



SMOKE SIGNALS

"The events of today — the history of tomorrow."



Memorial Day Potluck

The Tribe will host a Memorial Day potluck lunch for all tribal members and their families on **Sunday, May 25** at the Community Center. The potluck will begin at noon. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

Memory Bricks

The Health and Human Services Committee is offering bricks for sale which will be laid in a walkway of the new Health and Wellness facility. The brick(s) will bear the name of your choosing for the one(s) you wish to remember. Please note, the limit is 40 characters per brick with 20 characters per line, spaces between words will count as characters. The layout for the bricks will be randomly placed for the front entrance walkway. **Purchase Price is \$50 per brick.** The deadline for ordering and payment of \$50 per Memory Brick must be made by Tuesday, May 27, 1997. **Memory Bricks will be sold all day on Memorial Day — Monday, May 26 at the Grand Ronde Cemetery.**

Twelve nominated at last General meeting

Tribal Council nominations were held at the final General Council meeting of the season on May 4. General meetings will resume after the summer hiatus, on September 6. **Tribal Council election will be held Saturday, September 5.** Those nominated were: Mark Mercier nominated Val Grout; Nancy Coleman nominated Robert Haller; Judy Olson nominated Richard McKnight; Willie West nominated Joyce DeHart; Tracy Meyer nominated Tom Jones; Angie Ellis nominated Bob Leno; Lydia Logan nominated Linda Olson; Bruce Thomas nominated Ed Pearsall; Lonnie Leno nominated Darlene Aaron; Dale Langley nominated Eugene LaBonte; Emma Sell nominated June Sherer. This is a **SAMPLE BALLOT** only, not intend for use. Absentee ballots will be mailed out in June.

SAMPLE BALLOT

- Val Grout
- Robert Haller
- Richard McKnight
- Robert Mercier
- Joyce DeHart
- Tom Jones
- Bob Leno
- Linda Olson
- Ed Pearsall
- Darlene Aaron
- Eugene LaBonte
- June Sherer

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Casino community fund donates to Lifeflight Network

The Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino have announced the first recipient of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. Tribal Council presented the Life Flight Network a check for \$174,000, which will enhance Life Flight's ability to save lives in medical emergencies in rural Oregon. The grant will make Life Flight the first helicopter medical service in the nation to implement state-of-the-art satellite navigation system (the Global Positioning System), which will greatly increase Life Flight's ability to pinpoint exact accident scene locations and flight routes, and to provide medical rescues in bad weather.

The grant will fund weather stations and other equipment necessary to implement the satellite navigational system in Tillamook, Siletz Bay, and Grand Ronde.

During a ceremony held at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, members of Tribal Council presented Larry Edeal, Life Flight Aviation Manager, with the Fund's check for \$174,000.

Life Flight officials stressed that Life Flight would not be able to go ahead with the GPS system without the grant from Spirit Mountain.

"This grant will greatly enhance the Network's ability to save lives in Western Oregon and will increase our ability to pinpoint accident scenes and make rescues in adverse weather conditions," said John Mitchell. "We are proud to be partners with the Spirit Mountain Casino Community Fund."

Kathryn Harrison, Tribal Council Chair, said that health care and medical services carry great value for our Tribe and our neighbors. "We know from experience that getting people quick medical treatment can make a difference between life and death," she said. "Just as Spirit Mountain Casino has enabled the Tribe to help itself, we want to help others. Before the Casino opened, we had no idea that the Tribe would be in a position to help so many people."

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Larry Edeal, Aviation Manager for Life Flight, holds a check for \$174,000, a grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. From left: Leon Tom, Ed Pearsall, Larry Edeal, Francis Somday, Kathryn Harrison, Shirley Larsen, Ed Larsen, and Reyn Leno.