

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

Smoke Signals has no further information on these events.

- **DEC. 9-11:** 9TH WINTER GATHERING. Spotlight 29 Casino. COACHELLA, CA. Contact Earl Thomas at 760-775-3239.
- **DEC. 10:** MUCKLESHOOT MONTHLY POW-WOW. 7 p.m., Muckleshoot Tribal Center Gym, AUBURN, WA.
- **DEC. 16:** IWASIL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CHRISTMAS POW-WOW & COMMUNITY FEED. Wilson Pacific (Indian Heritage School) Gym & Cafeteria, 1330 N. 90th St. SEATTLE, WA. Contact Teri or Kateri at 206-325-3942.
- **DEC. 31:** NARA NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY POW-WOW. PORTLAND, OR. Contact 503-621-1069.
- **DEC. 31:** KLAMATH TRIBE'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY POW-WOW. KLAMATH, OR. Contact 541-882-7248.
- **DEC. 31:** BROKEN ROPE SINGERS & SIHB 35TH ANNIVERSARY NEW YEAR'S EVE POW-WOW. SEATTLE, WA. Contact Larry at 206-755-7572.

ON GOING EVENTS:

- **1st and 3rd Sunday's, 1 p.m.** — Portland American Indian Elders potluck and socializing at NAYA (Native American Youth Association), 4000 N. Mississippi Avenue. PORTLAND, OR. Tri-Met # 4. For more information call Patrick at 503-235-1551 or Karen at 503-286-1835.
- **Monday's, 6 to 8 p.m.** — Pow-wow Regalia Workshop & Dance Class at NAYA, 4000 N. Mississippi Avenue. PORTLAND, OR. Contact 503-288-8177.
- **Tuesday's** — Boys & Girls Talking Circles Return at NAYA. We will have a middle school boys group and a high school girls group. The girls will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month and the boys will meet the second and the fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner will be provided. Groups will start at 6:30 and go until 8 p.m. 4000 N. Mississippi Avenue. PORTLAND, OR. Interested youth should contact Selona Stallings at 503-288-8177.

Nine years old already!



That went by way too fast.
Happy Birthday
Dominick!
From Mom,
Dad, Trinity, Grandma Perri,
and the rest of your clan.
We all love you very much.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERICA



November 25
LOVE MOM, UNCLE PAT, MIAH,
SUMMER, JOE, BRAD & KALEB.

Happy Birthday
Ron Mercier!
Love, all your family.
December 31

TRIBAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2005 at the Tribal Gym

11 a.m.-12 p.m. *Photos with Santa*
(1st photo free for children up to 10 years of age, all others \$5 each.)

**** Meal at noon - 12:45 children singing - Door prize drawing ****

Bring a Christmas gift for a child in need. Gifts will be taken to the Willamina Tree of Giving.

Bring or mail ornament for the Christmas tree. Please mail in your ornament by Monday, December 5, mail to Egypt Leno, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. (We cannot return ornaments - they will be used in future years.)

If you have any questions call the Tribal Wellness Department at 1-800-775-0095 or 503-879-2078.

Sponsored by Tribal Council.

Cards For Sale — Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Shelly Hanson shows off a Christmas Card with Tribal member Cody Haller. These special cards were designed by four of the local elementary school kids and are for sale. The cost is \$6.50 for 8 cards. If you are interested in seeing or purchasing them, call Michele Chrestensen at 503-879-1637.

Photo by Toby McClary

GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

It's getting to be that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder and the holiday season is quickly approaching. The smell of pumpkin pie, turkey and homemade rolls should be filling the homes in our community. Unfortunately, there are many people right here in our own town who do not have the luxury of big Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners. The staff here at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center would like you to help us take part in a food drive. Let's show those families who are less fortunate the giving spirit of the season!

Please help us by bringing in your donations!

Donations of canned and/or non-perishable food items will be accepted at the Grand Ronde Medical Clinic from November 1st to December 16, 2005

(All food collected will be given to local community food banks.)

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority

Housing Board of Commissioners Seeking Member

One position open to Tribal and Non-Tribal applicants

Anyone who is interested in serving in this position, either Tribal or non-Tribal, and who has housing related experience to qualify for the position, is encouraged to attend the December 20, 2005, Board meeting. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at the Housing Authority office at 28450 Tyee Road (just off Grand Ronde Road) in Grand Ronde. Please call to confirm the date and time.

This is an opportunity to: 1) observe how the board functions, 2) become acquainted with the types of issues that are regularly discussed and 3) determine if you are seriously interested in such a position now or in the future.

The open position will fill a recently vacated seat, with a term that expires in March 2006. Interested persons should have a demonstrated interest in housing and experience in the housing field in some capacity, such as: affordable housing development, property management, residential building construction, housing finance, housing planning and other housing related areas.

The board oversees all housing development, housing management, housing programs and housing operations for the Tribe, and is responsible for policy decisions. The board currently meets at 2 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Housing Authority office in Grand Ronde.

Interested persons should send a letter outlining their interest and qualifications to:

Carina Kistler Ginter, Executive Director
Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority
28450 Tyee Road
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

All letters need to be received by noon on Friday, December 23, 2005 to be considered. The Housing Commissioner will be selected and appointed by the Tribal Council. For more information regarding qualifications, or to confirm the board meeting date, contact the Housing Authority at 503-879-2401 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2401.