

Logo contest for pow-wow

The Pow-wow Committee is looking for a logo for the annual Grand Ronde Pow-wow. The Pow-wow is scheduled for August 14-16, 1998.

The Committee encourages anyone interested in entering the contest to submit your artwork to:

Pow-wow Committee
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

All entries must be submitted by April 15, 1998. The artist of the chosen logo will be awarded \$100 and a jacket with the logo. We encourage everyone to enter. This contest is not limited to tribal members. Good luck and thanks for supporting the Pow-wow. If you have any questions please contact Dana Leno at 1-800-422-0232 or 879-2037.

RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Want your Medical Bills paid?

No pharmacy benefits without new insurance card

If you are enrolled in the ODS insurance program, and have not received a new "ID card" for the 1998 calendar year, you need to call Valorie at the Risk Management office at 879-2221 or 1-800-442-0346 so that she can order you a new "ID card." The pharmacy carrier has changed and this is not noted on your 1997 "ID card." If you do not have a 1998 "ID card" your pharmacy benefits will not be valid.

It's open enrollment time!

During the past year we have been enrolling tribal members into a health insurance program sponsored by the Tribe. We are now offering vision and dental insurance, in addition to the ODS medical plan.

We are giving tribal members the option of enrolling in:

- the medical plan only (which includes vision coverage); or
- the dental plan only; or
- both the medical and dental plan.

We are enrolling Tribal members now for our next start date of July 1, 1998. If you want to enroll in either or both of the Tribal Health Plans, please call Valorie Sheker at the Risk Management Department to get your enrollment packet (503) 879-2221 or 1-800-442-0346. If you get our voice mail: please leave your name, telephone number with area code, and correct address with zip code so we can send you the correct coverage information for your location. Please let us know if you are interested in signing up for one or both of the health insurance coverages. If you are interested in enrolling into one or both of the plans for a 7/1/98 start date, we will need to receive your application by **Monday June 15, 1998.** APPLICATIONS RECEIVED LATER THAN 6/15/98 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Remember:

1. You need to make a call to the number listed above to get an enrollment packet.
2. Every tribal member gets their own plan, including dependent children.
3. If you are participating in a government-subsidized program, enrolling in these health plans could jeopardize your benefits, please call our office for assistance and clarification in this matter.
4. If you decline to enroll now, you will still be able to enroll during future "open enrollment" periods. After July 1, 1998, our next open enrollment period would be the fall of 1998 for benefits beginning January 1, 1999.

For information regarding medical, vision, and dental insurance coverage available to any tribal member, please call Valorie Sheker in the Risk Management Department at 879-2221 or 1-800-442-0346.

Tribal Adult Education Program

Just a reminder that this program offers a broad range of skill building opportunities which include:

- Bus passes for travel to GED classes
- Fees for GED test tuition and required supplies.
- Fees for classes which develop skills such as writing and math.
- Fees for classes, seminars and workshops which improve job skills and opportunities.
- Fees for self improvement classes or classes which help develop life skills.

To be eligible for services: A person must be an adult of at least 16 years of age; a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; and have a completed Adult Education Application on file. You may request an application by writing or calling the Adult Education Program at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2282 or 879-2282.

Financial aid applications due

NOW IS THE TIME to complete the Federal Financial Aid Application. Students in the Tribal Education Program are required to submit copies of their application each academic year by February 15. Federal student funding is allocated out "first come, first serve," so the earlier you file the better your funding package could be.

Even if you think you will not be eligible for Federal Aid you are re-

quired to apply in order to be determined eligible for the tribal program. It is mandatory to both the Tribal Higher Education and the Adult Vocational Training that students file for Federal Financial Aid every academic year.

Tribal Education Trust Fund Scholarship applications are still available for full or part time. Scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$7,000. Call Marion Mercier at 879-2284.

Essay contest for tribal teens

The Circle of Life Essay Program 1998 is accepting American Indian student essays (grades 7-12). Students are urged to write about their values that guide them throughout their lives. The contest is sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

All of the winning essays will be published in the *Winds of Change* magazine. The top eight students whose essays most clearly express the moral, ethical, and spiritual responsibilities by which a person lives

will be awarded one of the following prizes: Top Essay -- \$1000 Scholarship + \$200 cash; Runner Up -- \$500 Scholarship + \$200 cash; Next Six -- \$100 cash.

REQUIREMENTS: Submit two copies of the essay and include your name, address and phone number, and the name of your school and grade level. **The deadline to submit your essay is April 1, 1998.** Send all information to Sandra Waiters, 5325 Lee Circle, Excelsior, MN 55331 or FAX to 612-954-4112.

FEBRUARY

Employee of the Month
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



KATHY FABER, FNP

Income tax help

Small Business Development provides software and instruction to prepare your own 1997 income tax returns. The SBD staff will provide full service preparation for tribal Elders. You must call Barbara Lake at 879-2476 in advance to set up your computer lab appointment.

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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Call 1-800-922-1399.