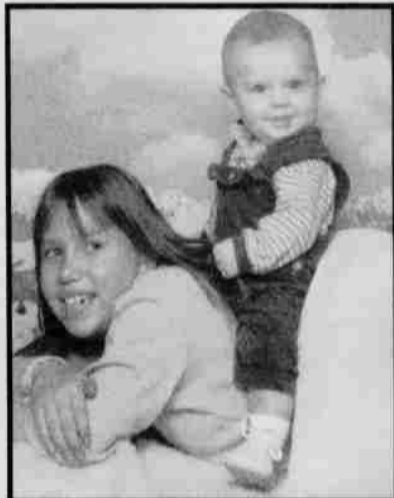




Seth R.J. Jackson-Mack
 5 years old
 Graduate of HeadStart
 Pennisular School
 Portland, Oregon
 The whole family is so proud of
 the first graduate of the newest
 generation.
 We love you! The Fam. A special
 hello to Uncle Gary Jackson.

We have been Best Friends
 over 15 years,
 through Sunshine and
 in Shade, but the only thing
 I see and feel is Sunshine!
 Love Ya! ~K



**Happy 1st Birthday
 Jacob**
**Happy 10th Birthday
 Shaylyn**
 Love, your family.

Please Help By Volunteering

The Sanction Court process provides a opportunity for face to face contact with first time juvenile offenders in the county and helps keep the kids out of the juvenile system. At Sanction Court, offenders receive sanction appropriate to their offences. They are provided with supportive and follow up services to hold them accountable for their actions. Please help us keep this going, we need Volunteers from our community members to participate by setting on our panel. Sanction Court is held about once a month and that depends on if we have kids that have gotten in trouble in Grand Ronde or Willamina (Polk County). If the kids know that you are one that sets on our panel and see you around, you might be able to change that kids mind about breaking the law.

If you are interested please contact Pearl Mekemson at 503-879-2049.

Preschool/HeadStart Looking for Volunteers

The Grand Ronde Preschool/HeadStart is looking for Volunteer Readers to sign up to do a reading circle time when out kids visit the new library in the Adult Education Building once a week.

This would take 15 to 20 minutes out of your day. Depending on how many sign up, it may also only be once or twice a month per volunteer.

We are still in the planning stages of this project so if you have any questions or comments or are at all interested in volunteering, please give me a call at 503-879-5211, ext.2159

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Assessment completed and finding of no significant impact issued for the proposed Spirit Mountain water treatment facility.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Natural Resources Equipment Shed are available for public review and comment for a period of 15 days beginning the first day after publication of this notice. Written comments and requests for copies of the EA and FONSI should be addressed to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Public Works Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, phone 503-879-2404.

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

Smoke Signals has no further information on these events.

- **OCT. 5:** TITLE IX INDIAN ED PROGRAM POW-WOW. Willamette High School. EUGENE, OR. 541-687-3489.
- **OCT. 5-6:** WHITE SWAN INDIAN SUMMER CELEBRATION. Pavilion. WHITE SWAN, WA. Contact: Atwice at 509-865-5121 ext 4753 or e-mail Atwice@yakama.com.
- **OCT. 12:** MUCKLESHOOT MONTHLY POW-WOW. Muckleshoot Tribal School Gymnasium. AUBURN, WA. Contact: Alex Baker at 253-939-3311.
- **OCT. 25-27:** MID-COLUMBIARIVER ANNUAL POW-WOW. Celilo Indian Village. CELILO, OR. Contact: Ray Waters at 509-848-3461.

Down Payment Grant Dollars Spent for 2002



Sixty-six successes for the Down Payment Grant Program have left the Down Payment Grant budget exhausted for this year. The early commitment of all funds is due, in part, to the program's new and successful "no waiting list" policy. This coupled with low interest rates has given Tribal Member's a real edge in the current "buyer's market." So far, forty-eight grants have been closed, with the last eighteen in process of receiving final documents.

If you were not able to participate in this year's funding, but currently have a home in mind to purchase, or would like to get started on the process for next year, here are some tips that may help:

- First, be certain you are eligible for the program. An application and copy of the Policy and Procedures can be picked up at the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) office, or mailed to you, upon request.
- Review your credit history. This can be done with a credit counselor, a potential lender, or by contacting Nancy Holmes, Homeownership Coordinator for the GRTHA, at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2445. Cleaning up any credit issues now, can help you receive a lower interest rate when applying for your loan, and save thousands of dollars over the term of a mortgage.
- Delay your purchase until 2003. If you have already found a home to buy, but need a grant to do so, work with the seller, to see if they will consider a "lease-to-own" option for the remainder of 2002, with the purchase occurring after new grant dollars are available in 2003. Sometimes sellers will even consider part of the lease monies toward you Down Payment; or
- Find out if an "extended closing" is possible. Typically it takes 6 to 8 weeks to get all the documents needed to close on a home purchase. Sometimes lenders/sellers can arrange an extended closing, which would allow you to sign your closing documents after the 2003 grant dollars are available.

GRTHA congratulates the sixty-six Tribal families, whose hard work resulted in owning a new home this year. We look forward to helping many more of you make your dream of ownership come true in 2003.

Call our office for an application at 1800-422-0232, ext. 2401, or for questions call Nancy Holmes, ext. 2445 or direct at 503-879-2445.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) desires to contract for landscape design and construction services for the Housing Authority office in Grand Ronde, Oregon. Proposals must be received by the Housing Authority no later than 4 p.m. October 14, 2002 and may be mailed to GRTHA at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. Contact GRTHA at 503-879-2401 for further information or a proposal packet.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental assessment completed and finding of no significant impact issued for the proposed 10-year Natural Resources Management plan on the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been issued for the proposed Natural Resources Management Plan (NRMP) for the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. The NRMP is for Reservation lands only and will be in effect from 2003 through 2012. The EA discloses the issues relating to the environmental resources affected by the Proposed Action and alternatives to the Proposed Action. The EA further discloses the analysis of the likely environmental consequences of the Proposed Action and alternatives to the Proposed Action. The FONSI discloses the alternative selected by the responsible official and gives supporting reasons for this selection. The Preferred Alternative would harvest an average of 6,101,000 board feet of timber annually.

The EA and FONSI are available for public review and comment for a period of 15 days beginning the first day after publication of this notice. The responsible public official is: Mr. Stan Speaks, Northwest Regional Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Written comments and requests for copies of the

EA and FONSI should be addressed to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 10, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Phone — 503-879-5522. Written comments must include: (1) Your name, address, and telephone number; (2) Title of the document on which you are commenting; (3) Specific facts or comments along with supporting reasons that you believe the Responsible Official should consider. Comments received will be considered before taking final action.