

Tribal Life

Judge Bob Goodwin:

Interests stem from experience, culture

Judge Bob Goodwin has been with the Grand Ronde Tribe for ten months now, and Chief Judge since last July.

Goodwin is a graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School and had a private practice in Tigard, Oregon for several years before entering into semi-retirement.

"I mostly practiced business and administrative law," he said. "I also handled a lot of domestic relations cases."

Goodwin is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Tribe, and is interested in tribal law and its jurisdiction partly because of his own Indian background, and also because of work in domestic law.

"I was interested in participating in a relatively new court," he said. "And I have a personal interest in tribal culture."

Judge Goodwin feels that it is important tribal members recognize the services Tribal Court can provide them.

He said, "Although the majority of cases are Indian Child Welfare Act, the court also performs marriages, uncontested divorces, name changes, and small claims of \$5,000 or less."

Although there are some similarities, the Tribe differs with state law in that the state has very well-developed body of law dating back over a century.

Tribal law has a much shorter history. Therefore, not many laws and ordinances are documented, Goodwin said.

"The Grand Ronde Tribe has a tremendous opportunity to develop case law, to the extent of the cases that are heard before Tribal Court," he said.

He is looking forward to helping develop procedure for handling cases as the Tribe grows and expands.

For example, the judge feels that the court will inevitably hear more cases after the casino is built,



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because there will be more people under tribal jurisdiction.

Mostly, Judge Goodwin believes tribal members are entitled to be heard by an impartial judge who makes decisions based on the facts, and encourages tribal members to utilize the court for legal matters and other issues.

Royalty and pow-wow volunteers sought; poster contest information

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

- Organize floats and attend parades.
- Organize fund-raisers for Royalty.
- Attend all required events which includes all parades and pow-wows.
- Be on call for special events or requests.
- Attend monthly Pow-wow meetings.
- Attend dance classes.
- Help organize Royalty girls and coordinate events with their parents.

The Pow-wow Committee is also in need of volunteers to serve on a special Drum Committee. They will be responsible for signing up drum groups for pow-wow,

providing them with lunch tickets and refreshments, and attending the monthly pow-wow meetings.

There is also a need to volunteers to help assist with the elders. There are many elders who would appreciate help with seating and bringing them their dinners during pow-wow events.

For more information, please contact Tammy Cook at the tribal offices.

POSTER CONTEST Win \$50

Design a logo for the annual pow-wow poster contest and submit it to Tammy Cook no later than December 15, 1994. A winner will be chosen from the entries.

Send to: Tammy Cook
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Poarch Band of Creek Indians visit Tribe

Four leaders from the Poarch Band of Creek Indians from southern Alabama visited Grand Ronde Oct. 12-13 on a fact-finding mission.

Tribal Chairman Eddie Tullis; Buford Rolin, vice chairman; Tim Martin, general manager and Arlene Mack, health planner were here to find out more about the Grand Ronde Tribe's efforts in self-governance.

Self-governance is the process in which the federal and tribal governments are working out agreements that will allow the tribes more control and decision making over federal financing, growth, and tribal economic destiny.

The Grand Ronde Tribe's self-governance effort is serving as a demonstration project in the nationwide process.

Tullis said that the delegation was here to profit from the Grand Ronde experience.

"We have learned a lot. We have developed a lot of questions we wish to ask the bureaucracies," he said. "You folks have been a leader in the self-governance area."

Mark Mercier, Grand Ronde tribal council chairman, said the visit

was an opportunity for the Grand Ronde Tribe to repay the Poarch Band.

Mercier said that the Poarch Band provided a lot of information on gaming that was used by the Grand Ronde Tribe in planning their casino.

"Our tribes are very similar," Tullis said. "We have about the

same number of tribal members. We were restored to tribal status in 1984, and you folks in 1983."

The Poarch Band runs a successful gaming operation in southern Alabama, and the Grand Ronde Tribe's plan to make gaming a similar major economic development.



Mark Mercier and Bruce Thomas, right, explain the casino layout to leaders of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

ELDERS' MEALSITE MENU FOR NOVEMBER

Tues Nov. 1 Oven Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Corn Stewed Tomatoes Pudding	Wed. Nov 2 Cook's Choice	Thurs. Nov. 3 Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes Spinach Pie-Cook's Choice
Tues. Nov. 8 Elder's Choice	Wed. Nov 9 Chicken & Rice Soup Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Ice Cream	Thurs. Nov. 10 Hamburger Stew Cottage Cheese & Pineapple Cookies
Tues. Nov. 15 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Apple Cake	Wed. Nov. 16 Clam Fritters Buttered Corn Cole Slaw Peaches	Thurs. Nov. 17 Baked Pork Chops Buttered Squash Broccoli Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Tues. Nov. 22 Beef Tips & Noodles Pickled Beets Bread Pudding	Wed. Nov. 23 Oyster Stew or Chili Beans Tossed Salad Strudel Bars	Thurs. Nov. 24 Kitchen Closed Happy Thanksgiving
Tues. Nov. 29 Dinner Casserole Oriental Salad Jell-O	Wed. Nov. 30 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green beans Pumpkin Pies	