

Marketplace seeking vendors for waiting list

The Tribal Elders Committee is the new governing body of the Grand Ronde Tribal member Marketplace held the first weekend of every month at Spirit Mountain Casino.

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member who would like a chance to sell your crafts, the committee would like to place your name on a waiting list of possible vendors.

There will be a meeting at noon Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Elders Activity Center for current vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, you are encouraged to attend. There is, however, no guarantee that you will become a vendor.

For more information, contact the Elders Activity Center at 503-879-2233. ■



Photo by Ron Karten

At this year's toy donation on Wednesday, Dec. 17, representatives from Spirit Mountain Casino, Tribal Council and Doernbecher Children's Hospital unpacked toys. They are, from left, Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, Oregon Health & Science University's Child Life Manager Sandy Westfall, casino Advertising Supervisor Angela Sears and casino Marketing Director Toby O'Brien. The toys were donated by guests to Spirit Mountain Casino during the casino's annual three-week toy drive.

Grand Ronde Royalty

Royalty participants and their parent or sponsor must attend all required events (powwows, parades, fundraisers, organizational meetings and others). Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Coordinator. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from Royalty. Royalty participants are expected to stay for the duration of the events. This includes helping set up for events, such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Coordinator. Participants are expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty participants must be willing and able to dance. **Remember: You are all part of a team and are expected to treat yourselves, running mates and others with respect at all times.**

GRAND RONDE ROYALTY COURT

Participating in Royalty Court is an excellent opportunity for Tribal girls and young women to learn our traditions and powwow protocol. Participants represent the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all young woman ages 5-18 to join. Participants must provide their regalia.

Serving on Royalty Court requires a considerable commitment from the participant and her sponsor; travel, fundraisers, classes and meetings are required for all competing participants.

- Little Miss Grand Ronde — 5-10 years of age
- Junior Miss Grand Ronde — 11-14 years of age
- Senior Miss Grand Ronde — 15-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
5. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
6. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): _____

Why do you want to participate in Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

Return this application to: Grand Ronde Royalty, Attn: Jackie Manyhides, P.O. Box 419, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1
Questions?: Contact Jackie Manyhides at 406-540-2917 or e-mail jackiemanyhides@gmail.com

Spirit Mountain Casino drives toys to Doernbecher

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

PORTLAND — Spirit Mountain Casino guests gave almost 4,500 toys to the children of Oregon Health & Science University's Doernbecher Children's Hospital during a three-week toy drive that ended on Monday Dec. 15.

The toys were delivered to the hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The casino encouraged toy contributions by offering in return free slot machine play during the drive. The free play, offered as a \$10 credit for each of 2,562 guests, was valued at \$25,620, according to casino Marketing Director Toby O'Brien.

On hand to deliver the toys were Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, O'Brien and Angela Sears, Advertising supervisor at the casino.

Receiving the donation was Oregon Health & Science University Child Life Manager Sandy Westfall. She said that the casino's gifts amount to about half of all toys that the hospital receives annually.

The toys are distributed throughout the year, Westfall said, and in fact the hospital will not start to distribute this year's gifts to children until March.

The toys go to some 100,000 children served each year by the hospital. Including outpatients and

others, who for different reasons may not receive a toy, the hospital serves more than 200,000 children during the year.

This year's toys arrived on nine pallets delivered in a semi-trailer donated by Portland-based TP Freight Lines and driven by Mark McGonigal.

This is the seventh year that the casino has contributed toys for the hospital's young patients. Spirit Mountain Community Fund also has made regular cash contributions to Doernbecher. Since 2002, the Community Fund has made six grants totaling \$393,000, according to Community Fund Director Kathleen George.

"Helping make the holidays a little brighter for the children at OHSU Doernbecher has become an annual tradition for staff and guests at Spirit Mountain," said Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon. "We're delighted that our guests have stepped up again this season to provide toys for the holiday and throughout the year. On behalf of Spirit Mountain Casino and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, we wish everyone a wealth of health and happiness throughout the year."

Since 2008, 21,698 casino guests have contributed 44,928 toys to Doernbecher. ■

Drive collects 166 coats

A recent collection drive received 166 coats for the Grand Ronde Clothes Closet to hand out to those in need.

"That's 166 people who will now stay warm this winter," said Social Services Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison.

Winners of the bike raffle were Veronica Gaston and the Men's Transitional Living Center.

"A few people donated coats and submitted tickets for the Men's TLC and I'd just like to say thank you as I'm sure it will help with transportation for the clients who reside there," Garrison said. ■