the classes, and field trip. Some of the ideas for classes are; health, chinook jargon, alcohol and drug prevention, forestry and one day will be devoted to a field trip to the zoo. If you need more information or would like to sign up, please call the Tribal Office, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. 879-5211.

Courtesy of: Barbara Steer, JOM/Adult Ed. Coordinator.

POW-WOW MENU

On Saturday, August 17, for the menu, we will be having elk, salmon, corn on the cob, green salad, fruit salad, and frybread.

On Sunday, August 18, the menu will be stew, chili and frybread.

The Pow-Wow Committee would like to request that others please bring desserts. Looking forward to seeing you there!

U.S.D.A. DISTRIBUTION

Salem Warehouse: July 9th, 10th & 11th
Siletz Warehouse: July 16th, 17th & 18th

The Salem distribution site has very limited parking space and we have been receiving complaints about our clients parking in non-designated areas. If you arrive for your appointment early and the two parking spaces in front of the U.S.D.A. Warehouse are taken **PLEASE** park on the gravel area past the buildings until one of the two designated parking areas become available. We appreciate your cooperation.

We are expecting our trucks to deliver to both warehouses within the first two weeks of July and would appreciate anyone willing to donate their time to help unload these trucks at both sites. If you're interested please call Wanda Belgarde at 1-800-922-1399.