

Business Spotlight

SAVE ON AUTOMOTIVE

220 S. 2nd Street in Oregon City

503-722-2322

Owners: Tribal member Steve Manangan and his wife Berta

By Justin Phillips

Imagine driving your vehicle down the street and having your engine tell you it doesn't want to go any farther. The engine suddenly makes a loud bang. You sit in silence along the road. Something is very wrong you think, even before you look in your wallet. Now comes the time when you need somebody who you can trust.

If you are an Oregon City resident, one place should come to mind. Tribal member Steve Manangan and his wife Berta own and operate Save On Automotive. The business has been operating for seven years.

"I specialize in engine swapping, says Manangan. "We also do front end work, such as timing belts, UV joints, repair tires, window repair, brakes and oil changes."

The reason Manangan went into business is for self-sufficiency and the ability to help others.

"I like to be able to be there for people, and having this automotive business allows me to do this," Manangan said. "I can get them in and out of my shop within one day if they have a problem. I can fix all mechanical problems."

Some of the challenges Manangan has faced are expansion and the location of the business.

"I can't grow too fast, and I don't have the best location," says Manangan. "The growth of the business has been a very big challenge for me."

Manangan said when the business first started, the challenge was getting the recognition as being a good and trustworthy mechanic.

Another challenge is difficulties finding work through various methods of advertisement. Manangan said it's tough to find where you want to spend the most money that will bring in the most business.

He said he likes being independent and making decisions himself. It increases his responsibility during the course of each day.

"I am willing to relocate," said Manangan. "I would even like to relocate to the Grand Ronde area someday."

One of the best things a mechanic can have is reliable tools. Manangan has only Snap-On tools.

"They are more expensive, but well worth it because they will last longer because of the quality," Manangan said.



Steve and Berta Manangan own and operate Save On Automotive, Save On Gift Shop and Berta is a representative Avon — all in the same building complex in Oregon City. One of their goals is striving for a larger return into what they've invested in their businesses.

Steve and Berta opened another business called Save On Gift Shop. The business is three months old and is also located in the same building complex. They would like to have American Indian artifacts and dream catchers to display. Berta also is an Avon representative.

Steve and Berta's goal is to become homeowners in the near future. He also is striving to get back a larger return to what he's invested into both of his businesses.

Steve Manangan's grandmother is

Esther LaBonte and his mother is Roseta LaBonte, both Tribal members.

Save On Automotive is located at 220 S. 2nd Street in Oregon City. The telephone number is 503-722-2322.

Manangan said he would like to thank his wife Berta who has been a great help to him handling most of the paperwork and side tasks.

Manangan ended by saying, "Knowing I've done the best I can do, in a positive manner, this is what gives me the best comfort and self-satisfaction."



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Christmas Bazaar: More Successful Each Year

The 8th Annual Holiday Christmas Bazaar was held November 17 and 18 at the Grand Ronde Community Center. There was a total of 35 vendor tables — the largest bazaar to date, with approximately 175 shoppers! They included a wide variety of crafts, baked goods, jewelry, Christmas wreaths and boughs. There was 13 Tribal member vendors and 12 community vendors. The bazaar is put on each year by the Tribe's Small Business department.

WANTED: Construction Workers

The Tribe's Public Works department is compiling a list that will be distributed to contractors selected to do work on Tribal projects.

Tribal members seeking employment in the construction field please contact Eric Scott at 503-879-2404.

Provide your name, enrollment number, phone number, type of work sought (unskilled laborer, carpenter, mason, etc..) and any special skills or experience you may have.

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH - DECEMBER 20TH

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

WANT TO PLAY?

Win Coyote Club points, prizes and a chance to audition for the TV show Wheel of Fortune. See Coyote Club desk for more info.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

PATTI LABELLE CONCERT

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

One show only at 7pm. Ticket prices, \$30 and \$40. Tickets are available in person at Spirit Mountain Casino, at all Fred Meyer Fastixx centers, or by phone at (800) 992-TIXX. Must be 21 or older.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

BINGO BALLS, BINGO BALLS, BINGO ALL THE WAY

PICK A PRESENT TO WIN \$300, \$500, OR \$700.

All players will receive an extra free blackout.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

NEW YEARS EVE COUNT DOWN

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

Enjoy the country tunes of McKenzie River Band in the Rogue Rooms or the Blues by the Cannonballs in the Kalapuya Rooms from 8pm to 1am. The a cappella group Talk of da Town will be livening things up in the main casino from 8pm to 1am. Also receive your complimentary party favors while they last.

FREE SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO BINGO BEAR. Bingo New Year's Eve special, \$50 or \$100 buy-in. Up to \$48,000 in cash giveaways. Regular bingos will pay \$1,000 or \$2,000. The final blackout will be guaranteed at \$5,000 or \$10,000. Payouts are based on \$50 or \$100 buy-in.