

Tribal Life

Let's Talk Teeth

By Linda Mann RDH

In case you have been missing this column the last couple of months, it's because I have been off on maternity leave after giving birth to my daughter, Lauren Elizabeth. She was born March 3rd. I am back part-time now and ready to get back into keeping you informed about the latest trends in dentistry and happenings in the dental clinic.

Dr. Eric Webster joined our staff in May. He has been seeing patients on a regular basis and is enjoying getting to know his fellow staff members and patients. We are so happy to have the clinic running in full swing once again.

In May, the dental clinic sponsored a Mother's Day Luncheon for Moms and babies less than a year old and for pregnant Moms. This luncheon gave us a chance to provide educational presentations to the group and a chance for everyone to meet other women who have children of similar age.

Presentations were given on Nutrition; Caring for Your Child's Teeth; HIV, Women & Children; Immunizations; and Childhood Health Concerns. This was the second annual luncheon.

We also held dental screenings for the Kindergarten class at the local elementary school in the month of May. Unfortunately, we found that *two thirds* of the class had already experienced decay. This finding proves again that our prevention efforts need to start even younger. Parents, if you have children under the age of six who have not been to the dentist for a check-up, please bring them in! If we can keep an eye on their teeth at an early age we can better help them to grow up decay free.

Pow-wow will be here soon. Watch for our dental education booth and puppet shows.



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New health clinic underway

By Tracy Dugan

Recently, Tribal Council gave its approval for the construction of a 28,000 square-foot health and wellness clinic in Grand Ronde.

The clinic will provide services to tribal members regardless of where they reside, and employ 50-60 health care workers.

The clinic is currently being designed by Frank Whelan, a Portland architect.

"Indian Health Service appropriated the funding for the planning and design of the clinic," said Cheryle Kennedy, Human Services Division Manager. Cheryle also said that the Tribe is currently exploring funding options for construction.

Cheryle and other tribal staff working on this project have been following a timeline of the steps to take before construction begins.

Said Cheryle, "First, we completed a business plan and feasibility study from an independent source. It was at this time that Tribal Council gave approval to go ahead with the project. We also



Cheryle Kennedy

talked with Jeff Dalton, of *Drake Construction*, and got his opinion on how to proceed."

Drake Construction is the company building the tribal casino, and they also built the Warm Springs tribal health clinic.

Cheryle said that the next steps include selecting a site for the clinic, securing financing, and selecting a construction company to do the job. Currently, three possible locations in Grand Ronde are being considered.

The clinic is scheduled to open in mid-1997.



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July Mealsite Menu

Tuesday, July 4 4th of July Holiday	Wednesday, July 5 Soup Salad Bar Fresh Fruit	Thursday, July 6 Cubed Steak Mashed Potatoes Salad Bar Dixie Cups
Tuesday, July 11 Ham & Cheese Mac Fresh Veggies Cake with fruit topping	Wednesday, July 12 Clam Chowder Salad & Fruit Bar	Thursday, July 13 PICNIC
Tuesday, July 18 Tater Tot Casserole Shrimp Salad Sliced Tomatoes Watermelon	Wednesday, July 19 Cold Cuts Salad & Fruit Bar Sundaes	Thursday, July 20 Chicken & Dumplings Cottage Cheese Fresh Veggies Chocolate Chip Cookies
Tuesday, July 25 Oven Baked Pork Chops Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Bread Pudding	Wednesday, July 26 Chicken & Wild Rice Soup Salad Bar Fresh Fruit	Thursday, July 27 Roast Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Cake & Ice Cream

Menu is subject to change. Meals are open to everyone.
Meal Price is \$2.50. Tribal member elders and spouses meals are free.

Birthday Dinner and the Elders Meeting is Thursday, July 27