

Achievement and Recognition

ATTENTION!

If you plan to attend school, Higher Education, or Adult Vocational Training during the 1993-94 school year, you must submit your application to the tribal office by these dates:

Winter term 1993---Nov. 1, 1993
Spring term 1994---February 28, 1994
Summer term 1994---April 30, 1994

HIGHER EDUCATION

DAVID HOLMES



David Holmes

First of all, I would like to thank the Tribal Council for their generosity, and my family for believing in me. It has been a long road and I did a lot of growing up over the past few years. I guess college has a way of doing that to a person. I learned many valuable things about my art, but most of all, I learned a lot about life in general.

Of course, the learning never stops. Early next year I plan to audition for Yale School of Drama to obtain a Master's degree. Also for the future I have been looking into perhaps teaching on a reservation. There are so many things out there, but I have confidence I will take the right path.

ROBERT SCHMID

In July of 1991, after nearly 30 years with Willamette Industries, a plywood mill, I lost my job due to problems in the timber industry. Right away I began to wonder if there was a way to change a negative situation into a positive one. I checked with Dean Azule, the Education Director, and found out that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde could help pay for my retraining. My first obstacle was to obtain my GED since I quit school when I was lacking only a couple of credits. Then in September of 1991, I began to train in Human Services at Chemeketa Community College in the Alcohol and Drug Program to be a counsellor. Part of my practicum was done with the Grand Ronde Alcohol/Drug Prevention Program. The rest of my program was finished at Nanitch Sahallie Youth treatment Center.



Robert Schmid

I graduated from Chemeketa June 12, with an Associate's degree in Applied Science and began working as full time employee at Nanitch Sahallie on June 14.

I didn't accomplish this on my own. There are many people to thank. A big "thanks" to Zelda Lane is due. I would also like to thank my wife, Rosa Lee and children Yvonne, BJ, Holly, and Heidi for their encouragement and support. Also the Tribal Education Program, especially Dean Azule, who always had time, even when he didn't have time, for me! There are many others who gave me encouragement and help. You know who you are! Thanks everyone!

JILL JEFFERS

My name is Jill Jeffers. My father was Robert Simi and my mom is Annabelle Poole. I am the mother of two wonderful girls; Amy is thirteen and Kristie is eleven.

I graduated from Chemeketa Community College with an Associate's degree in Social Services. My goals are to work for a year or two and then return to school for my B.A., and then my Master's degree in Social Work. Eventually I would like to become a Native American Child Advocate.

I am now working with the Tribe as a temporary floater/secretary for all Human Services offices.



Jill Jeffers

New Face: Sarah Henny

Hi! My name is Sarah Henny, and I am the new Secretary/Receptionist at the Tribal Health Clinic. I am an enrolled Grand Ronde tribal member, and currently living in the Salem area. I am a 1991 graduate of Gervais Union High School and have completed two additional years at Oregon State University majoring in Health and Human Performance.

I am the daughter of Sanda Langley-Henny and John L. Henny, and a sister to my only brother, Adam. I have been working for the Tribe since April of this year. I have enjoyed working in the Health department, especially the clinic.



Sarah Henny

My hobbies include sports like volleyball, basketball, and aerobics. If you ever need assistance regarding the clinic, please don't hesitate to call. And stop by for a visit, I enjoy seeing people even when they're not sick.

New Face: Mike Wilson

Michael Wilson starting working for the Tribe last August. We decided it was about time he was introduced to the readers of Smoke Signals.

Michael is the Forest Land Acquisition officer for the Natural Resources Division of the Tribe. He came to use from Jackson and Prochnau, a timber consulting firm out of Albany. This Grand Ronde tribal member just made the move to Dallas with his wife Denise and two sons, Nicholas and Joshua. Michael attended Lane Community College where he received an Associate's degree in Forest Technology.

An apology is extended to Mike for taking so long to introduce him. organization. We're fortunate to have him.



Mike Wilson

New Face: Karen Larsen



Karen Larsen

Karen Larsen is the new Secretary for the Natural Resources Division. She is a native Oregonian, born and raised in Willamina. She is a member of the Cherokee Tribe.

Married to Michael Larsen, they have four children between them: Jeff Larsen, Joey Larsen, Jennifer VanScoyk and Craig VanScoyk. Karen was previously employed with Evergreen International Airlines in McMinnville as an Administrative Assistant.

She enjoys beading and outdoor activities. You may have already met her when you picked up your salmon. The Natural resources Division is happy to have her join them.