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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Peta Tinda

New Council — Newly elected Grand Ronde Tribal Council members (from left) Wesley "Buddy" West, Angie Blackwell and Chris Mercier took their oaths of office on Wednesday, September 15 at the Tribal Governance center. Of 3,713 votes cast 45 percent went to West, Blackwell and Mercier. This year, 63 percent of Tribal voters cast ballots. The number of registered voters was up to 2,128 from 2020 at last year's elections.



Photo by Marty George

Opening Gift — Tribal member Lisa Adams presents Social Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Manager Ron Hudson with a beaded necklace, one of many made by Tribal members for guests on the opening day Friday, September 17, at the new Portland Office. A total of 86 percent of Tribal members in Portland who answered a 2002 Tribal survey about the Portland satellite office said they would use it as a first step in seeking Tribal services. The offices will have the following services: vocational rehabilitation, employment and training, education, behavioral health counseling and cultural activities. **Story on page 8.**

National Museum Of The American Indian Opens In Washington, D.C.

■ The Smithsonian's newest site is located on the Capital Mall.

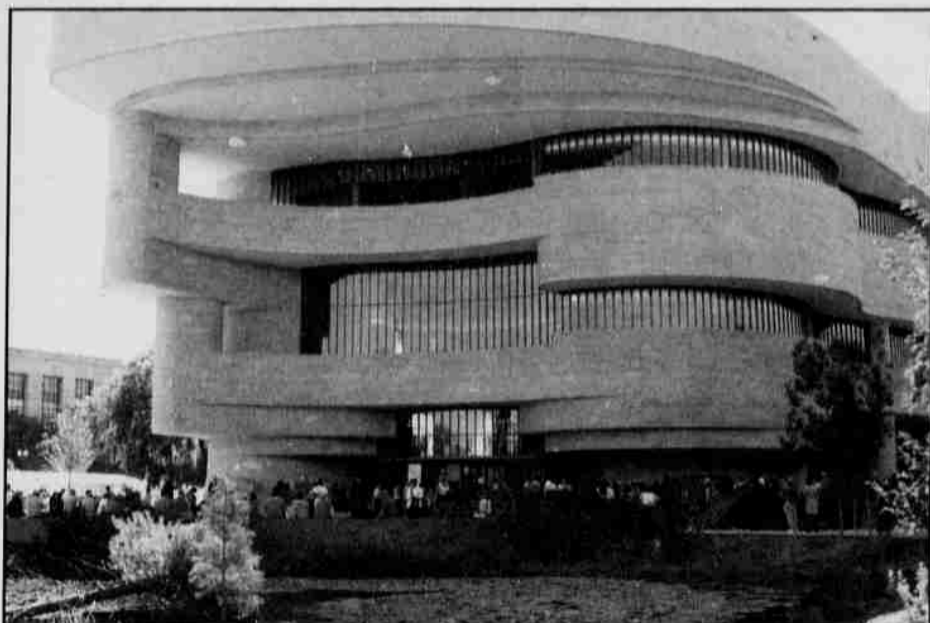


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Timeline — The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. officially opened on Tuesday, September 21. The Kosota limestone clad exterior of the newest national museum evokes the windswept mesas of the desert southwest. Thousands of Natives, including a delegation from Grand Ronde, marched in a grand procession down the Capitol Mall during opening ceremony held at the east-facing entrance of the building, shown here.

By Peta Tinda

Thousands of Native Americans converged on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, the newest of the Smithsonian buildings. It occupies the last spot on the Capitol Mall.

Members of nearly 500 Native Nations, including a delegation from the Grand Ronde Tribe,

walked, danced and marched down the Capitol Mall as part of an immense procession.

Estimates for crowd turnout ran as high as 80,000 people.

Thousands of other people, including tourists, office workers and spectators, watched as the proces-

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