

Open Invitation To Grand Ronde Tribal Families

Basket weaving classes will be held on May 14-15 and June 4-5, 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.

Walking On...

Theodore H. "Ted" Darling

May 22, 1941 — March 27, 2005

Ted Darling of Salem died on March 27. He was 63.

He was born in Haverill, N.H., and was raised in Vermont until age 13. He moved to Salem with his family in 1957.

He was a Building Inspector and Plans Examiner for more than 35 years with Marion and Polk counties, as well as for the Oregon State Building Codes Division.

He was Building Official for Polk County and served as Building Inspector for the Tribe for the past seven and a half years. He was responsible for inspection of all projects, beginning with the Spirit Mountain Casino.

He married Sharon L. Hopkins on July 14, 1992.

He was an Army Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon L. Darling of Salem; daughter, Sheri Schultz of Dallas; son, Robert of Salem; mother, Dorothy Darling of Dallas; brother, Phillip Darling of McMinnville; sister, Candia Elliot of Albuquerque, N.M.; granddaughter, Kaitlyn Schultz of Dallas; three stepchildren; and six step-grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held April 5 at Keizer Elks Lodge.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Willamette Valley Hospice.

Bruce Delbert Parazoo

August 12, 1940- April 6, 2005

Tribal Elder Bruce Parazoo passed away of natural causes on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, in Grand Ronde. He was 64.

He was born Aug. 12, 1940 on the Klamath Agency. He was raised in Chiloquin and Klamath Falls. He served in the Marine Corps from 1959 to 1963.

He married on December 22, 1984, in Cottage Grove. He worked as a lumber grader for Bohemia-Willamette Industries in Saginaw before moving to Grand Ronde in 1998 to take a dealer job at the Spirit Mountain Casino.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed bowling, and participated in tournaments around the state.

In addition to his wife, Roberta J., he is survived by a son, James Barlow of McMinnville, and three sisters, Claudette Parazoo of Grand Ronde, Mary Pariseau of Tangent and Sharon Wiggs of San Francisco, California.



Photo by Toby McClary

Birthday Boy — Tribal Elder Dean Mercier celebrated his 75th Birthday on Saturday, April 16. Mercier was actually born on April 18, 1930. About 20 people attended his celebration that was held at his residence in Grand Ronde. Mercier was a Tribal Council member through the 1980s.

Veterans' Memorial Fundraiser

There will be a Veterans' Memorial fundraiser on Friday, May 6 at the VFW Hall in Willamina. Spaghetti dinner starts at 6 p.m. and auction starts at 7 p.m. Donations will be appreciated. We need more Tribal Veterans to come to the meetings the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Veterans' Modular building. Contact Gene LaBonte at 503-879-5342 for more information.

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.

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.



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