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Photos by Ron Karten

Plane Crash Claims Three Young Lives

■ Tribal member Travis Hofenbredl, 16, walks on.

By Ron Karten

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again.

These were some of the words in memory of Tribal member Travis "Fuzz" Darwin Hofenbredl, 16 years old when a red and white 1971 Piper Cherokee went down in thick woods in the Van Duzer Corridor on October 14.

Memories also came from family and friends of Ross Havel, 18, pilot of the plane, and his friend, Kristi Ward, 16, a passenger. The friends, each described as special in a unique way and full of life, were sailing through the air scouting elk for the opening of the hunting season at the time of the still unexplained tragedy.

The plane, 45 minutes to an hour out of McMinnville, came down nose first in the thick woods about five miles east of the entrance to the Van Duzer Corridor. The plane that a witness said was flying "real low and real slow," according to Lieutenant Ed Stallard, investigating for the Lincoln County Sheriff's

office, crashed at about the 2,750-foot level of Saddle Bag Mountain, killing the teens on impact. The plane ended on its back with the fuselage in flames. Debris scattered along a 140-foot crash path.

The pilot has been praised as experienced and diligent at Cirrus Aviation LLC at the McMinnville Municipal Airport. Cirrus owned the plane, and Havel worked for Cirrus. Havel rented the plane on the afternoon of the crash, and the hunt for the teens began when the Piper did not return that evening as scheduled.

"Genius," is the word that Carrie Zimbrick, Vice Principal and Special Education Director of Willamina High School used to describe Havel, who had been a student there. "He was incredible," she said. "His depth of knowledge and

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Photo by Toby McClary

We Will Never Forget — Family and friends set up a memorial for Tribal member Travis Hofenbredl and two other teens, Ross Havel and Kristi Ward, who died in a fatal plane crash on Thursday, October 14, about eight miles from Grand Ronde.

Tiny Trick Or Treaters Terrorize Tribal Offices



Spooky — The children from the Before and Aftercare Program participated in Halloween trick or treating at the Tribal offices on Friday, October 29, 2004. The kids made their rounds and were given treats by Tribal employees from each department.

Photo by Toby McClary

Annual Tribal Government-To-Government Summit Held At Umatilla Reservation

■ Governor leaves before Tribal Chairs complete their statements.

By Peta Tinda

In 2001, the Oregon State Legislature passed SB 770, a statute that outlines a process to promote positive Tribal and state government-to-government relations.

One of the requirements is an annual summit, which was held this year at Wildhorse Casino in Pendleton.

Representatives from all nine federally recognized Oregon Tribes were at the summit to discuss the ways to work together with state and local governments. About 250 Tribal officials and department directors attended the summit.

A delegation of about 20 Grand

Ronde Tribal Council members and department managers were at the summit.

Governor Ted Kulongoski spoke to gathered Tribal leaders.

"The relationship between Oregon state government and the Indian sovereign nations will continue to be enhanced as a result of meeting together, sharing information and traditions and collaborating on projects," said Kulongoski. "The annual meeting provides an excellent opportunity to build on

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Recognition — Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy speaks to Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski while Cow Creek Chairwoman Sue Shaffer (right) listens to Kennedy at the Annual State/Tribal Government Summit held in Pendleton and hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla.

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