

Roni Petite passes away

May 29, 1950 — February 23, 1998

Alice Jane 'Roni' Petite, 47, of Salem, died at her home. She was born in Tillamook and worked for the Oregon State Agriculture Department for 30 years. Alice loved fast cars. She was a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her brothers, Henry Petite and Philip LeBeau, both of Salem.

Spouse passes on

David Lopez, husband of tribal member Connie (Mercier) Lopez passed away at his home in Santa Rosa Village, Arizona due to diabetic complications. Services were held on February 19 & 20 and were attended by Darrel and Ruth Mercier of Grand Ronde. David was a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona.

Thank you to members

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the \$150 check brought to me by my mom and dad for my husband's wake and funeral. Your prayers and thoughts toward me are appreciated. Although David's death was most sudden and unexpected, everyone has told me he suffered from his illness. His adult children, siblings, Papago relatives, and Yaqui friends have also said that he's in a better place and no longer suffering. I feel enriched by the emotional support of people here...my family, relatives, the Val Grout family, and tribal members. Again, I say thank you.

Sincerely,
Connie Lopez
Roll #532

Special thanks

The Elders' Committee wishes to thank the anonymous contribution of \$50 they received last month. Whoever you are, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

March 26

Happy 2nd Birthday,

THOMAS



Love, your mom and dad

Thomas Murphy Schmitt is the son of Steve and Patti Schmitt of San Jose, Ca. Grandparents are Gary Lewis and Polly Lewis. Great grandparents are Norma and Deb Lewis.

New heritage group is formed

A new group designed to protect and preserve tribal heritage has been founded. "Seekers" is made up of tribal members, Elders, and citizens with an interest in preservation. The first meeting was held February 21, where a chairman, Thomas LaChance (503-864-3327) was elected; and co-chair, Cindy Gullede (503-864-3385) was elected. Charlene LaChance was elected secretary. Many ideas and areas of interest were shared. Each individual is seeking information in a particular area, but the group acknowledges the need to share information with each other and the Grand Ronde community.

Cultural Resource Protection Specialist June Olson was the guest speaker. She shared a brief history of the Tribe and contact information about other persons in her department and other tribal departments who may have information. Seekers unanimously voted to share all information it finds with the Cultural Resource Department.

The frist project Seekers will be working on is a traditional cookbook fundraiser. The group hopes to be able to present the recipes of tribal ances-

tors, and many Elders have already offered to help. The group is currently seeking permission from Cultural Resource Protection to be able to provide a drop box for tribal members to bring in their recipes. All recipes will be copied from the originals, which will be left on file at Cultural Resource Protection office.

Seekers would like to have a way to contact contributors, either by telephone or through the mail, and would also like to include photos with each recipe. Any historical information about the recipes would be greatly appreciated. For example, was it changed from it's original form to accomodate the times? Was a recipe originally prepared with wapatos rather than potatoes? Please share what you have.

We are all seekers and finders, and the interpretations are left up to the tribal members. Anyone who is interested in participating in Seekers is welcome to come to the meetings and get involved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the Community Center, beginning at 10 a.m.

ST. PADDY'S DAY CASH GIVEAWAYS

Spirit Mountain will be giving out \$25 to \$100 cash prizes to lucky casino goers on March 17. \$1500 will be handed out in all — a total of \$500 during three different time periods: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 3 p.m.-5 p.m., & 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

MARCH 20: SPRING FLING DANCE

MARCH 21: '50s SOCK HOP

Put on your dancing shoes (and socks). Come to Spirit Mountain on March 20th and dance into spring as KLOO's DJ spins the hits of the '50s through the '90s. Then return on the 21st for a '50s sock hop featuring the sounds of the Bouncing Baby Boomers. Both dances run from 9 p.m. to midnight, with doors opening at 8:30 p.m. No charge for admission. No one under 21. Spirit Mountain Casino. Hwy. 18. 1-800-760-7977. www.spirit-mountain.com



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10 a.m.

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