

## Tribal Life

### Strategic Plan, continued from front page Council meeting addresses current issues

Bob Haller said that they were adamantly opposed to any cuts in the elders' Christmas gift certificates.

"A lot of our seniors will not live to see housing or proceeds from gaming," Haller said.

Grout said that the certificates were the only money some seniors had to spend on gifts for their grandchildren.

The Council agreed that the issue would be addressed in budget decisions. It was also recommended that the \$50 gift certificates be increased to \$100, if possible.

Other actions and reports included:  
- Merle Holmes said that his work on the *Windows of the Past* display.

He has also been working with Linfield College on transferring small remnants of Native American remains. The remains will be interred in the Tribal vault at the cemetery.

- The council agreed to ask Linfield College for \$300 to cover expenses and recovering and re-interring the remains.

- The Council approved a contract with Holmes for \$15 an hour, up to a total of \$1,500, for his work with Linfield College, for assembling, transporting and staffing the display

at Eugene. Council member Ed Pearsall said that in the future he would like to see such a contract advertised, and give tribal members the opportunity to bid.

- Holmes encouraged the Council to negotiate with the Sweet Home Ranger District on harvest right to two large huckleberry patches. He said that the Forest Service is included towards approving such an action, but the tribal administration must take steps in apply for the harvest rights.

- Approved an Environmental Protection Agency grant application to hire an environmental specialist. The grant will provide \$75,000 per year for a specialist to conduct environmental assessments, property inspections and monitor programs and regulations.

- Agreed to place \$1,500 in the budget for the Annual Fun Run and Walk held each year at the Pow Wow. Tracy Biery made the request. In past years the Tribal Council has allocated \$1,500 by special vote for the event.

- Approved an Area Shares Resolution that initiates negotiations of \$129,000 from the Portland Bureau of Indian Affairs Office (BIA). The money will become part of the tribal financial base from BIA, and will supplement education, social services and BIA-funded programs.

- Asked the Land Acquisition Team to investigate a proposal to buy 9.5 acres from Ray McKnight's estate.

- Discussed posting of no-hunting, no-shooting signs in areas around the tribal headquarters. There have been some cases of people shooting firearms near the public works building, Head Start and the Alcohol and Drug Facility. The Council referred the matter to the Public Works Department for a recommendation.

- Accepted an invitation from Nanitch Sahallie to attend a Nov. 29 dinner at the treatment center.

The next Tribal Council meeting will be at 5 p.m. Nov. 30. The Nov. 16 and 23 meetings will not be held because of conferences and Thanksgiving.

### Youth Fair, 1994 a success

The Tribe sponsored a youth fair at Chemawa Indian school on Nov. 6. It included an exhibit of booths featuring information on mental health, birth control, Safe-Net, smoking, AIDS, alcohol and drugs, dental prevention, nutrition, and teen pregnancy.

After the fair, the Boyd Indian Family Band performed and spoke

to the kids about self-esteem, drugs, and staying out of trouble.

There were 250 youth who participated from Grand Ronde, Chemawa, and Nanitch Sahallie.

Special thanks to all the people who helped out, the Boyd Indian Family Band, the Mamook Kloshe Tum Tum, and the American Cancer Society.



The Boyd Family performed at the Youth Fair.

### Tribal hunters bag many deer

More than 100 deer have been harvested in the 1994 hunt.

Karen Larsen, with the Grand Ronde Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department, said that last year's total kill was 67. This year hunters bagged 43 bucks, nine spikes and 61 does, a total of 113 animals.

"Part of the success was due to a much longer doe season this year," Larsen said. "This means a lot more meat for some people who really need it."

For the most part the hunt has been conducted with few problems.

"We have had some difficulties with hunters without permits shooting does," Larsen said. "Much of it is not deliberate. It's a new permit process. Many of the hunters are not familiar with the license and tag requirements."

She said that the elk season have started out great also. Three bull elk were bagged in the first week's hunt.

The last elk hunt ends Feb. 18. Larsen said her hard work begins when the season ends. All of the license and bag information has to be forwarded to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at the end of the hunts.

### Tiny Tots to visit with Santa

The annual Tiny Tot Visit With Santa, formerly called the Baby Fair, will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 16 at the Monarch Hotel's Pacific Ballroom, 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas.

Bonnie Tom, the Human Services Division spokeswoman, said that the event has a two-fold mission: to provide children with holiday fun, and to inform and educate parents on dental, medical, accident prevention and tribal resources.

Parents will learn of the services available for their children, and will be able to make appointments for dental and medical checkups and immunizations.

Refreshments will be served, and many prizes will be given to the kids. Arts and crafts projects will be provided. Tree seedlings will also be handed out by the Department of Natural Resources.

Tom said that the event is held in a different location each year.

"That is so we can reach out to all of the parents in the six-county service area," she said.

For information call Bonnie Tom, extension 2016, or Jill Jeffers, extension 2018.

### Tribe participates in *Windows of the Past*

The Tribe was part of the Coast to Crest Heritage Resource Celebration November 15-20 at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene.

Thirty-five public and private partners contributed time, money, and supplies for the event. The celebration, *Windows of the Past*, included 18 large scale exhibits, an ancient coastal Indian cedar slab house, a Forest Service lookout, an American Fur Company trappers camp, and a variety of primitive and pioneer skill demonstrations and activities.

Tribal members Ila Dowd and Nora Kimsey led a story-telling session in Chinook jargon on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Merle Holmes helped organize the Grand Ronde display booth. He said that many people visited and seemed interested.

"Little children are particularly interested in our artifacts and the canoe," he said.



Merle Holmes answers questions for visitors of the *Windows of the Past* exhibits in Eugene.

Merle said that it is important to him that people realize the history of our Tribe, and how we've

endured through the centuries, and still preserve the culture of the Grand Ronde people.