

Prescriptions must be filled at Clinic

To all tribal members who reside in the 25 mile radius of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center: If you need to have prescriptions filled and you have insurance that will cover it in full, AND you are not relying on Contract Health to pick up the co-pay, you are not required to use the pharmacy at the Health and Wellness Center.

If you are eligible for Contract Health and you

wish Contract Health to continue paying for your co-pays for prescriptions, you must have those prescriptions filled at the Pharmacy in the new clinic. If you choose to have them filled elsewhere without authorization from Contract Health, you will be responsible to pay for the prescription in full. If you have any questions, please call Contract Health Services at (503) 879-2009 or (503) 879-2011.

Want to quit smoking?

"Fresh Start," a series of how to quit classes are being offered at the Clinic to support your decision. These free classes meet one hour a week for four sessions, and are starting continuously. If you are interested in quitting, please call Linda Mann at the Dental Clinic at 879-2023.



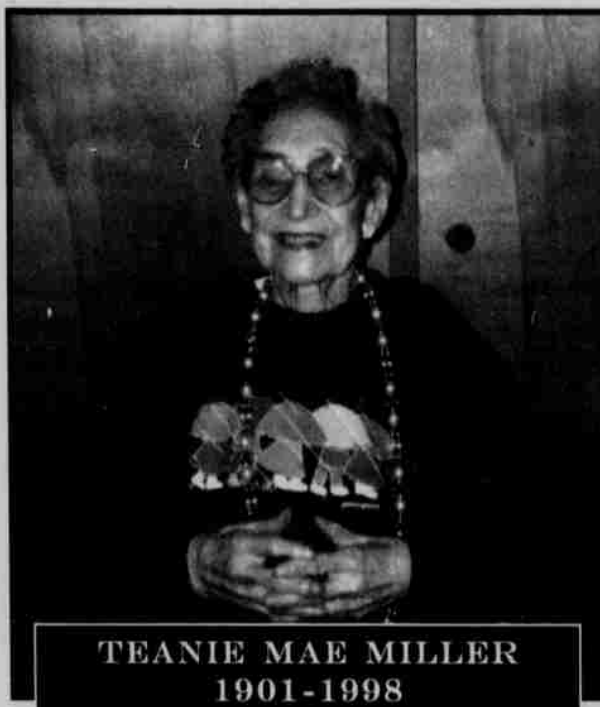
Oldest known tribal member passes away

Teanie Mae Miller was born March 21, 1901 in St. Paul, Oregon. She died on January 20 at the age of 96.

She lived on the reservation and moved to Portland in her late teens where she went to work at a baking company. Teanie married Henry E. Miller on December 3, 1925. They had one daughter, Ethelmae.

Teanie and Henry lived in Portland, Newport, and Salem. She was a homemaker and while living in Newport volunteered for the Community Hospital and the Red Cross. Henry was a general contractor in Portland, and passed away in 1983.

Teanie was loved by all that knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Ethelmae Hammock; 2 grandchildren, Gail Kelly and Kevin L. Kipp; 4 great grandchildren, Brian and Ann Marie Kipp, Camden and Courtney Jane Kelly. This picture of Teanie was taken in 1995.



TEANIE MAE MILLER
1901-1998

Casino Spotlight For Marilyn Porter, a dream job was right around the corner



Marilyn Porter has been working in the Casino's Human resources department for six months now, ever since she transferred from Administration Services.

"In October of 1995, I came out of the employee orientation and was asked if I wouldn't mind starting work a little early. I was scheduled to begin when the Casino opened, but they needed someone to work as a Uniform Attendant right away. I did paperwork and alterations on uniforms, that was my first job experience at the Casino," said Marilyn.

After the Grand Opening, Marilyn was working the graveyard shift in Administrative Services, and was eventually moved to swing shift, but needed a daytime position. So when Human Resources advertised for a staffing assistant, Marilyn applied right away.

"Time goes by really quickly in this department, because there is so much to do," she said. "Applicant tracking, filing, screening applicants, and helping the receptionist are part of my duties. There is always work to do and I love it. There is a real team spirit here. I work so closely with so many people, it's like having a second family."

Marilyn's past jobs have included working for Marion County Tax Collections in Salem, a caregiver for the elderly, and she has worked as an interpreter and English teacher for Salem's

Hispanic population. Marilyn speaks fluent Spanish, which has come in handy over the years.

Working in Human Resources, Marilyn sees a lot of job applicants and she wants them to know that if she can get her dream job, they can too.

"We want members who are interested in employment to know that we want them to work here probably as much as they do. Even if you have to wait a while, don't give up. Keep coming back, keep calling. It's worth it."



Changes made to housing programs

The Tribal Council, upon recommendation of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and staff, adopted the 1998 Housing Policy and Procedures (governing the Emergency Repair Grant, Major Rehabilitation Grant, Deferred Payment Loan, and Down Payment Grant programs) at the January 28th Council meeting.

The Emergency Repair Grant is a grant up to \$3,000 to qualified low income tribal homeowners, for emergency repair assistance to address health and safety conditions.

The Major Rehabilitation Grant is a grant of up to \$20,000 to low income tribal homeowners for major repairs to bring their residence up to standard condition.

The Deferred Payment Loan is a no-interest loan of up to \$20,000 that does not require installment payments, made to low income homeowners **only** in combination with the Major Rehabilitation Grant.

The Down Payment Grant is a grant of up to \$10,000 for "first time" homebuyers for down payment on the purchase of a home in standard condition.

The 1998 policies for these programs are primarily the same as the 1997 policies, with several changes. The changes include:

- increased income limits for eligibility in the Emergency Repair, Major Rehabilitation, and Deferred Payment Loan programs;
- clarification of how preference is applied for Elders and Disabled in all programs;
- increase in the maximum Deferred Payment Loan from \$15,000 to \$20,000; and
- addition of a provision in the Deferred Payment Loan program, for 1998 only, to provide a small loan to cover partial closing costs at Grand Meadows, subject to special eligibility, terms and conditions.

For information, a copy of the policies, or an application, call Bryan Langely at the Housing Authority at (503) 879-2467 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2467.



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