

Charged Up — On Sunday, February 6 Spirit Mountain Casino hosted a Super Bowl party in the Bingo Hall. Hall of Fame inductee Dan Fouts attended and signed autographs for everyone. Fouts played for the San Diego Chargers from 1973 to 1987. He went to college at the University of Oregon and now resides in Central Oregon. Pictured below is Tribal member Jesse Robertson as he gets a football signed by Fouts.

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"Will You Be Mine?" — On Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, Tribal Elder Leonette Galligher (right) and others sold flowers, balloons and homemade goods at the Governance Building. Tribal employees had the chance to make last minute purchases for that special someone.

Eugene Satellite Office Opens

■ Continued outreach responds to Tribal members across the state.

Story courtesy of the Tribal Planning & Grants Development Department

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde has opened a satellite office in Eugene. This follows the opening last month of a similar office in Portland.

Tribal member Brenda Tuomi, of Eugene, led the local effort to find and lease the 1,200 sq. ft. office which includes a large entry/gathering room, a small conference room, a small computer lab and two offices. The gathering room will also double as classroom space.

Tuomi also will serve as the office's Tribal Services Representative.

The office will primarily provide information and referral, host small member gatherings, computer lab use (e.g. for job searches) and limited outreach services from Grand Ronde and other providers.

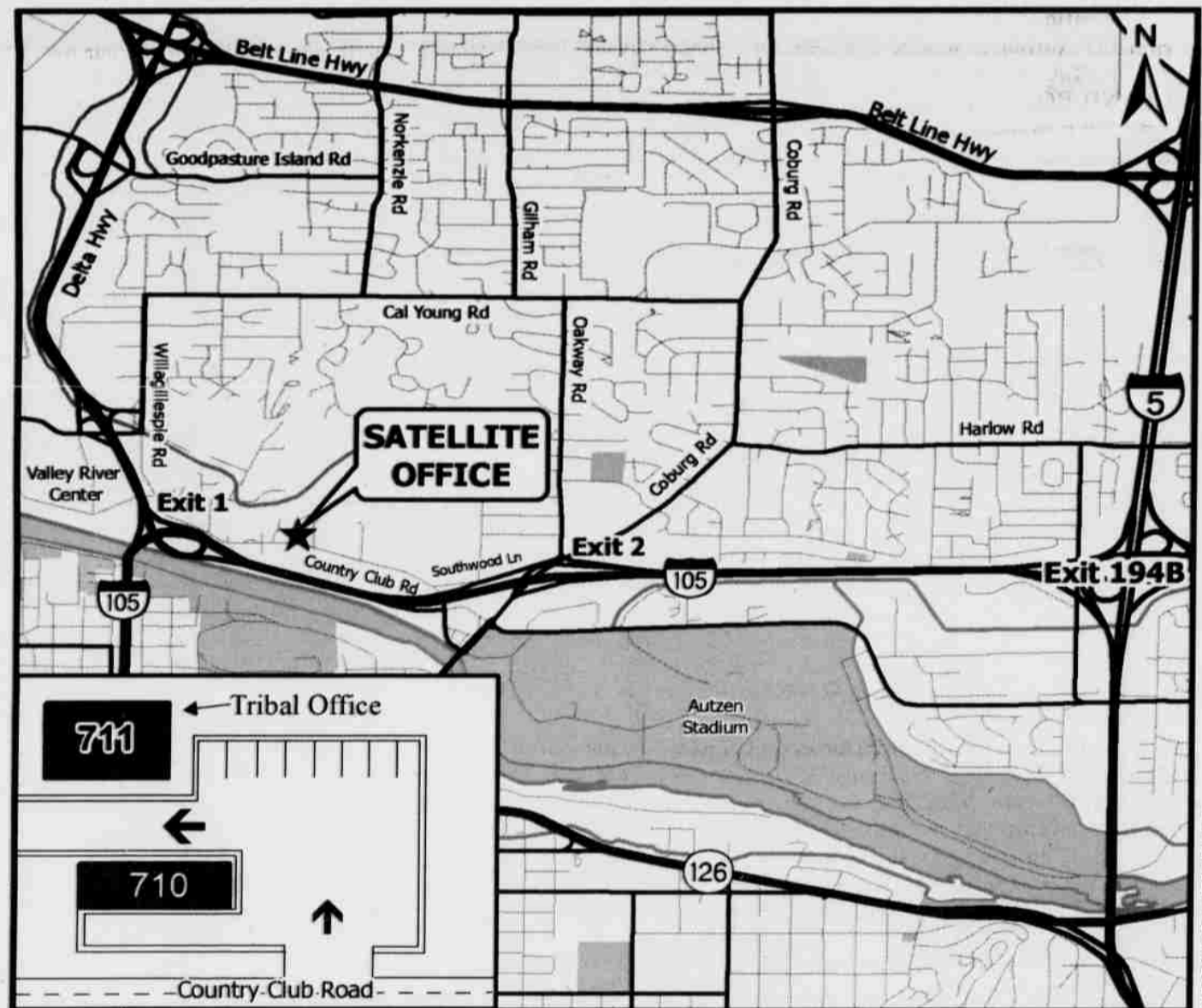
Planned Tribal services include cultural classes (e.g. history, drum making), employment assistance counseling and occasional youth activities.

A Chinuk Language Club is being arranged.

The Education Division will provide limited Adult Education and Higher Education program services while Natural Resources is planning for salmon distribution there.

Other services will still be provided in Grand Ronde but Tuomi will assist with contacting programs, accessing forms, reviewing basic eligibility and arranging appointments. More services may be added but each will require that usage rates justify the costs.

The Eugene satellite office is located on a Lane Transit bus route at 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A, north of downtown and east of the Valley River Mall. Country



Map courtesy of Josh Levy

Club is the frontage road north of highway 105 and is also the way to downtown from I-5. It can be accessed from the east by the Coburg Road exit and from the west by the Willagillespie exit (also the exit for the Valley River Mall). It is the second building set back off of the road.

Office hours are currently Monday-Thursday, 12:30-4:30 p.m. and

Friday 8 a.m.-12 noon. The telephone number is 541-484-7085.

The Eugene Office is seeking volunteer support to supplement the services there. Those interested in assisting, contact Tuomi.

Tuomi also will be available to take suggestions on how this office can be improved to meet active Tribal member needs in the area.

Kim Rogers, Manager of the Tribal Planning & Grants Development Department, 503-879-2250, will also help troubleshoot issues that come up.

Start-up funds for both the Eugene office and the new Portland office were partially funded by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans. ■