

— Tribal Life —

Secretary brings experience to her department

Claudette Parazoo was hired by the Tribe last July to serve as the Chemical Dependency Department Secretary. This job is very important because very often she is the first person clients come in contact with when deciding to begin a treatment program.

These days, being a secretary means more than just answering the phone and taking dictation. Every department secretary within the Tribe plays a very important role in serving the general membership.

One of Claudette's duties is to make an intake assessment of a client, if he or she has never seen a counselor before. She has worked with workers at the Tribal Family Action Program and the Contract Health Specialists.

"We have been reorganizing our department for the past few months," said Claudette. "The process includes updating our files, installing computer systems, and developing new forms."

The Chemical Dependency Program offers counseling for teens, a driver's Diversion Program, and soon there will be a Vocational Rehabilitation counselor. Tim Holmes has been hired for that position.

Claudette said, "It is interesting to me how all of our little programs dovetail together to form a well-organized department. It makes me very happy to work for the Tribe."

A recent graduate of Oregon Institute of Technology, Claudette has had a variety of positions over the course of her career. She retired from the Bureau of Land Management Portland office after 21 years of employment in the Biological Resources department. Before that she worked for the Forest Service, the Klamath Tribe, and the Tulalip Indian Housing Authority.

Born in South Dakota, Claudette's mother is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Her father was a Grand Ronde member. She has four sons and a daughter, and eight grandchildren.



Short Term Gaming Training

The Tribal Education Program is sponsoring a series of short-term training classes for jobs at the tribal casino. For information call (503) 879-2275 or 1-800-422-0232. There is no fee for tribal members. Non-members will pay a small fee. Here are the dates:

- G.U.E.S.T.--9/18, Grand Ronde
- G.U.E.S.T.--9/25, Grand Ronde
- Cash Handler--9/19, Grand Ronde
- Cash Handler--9/25, Grand Ronde
- Food Handler--9/1, Salem Chemeketa campus
- Food Handler--9/20, Salem Chemeketa campus
- Food Handler--9/28, Grand Ronde

Survey: per capita is number one

Tribal Council recently printed a survey in *Smoke Signals* asking tribal members who hadn't participated in the Community Forum meetings to prioritize six "Critical Issues" in order of importance to them. These issues represent the top wants and needs of tribal members. A total of 98 surveys were mailed back. The issues were numbered from 1 to 6, 1 being the most important, 6 being the least important. Therefore, the issue that received the fewest points is the one of most importance to

the respondents. Here are the results of the survey:

Per Capita Payments: 177
Health Coverage: 212
Retirement Plan: 306
Education: 314
Land for Homes: 422
Endowments: 456

Of the 98 respondents, the majority selected Per Capita as the most important. Of the Community Forums, Health Security was the most important issue, followed by Education, Per Capita, and Retirement.

Wildlife Habitat Workshop:
A Neighborly Approach to Watershed Health
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1995
Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall

ATTENTION LANDOWNERS in Benton, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties

You are invited to participate in a day of field trips and hands-on exploration of wildlife habitats focusing on the resources available to you for the maintenance and development of healthy habitat on your land. **IDENTIFY** the value of your land and the potential for wildlife habitat. **DISCOVER** the unique combinations of soil, moisture, and vegetation that define each habitat. **LEARN** what resources are available from federal, state and local agencies to help you maintain the productivity of your land along with reviving habitats. **JOIN** with your neighbors to enhance habitats on your lands for a variety of wildlife and a healthy watershed.

COST: \$10 (includes lunch and bus tours to nearby habitat areas.) For additional information, contact the Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Dallas at 503-623-5534.

Chemeketa classes held in Grand Ronde

By Dean Azule

Check your Chemeketa Community College, Fall Term 1995 Schedule of Classes! You'll find classes scheduled for the Grand Ronde Education Center, located at 28840 Salmon River Highway. Beginning with Fall Term September 1995 through Spring Term June 1996, Chemeketa Community College, McMinnville Campus, will offer a total of 7 different classes totalling 17 credit hours.

The developing of college level classes in Grand Ronde is a result of the partnership efforts established between the Tribe and Chemeketa Community College's McMinnville/Dallas Outreach Centers, and the Office of Regional Education Services.

To better accommodate the working community, all classes are being scheduled for evenings. Classes will be held in the Tribe's Education Center (code GRE).

Course offerings include:

1317 Beginning Microcomputer Use, CS 100. Wed. 6 to 9 p.m., 1 credit hour, GRE, \$33.00 +8. Watkins, SD-Instructor (October 18 & November 8, 1995)

2188 Introductory Algebra, MTH 065. Tues. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., 4 credit hours, GRE, \$132.00. Osborn, DK-Instructor.

3220 Fundamentals of Speech, SP 111. Thurs. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., 3 credit hours, GRE, \$99.00. Leathers, JL-Instructor.

3227 Business & Professional Speaking, SP 130. Thurs. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., 3 credit hours, GRE, \$99.00. Leathers, JL-Instructor.

3394 Introduction to Composition, WR 115. Tues. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., 3 credit hours, GRE, \$99.00+2. Moynahan, JA-Instructor.

3401 English Composition, WR 121. Tues. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., 3 credit hours, GRE, \$99.00+2. Moynahan, JA-Instructor.

6969 Introductions to Casino Facilities Management, 9913G. Thurs. 6 to 9 p.m., 0/36, \$150.00. Staff.

To register for classes, contact the Tribal Education Division at 879-2275 or 879-2276. All classes are open to the public at tuition costs.

Internship and Scholarship available

The Heritage College/Oregon Community Foundation Grant will provide a one year internship and scholarship for a Native American Environmental Science student from the State of Oregon. The internship will be paid for approximately 16 hours per week per semester at Heritage College, the Yakama Indian Nation or the Pacific Northwest Laboratory.

Heritage College will provide seminars for the intern, as well as tuition and books for one class per semester.

For more information please contact: Dr. Thomas T. Claudson or Professor Virginia Brown, Chair at Science and Mathematics Department, Heritage College, 3240 Fort Road, Toppenish, WA. 98948. (503) 865-2244.

Chemeketa Placement Assessment

If you plan to enroll in six credit hours of school or more, take Chemeketa's placement test. Even if you are enrolling in less than six credit hours, it is recommended you take the test if you plan to take a math or writing class. This is not an entrance exam. The test rates your reading, spelling, English, grammar, and math skills to help you select courses to match your abilities.

All students enrolling at Chemeketa will need to take the

placement test prior to being admitted into the college.

To learn more about the test contact the Advising and Counseling Center at Chemeketa, 399-5120, or contact any of the McMinnville or Dallas campuses. The test is being scheduled for one day per month at the Grand Ronde Education Center throughout the school year. It is free of charge. To learn more about the schedule, contact the Education Office at 879-5122.

90th Birthday Party
for
Florence Frelove
Picnic lunch at 1 p.m. on
Sunday, Sept. 17
at the Community Center
~ Friends and Family
Welcome ~

USDA Distribution

SALEM: Oct. 3, 4, 5
***evening distribution**
SILETZ: Sept. 19, 20, 21
Oct. 17, 18, 19

FOR SALE: 1991 Single-wide manufactured home in Grand Ronde. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. All appliances included, plus washer and dryer. Must be moved to your own property: \$17,500. Call Susan Flores, 879-5223.