

Health plan update

Thanks to all tribal members who responded to the initial application process for the Tribal Member Health Plan. We received over 1300 applications! Tribal members who turned in completed applications by December 13 will be enrolled effective January 1, 1997. ODS plan summaries and benefit cards will be mailed to these plan enrollees sometime during the first week in January. If you haven't received your plan summary or medical card by January 15, please call Val or Tina in the Risk Management Department at 879-2221 or 1-800-422-0346.

For those tribal members who are still interested in signing up for the ODS health plan but missed the December 13 deadline, we will be offering a one time extended enrollment date. If we receive your application on or before January 15, you will be enrolled into the health plan effective February 1, 1997. Please return your completed application to the Risk Management Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Remember these applications must be received in our office no later than 5 p.m. on January 15. Applications received after January 15 will be held until the next enrollment period for a July 1, 1997 start date.



Jared Mitchell Meyer

Born on October 29, 1996
9 pounds, 20-1/2 inches long

MOTHER: Danielle (Jeffers) Meyer

GRANDFATHER: Leslie Jeffers

**GREAT GRANDFATHER:
Clarence Jeffers**

4 generations of tribal members!

DECEMBER Employee of the Month HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



GENE KOMPKOFF

Staff Member of the Month NANITCH SAHALLIE



CLYTIE RING

Elder housing survey coming soon

The Tribal Housing Authority is considering the construction of a 30 unit Assisted Living Facility (ALF) for Elders. This would be included as part of a larger Elder development scheduled to begin construction in 1997 on Tribal land in Grand Ronde. This facility would serve Elders who may need regular or continuous support and assistance with daily routine living tasks such as cooking, dressing, bathing, taking medication, mobility, etc.

The Housing Authority needs to be able to show that there is a need and desire on the part of tribal Elders for such a facility. If this is proven, they will determine if such a project is financially feasible and begin the design process and search for financing.

In January, a survey will be sent to all Elders and will focus on questions regarding this type of housing. Therefore, it will be very important that all Elders who are interested in such housing for themselves now or at some time in the future respond to this survey. We do not know how great the need is, and so in order to proceed with such a project we need your input as the first step!

January Mealsite Menu

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!	<i>Wednesday, January 1</i> ~ CLOSED ~ New Year's Day	<i>Thursday, January 2</i> Cook's Choice
<i>Tuesday, January 7</i> Lasagna Green Salad Garlic Bread	<i>Wednesday, January 8</i> Beans with Ham Coleslaw Rolls	<i>Thursday, January 9</i> Chicken & Dumplings Cottage Cheese Pears
<i>Tuesday, January 14</i> Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans	<i>Wednesday, January 15</i> Chicken Stir Fry Rice Dessert	<i>Thursday, January 16</i> Beef Stew Rolls Jello Salad
<i>Tuesday, January 21</i> Baked Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Creamed Peas Dessert	<i>Wednesday, January 22</i> Corn Beef & Cabbage Glazed Carrots Cottage Cheese	<i>Thursday, January 23</i> Pork Ribs with Dressing Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli
<i>Tuesday, January 28</i> Pork Chops Mushroom Gravy & Rice Mixed Veggies	<i>Wednesday, January 29</i> White Cod Baked Potatoes & Corn Dessert	<i>Thursday, January 30</i> Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans

Elders Birthday Meeting Thursday, January 30

Tribal member elders and spouses meals are free. Meal Price is \$3.
Menu is subject to change. Staff please call ext. 2410 by 9:30 a.m.

Elk leg basket raffle

The Culture and Heritage Board will be selling raffle tickets to help with the costs of the Elders' Social planned for January, as well as the Tribal Quilt Project. The drawing for the winner will be at the February General Council meeting, and the prize is elk leg basket made by tribal employee Vivian DeMary. You need not be present at the meeting to win. To purchase tickets, contact Pam Warren at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2028, Claudette Parazoo, ext. 2382, or June Olson at ext. 2249.

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— SALEM —

January 6: 3 to 7:30 p.m.
January 7: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
January 8: Noon to 8 p.m.
February 3: 3 to 7:30 p.m.
February 4: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
February 5: Noon to 8 p.m.

— SILETZ —

January 21, 22, and 23
February 18, 19, and 20
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



TREE OF GIVING had a very successful year, many donated generous presents to tribal children. Pictured: Keri Jones and Peggy Biery.