

# Teen Center in Willamina will be Re-Opening Soon

■ A grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund keeps the Tina Miller Teen Center open weekdays for area youth.

The Tina Miller Teen Center will open its doors Monday-Friday from 3:30-7:30 p.m. thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The center was first opened in 1982. At that time the center was used mainly for birthday celebrations, but in 1990 it opened on a regular basis as a recreation center for area youth. Since that time the center has operated sporadically due to fire code violations and lack of funding.

Now, the center will operate weekdays and volunteers hope to add Saturday hours from noon to 6 p.m. The center provides a much-needed recreational meeting spot, in a safe, supervised environment for youth from Grand Ronde, Sheridan and Willamina. There they can participate in basketball, volleyball, badminton, air hockey, table tennis, an arcade and computer center and art activities.

"The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are happy to help support a project like the Tina Miller Center," said Ed Pearsall, Community Fund Board

member and Tribal Council member. "We know how limited resources are for youth in our area. We believe that the potential for at risk behavior increases when there aren't adequate programs and activities for young people. By helping to support activities for our children in a safe environment we're helping to insure those children go on to realize their potential."

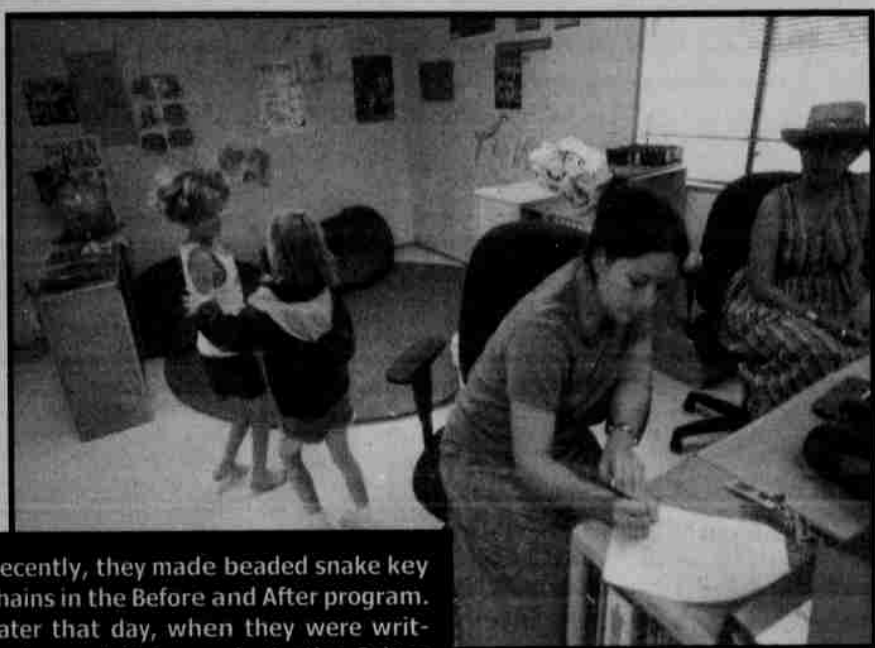
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde created the Spirit Mountain Community Fund and dedicate 6 percent of the Spirit Mountain Casino profits to helping worthy organizations. Recent local contributions include the Grand Ronde Food Bank, Senior Drop-In Center, Fendall Community School Building and the Willamina and Sheridan School Districts. To date the Tribe has given over \$10 million through the Community Fund, continuing the Tribal traditions of sharing and giving back.

To learn about the grant criteria, go to: [www.thecommunityfund.com](http://www.thecommunityfund.com)

## Tina Miller Teen Center

OPENING SOON — Monday-Friday from 3:30-7:30 p.m.  
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Photo by Peta Tinda



Recently, they made beaded snake key chains in the Before and After program. Later that day, when they were writing in our daily journals, Justine Colton wrote this poem....

Beaded Snakes.  
Beaded Snakes all red and white.  
Beaded Snakes in the bright light.  
Beaded Snakes all mean and slimy.  
Beaded Snakes all lean and grimy.  
Beaded Snakes.

This year's Before and After Care Program registration was held on Wednesday, August 8 at their modular building behind Grand Ronde Elementary School.



## SOCCER CAMP

The Summer Youth Program hosted a soccer camp for area kids on Monday, August 13 through Wednesday, August 15 at the Grand Ronde Elementary School grounds. The course was taught by lead Before and After program lead tutor Matt Bucknell and was open to kids from first through sixth grades. All participants received a soccer ball, t-shirt, shin guards and a barbecue lunch.

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## SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 1ST - 30TH

### COYOTE CLUB HUNT

GUARANTEED \$5000 GIVEN AWAY

Sign up new Coyote Club members and have a chance at \$2500.

See Coyote Club Desk for official rules and information. New members must be 21. Employees not eligible.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

### WINDY RIVER

PLAYING AT THE SUMMIT VIEW

Enjoy live weekend music from Windy River, 8PM-12AM.

Located next to Legends entrance. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

### CHICAGO IN 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 Safeway Fastix Ticket Centers, or by phone at (800) 992-TIXX. Must be 21 or older.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

### CRAPS & CHROME CAR SHOW

CAR GIVEAWAY - GUARANTEED!

Enter to win a 1949 Plymouth Business Coupe at the Coyote Club Desk on Saturday, September 15TH.

ROLLIN' OLDIES LIP-SYNCH CONTEST

Join us in your favorite oldies dress and bring your music of choice for the lip-synch contest! Registration starts September 5TH by phone only. The first 25 people signed up will compete for \$300 - 1ST, \$200 - 2ND, and \$100 - 3RD. To register call 800-760-7977 Ext. 3199. See Coyote Club Desk for official rules and information.

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SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO  
TRIBAL MEMBER  
EMPLOYEE PROFILE

## GARY OBERG



**TITLE:** Bingo Attendant (Paymaster)

**HIRE DATE:** September 17, 1995

**HOMETOWN:** Born in Yamhill, currently lives in Dayton.

**BACKGROUND:** "I went to Yamhill High School and currently I am going to Chemeketa Community College."

**DUTIES:** Cash handling, making banks for the sellers in the Bingo department.

**JOYS OF YOUR JOB:** "I enjoy helping customers."

**HOBBIES:** Crafts, making things.

**PHILOSOPHY:** "Live for today, but save for tomorrow; life is short."

**WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO WORK FOR SMC?** "I had the need for a job and I was Tribal."

**FAMILY:** Grandma Bertha (Cunningham) Jackson, Grandpa Charles Jackson, mother Charlotte Ann (Jackson) Oberg, wife Lynne D. Oberg, children Amanda Ann, 18; Michelle Nicole, 16; Tiffany Rose, 10.

**ANYTHING ELSE:** "I am a 43 year-old Tribal member. I enjoy camping and I like to travel. I grew up on an 80 acre farm, so I know about hard work and long days — something I wish kids today could understand and take pride in their work and be more thankful for what they have."

## BEHIND THE SCENES: BINGO

▲ The origins of Bingo can be traced back to the year 1530. The game is still held every Saturday in Italy.  
▲ It takes 37 people to run the Bingo Hall at Spirit Mountain Casino (SMC). It is open 7 days a week and offers 5 sessions each day (except Thursdays with only 2 sessions.) An average of 5,100 people play Bingo at SMC each week, many of which are regular customers. We offer 35 different game patterns on our regular games with payouts ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. We also have two progressive games that begin at \$2,000 and increase daily until won. Our Bonanza game begins at \$10,000 and also progresses daily until won. The highest amount won on our Bonanza game was \$98,000.