

## Tribal Life

### Hubert Mercier: Going strong at 84

Hubert Mercier was born August 22, 1910 in Grand Ronde. His parents were Arthur Mercier and Agnes Leno Mercier. He has lived his entire life in Grand Ronde, logging and building houses. Hubert is responsible for building many of the homes in Grand Ronde.

Although he's nearly 85 years old, Hubert still cuts wood and picks moss to sell.

His brothers, Joe and Harold, are also living in Grand Ronde. His brother Marion and sister Geraldine have passed away.

Hubert has six living children: Darrell, Crystal, Francis, Dennis, Lennis, and Rebecca. One son, Winston, has passed away.

He is a member of one of the largest families in town. Hubert has



23 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

### HSD needs survey volunteers

The Grand Ronde Human Services Division is offering a \$50 prize for one man and one woman to participate in a health assessment survey in the community from April through June.

Participants will be randomly selected from the tribal membership by enrollment number.

Those individuals who are chosen will be eligible to enter in the drawing.

For more information, call Bonnie Tom at 879-5211 or 1-800-775-0095.

### SBD computer class schedule for May

May 15 -- Beginning Windows

May 19 -- Beginning Word for Windows

May 22 -- Beginning Excel

May 26 -- Intro to PC's

These classes are based on first-come, first serve. No fee for tribal members, \$10 fee for non-tribal members. All classes are from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on days indicated. Please note the new location is the modular building behind Spirit Mountain Development Corp., 28840 Salmon River Highway. To register, please call Penny in Small Business Development at 879-2476.

### Contract Health Info

Contract Health Service has had some problems with our computer system in the month of March. Due to this we have not been able to make any CHS payments. If you have bills or Explanation of Benefits (EOB's) from your Insurance company, please be sure and send them in. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

In addition, we are asking that all tribal members please register with the Human Services Division (HSD), even if you do not reside within the six county service area. This will assist the HSD in sending out important information to the membership.

To receive a HSD Health Application, please call 1-800-775-0095 or 879-2056, Kerrie Jones will be happy to send you an application or give you information.



### New Face: Kerrie Jones

Kerrie Jones is the newest member to the Support Services Component of the Human Services Division. She has entered the component as the new Support Services Component Department Assistant.

Kerrie is a 1993 graduate of Dallas High School. She has worked at the Tribal Family Action Program through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

Kerrie is the daughter of Ron and Joan Jones of Dallas, and the grand-daughter of Roscoe and Rosella Langley. She has one brother, J.R.

We are very happy to have Kerrie in the Support Services Component.

### Housing Advisory Board meeting

The next Housing Advisory Board meeting has been postponed until May 5th, to give time for staff to convert percentages of survey responses into hard numbers. The board will then review the numbers for consideration in establishing strategies for the housing plan.

Tribal member input is welcome at any time, by contacting any board member or housing staff. The Board members are: Linda Hale, Mel Holmes, Pam Warren, Ken Schmid, Dakota Whitecloud, Ed Larsen, Tim Holmes, Janell Haller, Shelly Hansen, and Leon (Chips) Tom. In late spring or early summer, public meetings will be held to obtain public input for the plan.

The Housing Advisory Board has increased the number of meetings per month from one to two, and also increased the length of time from one hour to two hours. This is due to the amount of work that is needed to be done towards developing a housing plan for the tribe.

The board has developed a mission statement and is establishing goals and objectives for the program, based on the needs indicated by the housing survey. Because of their commitment to this program, good progress is being made and the work plan for the board is on schedule. Watch for more information to be published in the *Smoke Signals* as the plan unfolds!

### Natural Resources summer camp offered in Kansas

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency-Region VII and Haskell Indian Nations University is sponsoring a Natural Resources Summer Camp for students in Grade 7-12. The camp will be held in Junction City, Kansas on July 12-17.

Learn more about the environment from a Native American perspective. Explore the diversity of wildlife, forestry resources, and water habitats in a natural setting. You will even explore a herd of Buffalo who inhabit the Konza Tallgrass Prairie. There will be modern facilities to stay in and trained assistants to guide you.

The application deadline is June 1st. For more information and an application, contact Connie Holmes at the Natural Resources Division, 879-2381 or 879-5522.

### Commercial Paper Recycling project on line

Judy Toliver, from City Recycling in McMinnville, completed training workshops with Tribal employees on "Commercial Paper Recycling." All Tribal offices are now equipped with the individual CPR col-

lection boxes, as well as each building has large general collection bags.

Thanks to the Public Works Team for their assistance in making the recycling effort a success.



**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Tribal and community children race to find hidden eggs in the Community Center lawn. Some eggs were real, and some were filled with prizes.