

Tribal Life

Tribal teen dies in accident

Levi Brendon Baker, 16, of Grand Ronde died April 29 in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born April 15, 1979 in Dallas to Chris and Virginia (Kimsey) Baker. He was a student at Willamina High School. He loved to hunt, fish and go camping. He loved his Indian culture and loved to drum. He also like driving. He was a tribal member.

Survivors include his father of Pendleton; his mother of Grand Ronde; brother, Joshua of Pendleton; fiancée, Molly Rimer of Grand Ronde; and grandparents, Marvin Kimsey of Grand Ronde; Eleanor Kimsey of Grand Ronde; Karen Lowery of Warrenton and Charles Baker of Pendleton.

Services were on May 3 at the Grand Ronde Nazarene Church. Interment followed at the Confederated Tribes Cemetery. Arrangements were by Adamson's Sheridan Funeral Home.



Levi Brendon Baker

To all family, friends and community members... Thank you so much for all the support, prayers, heartfelt words and contributions to help with funeral expenses. The kindness and love shown by all has helped our family through a difficult time in our lives.

Most sincerely,
The family of Levi Baker

Vietnam Memorial

A bronze sculpture depicting the Native American experience in Vietnam will be unveiled Sept. 16, 1995 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

The bronze sculpture will be 6-1/2 feet tall, and depicts an American Indian soldier. He wears jungle fatigues and is holding a rifle in one hand, a staff of eagle feathers in the other.

The statue will be mounted on a red granite base with names of American Indians killed in action casualties etched in black.

The sculptor is Harry Whitehorse, owner of Whitehorse Gallery in Madison, WI. He is also a veteran.

If you know the names of any Grand Ronde tribal members killed in action during the Vietnam War, you may call or write the National Native American Vietnam Memorial Fund to add their names to the sculpture at no cost. The address is P.O. Box 640, Black River Falls, WI. 54615. Or call 1-800-253-3275. Names must be received by June 1.

Tribal student plans future



Micky D. Herron, 18, will graduate from high school in Santa Rosa, CA. on June 9th.

He was involved with the swim team as a manager and Mark West Big League in which he plays shortstop and pitcher. He has played since he was eight years old. He was also a part of the School Career Fair '94-'95.

Micky's future includes enlisting in the U.S. Army. He will

leave on Sept. 13, 1995 for boot camp in Fort Benning, GA. He will complete his 3 years in Fort Lewis, WA. After his discharge, he plans to attend the police academy in Santa Rosa, CA. to become a sheriff.

Micky is the son of Sharon E. (Neault) Herron of Santa Rosa, CA.; grandson of Margaret M. (Lafferty) McAbee; and nephew of Marline (Neault) Goshong of Kirkland, WA. His great-grandparents were Paul and Elizabeth Lafferty of Grand Ronde.

Baseball, roping, bowling, 4-wheeling, pool, and country music are Micky's favorite hobbies. He has worked the past year to help with his gas and insurance for his Ford pickup.

Mick, we are all very proud of you and your achievements. Congratulations and Good Luck.
Love, Mom.

Tiny Tots Royalty

- Must be enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- Age Category: Girls 5 years and under
- Must have Regalia
- Must be able to attend Royalty Pageant, Grand Ronde Pow-Wow and Parade in August (August 18-20, 1995).
- Judging will be based on raffle ticket sales only (the girl who sells the most raffle tickets will receive a sash and small crown during the Royalty Pageant on Friday of the Pow-Wow, August 18, 1995. All participants will receive a sash.)

All proceeds from raffle ticket sales will be used for the Grand Ronde Royalty functions.

Any donations of raffle prizes are welcome!

There is no deadline to enter. All tickets and money must be turned in to Royalty Committee no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 1995.

Please send a current photograph of your child along with this entry form.

Fill out this entry form and return to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. ATTN: Royalty Committee

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Royalty has begun

Royalty season has begun! On April 20th Kristen Wheeler, 1994-95 Miss Grand Ronde, and Camille Mercier, Royalty Committee advisor, met with 7 young ladies to discuss the Royalty guidelines and responsibilities.

Courtney Gallagher is running for Sr. Miss Grand Ronde. Diana Robertson and Courtney Warren are running for Jr. Miss Grand Ronde. Those on Honorary Court include Nikki Norwest, Brittany Grout, Andrea Childers and Ashley Bedortha.

Please support these young ladies with encouragement and purchasing of raffle tickets. Raffle ticket sales will help them with travel expenses to attend events to represent the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Weekly craft class

Beginning in June, craft class will be every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Community Center. We will be working on moccasins. Children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, please call Camille at 879-2901.

Birth announcement

Congratulations to Charles and Stephanie (Mercier) Hitchcock on the birth of their daughter, Ashlee Michelle. She was born on March 11, 1995. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

The family is stationed in Bremerton, WA. Charles is serving on the U.S.S. Nimitz Aircraft Carrier.

Ashlee's grandparents are: Larry and Michelle Weber of Salem; Dennis Mercier of Grand Ronde; Cathy and Jesse Robertson, Jr. of Grand Ronde; and Lawrence and Arlene Hitchcock of San Jose, CA.

Elder Spotlight Correction

In the last issue of *Smoke Signals*, we ran a spotlight on Hubert Mercier. We printed his birthdate incorrectly. He was born on September 22, 1910. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

Attention Elders!

If you are interested in attending tribal events and live in Salem or outlying areas, please call the Wellness Division and ask about the possibility of being picked up in the Elders' Van. Call 1-800-422-0232, extension 2016 or 2017.

3rd ANNUAL VETERANS POW-WOW

June 10, 1995

Grand Ronde Grade School

**Grand Entry:
Noon to 4 p.m.**

**and
5:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

Raffle and Drawings

MC: Bob Tom

*Whipman: Paul Whitehead
Host Drum: Eagle Valley*

**Vendor & Pow-Wow
contacts:
Ivan Langley 843-2273
Butch LaBonte 879-2825**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC
No alcohol or drugs**

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Veteran's Committee*