

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am grateful to the past and present Tribal Council for the programs they approve. My alcoholism and drug abuse was tearing my life and my children's lives apart. I totaled my brother's pick-up after drinking, and was arrested for DUII. I was confronted about my drinking by my friend, George Gale, and Tom Jones, a tribal social services staff member. I admitted I needed help, and the Tribe placed me at NARA Treatment Center. I was at NARA for two months. While I was there, my heart was opened by the Creator so I could enter recovery.

I learned the 12-Step program of A.A. and was a participant of the Sweat Lodge. After I left NARA, I was helped by the drug and

alcohol program as an out-patient participant. I attended A.A. meetings and family counseling. These programs helped raise my self-esteem and contributed to my spiritual growth. I was able to share myself with my wonderful children: Marlo, Sol, and Sam George.

Without the Tribal Council supporting our programs, I would not be celebrating my 5th sober birthday in October. I am truly grateful for all the help the Tribe offers. Thank you George and Tom! A special thanks to Carmen Mercier, Barbara Lake, Shawn Hostler, Janell Haller, Sonya Lopez, and Kathy Olson. Bless our Council and staff!

Gratefully,
Margo Mercier

Tribal Employment Services

The Tribal Employment Services program is available to help tribal members get a job or even get a better job. The wide variety of services include career counseling, job skills assessment, career interest assessment, interviewing techniques, resume writing, and Internet access for job listings, just to name a few. Tribal members, if you would like to take advantage of any one of these services, call Connie Holmes at 879-2672 or Sheila Elliott at 879-2031 or 1-800-422-0232.

Tribal members: Name that Day Park!

The need to finalize a name for the day use park located on the north fork of Agency Creek is upon us. The two alternatives for a name are: **KLAHOWYA**... a Chinook word meaning "How are you," "Have a good day," or "Welcome;" and **KUMTUX TYEE**... another Chinook phrase which means "Wisdom Chief." (Thanks to Claudette Parazoo for the suggestions.)

The Natural Resources Division would like to have input on which of these two names should be used for the park. **Please call Kelly Doerksen (879-2382) or Katie Higgins-Wheeler (879-2396) to vote for one of these names.** We need to decide on a name by the beginning of November so please get your votes in by **October 31**. Thanks for the help!

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY Environmental Assessment for the PROPOSED ELDERS' HOUSING PROJECT

This notice is to advise interested parties that an Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for the proposed Elders' Housing Project. The EA discloses detailed descriptions of the proposed actions, alternatives to the proposed actions and an analysis of the likely environmental consequences of the proposed actions and alternatives.

On October 1, 1997 the EA will be available for public review for 30 days. Requests for copies of the EA and written comments should be addressed to: Kathleen Feehan, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Division of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 70, Willamina, OR 97396 or call (503) 879-2395.

Comments must be received by **October 31, 1997** and must include 1) your name address and phone number, 2) title of the EA your comments regard, and 3) specific facts or comments that decision makers should consider.



4th annual Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 14 ~ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, November 15 ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Grand Ronde Community Center

The Small Business Development Department of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is holding their fourth annual Christmas Bazaar on November 14 and 15, 1997 at the Tribal Community Center.

The charge is \$15 for a 8 ft. table and a donation from your wares that will go for door prizes. Tables are limited to one per person/family. Space is limited. For more information contact Sheila or Barbara at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2476.

Christmas Bazaar Registration Form

Anyone interested in participating in the bazaar should fill out this registration form and mail check or money order (no later than November 4, 1997) to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Small Business Development Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

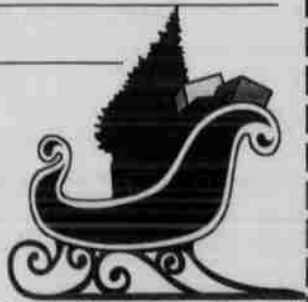
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____

TRIBAL MEMBER? () yes () no

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

() check () money order



\$75,000 Cash Weekend!

To celebrate
Spirit Mountain Casino's
2nd anniversary,
the Casino will have a special prize
giveaway weekend October 17-18.

October 17 — \$1,000 per hour giveaway
from 5 p.m. to midnight
October 18 — \$1,000 per hour giveaway
from noon to 11 p.m.
with a \$5,000 jackpot at midnight
October 18 — \$22,000 bingo jackpot

\$28,000 Anniversary Poker Tournament Series.
The Trenchcoats will perform on Friday.

Be there!

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN
CASINO