

— Tribal Life —

Children's Bill of Rights

- Kids have the right to be who they are.
 - Kids have the right to be loved.
 - Kids have the right to be safe and protected.
 - Kids have the right to protect themselves when someone hurts them, and to have grown-ups help them.
 - Kids have the right to want and receive attention, affection, and nurturing.
 - Kids have the right to be respected.
 - Kids have the right to receive guidance from others.
 - Kids have the right to have feelings.
 - Kids have the right to say yes or no.
 - Kids have the right to agree or disagree with other kids and grown-ups.
 - Kids have the right to be special and unique.
 - No one has the right to physically hurt you---no grown-ups, not other kids.
 - No one has the right to sexually hurt you---not grown-ups, not other kids.
- From "Walking in Your Child's Moccasins," a booklet about child abuse and neglect for parents and caregivers of Indian children.

Elders' Spotlight

Vincent Mercier spent career as teacher

I was born on November 25, 1916 in Grand Ronde to Harry Mercier and Pearl Hudson Mercier.

I have one brother, Vernon, of Salem, and one sister, Opal, who lives in Sheridan. My sister Blanche has passed away.

I am married and have two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren. After 40 years of teaching I retired in 1976 from the Portland School District---the last five years I was a teacher at Lincoln High School. I worked at the Urban Indian Center for two years after my retirement from teaching, until I was able to get Social Security at the age of 62.

I am also a veteran of World War II, during which time I served in the South Pacific in the U.S. Marine Corps. After World War II, I went to college for several summers through the G.I. Bill. During the winter months I taught at the Grand Ronde



Agency School, where I was the principal. Also from 1945 through 1955 I was on the Indian Council of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde until they disbanded.

In 1943 while serving in the South Pacific I married in New Zealand. In 1954 we went to Wellington, New Zealand, where I taught for a while at the Wellington schools.

In 1958 I came from Grand Ronde to Beaverton. I was a teacher at the West Sylvan School, where I taught art. I have made my home in Beaverton and Portland since 1958. Since I am half Native American and half French I have watched my Indian heritage emerge once again.

I now spend my retirement years working on NW Indian designs in stitchery---thereby leaving a legacy of my Indian ancestry to my children and grandchildren. May it never leave them!

Vocational Rehab Program in effect

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Vocational Rehabilitation Program is set up to help tribal members with disabilities prepare for, find, or maintain employment.

Who can Vocational Rehabilitation help?

Any person who is old enough to work:

1. If there is a disability (physical, mental, or emotional problem).
2. If this disability makes it hard to get work.
3. If there is a good chance the Grand Ronde Vocational Rehabilitation Services will make work possible.

What kinds of services does the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation Program have?

- Several, such as:
- Rehabilitation counseling
 - Job training
 - Help with special rehabilitation costs
 - Physical and mental restoration needs
 - Job placement

For more information, contact Patti, Kathy, or Tim at 1-800-775-0095, Department 5.

Winter Term 1996 classes scheduled

Chemeketa Community College—McMinnville and Dallas campuses have established classes for Winter Term 1996. All classes will be held in the Tribal Education Center in Grand Ronde. You may choose from the following:

Introduction to Microcomputers, CS 101, 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays. Susan Watkins, Instructor. 3 credit hours, \$99 plus \$12 fee.

Introduction of Algebra, MTH 070, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Diane Osborn, Instructor. 4 credit hours, \$132.

Fundamentals of Persuasion, SP 112, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays. JoAnn Leathers, Instructor. 3 credit hours, \$99.

English Composition, WR 121, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays. Jean Moynahan, Instructor. 3 credit hours, \$99 plus \$2 fee.

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Classes begin January 8, 1996 and will run until March 22, 1996 (finals week). To register for classes outside the Salem area, call Chemeketa's toll-free number 1-800-398-6262. Grand Ronde classes are limited enrollment of 25 students.

For more information regarding classes, call the Tribal Education Office at 879-5122 or 1-800-422-0232.

Planning on applying for financial aid? Watch PBS.

High school students who are planning on attending college beginning the 1996-1997 school year, should tune into Oregon Public Broadcasting on **Monday, December 11 at 8 p.m.** PBS will air a 30 minute special on financial aid resources entitled "Student Financial Aid." The program provides an overview of student college financial aid resources and the application process. A special toll-free number will be available for viewers seeking more information.

The program is being sponsored by the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, the Oregon Association of Financial Aid Administrators and Oregon Public Broadcasting.

December Mealsite Menu

<p>Tuesday, Dec. 5 Hamburger Stew Cottage Cheese Cookies</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 6 Tater Tot Casserole Tossed Salad Dessert</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 7 Pork Chops & Mushroom Gravy Green Beans Jello & Bananas</p>
<p>Tuesday, Dec. 12 Cubed Steak Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Dessert</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 13 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Oriental Salad Dessert</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 14 Chicken & Dumplings Carrot Salad Apple Crisp</p>
<p>Tuesday, Dec. 19 Hot Turkey Sandwiches Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas Dessert</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 20 Baked Cod Baked Potatoes Cole Slaw Cake with Fruit Topping</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 21 Baked Chicken with Biscuit Baked Beans Mixed Veggies Apple Sauce Cake</p>
<p>Tuesday, Dec. 26 Baked Ham Steamed Cabbage Bread Pudding</p>	<p>Wednesday, Dec. 27 Susie's Choice</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 28 Roast Beef and Salad Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli & Cauliflower Ice Cream & Cake</p>

Birthday Dinner and Elder's Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m.

Menu is subject to change. Meal Price is \$2.50.

Tribal member elders and spouses meals are free.

Meals are open to everyone. Staff please call by 9 a.m.