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Song Basket Marketplace to open this month

This summer, travellers can enjoy strawberry shortcake at the *Strawberry Patch* while they browse among the hand-crafted arts and crafts at the *Song Basket Marketplace*, as two attractions open side-by-side adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino on Highway 18 in Grand Ronde.

Opening May 17, *Song Basket Marketplace* will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through

Labor Day weekend. The *Strawberry Patch* will be open seven days a week and will feature fresh fruit milkshakes and shortcakes.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will officially open the marketplace at 11 a.m. on May 17. A weekend-long grand opening celebration featuring live music, children's activities, and other entertainment will follow on Memorial Day weekend, May 24 through 27.

"The butterfly is a symbol of renewal,"

said Sam Henny, business Development Specialist, "and this is a renewal of both the Strawberry Patch location and of our own Tribe's cultural and artistic heritage. We want to be able to provide local artists with an opportunity to showcase and sell hand-crafted artwork that is available in this region of the country."

Song Basket Marketplace emphasizes Native American art, but welcomes all types of arts and crafts. See ad on page 6.

Oregon Legal Services contract with the Tribe

In the last issue of *Smoke Signals*, we reported on a new program offered by Oregon Legal Services in cooperation with the Tribe to assist tribal members with legal representation of their problems. Nearly thirty tribal members have already called to take advantage of the program. So can you!

The number to contact is
(503) 472-9561 or
1-800-781-8500.

General Council meeting, continued from front page

Cliff said there are three more salvage sales planned in upcoming months.

In a participating agreement with the U.S. Forest Service regarding 101 acres in the Siuslaw National Forest, the U.S. Forest Service will pay the Tribe's silvicultural crew to do some thinning on that land, which is located near the reservation.

Fish and Wildlife will continue its stream restoration program this summer, which was funded in part through a grant from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Polk County deputies Tom O'Brien and Jeff vanLaanen spoke about the traffic on the highway, and how that seems to be the primary concern of Grand Ronde residents.

"I encourage community suggestions and

participation," Deputy O'Brien said, and mentioned a petition that has been circulating in Grand Ronde concerning the traffic problems. The petition calls for the need to reduce the speed limit on Highway 18 and/or install a light on the corner of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.

The meeting was closed, and the floor was open to Tribal Council nominations. Sixteen tribal members accepted the nomination to serve on Tribal Council. Only three positions come open every year.

Here are the nominees: Jan Reibach nominated J. Ken Gregg; Lonnie Leno nominated Reyn Leno; Candy Robertson nominated Val Grout; Terri Warren nominated Albert Jeffers; Scott Lane nominated

Earl Floyd "Butch" LaBonte; Cheryl Kennedy nominated Andy M. Jenness; Kathy Tom nominated Leon "Chip" Tom; Diane Lane nominated Pam Warren; Emma Sell nominated June Sell Sherer; June Olson nominated Joyce DeHart; Karen Blanchard nominated Donna Casey; Dean Mercier nominated Jesse "PecWee" Robertson, Jr.; Kathryn Harrison nominated Patsy Pullin; Monty Parazoo nominated Dee Edwards; Val Grout nominated Mark A. Mercier; Angie Ellis nominated Bob Leno.

Here is the order in which the nominees will appear on your ballot: **Donna Casey, Pam Warren, Andy M. Jenness, Reyn Leno, Val Grout, Bob Leno, Leon "Chip" Tom, Patsy Pullin, Jesse "PecWee"**

Robertson, Jr., Earl Floyd "Butch" LaBonte, Mark A. Mercier, Albert Jeffers, June Sell Sherer, Dee Edwards, Joyce DeHart, J. Ken Gregg.

Smoke Signals will publish candidate's statements on June 1. All candidates must have their statements and a photo turned into the *Smoke Signals* office by May 20. The Candidate's Forum will be held on June 15.

Absentee Ballots will be mailed July 1, and this year's election will be held on September 7, 1996. The polls will be open in Grand Ronde from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have recently moved or changed your address, please notify Margo Mercier, Enrollment Coordinator, so your ballot will reach you in time for the election.

Sheriff's report

By Deputy Tom O'Brien

The old Chevy is about ready to give up the ghost. The miles it has covered in the last couple of years have not been kind. It has seen pot holed roads, gravel roads, dirt fields, no roads, wet roads, and icy roads. And all the time passing new and exciting changes to our neighborhood.

Once upon a time I was able to turn on to Highway 18 at Grand Ronde Road. Now one almost needs an advanced reservation to enter the highway. Truly we have seen a growth in numbers to the area.

New life is being pumped into Grand Ronde, almost at warp speed. New and varied job opportunities are being provided. Demands for new and local housing are heavy, both within and outside the tribal community.

Other demands will soon follow — new roads, crowding of our schools, demands for more water, power, and communications. The list of area demands will only increase with the growth.

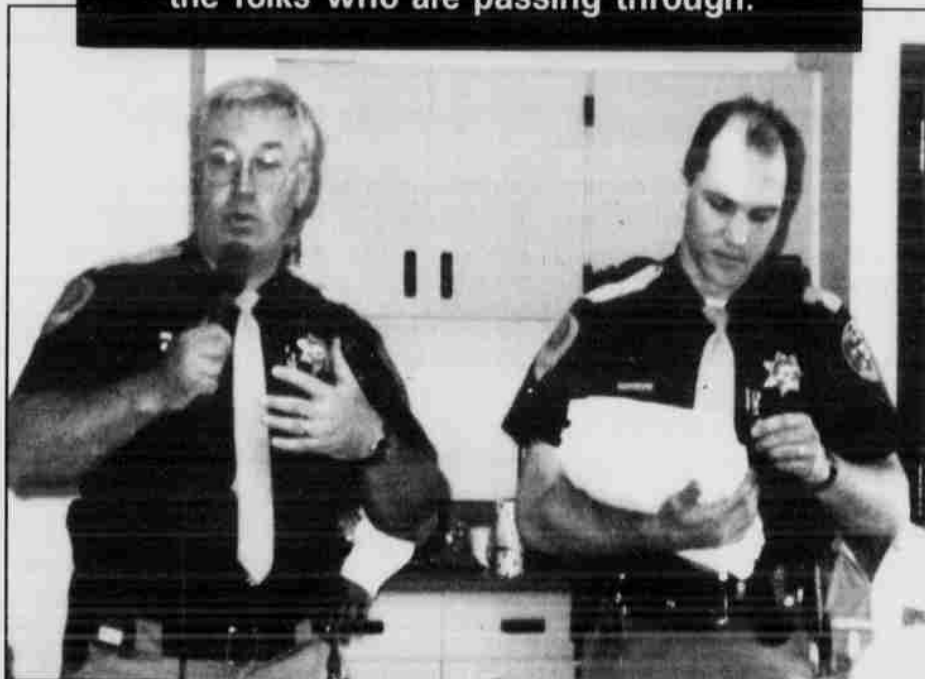
There are statistics available to show the increase in the work load of the local sheriff's substation. Let it suffice to say that with all the rapid local growth the demand is fast outstripping ability to keep up.

Demands for calls of service have increased. At the same time, so have demands for traffic control. They have not gone unnoticed. Recently local citizens have placed petitions in the local stores demanding government take notice of the danger on our roads created by this growth. Before that, local and state law enforcement agencies have mounted concentrated efforts to site traffic violators in a show of force to get the attention of drivers to slow down.

With summer almost upon us it is a sure bet more cars will pass through our neighborhood. Some will be visiting, many others passing through. We can work together. All the locals can assist Jeff and me by slowing down and setting an example for the folks who are passing through.

By doing so, we can send a message that this is our neighborhood, please respect it and the safety of our family and friends. Enjoy your summer and all the fascinating changes going on around us. And we're hoping our new patrol vehicle will come equipped without low gear. That way we could at least keep up with the pace of growth. The sheriff's substation phone number is 879-2420.

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Sheriff Deputy Tom O'Brien and Deputy Jeff vanLaanen spoke at the General Council meeting. They encourage community involvement.