

Sales at Casino and Lodge Gift Shops Make Way For Changes

■ The Lodge gift shop will start soliciting all Native arts after the first of the year.



Photo by Ron Kartern

The Lodge gift shop is already hosting this season's holiday sale, with new Native items slated for next year.

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If you're thinking about savings at this expensive time of the year, look no further than your casino's gift shops, said Diana George, Manager of Guest Services and Gift Shop Buyer.

From December 1 through Christmas day, the gift shops are offering a 30 percent discount to all Tribal members and employees of both the Tribal government and the casino.

On December 14, Per Capita day, the gifts shops will increase the discount to 40 percent for Tribal members only.

The two shops, one at the lodge, called Ntsayka makuk haws (Our Store) and the gift shop at the casino's buffet entrance, have a history of providing quality jewelry and clothing items — including t-shirts and jackets — as well as the work of well-regarded artists including the bronze work of Barry Stein, jewelry

and artwork of Lillian Pitt and Pendleton products.

"I always have an eye out for quality product," said George. "Native American artwork is also very important. People who come to the casino want to see that kind of artwork."

Beginning after the first of the year, George will embark on a new strategy for the Lodge shop. It will include only the work of Native artists, and she encourages Tribal members to submit photos or designs of their work to her. By email, reach George at diana.george@spiritmntn.com or call at 503-879-3728.

Of particular need at the start, said George, is beadwork and Native clothing. The work for sale will all be purchased; none will be taken on consignment, but quality counts, said George.

"My hope is that we can generate a lot of new traffic to the lodge gift shop," she said. ■

Winter Weather Closes Roads, Tribal Offices

By Ron Kartern

This year's start to the winter season came in with rain and wind and snow and finally freezing temperatures to tie it all together into a big winter wonderland.

Route 18 from the coast closed early on during this weather system, because wind had knocked some 100 trees across the roadway in the pass. Later on, snow and icy rain closed up the Tribal government for parts or all of at least three days running with only a skeleton crew operating at the Health Clinic and Public Works that kept the heat on and the on-campus roadways clear.

"We were fairly lucky," said Tribal member and Maintenance Supervisor Doug Colton. "We had some shingles come off of the modular buildings and Procurement and that's about it. No structural damage to speak of."



Just off Route 18 to the west of Grand Ronde towards Lincoln City, fallen trees have been cut and stacked at the road's edge.



Days after the wind storm, workers continue to clear debris from the road while travelers merge into single files to get by.

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