

**Tribal Life**

**Tribe offers General Assistance Program**

The Grand Ronde Tribe will assume the responsibility for providing General Assistance to its members beginning October 1, 1994. The General Assistance Program will be operated under the Health and Human Services Division, Family Action Program. General Assistance will be integrated into other services provided by the division.

**Current Clients**

Current clients who have been determined eligible for General Assistance by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Siletz Agency, will have their cases transferred to the Tribe, effective October 1. If you are a General Assistance recipient and have not contacted the Intake/Referral Specialist, Sheila Elliot, please do so as soon as possible. Her office is located in the Tribal Family Action Program building.

After you contact her, the following will occur:

1. Your file will be reviewed to insure everything is in order and you have been approved to receive GA payments in October.
2. An appointment will be scheduled with you to complete a Universal Intake packet and an appointment will be scheduled with Carmen Mercier, JOBS Coordinator, to assist you in your job search and employment development.

**New Clients**

New clients who want to apply for General Assistance can contact Sheila Elliot for eligibility information. The program is designed to provide for short-term subsistence to individuals with no other resources.

It is the goal of the Human Services Division to conduct a

comprehensive assessment of client needs, thus, all General Assistance applicants will be asked to complete a Universal Intake as part of the application process. The Universal Intake will be reviewed and recommendations will be provided to the client on services available to them. The focus is to provide each applicant with a positive approach to their un-met needs rather than focusing only on the emergent of "crisis" condition. We want to provide each member with an assessment and a plan that will address long-term needs and benefits.

If you have any questions concerning the program please call Sheila Elliot at (503)879-2034, or Rebecca Crocker, HSD Administrative Assistant at (503)879-2003. The Human Services toll-free number is 1-800-775-0095.

**Sanitary District gives thanks**

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District is grateful to the Tribe for \$5,000 that has been used to improve the sewer system.

The project is directed at reducing storm and winter rain water from draining into the sewer system and overloading it.

The work included installing man-hole liners and repairing two-man holes; repairing a wet rail; replacing clean-cut caps and providing some equipment for the work; repairing a septic system and digging a pit for debris disposal.

District Clerk Sandra J. Roselle wrote: "The board wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde... Thank you very much, we definitely appreciate what you have done."

District chairwoman Eleanor Kimsey also wrote a letter expressing thanks to the Tribe for their interest in the community. (See page 2).

**Tribe receives grant**

The Gannett Companies Fund has awarded the Grand Ronde Tribe a \$3,000 grant to be used for cultural education and craft classes. The Gannett Co. made contributions to seven non-profit agencies in Gannett communities.

**Elders' Corner**

*Ila Dowd receives recognition for her contributions to Pow-wow and the Spiritual Encampment.*



*Randy Butler, left, and Rebecca Crocker present Ila Dowd with a Pendleton blanket.*

Ila Hudson Dowd was born one of fourteen children on November 25, 1908. Her parents were Hattie and John Hudson.

Ila married Joseph Dowd and had one daughter, Joyce Ham. She now has three grandchildren: Alan, Daniel, and Francine, and one great-granddaughter.

Ila spent her early years teaching and raising her daughter. Later she worked in a cannery in Salem and retired from there after 26 years of work.

Ila has two living sisters: Velma Mercier and Martha Mercier. Her other sisters, Pearl Mercier,

Gertrude Mercier, and Eula Petite are deceased.

Ila is known as a regular participant in Senior Services activities as well as tribal functions. She can almost always be seen at meetings and cultural activities.

Ila is one of the few tribal members who can speak Chinook jargon and is often asked to give the blessing at tribal functions.

In the photo above, Ila was presented with a Pendleton blanket by Rebecca Crocker and Randy Butler for her contribution to tribal Human Services activities, and the prayers she has offered.

**Tribal news briefs...**

**Wheelchair needed**

The elders are in need of a good used wheelchair to carry on to the bus for those that can't walk long distances. If you know of one at a good price, or would like to donate a wheelchair to the elders, please call the tribal offices at 1-800-422-0232.

**Drum Committee**

The Pow-wow Committee is in need of volunteers to serve on the Drum Committee. Members of the Drum Committee are responsible for signing up drums for pow-wow, providing the drummers with lunch tickets, refreshments during drumming sessions, and attending monthly pow-wow meetings.

For more information about becoming involved in these committees, please contact Tammy Cook at the tribal offices.

**Pow-wow Committee**

The Pow-wow Committee is looking for Royalty members. The Royalty Committee and Pow-wow Committee work together to organize the Royalty Court and other events for the pow-wow. Some of the job duties are:

- Organize floats and attend parades
- Organize fund-raisers for Royalty
- Attend all required events which include four parades and four pow-wows.
- Be on-call for special events or requests.
- Attend monthly pow-wow meetings.
- Attend dance classes.
- Organize parents and Royalty girls.

**WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN \$50**

**Pow-wow Poster Contest**  
Design a logo with a Native American theme and send it in by December 15, 1994.

A winner will be chosen from the submissions.

All submissions are property of the Pow-wow Committee.

Send to: Tammy Cook  
P.O. Box 39  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

**ELDERS' MEALSITE MENU FOR OCTOBER**

Tues. Oct. 4 Polish Sausage & Kraut Scalloped Potatoes Spinach Strudel Bars	Wed. Oct. 5 White Beans Baked Potatoes Green Salad Lemon Jell-O w/ Banana	Thurs. Oct. 6 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Cottage Cheese Apple Sauce
Tues. Oct. 11 Hot Roast Beef Sand. Mashed Potatoes Corn Lemon Bars	Wed. Oct. 12 Cook's Choice	Thurs. Oct. 13 Sweet & Sour Pork Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Peaches
Tues. Oct. 18 Elders' Choice	Wed. Oct. 19 Tuna Sandwiches Tomato Soup Cookies	Thurs. Oct. 20 Chili Casserole Tossed Salad Jell-O
Tues. Oct. 25 Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Green Beans Pudding	Wed. Oct. 26 White Fish Tater Tots Peas	Thurs. Oct. 27 Oven Baked Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Ice Cream & Cake