

In memory of a great veteran

It was during the First World War, in 1918, when tribal member **David LaChance** was wounded in France as a German shell exploded near him, wounding him in the shoulder and both legs. After spending nearly 22 months in the hospital, David came home, where he met and married his wife, Bertha. The years went by, David and Bertha lived comfortably in Oregon while raising their family. In 1978, David's war injuries necessitated that his left leg be amputated.

Unbeknownst to David, his family had been making repeated inquiries to the Department of Defense as to why David had never received a Purple Heart for the courage he displayed during World War I. Finally, in 1987, he received a surprise visit at his home in McMinnville from (former) Congressman Les AuCoin, who came to award David with the Purple Heart, the military's medal for bravery in battle.

At the time, David was 94 years old. The government was only 69 years late in presenting him with the Purple Heart, but he was glad to receive it.

David passed away several years ago, but some of his family wanted to acknowledge his military honor during the month of his birthday. David would have been 105 on Feb. 1.



Lots still available at Grand Meadows

The construction of the Grand Meadows manufactured home park development in Grand Ronde is nearing completion, although there will be additional delays due to the financing, ordering, and set-up time of the individual homes. Placement of homes in the development will not begin until May, at which time the weather conditions should be more favorable for installing the homes.

There are still approximately four lots left in the Elder section of the park, and approximately ten lots available in the family areas. If your income is more than \$18,000 per year, you may qualify for the 100% financing to buy a manufactured home. Tribal members who are interested in purchasing a home and locating it in the park

are asked to call Bryan Langley at the Housing Authority at 879-2467 or toll free at 1-800-422-0232, extension 2467, for information and an application.

By the date of this article, the Rules and Regulations governing Grand Meadows will be in place. They address home set-up, home standards, home and homesite maintenance, behavior of residents and guests, pets, homesite improvements, landscaping and other areas related to occupancy. The Rules and Regulations will become a part of the homeowner's lease for land with the Tribe. A copy of the Rules and Regulations may be obtained by calling the Grand Ronde Housing Authority office at 879-2401, or toll free at 1-800-422-0232.

Drumming and Dancing

Nanitch Sahallie welcomes the public to share in weekly drumming and dance practice. Nanitch Sahallie is a drug and alcohol treatment center for Native American teenagers. The center would appreciate your involvement and support of Native traditions with our young people. Please join them on **Sunday evenings at 5:45 p.m.** at 5119 River Road N. in Keizer, Oregon. For more information, please call (503) 390-5904.

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— SALEM —

March 3: 3 to 7:30 p.m.
March 4: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
March 5: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
April 7: 3 to 7:30 p.m.
April 8: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
April 9: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

— SILETZ —

March 18, 19, and 20
April 22, 23, and 24:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Elder Housing Survey was a success

The response from the Elder Housing Survey was an overwhelming success with a 50% return rate! A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the Elders who returned their surveys! The results of the survey have not yet been tabulated, but they will be reported in a later issue of *Smoke Signals*. This information will be very helpful to the Housing Authority in determining the type of housing to plan for Grand Ronde.

The lucky winner of the \$50 prize is **MARY ARRIAGA** of Gresham, Oregon! Congratulations, Mary!

Mike and Toni Stahl would like to announce the birth of their new baby boy,
Ceidric Russell Stahl.



He was born on January 25, and weighed 11 pounds, 11 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Tom and Charlene LaChance.

Welcoming a new tribal member:
Katelynn Elizabeth Bliven

Born on January 23 to Bobby and Heather Bliven from Amity, Oregon. Katelynn weighed 7 lbs, 8 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY PAM WARREN



WITH LOVE FROM
DAD, AUNT DONNA,
AUNT NORMA, UNCLE JOHN,
UNCLE BUTCH, MARLA,
JESSICA, JASPER,
GRANDMA BLANCHE,
MOM REITA, BABY HAMSTER,
AND BABY THUNDER.

Committee application notices

The **HEALTH COMMITTEE** is currently seeking applications from tribal members interested in serving on the committee. There are three positions open. If you are a tribal member 18 years of age or older and think you would be interested in participating, please obtain an application from Tribal Government. All applications must be returned by **February 28**. For more information, contact Jackie Whisler, Tribal Council Executive Secretary, at 1-800-422-0232, or (503) 879-2301. The **VETERAN'S COMMITTEE** is also seeking new members who are tribal members and have served in the Armed Forces.

The **TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD** will have three vacancies in May. If you are interested in participating in the electoral process of the Tribe and learning more about Tribal Council as the governing body of the Tribe, please obtain a committee application from Jackie Whisler and return to her by **April 1, 1997**.

Also, if you are interested in serving on the **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**, the Board would like to keep an ongoing file of resumes and letters of interest from tribal members with a background in business who would like to be considered for appointment in the future. For more information, please contact Mike Larsen, Chairman, at 1-800-422-0232, or (503) 879-2407.

Nanitch Sahallie — January Staff of the Month



Candi Henry and Rita Holman