

Letters

Tilixam:

I'm sending this letter to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of my family and friends who gave me their love and support during the time when my Mom walked on.

A special thanks to Margo Mercier, who took the time to sit with our family and share stories about our family's history. Her words of wisdom brought us a sense of peace and comfort.

A very sincere thank you to all of the staff members at the Health & Wellness Center.

I would like to thank the many people who suggested Bollman Funeral Home. Bruce Workman's attention to detail provided a beautiful service for my mother. He described Mom in one word, and that one word is "diverse." His patience and generosity was comforting and much appreciated.

Thank you to the Elder Committee for sending flowers to my Mom while she was in the hospital and for all the love and support they gave my Mom throughout the years.

At Spirit Mountain Casino, Robin, Deb, Tom and Brian P. and the many others who looked after my Mom while she was at the casino.

Also, I need to recognize my very best friend, Janele Riggs, for helping with taking care of Mom. Everything has not gone unnoticed. You've helped with Mom's care so enormously. Your love and compassion for the care you gave Mom is so greatly appreciated.

Also to a very dear friend who said it best when he said, "To know her is to love her."

If I failed to recognize anyone, please forgive me. You will be thanked when our paths cross in the future.

Hayu Masi
James Byars
Roll #1160

Dear Tribal members:

This is a response to Wink Soderberg's letter about doing enough for your Tribal Elders.

I also am an Elder, a Chippewa from White Earth, Minn. Being we don't live on our reservation, we don't get anything from our Tribe. Nothing. Period.

I've been going to the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center for the past six years. It has been paid by the government for all American Indians. This clinic is a godsend for me. I have been treated with dignity and respect.

Your Tribal members should all count their blessings and thank God you have a great community to watch your backs. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

May Gitchi Manidow, Great Spirit, bless and guide you all.

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Diane Bisson Lawrence
Corvallis, Ore.

Ice cream social



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Elizabeth Watson-Croy spreads caramel topping around her bowl of ice cream during Adult Foster Care's Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 24.

Resource Center receives Potlatch Fund grant

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center received a \$1,500 grant from the Potlatch Fund Board as part of the fund's 2009 Community Building grant cycle.

The Potlatch Fund awarded 34 grants totaling \$87,500.

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center will use the grant to develop a Web site, which will allow people to make online donations to the local Food Bank. ■

Workshop classes in Grand Ronde

- July 14 — Excel I
- Aug. 11 — Excel II
- Sept. 8 — Excel III

The workshops will be taught by Northwest Computer Learning Center and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the computer lab in the Education Building.

Cost for a workshop is \$150 and eligible Tribal members can apply to the Noncredit Program (formally Short Term Training) for assistance with registration costs. Space is limited to the first 15 who register.

To register, contact Joshua Clift, Adult Vocational Training Coordinator, at 503-879-1635 or e-mail joshua.clift@grandronde.org. ■



Kindergarten-5th Grade Summer Culture Camp

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Breakfast and Lunch provided each day for participants.

**The camp is open to Tribal or Native youth who are
interested in learning more about the Grand Ronde
and surrounding Native American cultures.**

**A youth's grade level is determined by the grade level
that the youth has just completed this spring.**

**Contact Angela @ x-2268 or Misty @ x-2320 for
additional information and/or applications.**

**This opportunity is limited to the first 10 youth who
complete and submit their application.**

**Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10
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