

### Farewell Game



Schimmel family and friends gathered on the court of the Louisville Cardinals' KFC Yum! Center at the end of Shoni's final home game. Fans presented her with a commemorative poster.

### Disenrollment dispute at Grand Ronde

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are planning to remove dozens of people from their rolls, according to at least two reports.

The dispute is linked to a dwindling casino per capita payment, according to reports.

The Grand Ronde operates Spirit Mountain, the most profitable casino in the state. Membership grew from 3,400 to more than 5,000 following the opening of the facility, according to the Associated Press.

Since then, the per cap has

declined from about \$5,000 to just over \$3,000, the AP said. Removing people from the rolls could limit future decreases.

"In my entire life, I have always known I was an Indian. I have always known my family's history, and I am so proud of that," said Mia Prickett, who is one of those being removed.

One of Prickett's ancestors was a leader of the Cascade Indians along the Columbia River, and was one of the chiefs who signed an 1855

treaty that helped establish the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde.

But the tribe now wants to disenroll Prickett and 79 relatives, and possibly hundreds of other tribal members, because they no longer satisfy new enrollment requirements.

Prickett's family is fighting the effort. "In my entire life, I have always known I was an Indian. I have always known my family's history, and I am so proud of that," Prickett said.

### Rites: river field trip later this month

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After the conference, the Rites of Passage group travelled to Sherars Bridge to talk about history and offer prayers, before arriving back at Warm Springs.

The Rites of Passage program is dedicated to strengthening through elder guidance and volunteer instruction, said Jefferson Greene.

"Some youth are fortunate to be taught in their homes," he said. "Respectfully, some of our youth unfortunately are not brought up around much of these cultural and customary aspects of our community and ancestry."

Culture and Heritage is

taking steps to offer more cultural programs open to the community that also emphasize the importance of family, community and culture.

The Rites of Passage program will meet again on

Wednesday, March 26, during spring break. This will include a field trip to the Columbia River from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call the Culture and Heritage at 541-553-3290 to sign up.

### WIT: on Saturday at Longhouse

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All are welcome to visit the longhouse, honor elder Harvey Jim, and gather up gently-used and new goods. All items not taken by community members are flowed out to various tribal agencies for further distribution.

Lunch will be served for

elders. Help is always needed and appreciated. Come to the longhouse Friday night, March 21, after 9 to help sort and set out all of the items.

For more information, contact Rebecca Whetsine or Ga-lo Vann. Phone 360-433-2076 or 503-740-5382.

The Museum at Warm Springs **Young at Art Fair** will be held March 25-27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Warm Springs Tribal Youth, ages 12 and over, are invited to create and learn. Lunch will be provided each day. Call Natalie Moody to information, 541-553-331.

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- SUNDAYS - Blackjack Tournament

**ENTERTAINMENT**

- DJ BOOGIE (CHUCK QUARTZ)  
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- Saturday, March 22nd, 9pm-Midnight

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