

# Casino furniture being given away starting June 9

**Tribal Elders, then members, have first dibs on beds, tables, etc.**

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If you've always like the way guest rooms at Spirit Mountain Lodge are decorated, soon you'll have a chance to bring some of that décor into your own home.

Starting Wednesday, June 9, Tribal Elders will have first pick from lodge renovation furnishings.

According to Tribal Procurement Manager Larry Leith, the Tribe will be receiving furnishings in blocks every week for eight weeks as 149 lodge rooms are refurbished and receive new furniture.

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Wednesday, June 9, through Friday, June 11, Tribal Elders will be able to select one each of the items desired at no charge.

Tribal identification cards will be required, Leith said, and only one proxy for another Tribal member will be allowed.

During June 16-18 and June 23-25, the free furnishings will become available to Tribal members and then from June 30 through July 2, Tribal employees will be allowed to pick out items.

Tribal employees, likewise, will have to show their ID.

After the Tribal Competition Powwow in August, any remaining inventory may be offered for sale to the public.

The furnishings will be stored at the H.R. Jones property at 28925 Salmon River Highway. A tent on the property will serve as a showroom for selection of items.

Leith said that although furniture began arriving the week of May 24, distribution will not begin until June 9 to allow adequate

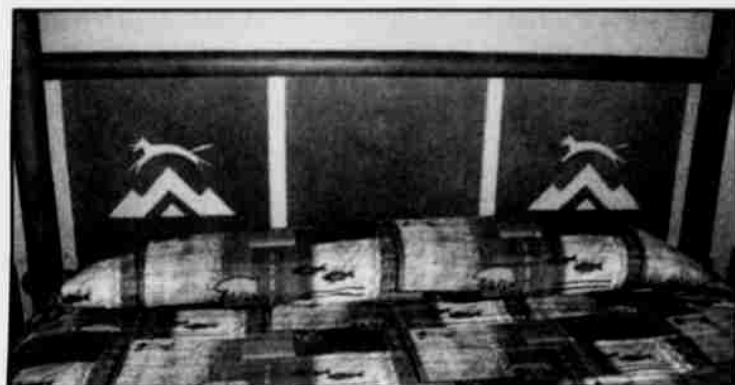
inventory to accumulate.

In addition, Leith said, Tribal Elders and Tribal members can pick one item each of a particular piece of furniture, such as one bed, one table, etc. Other items, such as chairs and framed artwork, will have higher limits.

Leith said the intent of the distribution is for Tribal members' benefit of use and should not be resold.

Loading assistance will be provided and delivery service is not available. There will be no pre-sales, Leith added.

For more information, call Leith at 503-879-2216. ■



# Tribal Council appreciative of staff

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Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom added that the phone calls she receives about Tribal staff are always encouraging. "You all do such a great job," Tom added.

Employees singled out for going above and beyond the call of duty included Taylor and the Public Affairs/Publications staff for their work on the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Conference held May 17-20 at Spirit Mountain Casino. Also honored for their work in coordinating the conference were Tribal member and Executive Office Assistant Barbara Mercier and Smith.

"You set the bar high for ATNI," Vice Chair Reyn Leno said.

Other employees honored for exemplary work included Health & Wellness Senior Administrative Assistant Jill Hafziger, Indian Child Welfare Specialist Shelley Clift, Cancer Navigator Jasen Henderson, Tribal member and Food Services Coordinator Kristy DeLoe, Information Systems Network Administrator Jack Dobiash and Senior Help Desk Technician Tanner Fish, and Tribal member and Senior Human Resources Generalist Connie Holmes.

Triage Nurse Tiffany Justen was



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**Tribal Council member Toby McClary thanks the seven Tribal employees who report directly to Tribal Council during the 2010 First Quarter Employee Recognition Luncheon.**

honored for providing exceptional customer service.

Employees honored for their years of service were:

- **5 years:** Adult Foster Care Day Shift Supervisor Brandy Bishop, Tribal member and Grants Specialist Nancy Renfrow and Applications Administrator Darin Riggs.
- **6 years:** Tribal member and Portland Tribal Services Representative Lisa Archuleta.
- **7 years:** Tribal member and Senior Service Cook Kevin Camp-

bell, Tribal member and Community Health Secretary Stephanie Grim and Associate Vocational & Non Credit Programs Coordinator Joshua Clift.

- **8 years:** Early Childhood Education Program Administrative Assistant Sandy Bobb, Legal Assistant Kerrina Mishler, Tribal member and Youth Education Culture Specialist Travis Stewart and Health & Wellness Data Entry Specialist Reita Warren.
- **9 years:** Cancer Navigator Jasen

Henderson and Tribal member and HVAC Technician Tyson Mercier.

- **10 years:** Certified Medical Assistant Connie Wyngarden, Tribal member and Social Services Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison and Tribal member and Central Phones Operator Shelly Kent.
- **12 years:** Tribal member and Contract Health Specialist Cassandra Scott and Health & Wellness Business Office Assistant Sunni Ulestad.
- **13 years:** Budget/Grants Manager Jody Jerger, Telecommunications Administrator Jodie Kraemer and Tribal member and Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Reibach.
- **14 years:** Tribal member and Elder Activity Assistant Dan Ham, Grants Developer Bob McElderry and Grand Ronde Gaming Commission Licensing Manager Julia Papen.
- **15 years:** Employment & Training Specialist Chris Garcia, Cultural Collections Administrative Assistant II Kim Mueller and Tribal member and A/V Network Technician Wendell Olson.
- **16 years:** Tribal member and Records Specialist Penny DeLoe.
- **23 years:** Vocational Rehabilitation Programs/477 Administrative Assistant Lindy Jirek. ■