

## Letter

To all tribal members:

The Forestry Manager has asked input to a new management plan and I hope everyone will consider responding.

Right now we have other revenue sources, particularly the casino, and could take this time to restore and replant the areas that have been clear cut in the past.

Two things are very important to me:

1. The preservation of the Yew tree. I think every Yew should be identified and protected forever. The Yew tree has been part of tribal culture for thousands of years. Our ancestors used the Yew for medicinal purposes, and made bows for hunting and other cultural purposes. This means no clear cutting. The Yew could be lost forever if not protected and nourished.

2. If any forest should be used for timber, then I would like the Tribe

to be certified as having its lumber from sustainable forestry practices. It does cost to get the accreditation, but it is in keeping with Native values. In the past, the forest sustained the Tribe and now I think we should sustain the forest. There is another tribe in the Northwest that uses sustainable forestry practices — there could be an alliance, which would save old growth and valuable resources like the Yew tree.

Population pressure and the corresponding urban sprawl are destroying forest everywhere. Since we are enjoying a period of prosperity for the moment, I hope we use this time to enhance the land for air, water, plants, animals and humans.

The forest is my church, the smell, the hush and feeling that envelopes me is irreplaceable.

Judith Pettibone  
Roll # 717

*Tribal Celebration*  
~ 16 Years of Restoration ~  
*Sunday, November 21*

**The Annual Restoration Celebration  
will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21  
at Grand Ronde Elementary School starting at noon.  
Dinner will be served at 1 p.m., and a mini-pow-wow  
will follow. All friends and family are welcome.**

## Attention Elders!

### Lots available in Grand Meadows

Have you wondered if you could afford to move into Grand Meadows? Now you can find out! The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority plans to schedule a group meeting for Elders who are interested in moving into Grand Meadows. If you are interested in attending such a meeting please contact Bryan Langley at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2467 or 879-2467. A date and time will be scheduled if there is interest.

Here is some general information related to payments, cash required to close on a home, and income needed to qualify:

■ Income needed to qualify for a \$55,000 mortgage, is \$1,900 per

month, with no debt. (Include income from all sources including tribal Elder Retirement and Member Benefit.)

- Lot lease payment (includes water, garbage, and sewer): \$200 per month.
- Mortgage payment: \$418 per mo.
- Hazard insurance: \$20 per month.
- Total payment: \$638 per month.
- Estimate of closing costs and down payment (this amount will vary depending on the amount of the closing costs that can be financed): \$2,000 to \$4,000. The mortgage payment above was based on a \$55,000 mortgage at 8.5% interest rate (\$35,000 for the home, minimum, and \$20,000 for the site improvements, minimum).

**GENERAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Sunday, November 7  
11:30 a.m.  
Governance Center**

### OFFICE CLOSURES

**The Clinic and All Tribal Offices will be closed on the following days:**

**VETERAN'S DAY**  
Closed Thurs., Nov. 11

**RESTORATION DAY**  
Closed Mon., Nov. 22

**THANKSGIVING**  
Closed at noon on Wed., Nov. 24  
Closed Thursday, Nov. 25  
Closed Friday, Nov. 26

### Corrections

● In our October 15 story on the singer/actor Litefoot, we inadvertently forgot to list **DAVID MERCIER** as a person the Youth Education program wishes to thank.

● In the Casino Spotlight, Tracy Howerton's hometown is Warden, Washington.

*Smoke Signals* regrets the errors.

### *In Loving Memory*

## Ivanetta Cook passes away

Tribal member Ivanetta Cook died peacefully and surrounded with her loved ones on Friday, October 8 in her Grand Ronde home. She was born December 4, 1920 in Ballston, Oregon to Andrew and Mary Kenworthy. Ivanetta was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and cooked for the church with her mother Mary (Petite) Kenworthy. In 1943, Ivanetta worked as a whistle punk for King and Kenworthy Logging. Ivanetta's only brother Jack Kenworthy died in Grand Ronde in a logging accident in 1949.

Ivanetta loved her large family and she cherished the gatherings. Ivanetta was a proud tribal member. In her earlier years, she was a seamstress and

she liked to teach and participate in craft making. Ivanetta and her son Mark studied and spoke Chinook jargon. Ivanetta enjoyed her time with the Elders, the trips to other Tribal Elders' Days and Pow-Wows. The Elder Monday meal at Spirit Mountain Casino was a favorite of hers, especially the "Waldorf Salad." Ivanetta served on several committees of the Tribe: Election, Enrollment, Elders', and Pow-wow. Ivanetta enjoyed taking pictures, and she always was ready to take a shot with her camera. Before Ivanetta's eyes started to fail her, she loved to play bingo and cards. Ivanetta and her family enjoyed hours of card games. She collected Beanie Babies, coins, earrings, and jewelry. She loved purple and enjoyed wearing sweat suits and Keds. Ivanetta had a feisty attitude and her "Cook smile" can still be seen in her children, her 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Ivanetta's first marriage produced her oldest son, Thomas Misfeldt of Grants Pass, Oregon. Tom is a retired truck driver and his wife Lee is an office manager. They have three grown children: Debbie of Brookings; Tommy of Grants Pass; and Jack of Roseburg. Tom and Lee's grandchildren are: Dustin, Destiny, Alyssa, Katiya, Terrin and Jarred.

Ivanetta married Howard G. Cook on October 4, 1941. Howard and Ivanetta and their children moved to Brookings in 1959. Together, Ivanetta and Howard had four boys and their youngest, a daughter, Pam Smith of Brookings, Oregon. Pam and her husband Jim enjoy visiting the family in Grand Ronde, especially during Pow-wow.

Lynn, the eldest Cook son and his wife Mary live in Vancouver. Lynn works for James River Corporation and Mary is a homemaker. They have two sons; Jason, also from Vancouver, and Chris. For the past four years Chris has lived in Grand Ronde with his grandparents and he is a DMO in the kitchen at the casino.

Pat and Cassandra Cook live in Gig Harbor, Washington with their two daughters, Shelby and Jordan, and family pets. Pat is a longshoreman and Cass is a student and Mother. Pat also has two other children: Justin and Jennifer.

Ivanetta's twin boys are Mike and Mark. Mike and his wife Terry moved back to Grand Ronde to work at the casino. Mike works for the maintenance team and Terry is a cage cashier. Mike has three girls: Amber, Michelle and Angie. Mike also has two stepdaughters, Angie and Shoni Bishop and stepson Joe Reader. Mike's grandchildren are: Alyssa, Chelsea, Haley, Larry, Mike, Luke, and Mario.

Mark and his wife Tammy live in Willamina with their son Anthony. Both are employed at Spirit Mountain Casino. Mark is on the maintenance team and Tammy is the Guest Services Manager. Anthony attends Twah Sunchako pre-school. Mark is also the Pow-wow Chairman.

The family of Ivanetta Cook would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who assisted us in our time of need. We thank Dorothy, Mabel, Ila, Bonnie, Darlene, Jill, Jackie, Janell, Sharon, Penny, Val, Violet, Arlene, Don, Margo, Tina, Leonette, Marnie, Eddie, Tracy, Carrie, Tracy Dugan, Mary of the Hospice Team, and



Henry Petite for visiting Mom in her final hours. The wonderful food brought to the house from many families of the Tribe was appreciated. We would like to thank Kathryn Harrison, Elaine Moore, and Ila Dowd for remembering our Mother in such a special way. Thank you to the Val Grout family for the wonderful meal at our Mother's service. Leonette, the flowers were gorgeous and the tortellini soup was a favorite. Our Mother's service and dinner were wonderful thanks to the St. Michael's Alter Society, Fr. Ray Elam, Kimball and Marge Davis, and the Facility Team of the Tribe. You all are very special and appreciated. Thanks also to Kathy Tom and staff, Tribal Council for the beautiful flowers, Russ Leno, and Mark Mercier for your kind words.

**The Cook Family**

