

### Nanitch Sahallie awarded three-year accreditation

Congratulations are in order for Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center in Keizer. The center has earned its three-year accreditation for the second time in a row.

To receive this accreditation, the center must maintain client records and charts, and comply with a series of regulations all live-in treatment facilities must adhere to.

The staff at Nanitch is very proud to be able to continue to help Native youth lead clean and sober lives. Good work!

### Kathleen Feehan appointed to EPA committee

Kathleen Feehan, tribal member and Environmental Specialist for the Tribe's Natural Resources Division, has recently been elected to the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). This committee is a new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) body created to enhance communication relations between tribes, tribal governments, and the EPA regional office. Region 10 consists of the tribes from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska. One tribally elected person from each state will represent all of the tribes from their state.



Kathleen will represent all of Oregon's tribes. She said "I'm taking this position very seriously and hope in the long run that there will be open communication of common issues between tribes." Kathleen adds, "The EPA wants to know what tribes really need. They are concerned about tribal issues. Many Oregon tribes are undergoing rapid growth. Like Grand Ronde they are developing tribal infrastructure, businesses, and housing. The challenge tribes face is to develop the facilities necessary to provide needed programs and to do so while maintaining high quality natural resources. My goal as a RTOC representative is to foster communication between Oregon tribes and the EPA, and among the Oregon tribes themselves. I believe the tribes can accomplish a great deal toward protecting and restoring environmental health by working together. The RTOC will work with the EPA to increase funding for tribal environmental programs."

The Region 10 committee will meet quarterly, and each state will take turns hosting the meetings. That way, representatives from each tribe will hopefully be able to attend the meeting held in their state. EPA pays for the committee's travel and lodging.

### Risk Manager will focus on Health Security Program

My name is Marsha Jonson. I began employment with the Tribe as their Risk Manager on April 15, 1996. This is a newly created position dedicated to managing the Tribe's expanding insurance programs. I will be in charge of purchasing and managing all aspects of health (non-employee), property, liability, and worker's compensation insurance. I will also be working in conjunction with the Safety Committee and Tribal Divisions in the development of loss control programs. My main focus, however, will be on the development and implementation of the Elder Health Security Program (See page 1), for Elders 65 and older and a health insurance plan for tribal members under age 65. It is really exciting to be a part of projects of this magnitude, especially when it provides benefits to individuals who have little or no health insurance protection.



In my short time here I have become acquainted with several Elders. This has certainly been the highlight of many of my work days! Since my first day at the Tribe, my co-workers have gone the extra mile to help me adjust to my new surroundings and make me feel like part of the team.

I graduated from college in 1976 with a Master's degree in Psychology. I spent my "formative" professional years working as a probation and parole officer and a group home counselor. Through a series of partially planned events, I landed a job as a vocational rehabilitation counselor handling worker's compensation claims. From there I graduated to the world of insurance, working as a loss control representative, risk management consultant, and finally, a risk manager for a large corporation.

On the personal side, I was married three years ago at the tender age of 40. My husband and I reside in Salem.

### Car seats available

**FOR:** Babies that are eligible for enrollment in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

**AGE:** One month before due date up to 6 months of age.

**WHY:** To keep your baby safe — we will show you how to use the car seat.

**WHERE:** Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Wellness Program. Jill Jeffers at 879-2018 or Bonnie Tom at 879-2016.

### Tribal youth: 12-14 years old

Interested in some summer fun?

Summer activities will be held Monday-Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., beginning June 24. To sign up, please call Bonnie at 879-2016 or Jill at 879-2018.

### Thanks to Russ Leno

A special thanks and recognition to Russ Leno for the beautiful work he did on the cemetery grounds and markers for the Memorial Weekend.

Russ, you do good work all year long! We really appreciate your dedication.

— The Tribal Elders

### ~ Nathan ~ Happy 8th Birthday



Love You ~ Dad and Kim

### CONGRATULATIONS DARIAN ASKINS

Student of the Month  
Grand Ronde Elementary School  
Love ~ Mom, Dad and Grandma

### Happy Belated Birthday PATSY

Love,  
Paul, Karen and Darian



The 4th Annual Veterans Pow-wow was held on Saturday, June 8 in Grand Ronde. Before the Pow-wow, a name-giving ceremony was held for **Buddy John Haskins, Jr.**

Buddy's mother, Marilee (Norwest) Davis presented him with his Indian name, Tyequariche. A giveaway was held in appreciation of Buddy's family and friends for all their help, support and love.

His Indian name comes from his ancestor, "Jean Baptiste Tyequariche Norwest." The Iroquois Indians were introduced into the fur trade by the Northwest Fur Company. Baptiste Tyequariche was an Iroquois who came from Sault St. Louis in Canada. He was born sometime between 1795 and 1798, and joined the Northwest Fur Company about 1815. His surnames were difficult to pronounce and impossible to spell. Finally, in desperation, Baptiste gave himself the surname of Norwest, naming himself for the company that had brought him to the west. Perhaps the greatest contribution that Jean Baptiste Tyequariche (alias Norwest), left to the Oregon country was his descendants.



"SAY NO TO  
DRUGS"  
MARCH was  
held at the  
tribal offices  
on Friday,  
May 31.  
Staff and  
after school  
club kids  
participated.