

TRIBAL LIFE

Wedding announcement

Tribal member Sharon Dizick of Willamina and her family would like to announce her engagement to Rick Hutton.

They will be married on June 11 in Tillamook at the home of her parents, Pete and Val Grout. Sharon is working for the Tribe through the JTPA program.



Sharon Dizick and Rick Hutton

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mychal Childers for her 4.0 GPA this semester. We're so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, "The Bran," and Sis.

Thank you

Members of the Tribe and Tribal Council would like to thank tribal member Sharon Herron and her family for their donation of the framed photograph taken on Spirit Mountain.

The Herron family lives in California, but came to Grand Ronde for their vacation last year. Sharon's grandparents are Paul and Lizzy Leno.

Elders' Spotlight: Florence Frelove



Florence Frelove, left, is a tribal elder living in Coos Bay. She is one of the most senior in five generations of women in her family. She was in Grand Ronde last month for Easter, and enjoyed visiting with many old friends and family members at the elders' meal site.

Strategic Plan

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In mid-May, tribal members 18 or older will receive a special mailing. It will include a survey and a newsletter explaining the Strategic Plan in more detail.

When you receive the mailing, please complete and return the survey so Tribal Council will become aware of your opinions and ideas concerning the Tribe's future.

Health worker honored

Bonnie Martin-Tom, who works for the Tribal Human Services Division was selected by the National Association of Community Health Representatives as the Outstanding CHR for the Portland area.

The nominees were reviewed by a panel of their peers associated with NACHR. Bonnie was nominated for the award by Human Services Division Manager Cheryl Kennedy.

Bonnie is also expected to receive her ten-year pin, for her service to Indian people as a community health representative.

She said she was surprised to learn of the award, and just enjoys her job.

"This job is a lot of work, but it's something I've always wanted. And when you get to do something like this, it's almost like a dream," she said.

Bonnie said that in her job as a CHR, she has the privilege of not only helping people, but working with people of all ages. She said that she is grateful for tribal restoration, because it has made her job possible.



Bonnie Martin-Tom

Drummers and dancers planning Russia trip

Carmen Mercier, Mychal Childers, Camille Mercier, Kathryn Harrison and Chet Clark have been invited to participate in the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia as official Native American representatives.

Their performance will be seen by millions of television viewers and a capacity crowd of 70,000 people in the stadium.

The Grand Ronde participants expect an exhilarating experience and the opportunity to promote the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, its history and tradition.

The event is organized by the Association for International Cultural Exchange Programs. AICEP's experience and research has found that interest in Native Americans'

cultural activities has dramatically increased in Russia and around the world.

Sponsorship help is being requested. Local organizers hope that a number of community minded, patriotic sponsors will come forward to help cover the cost of the groups' travel expenses.

Fund raisers are planned including a rummage sale, bingo, bake sales, car washes and a raffle.

Raffle tickets are currently being sold for \$1.00. Items to be raffled include a cradle board, carved knife, afghan, hand drum, art and much more.

The organizers ask that you show your support and contribute to the effort.

The five selected will travel to St. Petersburg, Russia July 17-27.



Members of the Women's Drum Group.

Karen Lord will receive award

Karen Lord, Fish and Wildlife Director, will be given an award by the Oregon Hunter Association on May 7.

She volunteers her time to conduct classes for young hunters--a requirement juveniles must fulfill before they can hunt in Oregon.

Instructors receive points and can earn the bronze, silver, gold, or platinum awards for their service. Karen will receive the bronze at the Hunter Association Conference in Medford.

The education program is conducted by volunteers in Oregon communities. The program has helped and reduce hunting accidents, and improve hunting courtesy.

Editor wins conference scholarship

Tracy Olson, Smoke Signals editor, is one of ten minority journalists who have won scholarships to the 18th Annual Investigative Reporters and Editors National Conference.

The conference will be June 16-18 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Regal Waterfront Hotel.

"This is the first time I have ever won anything," Tracy said.

All of her expensed are being paid by the conference including air fare, lodging, and registration fees.

Award-winning journalists and others will share the secrets of their investigative skills.

Tracy was required to submit a resume, application, and write an essay on why she wanted to attend the conference. Her submission was one of ten selected.

ELDERS' MEAL SITE MENU FOR MAY

TUES. MAY 3 Dinner Casserole Cottage Cheese & Pears Cookies	WED. MAY 4 Pork Chow Mein Rice Tossed Salad Peach Pie	THURS. MAY 5 Sausage & Kraut Scalloped Potatoes Broccoli Pudding
TUES. MAY 10 Chili Casserole Cole Slaw Fry Bread Peaches	WED. MAY 11 Cook's Choice	THURS. MAY 12 Chicken Pot Pie Fruit Salad Bread Pudding
TUES. MAY 17 Hot Pork Sandwiches Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Dessert (Cook's Choice)	WED. MAY 18 White Fish Tater Tots Creamed Peas Fresh Fruit	THURS. MAY 19 Sloppy Joes Oriental Salad Custard
TUES. MAY 24 Chili Beans Salad Bar Chocolate Pudding	WED. MAY 25 Cook's Choice	THURS. MAY 26 Oven Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Mixed veggies Jell-O & Bananas
TUES. MAY 31 Birthday Dinner		