

Royalty Committee Seeking Artisan

The Royalty Committee is seeking to identify Tribal members who bead, make shawls and regalia. The committee is compiling a list for the purpose of contracting to have specific items made for royalty. Please contact Donna Casey at 971-241-3419 or write to the Royalty Board, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 if you want to be considered for this opportunity.

Walking On...

Carl Dee Jeffers

September 27, 1926 — March 10, 2005

Tribal Elder Carl Dee Jeffers was born September 27, 1926 in a hops field just outside Independence, Oregon where his parents, Melvin Ivan Jeffers and Edna May Michael Jeffers, were working.

He grew up in Wolf Creek, Oregon and served in the Army from 1945-46. In 1947 he married Marion Totman in Eugene. They later divorced. He married Carol Thornton December 13, 1958 in Reno and went to Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls to become an electrician.

Mr. Jeffers enjoyed hunting, fishing and especially raising and spoiling his great-granddaughters. He was a devoted member of the Eugene Eagles Arie #275 for over 35 years and served as area trustee for one year. He was a member of Springfield Elks Lodge #2145.

Carl Dee Jeffers passed away on March 10, 2005. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carol and children Carl Dwayne Jeffers, Charlene Lee Hoover, Melvin Richard Jeffers and David Allen Jeffers. He also has two brothers, Ivan and Dale Jeffers; sisters Rosalie Teem, Hazel Adams and fifteen treasured great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lucille.

Michael Harris "Standing Elk" Reibach

March 30, 1949 — April 3, 2005

Michael Reibach passed away at home Sunday, April 3, 2005, of natural causes. He was 56.

Born in Portland, on March 30, 1949, he was the son of Harris Jerome and Valoris Marie (Ventress) Reibach.

He helped to build Bonneville Dam and to fight forest fires with the Tribal crew. Known as a peacemaker, he later became a minister and counselor.

In addition to running Spirit House, a homeless shelter in Grand Ronde, he maintained an open door policy for anyone in need, particularly youth. He was honored by the Department of Justice for outstanding work in drug and alcohol counseling.

He had traveled to New York and Texas and come back with many stories to share with his family. He spoke Chinook Wawa, the Native tongue of his heritage.

He loved to sing and play the guitar and drums for his extended family of his nieces and nephews, three of whom were namesakes: Jan Michael Reibach, Harris Mark Reibach and Anthony Michael Sabin. He also enjoyed the company of his close friend and beloved cousin, Tom Bean.

Mr. Reibach is survived by a brother, Jan D. Reibach of Willamina, and a sister, Vicki P. Long of Portland.

Memorials are suggested to the Grand Ronde Food Bank. To leave an on-line condolence, go to www.bollmanfuneralhome.com.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was conducted at the March 2, 2005, Tribal Council Meeting.

The proposed amendments (1) add a new section setting forth Tribal Council ethics policies and procedures including standards of conduct, drug testing, filing of complaint for violation of such policies, appointment of hearings officer by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court, investigation and determination of hearings officer, appropriate sanctions for violations, and appeal to Tribal Court; (2) deletes the provision authorizing reprimand of council members; and (3) makes other technical amendments. The proposed amendments include three possible alternatives for when a council member is considered to be representing the Tribe.

For a copy of the proposed amendment to the Tribal Council Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendment. You may send written comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

Comments must be received by May 2, 2005 at 5 p.m.

Baby Showers



March Baby Showers Lead To April Babies — Siletz Tribal member Trisha Butler, left, and Kerrina Mishler enjoy baby showers held for them in the Tribal Governance Building by friends and relatives. Trisha has since had a happy, healthy girl and Kerrina a bouncy little boy. Congratulations to both new moms and their families.

Photos by Toby McClary

Open Invitation To Grand Ronde Tribal Families

Basket weaving classes will be held the weekend of April 16 and 17, 2005 at the Bailey House (9600 Hebo Road in Grand Ronde). Classes begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Bring your own lunch. Lodging is available for Tribal members traveling from outside the local area.

Come and learn about the history of baskets in Grand Ronde, traditional methods of gathering, processing and preparing the materials and begin weaving your own basket.

Any questions, please call Elaine LaBonte at 503-879-1437.

Grand Ronde Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe has obtained a LIHEAP grant to assist income eligible Tribal members with energy payments, energy emergencies and weatherization. This Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is an annual grant from the Division of Energy Assistance within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Four Tribes in Oregon operate this program and must serve all income eligible Indians on their Reservation or trust lands. Outside of these lands, but within the Tribes service area, Tribes can only serve households with adult members of their own Tribe. For LIHEAP, the Grand Ronde Tribes service area is the Tribe's typical six-county service area (Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Tillamook counties) plus Clackamas County. Tribal members in these counties must contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance, instead not the community action agency in their area. The Tribal program will allow more Tribal members to be assisted than would otherwise be possible.

There has been a great need for energy assistance especially for weatherization. For income eligible households the program can provide energy assistance (utility bills, fire wood, etc.), crisis energy assistance and weatherization (e.g. furnace repair).

If you are interested in obtaining services please contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization.



10% OFF Discount Coupon

Receive 10% off any regular priced item at Taco Time or TCBY through May 31, 2005 redeemable at Grand Ronde Station.

Expires May 31, 2005

503-879-1600