

## — Tribal Life —

### Special thank you from the family of Ramona Leno

We would like to send a special thank you for all the cards, flowers, and support during our time of sorrow. It is these times when we realize the importance of friends and family. We are lucky to be blessed with many. Your thoughts and prayers have comforted us all.

Thank you again,  
Orville Leno  
Reyn Leno and family  
Darlene Aaron and family  
Lonnie Leno and family  
Barbara Steere and family  
Marty Leno and family

### USDA Distribution

**SALEM: February 6, 7\*, 8**  
(\*distribution until 8 p.m.)  
(503) 391-5760

Only on distribution days.  
2580 19th S.E. in Salem.

**SILETZ: February 20, 21, 22**  
1-800-922-1399  
Swan Ave. in Siletz.

### Earnest Hoffer passes away

Earnest A. Hoffer, 79, of Parker, WA., died Sunday, January 14 at Emerald Circle Convalescent Center in Wapato, WA.

Earnest was born January 6, 1917 in Grand Ronde to Andrew and Lottie (Holmes) Hoffer. He was raised and educated in Grand Ronde.

Earnest came to the Yakima Valley in 1930. He enlisted into the army in 1942. Earnest was stationed in Scotland for one year and then returned to the states in 1943. He was honorably discharged from the service in 1945. Earnest returned to the Yakima Valley where he worked at numerous jobs over the years. He married Ethel Mildred Peterson in 1974. The couple settled in Parker, and were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Earnest enjoyed pow-wows, rodeos, fly fishing, camping, hunting, and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his only living sister Irene Curl of Lincoln City, Oregon, and several adopted children who live in Washington. He was preceded in death by his four brothers: Glenn, Henry, Delbert, and Homer; and three sisters: Nora Hoffer, Gladys Hoffer, and Alvina Wheeler.

Rosary was held Tuesday, January 16 in the Merritt Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial, held on January 17, was followed by burial at the Community Reservation Park near Wapato. Earnest was a member of the Yakima Tribe, but had strong family ties to Grand Ronde.

### In memory of Tyron "Ty" Ritchey

Tribal member Tyron "Ty" F. Ritchey was born October 2, 1948 in Tillamook, Oregon. He passed away on January 12, 1996 in Olympia, Washington. Ty was the son of Emma Riggs Summerlin.

A memorial mass was held by Pastor Father Jim Crunican on Wednesday, January 24 at 2 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde, Oregon. A reception immediately followed at St. Michael's Church cafeteria.

### Members invited to join dance club

The United Intertribal Dance Club is currently in a rebuilding phase. We cordially invite you to attend our dance practices and join in this rebuilding process.

Our practices are held from 7 to 9 p.m. at Carlos Houk Middle School, behind ShopKo in Salem.

The classes are held on Tuesday nights as follows: February 13 and 27; March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23; May 14 and 28; and June 11.

Bring the family — enjoy dancing, drumming, a chance to meet new friends and visit with old ones!

### Energy assistance

Polk County energy assistance program will be taking applications for energy assistance at the Tribal Family Action Program. Because of budget cuts only SENIORS and DISABLED will be able to receive funds from the program.

Please call to schedule an appointment with the TFAP secretary, Pam Warren at 879-2034. You must live in Polk County to receive assistance through this program.

### Funds available for community development

The Polk County Commission for Children and Families (PCCCF) is accepting applications for Children and Family Community Development projects. Approximately \$5,000 is available at this time. The PCCCF set these funds aside for anticipated, yet unidentified community needs for the children, youth, and families of Polk County.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 1996. Late applications and postmarks will not be accepted.

Mail applications to: Polk County Commission for Children and Families, Attention: Community Development Fund Application, 182 SW Academy #310, Dallas, OR 97338.

To request an application packet, call Carole Sebens at 623-9664.

### Grand Ronde Veteran Color Guard

will be carrying the flags at the  
**Title V Pow-Wow in Eugene, Oregon**  
on Saturday, February 3.

Grand Entry will be at 6 p.m.  
at the Willamette High School Gym.

~ ALL ROYALTY AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED ~

VENDOR INFO: 687-3489

Sponsored by Eugene Bethel and Fern Ridge Districts.

### VETERANS FUN RAISER

Raffle Tickets — \$1 each

Raffle to be held at March 3 General Meeting.

To purchase your raffle tickets

contact Buddy Haskins at 879-5211.

### February Mealsite Menu

*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 ext. 2410 by 9 a.m.*

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b> Green Pepper Steak over rice Glazed Carrots Pumpkin Bars	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b> Chicken Ala King over Muffins Baked Potato Italian Cream Cake	<b>Thursday, Feb. 1</b> Corned Beef and Cabbage Boiled Red Potatoes Apple Cobbler
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 13</b> Chili Verde Spanish Rice Refried Beans Baked Custard	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 14</b> Swiss Steak Baked Potato Corn Cherry Cheese Cake	<b>Thursday, Feb. 8</b> Baked Pork Chop with Mushroom Gravy Green Beans Fruit Jello
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b> Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf Green Beans Chocolate Zucchini Cake	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 21</b> Chili Beans Rolls Pumpkin Pie	<b>Thursday, Feb. 15</b> Beef Stew Cottage Cheese Rolls Gingerbread
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 27</b> Meatball Stroganoff Green Salad Peas Applesauce Cake	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 28</b> Baked Cod Baked Potato Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad Bread Pudding	<b>Thursday, Feb. 22</b> Tuna Noodle Supper Fruit Salad Apple Macaroon Dessert
		<b>Thursday, Feb. 29</b> Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Mixed Veggies Cake and Ice Cream

*Birthday Dinner and Elder's Meeting on Thursday, February 29 at 1 p.m.*