

Patience Provides Land For A Good Trade For The Tribe

■ Eight years ago, the Tribe bought land in Scappoose. This year, the Tribe traded that land for local timber land in town.

By Ron Karten

In 1998, Mike Wilson set up the purchase of 665 acres in Columbia County, timber land, that even then, the Tribe intended to trade for a parcel here in Grand Ronde.

"What I really liked about it is that management bought it with specific long term goals, and here it is 2006, about eight years later, they worked on this and had the patience to see it through," said Wilson. "It is outstanding that we have the support to look at long term projects. We evaluated several different options (over the years) and finally came to this one that worked."

Earlier this year, the plan was fulfilled when the Tribe traded the Columbia River property for two parcels of Stimson land here in Grand Ronde. The 230 new acres border the Tribe's nearly 10,000 acres of timber land here in Grand Ronde, and will make harvesting and thinning processes easier than dealing with the timber upstate in Scappoose.

Although no prices were released, the trade also included a further undisclosed amount of cash for the Tribe, according to Tribal member and Tribal Realty Specialist Jan Michael "Looking Wolf" Reibach.

The new Tribal property includes two stands of Douglas Fir — 70 acres of 12-year-old stock located adjacent to the Tribal Rodeo Grounds and 160 acres of 18-year-old Douglas Fir that is connected to existing Reservation lands.

The Scappoose land is likewise covered mostly with Douglas Fir in a variety of ages. The Tribe has managed the land since it was acquired in 1998. The Scappoose woodlands range from newly planted to nearly 80-year-old trees, said Wilson.

The exchange "results in potential to increase our annual harvest and helps sustained yield," reported Reibach. It also will give the Tribe management control over land visible from the Tribal campus. It will link reservation land together.

In addition, said Reibach, if the lands are put into Trust for the Tribe, the Tribe will pay no property or timber tax on the parcels.

"We haven't taken a resolution to council yet, but I'm sure both stands will be moved into trust," said Wilson. "They're good candidates for that."

The transaction was completed in June.

"The Tribe did very well in the trade," said Reibach. ■



This the "Stimson Gov. Center Parcel," 70 acres of 12-year old Douglas-fir located adjacent to the Tribes' Governance Complex.

Courtesy of Tribal Lands

Grand Ronde Community Resource Food Bank Hours

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Questions, call 503-879-5731.



Photo by Kristen Ravia

New Vendor Information

Effective immediately all vendors and anyone wishing to use Tribal grounds/facilities will need to follow these policies:

- For use of the Tribal Community Center — call the Facilities Administrative Assistant at 503-879-2195.
- For use of the Tribal Gymnasium — call the Recreation Coordinator at 503-879-1369.
- For vendor set up in the Governance Building — call the Central Telephones Operator at 503-879-5211.
- For vendor set up in the Tribal Clinic — call the Tribal Clinic Receptionist at 503-879-2236.

Also, please remember:

- All vendors will be required to have their own tables and chairs.
- All vendors will do their own set up and tear down.
- All vendors will leave the area they set up clean.

With the amount of vendors we have requesting the use of our grounds and facilities, we have found it necessary to put these policies in place.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 503-879-2407.

Thank you.

Michael J. Larsen
Facilities Manager

Chemawa Ceremony To Be Held

On Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 12- 4 p.m. there shall be Duu ch'a Nak-tu (Wiping away the Tears) ceremony offered at the Chemawa Indian School Cemetery in Salem, Oregon. The ceremony shall be hosted by members of the Confederations of Siletz and Umatilla agencies. There is an open invitation to all the people. The Siletz Feather Dancers, and Wa-shat (Seven Drums), and the Yellow Hammer Dancers from Northern California, and Chemawa Students that are Apache Crown Dancers have been invited to be a part of this Duu Ch'a Nak-tu ceremony. The indigenous people of North American understood the healing element of bringing the people together. This Duu ch'a Nak-tu ceremony is a part of that healing, come join the circle. It has come time to offer this ceremony; for many years our native students have lived at Chemawa. This ceremony is to honor all the students past and present and their families. We as people must be thankful for the life we live on the Mother Earth. We are the Children of Earth: responsible for rejoicing Earth's beauty of Creator. There is purpose for the ceremonies, and if but one person can be a part of a ceremony, and that ceremony changes their life for the better. Then the gift of Creator continues to shine. For more information please call Darrell "Dino" Butler at 541-557-1614 or Robert Van Pelt 503-465-8074 or e-mail t22ney@comcast.net

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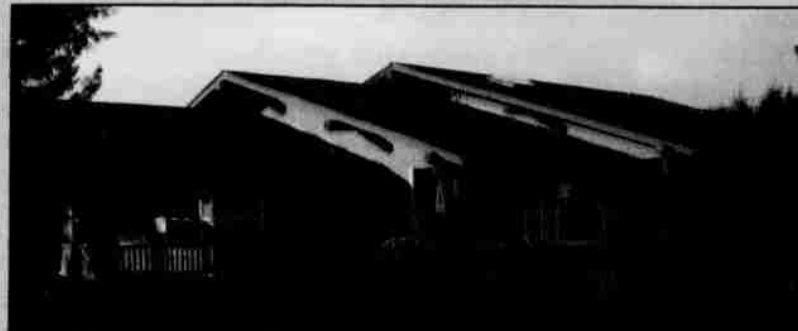


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For information contact Joan Englund, Elder Foster Program Director at 503-879-1694.