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Seeking stimulus

Membership learns how federal funds could help the Tribe

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

Tribal Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers gave a PowerPoint presentation describing Tribal efforts to secure federal stimulus dollars as they become available at the April 5 General Council meeting held at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde.

Rogers said that Tribal Council priorities included six building projects, six road projects and seven infrastructure projects. (**See sidebar on page 3**)

All, as required by the American Recovery Reinvestment Act — the federal stimulus package — are shovel ready and can be completed by 2010.

This potential windfall was made

possible, said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, because Native Americans across the country pulled together.

The Tribes were not included to participate initially, Kennedy said of the stimulus package. "It took considerable lobbying and Tribes coming forward from across the country."

Now included, Tribes see funding

coming "mostly through existing programs," Rogers said. Some are allocated by formula. Some are competitions against other Tribes or local governments. And while most are grants, loan programs also are available as part of the stimulus, Rogers said.

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New voter signatures needed

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde voters soon will be receiving new signature verification forms in the mail as the Election Board starts the process of following a new Election Ordinance amendment.

The new Election Ordinance amendment adopted by Tribal Council requires mailing of a new signature verification form to each voter "who has a signature verification form on file with the Board which is five years old or more in order to obtain an updated signature."

The form must be signed and requires voters have it notarized or that they provide a legible copy of a valid Tribal identification card, driver's license, state-issued identification card or passport that bears the voter's signature.

The signature verification form also gives voters the option of opting out of having their name, city and state listed on the voters list provided to Tribal Council candidates, as well as having their complete address provided to a mailing service that Tribal Council candidates can use to send out campaign material.

Unlike previous years, the Election Board will distribute a copy of the voters list and official campaign mailing instructions to all Tribal Council candidates at the June meeting at which nominations are accepted.

Voters must have a signature verification form on file to receive an absentee ballot. ■



Above, being held by his grandmother Liz Leno, Tribal member Bryson Leno, 2, takes a piece of candy from the Easter Bunny, played Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., during the Easter Egg Hunt at Tribal family housing on Saturday, April 11.



At left, Tribal descendant Bonnie Baker, 10 months, enjoys a Kit Kat after her first Easter Egg Hunt. Right, children collect eggs.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo
Graphic created by George Valdez



NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE Wednesday, April 22
TIME 5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

Letters**Dear Smoke Signals:**

Carl and Betty Lambert would like to thank family and friends for the cards and support in the loss of our grandson, Alan Johnson, who suffered a fatal seizure on March 31 and leaves behind a daughter.

Betty Lambert
 Roll #2104

Dear Smoke Signals:

I am speaking for all the Native brothers incarcerated in the three minimum prison facilities in Salem — Mill Creek Correctional Facility, Santiam Correctional Institute and Oregon State Penitentiary minimum. We are in need of a volunteer to come in and run or just sit in while we run our sweat lodge ceremony like a chaperone.

We have a lot of Natives from a lot of great nations looking for spiritual guidance and balance to walk the Red Road in prison and to continue to walk it upon our release. Learning our Native culture for some is so important. There are Natives who never had the opportunity to learn our sacred ways to better themselves and maybe save their lives.

The inmates at the three prisons circle up for our sweat lodge ceremony at Santiam Correctional Institute since it is the only prison out of the three that has a sweat lodge, once a month or sometimes once every two months. It is not enough. There are other spiritual programs that have meetings three times a week. The Native Circle is always cut short on our rights of our ceremonies because a lack of volunteers to come in.

We have one volunteer who is a great man who we have all the love and respect for, but he is getting up on his age, plus because of transportation problems he cannot make it all the time.

So please, we are asking for help, for a volunteer. To become a volunteer, contact Dr. Richard Roy, Lead Chaplain, SCI/MCCF, 4005 Aumsville Highway S.E., Salem, Ore. 97317, or 503-378-2144, ext. 423, or fax 503-378-8520.

Aho!
Tim Kneeland
 Roll #920

Dear Smoke Signals:

This letter is regarding the sale of the Grand Ronde Reservation as of June 27, 1901, and approved April 28, 1904. This was for 25,791 acres, which sold for \$28,500. That is approximately \$1.10 an acre. The vote was 60 adult men voting out of the 107 adult men on the reservation. The payment was to be made to adults share and share alike and the children could not receive their share until they reached the age of 18 years. The information does not include that 440 acres were saved for government purposes and when no longer needed would either be allotted to minor beneficiaries who had not received allotments of land or sold for the benefit of the Indians at the discretion of the Secretary.

The information regarding the sale of the Grand Ronde Reservation in the state of Oregon is documented on pages 435, 436 and 437 in the book "Documents of American Indian Diplomacy" by Vine DeLoria, Raymond J. DeMallie and Daniel Inouye.

When our membership argues about voting for Tribal Council membership and how few voted for the amendments to our Constitution and bylaws (Re: Membership), let us remember 1901 and when only 60 adult men were able to sell our reservation. I suppose there are documents somewhere in the archives on how this sale was approached, discussed and concluded. Our official Tribal government has gone through changes over the years after the establishment of the Grand Ronde Reservation on June 30, 1857. I am not able to find the documentation of when or how a formal Tribal government organization took place. I believe it was the Indian Reorganization Act, June 1, 1934, that made the Grand Ronde Tribes a formal organization recognized by the federal government. However, with the lack of a formal Tribal organization, it appears in print that a convening of the adult men of Grand Ronde took place in 1901 and the agenda was to conclude the sale of the reservation to the U.S. government. The land was subsequently available for other purposes rather than the future benefit of the Grand Ronde Indian Tribal membership.

I strongly suggest that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde develop a history class to research documents of our beginning to the present time. It should prove helpful to our youth to know their Tribal history. American history is taught that way.

Claudette Parazoo (Williams-Summers)
 Roll #2923

Corrections: In the April 1 *Smoke Signals*, Tribal Elder Leonette Galligher's parents were identified as Yakama Tribal members. In fact, Leonette's mother, Margaret Hoptowit Vivette, was Yakama, but her father, Leonard Vivette, was Grand Ronde.

Also, a cutline in the March 15 *Smoke Signals* incorrectly identified Arianna Nava-Sanchez as a Tribal member. She is a Tribal descendant.

Smoke Signals regrets the errors.

General Council meeting
Sunday, May 3 — 11 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

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\$1.6 million already allocated to Tribe



Photo by Ron Karten

Kim Rogers, Tribal Planning and Grants Manager, speaks to the Tribal membership at the April 5 General Council meeting.

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Most notices for proposals are just now coming out, and Rogers said that the Tribe is taking advantage of these opportunities.

The Tribe also is looking for possible stimulus funding sources to help site leftover Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers from the December 2007 Vernonia flood.

Tribal representatives plan to look over the trailers and evaluate their condition, said Tribal Council member Valorie Sheker. In fact, the Tribe already has looked into using some of these trailers as transitional housing for Tribal members who are homeless or otherwise in transition, she said.

Tribal member Perri McDaniel asked about the Tribe's use of renewable energy technology, particularly related to Tribal construction funded by federal stimulus funds.

"The Tribal Housing Authority is in the process of retrofitting the Housing Authority office with solar panels to help evaluate their value to use in the future on our rental projects here in town," Sheker said.

"We are looking at putting solar panels in Elder Rentals Phase II, which will benefit from getting the bugs out of any maintenance or operational problems that may arise from the Housing Authority project."

The Tribe has been allocated \$301,000 for energy efficiency and conservation, Rogers said. The Tribe is reviewing how best to use those funds, but no decision has yet been made.

Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Wesley Buddy West asked why the Tribe hasn't applied for federal funds available for using alternative energy.

"There's a lot of potential that we could take advantage of," West said.

"The money is there" for renewable projects, said Tribal member Bryan Mercier, who works as a Tribal Account Executive for the Bonneville Power Administration. "(Through the stimulus), they have \$5 billion looking for projects."

Tribal member Ashton Castle, a "venture capital broker," gave a short presentation, including a video about HydraCool, an emerging company seeking a partner in the Tribe. HydraCool makes "zero emission" cooling systems for refrigerator trucks and other cooling uses, and with a Tribal investment could generate 20 jobs for the Tribe, Castle said.

"We're moving forward with our economic development package," Kennedy said, "with an analysis of what investments would be best for the Tribe." The Tribe also is currently considering investment proposals from the Bend area and from California.

Renewables questions also applied to Rodney Ferguson, Spirit Mountain Gaming chief executive officer, who attended to greet the community. In an interview after the meeting, Ferguson said that as systems wear out at the casino, they look at money- and energy-saving alternatives, but due diligence efforts are necessary for every proposal to prevent big money mistakes.

Tribal member Debi Bernando asked about broadcasting Tribal Council meetings to the Portland and Eugene offices.

A related project on the Tribe's list is one to extend the current network infrastructure in the Grand Ronde community, Rogers said. Broadcasting is not part of the proposed project.

"We expect more money coming along," Rogers said, "and we're ready to position ourselves to be ready."

"What are we doing to keep the rivers clean?" Tribal Elder and Culture Committee member Carol Logan asked.

"Tribal members sit on many boards responsible for keeping the water clean and the land clean," Kennedy said. "We have a great presence on the Willamette River (cleanup)," she added, naming Natural Resources and Cultural Resources staff members as participants. "It's a great shared responsibility."

"We can reach the same goals without pollution," said Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr. "Our task is educating the public that You can clean up, or maintain production levels, without pollutants. We've proved it. The water leaving the reservation is clean."

"The Tribe has a great story to tell," said Tribal Vice Chair Reyn Leno. "We've really changed the Yamhill (River). Fish are coming back. We did it right."

"I would like to see us grow organic food on the free land here," said Tribal Elder CeCe Kneeland. She asked why the Tribe interprets federal guidelines in ways that hurt Tribal members.

"Let's re-look at the federal regulations," she said, with an eye toward finding ways to benefit Tribal

Grand Ronde stimulus funding

Stimulus formula funding already (or soon to be) allocated to the Tribe: \$1.96 million.

Here's the breakdown:

- \$1.09 million: Housing and Urban Development Indian Housing Block grant;
- \$509,000: Federal Highways – BIA Indian Reservation Roads (estimate);
- \$301,100: Department of Energy, energy efficiency and conservation
- \$32,000: Child Care Development Funds (estimate)
- \$8,930: Elders Meals program

Priority projects

The Tribal Council list of projects for which stimulus funding is being sought includes:

Priority Building Projects:

- **Fire Station:** Two-bay station with dormitory space for six firefighters. Estimated cost: \$1 million
- **ICW Building:** Location: East end of the Community Center, including renovation of the Community Center's office space to house the rest of the Social Services Department. Estimated cost: \$667,000, with a 2006 Indian Community Development Block grant of \$500,000 already awarded.
- **Dental Clinic addition:** Estimated cost: \$750,000. Already awarded for the project: \$500,000 from 2008 Indian Community Development Block grant and \$82,314 from 2008 IHS Medical Equipment grant. Seeking other funding to supplement the project for things like improved X-ray equipment.
- **Clinic renovation project:** Replacing the roof, carpets and HVAC system. Remodeling the entry for ADA access and the lobby for confidentiality. Estimated cost: \$821,178.

- **Governance Center roof replacement:** Estimated cost: \$260,000.

- **Recreation/Prevention and Wellness Center:** Indoor swimming and therapy pools, training rooms and counseling area; outdoor recreation area; small sports complex. Estimated cost: \$5 million. Existing and potential sources of money for this project: \$500,000 from a 2005 Indian Community Development Block grant for a neighborhood part, including baseball field, bathrooms and park area; 2004 Indian Housing Plan amendment request now pending for \$300,000.

Priority Road Projects:

- **Grand Ronde Road offset of Tribal commitments:** Estimated offset: \$870,000.
- **Grand Ronde Road Project:** South Yamhill Bridge Impact panels. To prolong the life of the road; not in original budget due to cost. Estimated cost: \$115,000.
- **Fire Station access improvement:** Excavation and grading to reshape the road bank south of McPherson Road. Estimated cost: \$70,000.
- **Agency Creek Road pavement restoration:** Regrade and pave surface. Estimated cost: \$845,259.
- **Government Center/ Tribal campus pavement overlay:** Parking lots for the clinic, Community Center and Governance Center. Estimated cost: \$366,773.
- **Reservation BIA Road maintenance projects:** Repair three bank sloughs, replace failed culverts, repair storm damage, install rubber water diverters. Estimated cost: being prepared.
- **Paving parking lots at Natural Resources Division:** Estimates being prepared.

Priority Infrastructure/Utility projects

- **Elder Housing and Family Housing:** Rerouting sewer mains to Tribal treatment systems, drain field expansion, reuse piping, lift stations and green space enhancements, including paving for parking at the Elders' Activity Center. Estimated cost: \$1.92 million.
- **Ackerson Road Sewer Pump station:** Design and build new pump station and add a backup generator. Estimated cost: \$273,080.
- **Tyee Road Sewer and utilities:** Sewer, stormwater and telecommunications for undeveloped Tribal property planned for housing and recreation; connects 36 HUD housing units and offices to Tribal sewer plant. Estimated cost: \$410,000.
- **Home ownership family housing infrastructure:** Development of infrastructure for buildable lots including excavation, roadway, sewer, water and utilities. Estimated cost: \$1.53 million.

members in terms of employment and housing, rather than penalizing them with the results of background checks and so on.

As part of an ongoing cultural contribution to General Council meetings, Tribal members and cousins Eirik Thorsgard and Greg Archuleta sang a power song. Thorsgard is Cultural Protection coordinator for the Tribe and Archuleta has provided many cultural services to the Tribe.

The Elders Committee held a 50/50 drawing with winners Tribal Elder Marcella Selwyn and Tribal member Desiree Allen each winning \$26.

The \$100 door prize went to Tribal member Dorothy Leno, and the \$50 prizes went to Tribal Elders Sylvia Fuller, Butch LaBonte and Louise Coulson.

Among announcements, Tribal Vice Chair Reyn Leno noted that his uncle, Tribal Elder Russ Leno, 81, had recently retired from his long-held job taking care of the Tribal Cemetery.

"I want to pat Uncle Russ on the back. He's been there for a lot of different people during a lot of hard times," Reyn Leno said.

Kennedy opened and closed the meeting and Tribal Elder Val Grout gave the invocation. ■



2004 — Tribal member Frank Hostler Jr. had just returned from Iraq after serving with the Army National Guard's 52nd Engineers Construction Battalion out of Albany. The son of Frank Hostler Sr., he specialized in demolition and construction. "I assemble things that go boom," he said. "I can build a bridge, then blow it up."

1999 — Tribal member Roger Harrison, who created the Tribe's logo after Restoration, was awarded the first Pendleton blanket created with the Tribe's logo on it at the April 11 General Council meeting. Tribal Council had 500 logo blankets made that will be available for sale to Tribal members.

1994 — Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier and Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison presented testimony on the budgets of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service for fiscal year 1995 to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies in Washington, D.C.

1989 — The Tribal Council started negotiations with the Tribal Corporation to regain use of the Depot for Tribal office space. The Corporation was asking \$26,000 for the facility, but Tribal programs originally paid \$31,806.26 for the purchase and renovation of the building.

1984 — Chuck Williams, author of "Bridge of the Gods, Mountains of Fire," was thanked for donating his book to the Tribal Library. Also, volunteers who were working "very hard" to get the Depot ready for converted office spaces also were thanked.

Yesteryears is taken from past issues of Smoke Signals in five-year increments.

Casino donates to Oregon Food Bank

Spirit Mountain Casino has donated almost 400 vouchers for a free ham or turkey to the Oregon Food Bank in an effort to alleviate some of Oregon's hunger issues.

Oregon Food Bank representative Dan Crunican said that Oregonians are aware of the increasing need for food assistance and are increasing donations of food and cash. However, the need for emergency food assistance has doubled this year, causing a substantial food shortage at Oregon's food banks.

"We are happy to help put food on the table for those in need," said Tribal member James Buxman, Advertising and Public Relations manager for Spirit Mountain Casino. "Supporting the efforts that help a family in need makes a donation like this special to the Spirit Mountain Family." ■

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- **APRIL 18: 3RD ANNUAL DANCING FOR GENERATIONS' INI MIYA'C CHILDREN'S POWWOW.** Native American Student & Community Center, Portland State University. **PORTLAND, OR.** 503-467-1258.
- **APRIL 18: SPRINGFIELD INDIAN EDUCATION HONOR POWWOW.** Springfield High School, 875 Seventh St. **SPRINGFIELD, OR.** 541-726-3211.
- **APRIL 25: 5TH ANNUAL LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE POWWOW.** Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 Pacific Blvd. **ALBANY, OR.** 503-393-3245.
- **MAY 1-2: UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND UISHE NAIMAUMA POWWOW.** Peter Stott Center, 930 S.W. Hall. **PORTLAND, OR.** 503-725-5671.
- **MAY 9: EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY POWWOW.** Quinn Coliseum, Eastern Oregon University, G Avenue & Seventh Street. **LA GRANDE, OR.** 541-962-3741 or oma@eo.edu.
- **MAY 9-10: NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL AND MOTHER'S DAY POWWOW.** Riverside Park, 304 E. Park St. **GRANTS PASS, OR.** 541-531-6104 or rockyverdugo@yahoo.com.
- **MAY 16: 24TH ANNUAL POWWOW IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN.** Kelso High School, 1904 Allen St. **KELSO, WA.** 360-501-1655.
- **MAY 23-24: ANNUAL ROOT FEAST AND POWWOW.** 31857 Emerson Lane. **COTTAGE GROVE, OR.** 541-942-2593.
- **MAY 30: WILLAMETTE INDIAN EDUCATION POWWOW.** Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Drive. **EUGENE, OR.** 541-461-8228 or amerrill@esd.k12.or.us.
- **JUNE 6: BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL'S 5TH SPRING ANNUAL INTERTRIBAL POWWOW.** BHS Football Stadium, 13000 S.W. Second St. **BEAVERTON, OR.** 503-591-5961.
- **JUNE 6-7: 12TH ANNUAL ROGUE VALLEY VETERANS POWWOW.** V. A. SORRC. Crater Lake Highway. **WHITE CITY, OR.** 541-840-2565 or maxinde@charter.net.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, *Smoke Signals* would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to *Smoke Signals*, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Social conference



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Connie Graves, left, shows conference attendee Julie Neumann how to make a coaster out of cattail in a basket weaving session during the Oregon Council for Social Studies conference "Oregon's First People: A Workshop for Educators" on the Tribal campus on Saturday, April 4. Below, C-SPAN media specialist Steve Devoney shows educators how they can use the video library on the C-SPAN Web site as a teaching tool in their classrooms while aboard a C-SPAN civics bus.



Transportation to Grand Ronde

The Portland Satellite office has a transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical or dental appointments or enrollment cards. A minimum of three people must sign up. Call Lisa at 503-235-4230.

We will leave the Portland office at 8 a.m.

Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date. ■

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT

PEACEMAKER PROGRAM
BRING PEACE OUT OF CONFLICT

The purpose of the Peacemaker Program is to provide a non-adversarial way to resolve disputes. The Peacemaker Program is intended to reflect the Tribe's tradition of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts among its members.

Trained Peacemakers facilitate the peacemaking process to guide the parties in coming to a mutually agreeable resolution to their conflict.

For more information about this Program, please contact the Tribal Court Program Specialist at the address listed below.

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

Chief Seattle, 1854

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State heritage award honors Tribe

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Owl Ridge Trails Project will receive an Oregon Heritage Excellence Award from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The project took a multi-disciplinary approach to "increasing knowledge and understanding of the prehistory and history of the South Santiam and Blue River headwaters," according to the award letter from the Parks Department's Heritage Programs division.

The project was funded principally by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the effort was conducted by staff members at Cultural Resources and other Tribal departments.

The project provided history and geography from the Santiam and Molalla Tribes. It named rivers, creeks, peaks and other landmarks and destinations, as well as showed the primary trail network in the area and seasonal use patterns. It described cultural plant use and management, fish and game products, and included a discussion with hypotheses and recommendations.

"Owl Ridge is a key feature of an ancient 250,000-acre or larger camas prairie, berry patch, beargrass meadow, old-growth conifer, summer home, hunting grounds, campground, wetland, beaver marsh fishing hole and ridgeline trail complex that dates back millennia before white discovery and occupation," according to the executive summary of the final report.

"The well-defined patterns of land use, management and occupation were likely maintained by Santiam Molalla, Santiam Kalapuya, Calapooia Kalapuya, Klamath, Wasco, Paiute and Cayuse families and communities and their predecessors, ancestors, friends and neighbors for perhaps 2,000 to 3,500 years, or even longer."

In addition to the Grand Ronde Tribe, other contributors to the project included Oregon Websites and Watersheds Project Inc., N.W. Maps Co., U.S. Forest Service's Sweet Home Ranger District, Cascade Timber Consulting Inc., Phoenix Reforestation Inc. and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In addition, many Grand Ronde Tribal members and Elders were cited for their contributions: Tribal



Photos by Greg Archuleta



Above, visitors check out the Gordon Meadows area of the Owl Ridge Trails Project last summer. The project, which was funded principally by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, will receive an Oregon Heritage Excellence Award from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. At left, Tribal members from the Eugene, Salem and Portland area communities take part in a day hike in Owl Ridge Trails Project area.

Elder and former Culture Committee member Pat Allen; Tribal Elder Bob Tom; Tribal member and Cultural Resources Department Manager David Lewis; Tribal Elder and Cultural Resources Site Protection Specialist Don Day; Tribal

member and Cultural Resources Cultural Protection Coordinator Eirik Thorsgard; Volker Mell, Tribal GIS specialist; Kim Rogers, Tribal Planning and Grants manager; Tribal member and Tribal Director of Program Operations John Mercier; Tribal member and Tribal Executive Officer Chris Leno; Tribal member and former Cultural Resources staff member Khani Schultz; and former Tribal Executive Officer Greg Archuleta.

Tribal members from the Eugene, Salem and Portland area communities took part in day hikes into the project area.

The day hikes principally took place in Gordon Meadows, a vast meadow situated at 4,000-foot elevation. Gordon Meadows contains a diversity of food plants like huckleberries and camas, and opportunities to hunt game, including elk, that make it a central gathering place for Santiam Molalla peoples in the area.

Project area mountains and watersheds contain the possibility of

a diverse network of trail systems capable of providing easy travel throughout the region to other resource areas.

"The database produced from this project will help the Tribe in the future to plan and organize additional landscape restoration projects in collaboration with the Sweet Home Ranger District, the federal manager of this area of the Willamette National Forest," said David Lewis.

"The Cultural Resources and Natural Resources departments are working now with the Sweet Home District ranger and staff to restore additional areas of the wilderness and bring back annual cultural use patterns for Tribal members."

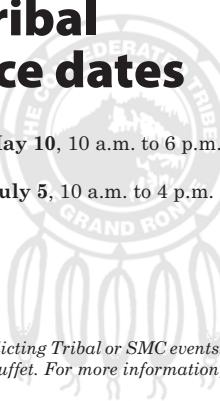
"This long-term project intersects well with previous and ongoing collaborations between the Tribe and Sweet Home Ranger District to restore camas at Camas Meadows, and to restore huckleberries at Cougar Rock."

"The Tribe now has a multitude of projects above Sweet Home that attract Tribal members every year to harvest traditional cultural resources the way their ancestors did." ■

2009 Tribal Marketplace dates

- May 2-3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- May 8-9, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; **May 10**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- June 6-7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 3-4, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; **July 5**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug. 1-2, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 4-5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Oct. 2-3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6-7, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Dec. 4-5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet. For more information, call Gladys Hobbs at 971-241-8486.



Tribe names an Oregon Zoo condor chick

Effort is part of a larger push to re-establish condors in the Pacific Northwest

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

Oregon Tribal Elders and cultural specialists, including those from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, have provided the names for condor chicks hatched in 2008 at the Oregon Zoo under the California Condor Recovery Program.

The Grand Ronde name, Tuality (the preferred spelling is atfa'lat'i), refers to "a group of Kalapuya folks that lived up around Gaston and Forest Grove," says Tony Johnson (Chinook), Education Coordinator for the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department.

The Tribe has long known about condors in the Willamette Valley. In fact, indigenous people are go-to sources on condors in the area back through history, says Oregon Zoo Condor Conservation specialist David Moen, an AmeriCorps worker.

Moen has been in touch with Tribal members in the Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department for the last few years to learn about "our history of condors," said Cultural Resources Department Manager and Tribal member David Lewis.

"Not a lot of people think of the condor associated with the Northwest ecosystem," Moen said, "but it is a part of our vital ecology. Condors once ranged from Baja (California) to as far north as British Columbia in Canada. Part of restoring the bird is helping people understand that it's missing."

"All the Tribes have oral histories of their relations with condors," Lewis said. "Lewis and Clark reported on condors in the Gorge."

Ultimately, though, late 19th century settlers altered the environment enough that condors nearly



Photo courtesy of David Moen

Tuality, a condor that was hatched at the Oregon Zoo in 2008 as part of the California Condor Recovery Program, was named by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

disappeared from the area.

The zoo wants to see if condors can be revived in the Northwest. In that regard, Tribal Elder and Culture Site Protection Specialist Don Day has joined the effort by looking for condor nesting areas.

"We're on an upswing of the population now," Moen said, "with about 300 birds (half free-flying and half in captivity in four breeding facilities, one being the Oregon Zoo), but the number was down to 27 birds in 1987. We pulled that bird out of the jaws of extinction." Today, the Oregon Zoo has 31 birds with room for 64 total birds, including 16 breeding pairs.

In the 1980s, saving condors meant rounding up the remaining birds to establish breeding pairs to help increase their population.

"It was very controversial rounding up those last birds in the mid-1980s," Moen said.

The recovery plan calls for "two or three distinct populations with 150 birds and a minimum of 15 breeding pairs in each population," Moen said.

Christening condor chicks

From David Moen, Condor Conservation specialist, Oregon Zoo:

- Female chick No. 496 was named Yak'Mo by the Yakama Nation in central Washington. This is a Sahaptin diminutive name for Yakama that means "Our little one" or "Young one of us." Yak'Mo was hatched to Woy and Wiloq and foster-reared by Atishwin and Ojai.

- Female chick No. 481 was named Ewauna (U-wana) by the Coquille (Ko-kwelle) Indian Tribe at Coos Bay. She was named after a special Siskiyou woman who came to the coast with her father for a potlatch at Bandon. Ewauna was hatched to Mali and No. 174 and she was foster reared by two great parents, Tama and Mandan.

- Our lone male chick No. 479 was named Tuality by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in the northwest Oregon. The preferred spelling is atfa'lat'i and is the name of a Kalapuya Tribe that knew condors in the Willamette Valley. Atfa'lat'i's parents are Paxa and Sawlu, but after Paxa accidentally smooshed the egg last minute, Atfa'lat'i had to be puppet reared.

- Our female chick No. 487 was named Kalak-ala by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in the central Oregon coast range. She was named this Chinuk Jargon bird name for the sounds that birds make. Kalak-ala's parents are Nos. 137 and 147.

"He told me about the chicks," Lewis said, "and while I was on the phone, I said that I thought I could come up with a couple names right off the top of my head."

Lewis suggested Tuality, from the Tualatin Band, a group that ultimately landed in Grand Ronde as one of the Kalapuya Tribes, and Chemeketi, both the original place-name spellings, he said. He received mutual agreement on the names from Johnson and Tribal member and Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier.

"Restoring the condor will promote wellness to the whole landscape," Lewis said.

More about condors in Oregon can be found at www.oregonzoo.org/Condors/index.htm. Except by special invitation, the zoo's condor breeding program is not open to the public.

However, the zoo recently received funds for a condor exhibit on zoo grounds that will be developed in the next couple of years to help create public support for these special residents. With breeding programs ongoing, no condors are currently on exhibit. ■

Grand Ronde Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe is operating its own Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist Grand Ronde Tribal member households with energy payments (utility bills, firewood, etc.), energy emergencies and weatherization (e.g. furnace repairs). Income eligible households within Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties with a Grand Ronde Tribal member are eligible to apply. CTGR members in these counties need to contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance instead of from the community action agency in their area. Grand Ronde's program enables more CTGR members to be served than would otherwise have been possible.

If you are interested in obtaining services contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization. The Tribe's LIHEAP program also serves all income eligible Indians on Grand Ronde Reservation or trust land.



Community Resource Center seeking donations

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center has a few fundraisers and other projects planned this year and is seeking donations, etc., for the following:

- **Spaghetti Feed and Auction in September:** Seeking donated items for a live and silent auction and/or food donations for the meal. The center will provide documentation of your donation for tax purposes.

- **Community Cookbook:** Looking for your favorite recipe. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please e-mail it to grcrc@hotmail.com or mail to GRCRC, P.O. Box 55, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Please include the name of dish, recipe, your name for publication in the cookbook and a phone number to contact you if there are any questions. The center will advertise sale of the Community Cookbook as soon as they become available.

- **Food Preservation:** The center is still seeking food dehydrators for its food preservation program. If you have one you'd like to donate, please e-mail or call and leave a message at 503-879-5731.

- **Coupon Program:** The center is looking for food and non-food item coupons for its coupon program. The coupons are for client and Community Resource Center use.

The center greatly appreciates all the community support for the Community Resource Center. With your help, it is able to assist those in need within our community. ■

Tribe hosting Cancer Coalition

The Northwest Tribal Cancer Coalition will be meeting from 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 20, on the Tribal campus.

Meetings start at 10:45 a.m. at the Health & Wellness Clinic and move over to the Tribal Community Center at 11:45 a.m.

Hotel accommodations are available at Spirit Mountain Lodge, 27100 S.W. Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Attendees should ask for the federal rate.

For more information at the meeting, contact Eric Vinson at evinson@npaihb.org or 503-416-3295 at the Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Program of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. ■

Youth Canoe Club

**Every Wednesday 4- 5 p.m.,
Youth Education Building**

Contact Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 for more information.

New!

Home Energy Efficiency Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority's new TEEPEI program provides energy education services, and funding for home energy saving projects, and home energy-generation projects

Enrolled Tribal members living in Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties may apply for the energy project funding.

All Tribal members are eligible for the free Energy Saving Kit, available soon!

If you are interested in:

- Making your home more energy efficient
- Lowering your monthly utility costs
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To receive an application packet, and learn more, phone us at (800) 422-0232, x 2445.

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Coordination of benefits saves the Tribe money

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde provides health coverage to Tribal members under the Skookum Health Plan. Because the Skookum Health Plan is entirely funded by Tribal dollars, the plan must be as efficient as possible.

One of the ways that we can be more efficient is to verify if Tribal members have other health coverage. If a Tribal member has other insurance coverage such as an employer's health plan, Medicare or any other private insurance, those plans should pay for health care services before the Tribal plan pays. This saves the health plan money and ultimately benefits all Tribal members.

As a result, CTGR will be working with Shasta Administrative Services, the Tribe's new health care claims administrator, to verify health care coverage for all Tribal members. In most cases, any other coverage you may have, whether it is with an employer, a spouse's employer, other commercial insurance coverage or Medicare, should always be primary to Skookum. Tribal funds should always be the payor of last resort. In the next month, you will be receiving an audit letter from Shasta via the mail regarding other coverage. All Tribal members are required to return the completed form to Shasta. If your completed form is not returned to Shasta, within the designate time frame on the letter, then your claims will be denied until the information is received.

Our ultimate goal is to reduce the cost of health care for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and make sure resources are spent efficiently and effectively. If you have questions about anything you receive from Shasta or you need help with your health care claims, please contact them at 800-880-5877, e-mail to question@shastatpa.com or on the Web at www.shastatpa.com. Your help is appreciated. ■

Elder Foster Program



The Tribe's Elder Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact the Elder Foster Program director at 503-879-1694.

Eighth-place finish



Submitted photo

Tribal member Synon Allen (No. 34), 16, played for the Neah Bay (Wash.) Lady Reds girls basketball team that won the Tri-District Championship this school year and took eighth at the 16-team Washington Interscholastic Activities Association 1B basketball tournament held in late February in Yakima. In the tournament, Neah Bay lost in overtime to Columbia 41-39, beat Wishkah Valley 33-22 and Moses Lake Christian 42-34, and then lost to Almira/Coulee-Hartline 39-30 to take eighth place. Allen is the daughter of Marcel Allen and Rose Jimmicum, and granddaughter of Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

Aven James-Scott Cox

Born March 2, 2009.

Parents: Steven Cox &

Valerie Haller

Big Sister: KaileighAnn

Great-grandpa and grandma

Keith & Judy Drake.



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Tribal members Jorden Thornbrough, left, and Amanda Grijalva, along with other members of the Pineapple Express clan, dig through and divide up the items in the treasure chest that they found during the buried treasure hunt.

Tribal members Joel Selwyn and Tiffany Tonso season hamburgers as they prepare them for dinner. The students helped make the meals.



SPRING BREAK



From left, Mary Johnson (Chinook), Tribal member Peter Nelson and Adriana Rico (Makah) dig in the sand looking for a buried treasure during a treasure hunt. The students looked at a map to help them determine where the treasure was buried. The sixth annual Youth Education Spring Break Camp was held at Camp Westwind near Lincoln City on the Oregon Coast on March 25-28. More than 40 students in grades 6-12 attended the camp this year and some of the activities included hiking, a food challenge, tug of war, a buried treasure hunt and clan skits. All of these photos were taken on Friday, March 27.



At left, Tribal member Shantel Gutierrez, left, places a third hula hoop on Tribal member Kyoni Mercier to see how many hula hoops she can keep going. Tribal members Anna Jeffers and Santiago Atanacio, right, dance during their clan's skit. They were members of The Real Cha Bang Bang clan.



'Taking our children back home'

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

The one-and-a-half day Native Youth Leadership Conference held April 9-10 at the Tribal gymnasium focused on the idea of sustainability "to help you walk and live in a good way," said Jillene Joseph (Gros Ventre from Montana), executive director of Gresham-based Native Wellness Institute.

"Thinking about sustainability," Joseph said, "is another way of thinking about your future."

She was joined by Neetsaai Gwich'in Tribal member Evon Peter from northeast Alaska. Peter, 33, served as the 130-member Tribe's youngest chief, starting when he was 24, for three years. He stepped down to pursue graduate studies and is now in his last semester at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He anticipates earning a master's degree in Rural Development later this year.

Peter has been teaching youth about indigenous rights, sustainability and natural resource preservation, he said, since he was 17. In recent years, working with an international team, he traveled to Africa, India, Polynesia, South and Central America and across the United States with his messages. He also was guest speaker for Grand Ronde's first Youth Leadership Conference in 2004.

"My path leads me all over the place," he said.

The guts of the conference came from "thinking that comes out of the culture," Peter said.

Tribal descendant Joey Holmes was impressed with the lesson on the seventh generation. "They said to think about seven generations out," he said, "and the effect of your actions on the future."

Talking about sustainability is another way of seeking one's identity, Peter said. "Who are we as Native Americans? Who are we as human beings?"

"If we have that foundation strong," he said, "then we have the ability to go out and deal with larger issues."

Youth made agreements with the facilitators to respect self and others,



Above, Tribal member Rylan Martin, left, Memory Wilson (Klamath), middle, and Tribal member Anna Jeffers work on their budget in an activity in which they are Tribal Council members and they need to decide how to spend \$1 million during the 2009 Grand Ronde Native Youth Leadership Conference in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, April 10. At right, Evon Peter, a Neetsaai Gwich'in Tribal member, was a guest facilitator at the conference.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

ers, to listen, participate and enjoy "healthy risk taking," in Joseph's words, and have fun.

Subsequently, the group split into eight "clans." The first tasks for each group were naming their clan and coming up with a "call."

Those names and calls returned through the sessions, reinforcing the



importance of identity.

Clan systems were developed, Peter said, for marital systems, so that people would not mistakenly marry a close cousin.

"Clan systems provided a sense of belonging," Joseph said.

Lessons were designed to bring youth out of themselves, encourage them to meet others and to talk about themselves and their ambitions — all leadership skills.

And they were placed in light party games, like an adaptation of musical chairs. Except in this version, the player left out took center stage and "said something true about themselves," Stewart said.

For everybody sitting down, if the statement was also true about them, they had to get up and find another seat. And the one left out took center stage.

"We're successful when youth are engaged," said Joseph, "when they are participating, when they are taking direction. We can have fun and we can still learn."

Peter sees success in future terms: "To continue to be able to work and build with young people."

"It made me think about the loss of my heritage and culture," said participant Appalonia David (Klamath).

"It feels good to be here," said Tribal member Leland Brother Butler, "learning about different cultural things."

"To come here and see other kids

interested in their culture is empowering," said Juanita Whitebear, who works for Lincoln County Schools in the Indian Education Program. She brought a group from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

"It feels good stepping out," said Leland Butler's cousin, Ron Butler (Siletz), "when you're not too nervous."

Organized by Tribal member and Youth Education and Culture specialist Travis Stewart, this year's event again incorporated the successful community component, where "there is an opportunity for each group to introduce itself to the community with stories from their area," Stewart said.

In deference to the ongoing financial crisis, however, this year organizers lopped a day off the normal 2.5-day event.

Still, more than 50 eighth-through 12th-graders from Grand Ronde, Siletz and Klamath Tribes participated.

"I've been coming (and bringing Siletz youth) since they started here," said Whitebear. "What I see them doing in Grand Ronde is taking our children back home."

"I always come to these," said Tribal Council member Wink Soderberg. "I figure this is a very important time in their lives. These exercises are going to play an important part in their lives. Anyone who hasn't been over here to see what's going on is missing something." ■

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Culture Committee sets celebration

The Tribe's Culture Committee will hold a Native foods celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, in the Tribal Community Center.

The committee invites everyone to join in the celebration of Native foods, including meats, berries, seafood and roots. Food will start being served at noon by Royalty representatives.

For more information, call Kathy Provost at 503-857-8440. ■

Dehydrators wanted

The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center is seeking donations of food dehydrators for its food preservation program.

If you would like to donate, contact Patrice at 503-879-5731. Any and all donations of food, food preservation supplies and money are welcome. ■

Ham dinner to be held

St. Michael's Catholic Church will be holding its old-fashioned ham dinner on Sunday, May 3. We are proud to welcome back our traditional ham dinner complete with Martha Mercier's coleslaw, mashed potatoes, string beans, pies and activities for the whole family. \$25 family rate, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Mass: 10 a.m.; Dinner: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.



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Wishing you a 75th happy birthday! With all our love, your family and friends.

April 28.



There will be an 85th Birthday celebration for Tribal Elder **Mari-on Davidson** at Spirit Mountain Casino in the Molalla Room from noon until 4 p.m. on April 25. All family, friends and Tribal members are invited to attend.

Happy Birthday

Jessica

Love, your family.



Support group starts

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority sponsors a Financial Wellness support group that meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Housing Authority conference room. The support group discusses, shares and learns ways to stretch dollars and protect the money participant's make. The group is informal and decides on the topic to be discussed and researched each week.

The Housing Authority has computers and worksheets to help people develop and track spending plans.

For more information, call Deborah Kroeker at 503-879-4522 or send her an e-mail at deborah.kroeker@grandronde.org. ■

Men's Group starting

The Behavioral Health Department is starting a Men's Group, which will be open to members of all Tribes. Topics that will be covered include healthy relationships, communication skills, anger management, spirituality, emotional intelligence and how to live one's life from a place integrity and authenticity.

The Men's Group will meet every Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Behavioral Health Department at Health & Wellness. A certificate of completion will be awarded to men who have completed the training. Transportation may be available for those in need.

Please contact Tom Bender with any questions at 503-879-2067. ■

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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Veterans Powwow
July 11 and 12

Competition Powwow
August 14, 15 and 16

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Walking On...

Alan Eugene Johnson

June 18, 1979 – March 31, 2009

Alan Eugene Johnson of Grand Ronde walked on March 31, 2009, at his Grand Ronde home. He was 29.

Funeral services were held April 4 at Adamson's Sheridan Funeral Home, 108 N.W. Lincoln, Sheridan. Viewing visitation was held April 3.

Born June 18, 1979, in La Grande, Ore., he was raised by his mother and stepfather, Norma and Jake Crites. He loved hiking, camping and walking his dog, Cookie.

Survivors includes his mother, Norma Crites of Dallas; father, Bruce Johnson of Oregon City; sister, Nikki Johnson of Dallas; daughter, Ashley Johnson of La Grande; grandparents, Carl and Betty Lambert of Grand Ronde; and grandfather, Raymond Johnson of Wallowa.



Mariachi band to play Spirit Mountain Casino

Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, a 14-member orchestrated mariachi group, will perform at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Hernandez formed the mariachi group in 1981 with the vision of creating an ensemble that would reflect the passion of the rich cultural heritage to which he belongs. Since its inception, the group has performed at many prestigious events, including a performance for President Bill Clinton at the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in Washington, D.C.

Tickets are \$10 to \$20 and available online at starticketsplus.com or by calling 800-585-3737. Seats also can be purchased at www.spiritmountain.com or at the casino's Coyote Club desk. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

- Legal Intern
(temporary summer position)
- Legal
- Grade: 6

Open until filled

*Position open to enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members only.

Internal applicants are
1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month introductory period, receiving at least a "meets expectations" on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,

2. Grand Ronde Tribal members
3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or

4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment

For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members

a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end

2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

3. Current regular employees

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

- Caregiver
(on-call)
- Adult Foster Care
- Grade: 5

Opened until filled

For a detailed job description, please contact the Tribe's job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877 TRIBEGR.

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Tribe accepting Hatfield Fellowship applications

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is accepting applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship.

Every year, a Hatfield fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation. The fellow is selected from adult Native American applicants who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon.

If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes in Washington, Idaho and Montana will be considered.

The selected Hatfield fellow will intern in Washington, D.C., for nine months and receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation. New for 2009, fellowship applications must be completed and submitted via the Internet.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 24. Applicants will then be notified if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

To access the new online application process, visit www.thecommunityfund.com. For additional questions, contact Program Officer Louis King at Spirit Mountain Community Fund at 503-879-1462 or louis.king@thecommunityfund.com or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator from Oregon, former Oregon governor and for his mentorship of many leaders in their own communities. ■

Basic skills lab

When: Every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m./open entry

Where: Education Building/computer lab

What: Computer skills, keyboarding, resume writing, basic math and writing.

Who: Joanne Carr, GED, 503-879-2282; e-mail: joanne.carr@grandronde.org.

Why: It will be easier to get a job! You'll have a resume! You'll be better on the computer! You'll be happier!

2009 Winter General Council & Community Membership Meetings

This year the community membership meetings started in January and were combined with the General Council meetings in Portland and Eugene, as well as in Grand Ronde. The focus of the meetings will be on the Draft 2009 Strategic Plan.

April 19, 2009

Sunday

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Community Meeting

Red Lion Hotel Yakima Center

407 East Yakima Avenue

Yakima, WA 98901

Take I-82 Highway into Yakima and take exit 33B (if southbound) or exit 33 (if northbound). Then take lane marked for Yakima Avenue (the right lane if southbound & the left lane if northbound). The hotel is 2 blocks west of the highway on the right hand side. It is adjacent to the convention center and two blocks from the Yakima Mall.

May 17, 2009

Sunday

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Community Meeting

Riverhouse Hotel (Deschutes Room);
south end of Restaurant Bldg.)

3075 N. Highway 97

Bend, Oregon 97701

The 2009 Tribal Strategic Plan will be adopted by mid-July based on comments received at the community meetings and written comments received through the mail. Comments from these meetings also will be used in preparing grant applications (e.g. ICDBG, ANA). For additional information, call the Planning & Grants Department at (503) 879-2250. If you wish to mail in comments on the Strategic Plan or Tribal priorities please write to Mr. Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Department, Grand Ronde Tribe, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

GRAND RONDE GAMING COMMISSION POSITIONS

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking applications for two positions for 3-year terms expiring in June 2012. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming-related activities associated with Spirit Mountain Casino. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires one of the positions to be filled by a Tribal member and one to be filled by a non-Tribal member. In addition, one of the positions must be filled with a person with at least 10 years of law enforcement experience, or with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or related field and at least five years of law enforcement experience. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 30-40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The commission generally meets on the second and third Fridays of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393.

Closing date is 5 p.m. on April 30.

Skookum Health Plan benefit update effective July 1, 2009

There will be an emergency room benefit change to the Skookum Health Plan occurring on July 1, 2009. Currently, the health plan covers a non-emergency visit to the emergency room with a 50 percent co-insurance; after July 1, 2009, non-urgent/non-emergent use of the emergency room will no longer be a covered benefit. Tribal members who go to an emergency room to receive non-urgent/non-emergent services will be responsible for the entire charge.

The reason for this change is over utilization of the emergency room. Many of the claims received from emergency room visits are for services that should be received through a physician's office or an urgent care setting. For non-emergency service, the average cost of an emergency room visit is close to \$500, while the same service in a provider's office or urgent care setting is only around \$100. Use of the emergency room for non-urgent/non-emergent services results in higher costs to the Tribe.

If you or someone you know is in need of medical attention and you do not know if you should go to the emergency room or not, take the time to contact the 24-hour Nurse Line at 800-970-7138 or your personal physician.

If you are instructed to seek services at the emergency room by the Nurse Line or by your physician's office, it will be covered by the Skookum Health Plan.

If you have questions about this important benefit change, contact Barbara Steere at 503-879-2487 or Jim Holmes at 503-879-2221. ■

College and Career Fair

Wednesday May 6, 2009 9:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Location: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Gym/Auditorium

Over 40 different employers, two-year and four-year college representatives, trade/apprenticeship programs, vocational programs, and volunteer and community organizations.

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The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions. If you are interested, please submit completed application to Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, CTGR, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Ceremonial Hunt Board	3 Vacancies
Culture Committee	1 Vacancy
Cultural Trust Board	2 Vacancies
Education Committee	1 Vacancy
Rodeo Special Event Board	2 Vacancies
Social Services Committee	1 Vacancy
Timber Committee	1 Vacancy

Gang Summit set at casino

Social Service's Tribal Youth Prevention Program will host the Oregon Indian Country Gang Summit on Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

The summit is sponsored by the Oregon Youth Authority, Marion County Juvenile Department and Northwest Investigator Association.

The summit will focus on the gang issue and its relationship and effects on Native American youth.

The summit is free. However, there will be no onsite registration, so people are encouraged to register in advance.

For more information, contact Tribal Youth Program Coordinator Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or lisa.leno@grandronde.org. ■

Fun at work



Photos by Michelle Alaimo
Erica Mercier, Tribal member and a secretary at the Tribe's medical clinic, successfully passes under the bar as she participates in one of two limbo contests during the employee carnival for National Fun at Work Day in the Tribal gymnasium on Wednesday, April 1. Mercier won that limbo contest.



Shelley Clift, the Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Intake Specialist II, participates in one of two hula hoop contests. She came in second place.

Save the date

Northwest Tribal Cancer Coalition Meeting

April 20, 2009 — 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10:45-11:45 a.m. Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Clinic
 11:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center
 Hotel Accommodations: Spirit Mountain, 27100 S.W. Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. 1-888-668-7366. **Use the Federal Rate.**

Contact Eric Vinson at evinson@npaihb.org or 503-416-3295 with any questions at the Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Program of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Fish and Wildlife Department of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, is seeking two fish and wildlife interns/youth crew leaders for its Summer Youth Crew program. This is a great opportunity to obtain supervisory experience and practice hands-on natural resource management techniques.

F&W Intern/Youth Crew Leader
\$10.50-\$13.00/hour. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
approximately 15 weeks, starting June 12

Duties: Supervise and provide leadership to an eight-person summer youth work crew for up to eight weeks and assist the Fish and Wildlife Department for approximately six weeks. Projects may include stream and riparian restoration/enhancement, trail maintenance and construction, Native vegetation planting, habitat enhancement monitoring, and other natural resource and community projects.

Qualifications: Desire to work with youth and/or in natural resources. Must be in good physical condition and be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Experience in the proper use of hand tools. Good communication skills.

Requirements: Work boots, valid driver's license, safe driving record. Must successfully complete pre-employment background check and drug test. Week-long leadership training provided. First aid and CPR training provided.

Work location: Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville, or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

To apply: Complete a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application and return to The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Fish and Wildlife Department, P.O. Box 10, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by the closing date. Applications may be obtained at www.grandronde.org then clicking on "employment" then clicking on "click here to download an application." If you have questions or need an application sent to you please call 503-879-2396.

Closing date: Friday, May 22, 2009.

College & Career Fair set

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde College & Career Fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Tribal gymnasium.

The fair is free and open to the public.

Attendees will meet with employment representatives, college and university representatives, trade and apprenticeship programs, vocational programs, volunteer organizations and community outreach organizations. There also will be breakout sessions on admissions, financial aid, careers, internship opportunities and what employers are looking for in employees.

For more information, call Tribal Academic Adviser Trinity Minahan at 503-879-1478. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Fish and Wildlife Department of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, is seeking one youth crew supervisor for its Summer Youth Crew program.

Youth Crew Supervisor
\$13.00-\$15.00/hour. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
approximately 17 weeks, starting June 1
(start date is negotiable)

Duties: Schedule program tasks and activities, purchase crew supplies and materials, organize camp outs, and supervise two youth crew leaders and associated youth crews for up to ten weeks and assist the Fish and Wildlife Department with natural resource projects for approximately six weeks.

Qualifications: Desire to work with youth and in natural resources. Must be in good physical condition and be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Experience in the proper use of hand tools. Good communication and organization skills. Supervisory experience preferred.

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Closing date: Friday, May 8, 2009.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Natural Resources Department of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, seeks 16 youth crew members for its Summer Youth Crew program. These positions are designed and funded for the purpose of providing enhanced opportunities for youth and/or students.

Youth Crew Member
\$8.40/hour
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
approximately 8 weeks starting July 6

Duties: Work as a member of an eight-person summer youth work crew. Youth crew projects may include stream restoration/enhancement, trail and park maintenance, Native tree planting, forest inventory work or other natural resource and community projects.

Qualifications: Must be 16-19 years of age. Must have the ability or experience to safely and properly use hand tools. Must be in good physical condition and be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Interest or experience in natural resources related work helpful.

Requirements: Furnish own work boots and successfully complete pre-employment background check and drug test.

To apply: Complete a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application and return to The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Fish and Wildlife Department, P.O. Box 10, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by the closing date. Applications may be obtained at www.grandronde.org, by then clicking on "Employment" and then clicking on "click here to download an application." If you have questions or need an application sent to you call 503-879-2396.

Closing date: Friday, June 12, 2009.

WILDLAND FIRE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Forest Technician (fire): on-call
Natural Resources Division
Grade: 6
Closing Date: May 8, 2009

For an application and detailed job description, please contact the Tribe's Job Line at 503-879-2257 or 877-TRIBEGR or Web site at www.grandronde.org.

Reasonable Protection • Support Person • HIV Testing

Attend Hearings • Notice of Release • Consulted about a Violent Felony Plea

Information • Emergency Contraceptives • No Contact Order • Speak at Sentencing

You Should Know: Crime Victims Have Rights



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 27, 2009

Thanks to popular culture, the rights of criminal defendants are well known in the United States. Unfortunately, the public is less familiar with the rights of crime victims. Those rights are enshrined in the Oregon Constitution and under Oregon law. Crime victims have the right to be informed of all legal proceedings, to be present, to be consulted, and to be heard.

During this year's Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 26 – May 2, our country will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Victims services funded by VOCA help millions of victims recover from the impact of crime on their lives.

Please join us in honoring the work made possible by VOCA and the dedication of victims' rights advocates by increasing awareness of crime victims' rights. Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will be held throughout Oregon. Please see www.OregonCrimeVictimsRights.org for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Kroger".

JOHN R. KROGER
Attorney General

Crime Victims' Awareness Day

Monday, April 27th, 2009, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm,
Galleria of the Oregon State Capitol, Salem

Crime Victims' Rights Commemoration Ceremony

Tuesday, April 28th, 2009, Noon -1:30 pm
Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue, Portland

Crime Victims' Rights Rally

Thursday, April 30th, 2009, Noon
Front Steps of the Oregon State Capitol, Salem

Partial funding for this project came from the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Awareness Project Grant administered by the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA).

Notice of Hearings • Speak at Pretrial Release • Restitution

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Applicants for Superintendent's Youth Advisory Team wanted

During Susan Castillo's first campaign for Superintendent of Public Instruction, the idea of a student advisory board for the Oregon Department of Education was put forward by several of her volunteers. Susan embraced the idea of giving students a way to voice their concerns about Oregon's educational future. To this end, we created a Youth Advisory Team for Superintendent Susan Castillo. This group of Oregon public school students plays an important role in changing and improving public education in Oregon.

We are in the process of recruiting approximately 20 new members for the 2009-10 year. We're looking for a diverse group of high school students ready to take on the challenge of advising the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Members must attend four to five meetings in Salem and should have an interest in using their personal experiences to advise the Superintendent and other state leaders, students, educators and community members.

Education professionals are encouraged to advise a student to apply to the Youth Advisory Team. Please feel free to visit our Web site at www.ode.state.or.us/superintendent/yat/ for more information about the Youth Advisory Team.

Applicants will be asked to address the following in their applications:

- Why you want to be on the Youth Advisory Team.
- Three things you will bring to the team.
- A brief explanation of your involvement in public school (both curricular and extracurricular activities).
- An accurate idea of your ability to attend the meetings held in Salem, given that the department cannot provide transportation.

For more information or to request an application form, please contact Diane Roth at the Oregon Department of Education, 503-947-5791, or by e-mail Diane.Roth@state.or.us. All applicants will be notified of their selection by May 8, 2009.

GED Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 – 4 p.m. Education Building
Contact Joanne Carr at 503-879-2282 or joanne.carr@grandronde.org

Workshop classes in Grand Ronde

- May 12 — Adobe Acrobat I
- June 9 — Adobe Acrobat II

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.

Accenture American Indian Scholarship Program

The Accenture American Indian Scholarship fund meets a vital need for American Indian and Alaska Native students seeking higher education and requiring financial assistance. Accenture will award three types of scholarships to high-achieving American Indian and Alaska Native students seeking degrees and careers in fields of study including: various engineering, computer science, operations management, finance, marketing and other business oriented fields.

Accenture Scholars — Three undergraduate scholarships, of \$20,000 each (each award at \$5,000 per year for four years), will be awarded to students pursuing a four-year degree.

Accenture Fellows — Two graduate scholarships, of \$15,000 each (each award at \$7,500 per year for two years), will be awarded to students pursuing an master's or doctorate degree.

Finalist Scholarship — Two undergraduate scholarships, of \$8,000 each (each award at \$2,000 per year for four years) and two graduate scholarships, of \$5,000 each (each award at \$2,500 per year for two years).

In addition to the funding, scholarship recipients are eligible for summer internships with Accenture, as first-year graduate students or junior-year undergraduate students. Applicants will be evaluated based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to preserving American Indian culture and communities and proof of enrollment in a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribe.

The deadline to submit a 2009-10 AY application will be May 1 for undergraduate and June 1 for graduates. Please visit www.aigc.com for an application.

Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool applications now being accepted

Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool applications for the 2009-10 school year are now being accepted. Contact Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161 or by e-mail at sandra.bobb@grandronde.org for an application. Completed applications must be turned in no later than Friday, July 17, at 5 p.m. Selection will take place Friday, July 31. Children with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply (transportation may be provided).

Application assistance will be available June 9 at noon – 1 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

Tribal Scholarship applications deadline available until April 30

2009 Competitive Scholarship applications are available in the following categories: Full & Part-Time Undergraduate, Full & Part-Time Graduate, Full & Part-Time Adult Vocational Training, Eula Petite for Education-related majors, Ray McKnight for Natural Resource/Forestry-related majors. Applicants must be enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members. Application deadline is April 30. To request an application, call the CTGR Education Division at 503-879-2275 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. Applications and instructions can also be found on the Tribal Web site www.grandronde.org/template.aspx?id=4198.

Summer internships for high school students

The Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering (ASE) Program matches high school students interested in the sciences with mentors for an eight-week paid summer internship. CMOP internships provide a \$1,000 stipend to the student, as well as an experience that will provide professional training and look great on college and job applications. Students from low-income families (qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program) will receive a \$2,000 stipend.

We are seeking Native American high school students for four summer internship positions with the Center for Coastal Margin Prediction and Observation (CMOP). There are four positions: Carbon Cycling in the Columbia River Estuary, Environmental Sensor Development, Internship in Ocean Observatories and Remediation of Environmental Contaminants.

Students must submit a preliminary application form, two letters of recommendation from adults, a copy of their official school transcripts, an essay targeted for their desired positions (up to three positions), a final application form and a \$25 application fee. The application fee is waived for all students who qualify for federal free or reduced lunches. For more information on how to apply, please visit the ASE Web site www.saturdayacademy.org/ASE/StudentInfo/HowToApply/tabid/71/Default.aspx.

Wells Fargo American Indian Scholarship Program

This scholarship is funded by the Wells Fargo and administered by American Indian Graduate Center. To be considered for the Wells Fargo scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group;
- Be pursuing a career and degree in fields relating to banking, resort management, gaming operations, management and administration, including accounting, finance, information technology and human resources;
- Be a college junior or senior, or graduate student at a U.S. accredited college or university as full time and degree seeking;
- Undergraduate:** Must have a cumulative average GPA of a 3.00 on a 4.00 scale at the time of application and must be in your college junior or senior year.
- Graduate:** Must have maintained a 3.00 GPA as an undergraduate student or have maintained a 3.00 GPA as a graduate student at the time of application.
- Demonstrate financial need.

The deadline to submit a 2009-10 AY application will be May 1 for undergraduate and June 1 for graduates. Please visit www.aigc.com for an application.

Tribal Council encourages all Tribal members living within the Willamina School District to vote "yes" on the upcoming bond.



Willamina Schools Bond Facts: Ballot Measure 21-91

Willamina School District • 324 SE Adams St. • Willamina 97396
503-876-4525 • www.willamina.k12.or.us

Willamina School District is seeking approval of a \$3,000,000.00 bond in the May 19, 2009 election

- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognizes and is aware of the current economic condition;
- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognizes and is aware of the current economic conditions in our schools.
- The Bond Committee and the Board of Directors recognizes and is aware of the current efficiencies and savings that will happen if this bond is passed.

This District is seeking approval of 7 new classrooms at the elementary school, 2 classrooms at the high school, a new welding / ag shop, a multi purpose facility for physical education, weightlifting classes, wrestling (with community use of the facility) and repair of the track surface to once again allow home track meets which is currently not allowed due to the unsafe condition of the track.

It was the consensus of the Bond Committee and approved by the Board of Director to address the current conditions of the facilities where the students are located during the regular educational day. Accordingly this recommendation does not include any funding for the Washington Street facility.

Passage of this bond will mean:

1. Increased instructional time for the 6th grade by ninety hours per year
2. Drama production space for high school students
3. Classroom space for the elementary music program
4. Adequate space for our physical education program(s)
5. Increased classroom size for our elementary programs currently housed in modular buildings to include Title I Speech and on Third Grade class
6. Classroom for all high school teachers (teachers currently share rooms)
7. Adequate welding, mechanical and classroom space for ag/welding program
8. Increased supervision and regular educational program access for alternative education students who will be located on the Oaken Hills campus
9. Increased instructional time for wood shop students who will be located on the Oaken Hills campus

Monetary Savings:

1. Reduction in heating cost at the middle school by moving out of two very old modular buildings
2. A saving of over \$86,527 over the course of 20 years (today's cost) in middle school transportation by not transporting 6th grade students to Grand Ronde
3. A savings of over \$179,480 over the course of 20 years (today's cost) in wood shop transportation by elimination of bus run to the old site

26% of the students attending Willamina Schools are Native and a large number of them are Grand Ronde Tribal members

If you live in Tribal housing, the bond measure will have no financial impact on you so a yes vote is easy and important