

# Editorial

## News from the chairman

By Mark Mercier



As you may have read, and saw the photos in *Smoke Signals*, the Tribe's gaming facility is now taking shape in the construction phase. The targeted date for opening is by the middle of October of this

year, barring unforeseen circumstances. A great deal of work needs to be done in training of key personnel and hiring the work force.

In October of 1988, Congress passed Public Law 100-472 or known as "The National Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", which requires the any Tribe doing gaming to appoint a Tribal Gaming Commission. Our Tribal Council wrote and adopted a Tribal Gaming Commission Ordinance, and will be a board of 5 people. The duties of this board will include maintaining honesty and the integrity of the gaming operation and its employees, which must be operating prior to the gaming

operation.

Other duties will include licensing key employees, and management officials, and gaming contractors, who provide gaming machines, goods and services.

It is expected that the appointments will be final before the end of June.

There are other issues facing the Council, such as what to do with the money once the gaming is in operation. No doubt, this will take some serious discussion among the Council, and it is expected that a survey will be provided to the Tribal membership for your input.

Stay tuned, we will keep you posted on this casino project.

### EDITORIAL POLICY Letters From Our Readers

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Tracy Dugan

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*Smoke Signals* is a publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. We have recently adopted an Editorial Policy that encourages input from readers about stories printed in *Smoke Signals*, as well as other tribal issues.

Letters must be printed or typed, and cannot exceed 300 words. *Smoke Signals* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain libelous statements or personal attacks. Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *Smoke Signals*, tribal employees, or Tribal Council.

Mail letters to: SMOKE SIGNALS, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
ATTN: Tracy Dugan

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American Indian Week: May 14-20, 1995

## A Message from the Governor of the State of Oregon...

Oregon's Native People have, for many generations, walked with honor and dignity through painful years of dispossession, with their homelands lost and their heritage imperiled.

They have kept their faith in the Sacred Circle and accepted a life where their painful past has been their sad present and their children's future has been but a reflection of their family's past and present.

The promise for the people has remained in their confidence that the spirits of the four winds have the power to define each day and night and bring remarkable change.

There is now a new wind blowing throughout the Indian country which foretells of exciting enrichment and developing vitality for the Indian people.

Therefore, John A. Kitzhaber, Governor of the state of Oregon, has hereby proclaimed May 14-20, 1995 as AMERICAN INDIAN WEEK in Oregon, in recognition of the hope for all citizens that is embodied in the emergence of a grateful change which brings a healthy and mature economic growth to Oregon's Indian country.

### Advertisement for bids

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Phases 2 and 3 of the Grand Ronde Water System Improvement Project, EDA Award No. 07-39-03469 & HUD Project No. B-93-SR-41-0004, which includes acquiring and installing one 500,000 gal. glass-coated, bolted-steel potable water tank and all appurtenances and approximately 17,150 feet of 12" and 1,430 feet of 8" PVC water pipeline and all specified construction and installation related thereto, will be received by The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon at the office of John Mercier, Public Works Division Manager until 2:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time on June 9, 1995, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

(1.) Public Works Division Office of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 25500 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR (whose mailing address is 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347) and

(2.) Mater Engineering, Ltd., 101 S.W. Western Blvd., Corvallis, OR 97339 and

(3.) Construction Data, 9140 S.W. Pioneer Court, Suite A, Wilsonville, OR 97070 and

(4.) Construction Data, 1200 N.W. Front, Suite 180, Portland, OR 97209.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at either location 1 or 2 upon payment of \$100 for each set.

Any BIDDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS promptly and in good condition, will be refunded its payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be refunded \$50.

In compliance with the policies of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Section 7(b) of the Indian Self Determination Act, Indian-owned economic enterprises may be given preference in the award of this contract.