

Two tribal programs change name

- Community Resources is now the SOCIAL SERVICES Department.
- Risk Management has changed it's name to MEMBER SERVICES.

Per capita tax info

For those tribal members ages 14 through 17 who received a per capita gaming dividend the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will authorize, only under the following conditions, a withdrawal from their account to pay income taxes incurred because of the dividend.

- The tribal member must submit a written request to the Finance Officer for withdrawal to pay income taxes.
- The individual tribal member must prepare an individual tax return and submit a copy to the Finance Officer.
- The Tribe's Finance department will issue checks payable to the IRS and other State Revenue offices if applicable, and mail them to the tribal member. It is the tribal member's responsibility to mail the checks to the taxing authorities.
- If the tribal member has other income, the withdrawal will be limited to the lesser of the actual tax liability or the tax liability associated with the gaming dividend.

For questions, call Val Sheker at (503) 879-2321 or 1-800-422-0346.

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you are currently receiving Retirement, Part B Reimbursements, Tribal SSI or Disability or Elders SSI — **consider direct deposit!** Direct deposit is a safe, easy way for your payments to be sent directly to your bank or credit union. It is safer than receiving a check and it will be in your account on the day checks are mailed from the tribal offices.

Any tribal member receiving the benefits listed above are eligible for direct deposit. We have over 250 people on direct deposit at this time and expect more this year. If you are interested or have been thinking about it, please call Dakota Whitecloud at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2327 for more information.

Upgrade to out-of-area insurance

The Member Services department, formally Risk Management, has been working with the ODS provider to upgrade the out of area plans. Changes will be implemented starting March 1, and hopefully completed by April 30.

All plans will be upgraded and members will be notified by mail and receive new ID cards. Once again, members who do not have an ID card and are enrolled in the tribally sponsored ODS health plans, please call Valorie Sheker, Amy Justen or Jenny Bailey at 1-800-442-0346.

Elders Committee sponsors crab feed

About 45 Elders enjoyed fresh crab at the Community Center on January 28. The Crab Feed is becoming an annual event where many of our Elders gather to share a good meal of the delicious shellfish as well as salads and condiments.

Special thanks to Val Grout, who braved the icy Tillamook roads to bring back 60 crab to the eager crowd.

The Elders Committee sponsored the purchase of the crab, and committee Chair Sharon Hanson fixed salad, hard-boiled eggs, cheese and crackers, olives, and pickles to round out the feast.

Hanson said that the Elders came away with their fill of crab, and many helped with the preparation and clean-up.

The Elders' next outing will be on February 25, when they will visit the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in Salem.



Dean Mercier enjoying the Crab Feed event.

Special invitation to Elders

Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Facility in Keizer invites tribal Elders to join them and the clients for lunch one day per month. The clients help participate in setting up the dining tables and decorating for the "theme of the month." In February, the theme will be Valentine's Day.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Elders' Mealsite in Grand Ronde for those who wish to attend. If you would like to attend lunch at Nanitch, but haven't been able to sign-up, please call Kathy Tom at (503) 390-5904. Upcoming lunch dates are: Feb. 11, April 14, and May 12.

Fish & Wildlife Committee positions open

The Fish & Wildlife Committee is now accepting applications for two positions (staff positions are filled at this time). Applications can be picked up at the Natural Resources department, located at 47010 SW Hebo Road or by calling 879-2376. **Deadline for applying is February 29, 2000.**

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Members are required to attend all meetings and the annual staff/committee workshop held in September.



Happy 7th Birthday
Iesha Garza
on February 22.

Iesha attends Roosevelt Elementary School in Granger, WA. She was student of the month and is a straight "A" student.

Iesha also belongs to the J.O.M. Indian Club in the school.

We are very proud of you!
Love: Dad, Mom,
Amy & Paige

February 23

*Happy 1st Birthday
to our precious little girl
Madison Taylor Leno*



Love ~ Mommy, Daddy & Brody

Engagement

Tribal member Frank H. Hostler, II and Laurie G. Belden will wed on August 5, 2000, at the Tribal Community Center at 2 p.m. Reception will follow. Congratulations on their engagement.

Wedding announcement

Please join **Gene LaBonte** and **Billie Mann** as they exchange wedding vows in a traditional Indian ceremony on Saturday, February 19, 2000 at the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center. The ceremony will begin a 2:30 p.m. Casual dress. No gifts please, but a covered dish or appetizer would be appreciated.

NEW BABY

Congratulations **DeAnna Fitzgerald** and **Lynn "Bear" Robertson**, on the birth of their daughter **SHYLA MAYE** on January 25. Shyla weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was born at Dallas Community Hospital. Shyla's grandparents are: Jess Robertson and Ida Patterson; and Eunice Tourgenon. Best wishes to the whole family.



**HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY
TO OUR LIL' SLUGGER,
CADEN CHRISTOPHER LENO
ON FEBRUARY 19TH!!**

We love you a whole, whole, whole
(infinite whole's.....) bunch!!!!



Daddy, Mommy and Kiana