

Grand Ronde Tribal Members Represented At WOU Pow-wow



Paying Respect — Tribal member Jocelyn Kirk wearing her traditional coastal shell apron dress, made for her by her Aunt Lorriane Butler of Siletz.



Double Duty — Tribal Veteran Steve Rife leads the Grand Ronde Color Guard at the pow-wow. Rife is Veteran of both the Marine Corps and the United States Army.



Sweet — Mike Dashner kisses his baby daughter Ben-Nod-Mo-Kaa-Skik-KeeQuay, age 9 months, whose names means "Medicine Woman Comes to Help."



Looking Good — Tribal Cultural Protection Specialist Perri McDaniel danced in the women's traditional dance category.



All Smiles — Tribal Elder Marilee Norwest-Davis smiles for the camera during a break at the WOU pow-wow.

Photos by Peta Tinda



The Future — Richard Kline, the Interim General Manager for the Spirit Mountain Casino, held a series of Town Hall meetings for casino staff in mid-January. He described upcoming casino projects, like the 150-room expansion to the Lodge that will get underway in February. "I look at this as just the beginning," he said. Goals for the year ahead that he described to one group include increasing revenues and profits by five percent and reducing operating costs by 10 percent. Kline's directions also sought increased mid-week business, along with projects to refurbish the casino's interior and to reorganize departments for efficiency and cost savings. Kline promoted an informal atmosphere and encouraged questions from the staff.



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