

Community Fund donates to safe house for women

Grand Ronde tribal leaders announced that the Spirit Mountain Community Fund is making a grant of \$11,000 to the Henderson House, a refuge from domestic violence for women and children.

Located in McMinnville, the Henderson House has provided safe shelter to over 3,500 abused women and children since opening its doors in 1981 in a rented house. Today, the Shelter operated two houses, a crisis hotline, support groups and transitional services. Women and children using the safe house come from areas throughout Oregon. Of-

ten they arrive with only the clothing they are wearing. Donated furnishings and household items are collected to help these families rebuild their lives and set up new homes once they are prepared to leave the Shelter.

Ed Pearsall, Chairman of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund said, "This program is exactly the type of volunteer driven, grassroots organization that we like to support. The Grand Ronde Tribe places great value on helping people turn their lives around, Henderson House gives people a new start." In 1995, the

Tribe assisted the shelter in opening a second house for transitional services.

The Henderson House submitted a grant request for \$5,334.88 for the purchase of refurbished appliances to replace worn out washers, dryers, and stoves in each of their two houses. Much to the surprise of Beverly Winbolt, Executive Director of Henderson House, the Tribal Council and the Board of Trustees doubled that amount for a total grant of \$11,000.

"This couldn't have come at a better time, it's a Godsend. Many areas

of our budget are underfunded, and this money will help make up the shortfall. A lot of people will be affected by this grant."

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund was established by the Grand Ronde Tribe to provide grant assistance to charitable organizations in 11 Northwest Oregon counties. The Community Fund receives 6% of Spirit Mountain Casino profits. Previous grant recipients have included such varied organizations as Life Flight, OMSI, Portland Art Museum, hospices, community libraries and schools.

OSU to host benefit concert

CORVALLIS — A nationally noted Native American a capella women's trio, Ulali, will perform a benefit concert on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. for Oregon State University's Friends of the Indian Education Office.

The concert will be held at OSU's Withycombe Theatre, located at Campus Way and SW 30th Street in Corvallis. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door, or you may call Marilyn Kaper at (541) 737-9030.

Ulali features mystical and sweeping sounds that evolve from traditional and contemporary indigenous music of the Americas. The trio has appeared on the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno;" were featured entertainers at the Washington, D.C. Fourth of July celebration; and performed at the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. Their video, "Follow Your Heart's Desire," won best music video at the American Indian Film Festival and has been aired on VH-1, CNN, MTV and PBS.

Ulali focuses on Native struggles and prophecies in a variety of Native languages, turning their music into a form of personal and historic expression. Their harmonies are accompanied on a few of their songs by a variety of hand-crafted percussion instruments.

The trio agreed to perform at OSU in support of the university's Indian Education office, which expands awareness of and responsiveness to the skills, knowledge and history in Indian cultures and values. Among the services the office offers to the community are: recruiting and retaining American Indian students, faculty and staff; support and counseling on academic, career and personal issues; Indian scholarship information; and serving as a liaison between OSU and tribal communities.

Week of the Young Child

The Polk County Early Childhood Advisory Group is setting up a display table in the Tribal Community Center hallway on **Wednesday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** They are doing this in observance of the "Week of the Young Child," April 18-26.

The group will distribute materials conveying child care information, such as Healthy Start, Health Department, WIC, Commission for Children & Families, Family Resource Network, USDA Child Care Food Program, local preschool information, Libraries, and Head Start.

The community and staff are welcome to stop by to pick up materials and learn about available resources for children.

Telephone scam

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office has recently become aware of a scam currently operating in Northern Oregon. It goes something like this: a person claiming to be a phone company technician tells you that they need to run a test on your telephone lines. The person instructs you to press nine (9), then zero (0), then the pound sign (#), then hang up. Unfortunately, this 90# function allows the person who called your number to gain control of your telephone account, and bill long distance phone calls to your number.

Officials from US West say that telephone companies have the ability to automatically check phone lines for problems, and only customer account representatives will call customers directly, not repair persons.

College to host Native Foods production and marketing conference

Native people of the Americas were the first harvesters of up to 60% of the current foods that are eaten in the world today! With this contribution in mind the Evergreen State College Native American Studies Program joins together with the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency in sponsoring a two day workshop on Food Production and Marketing opportunities for Native American Food and Seafood Producers. Those who are currently producing and those who are seriously interested in doing so are invited to attend. This invitation is also extended to tribal planners, business development officers, educators, enterprise managers, and other members of tribal committees.

The focus of the workshop will be to discuss the opportunities for Native American Food Producers in the rapidly expanding Natural/Organic Food Industry. This Industry is currently enjoying 20% annual sales increases and this trend is predicted to continue. We will also be taking a close look at the strong appeal of food products that are labeled Native American Natural or Organic and the role they play in this expanding market place. Finance, Marketing, and Business Development specialists along with experts from the Organic/Natural Foods Industry will be available to share their expertise.

Please join us as we explore pathways that take these Native American Traditional Foods from the past into the present and towards the future, while helping to provide economic stability and a healthy diet and lifestyle for our tribal communities.

The Workshop will take place on April 24-25 in the Longhouse at Evergreen College in Olympia, Washington. Please call (360) 426-3990 for more information or to reserve your seat.

Law Enforcement camp for teens

High school juniors and seniors interested in a future law enforcement related careers are urged to apply for the Oregon Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp, June 21-26 at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth.

Camp members will go through a rigorous 66 hour state-certified training similar to the Basic Police training law enforcement officers receive. The mission of the course is to assist students in deciding if they are physically and emotionally suited for the future careers in law enforcement. Enrollment is limited to 11th and 12th graders with excellent grades and the sponsorship of a local Kiwanis Club, high school counselor, or local law enforcement agency. All applicants are subject to a criminal records back-

ground check.

Some courses at the camp include: Basic Criminal Investigation, Court Procedures, Traffic Investigation and Enforcement, Firearms Safety, Stress Management, Ethics, Standards and Physical Fitness. Successful graduates receive a diploma and a state certification letter to receive academic credit for the class.

Applicants are being accepted through May 15, 1998. Capacity for the camp is fifty students, chosen on a first come, first served basis. For applications contact the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office central station in the Yamhill County Courthouse, West Valley Substation at Sheridan City Hall or the Dayton and Lafayette Sheriff's substations.