

Grand Ronde Tribe Selects New Community Fund Director

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managed a federal grant that provided prevention and intervention assistance to 14 school districts in Marion and Polk counties.

Backed by \$9 million from the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Justice, Safe Schools/Healthy Students provided mental health assessments for nearly 900 students, said Hansen.

"The striking thing about that number," she said, "is that over 700 were supplementing a suicide risk assessment."

The program also provided an anti-bullying curriculum and assisted schools in developing anti-bullying policies and procedures "so the behavior doesn't escalate," she said.

As part of the grant, Hansen distributed \$600,000 to non-profits that would help the program reach its goals, an ideal preparation for heading up the Tribal program that distributes some \$4-



Photo by Angie Sears

Closing In On \$30 Million In Giving—Since 1997, the Tribe through the Spirit Mountain Community Fund has contributed nearly \$1.2 million to the Portland Art Museum, and serves as a major sponsor of the People of the River exhibit, presented earlier this year and shown above.

plus million a year to non-profits and other community groups in the neighboring areas.

In fact, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund has given away nearly \$30 million (six percent of the casino's profits) since the casino opened in 1995, and to many of the same organizations that Hansen has worked with in the Salem-

Keizer school district.

Five years as an accountant. Five years helping small businesses grow and develop. And five years helping the Spirit Mountain Development Corporation manage Tribal funds also paved Hansen's way to the Community Fund. For much of that time, she also has been a part-time broker with John L. Scott Realty of Salem.

Hansen is a single mom, and is raising her 16-year-old daughter, Tribal member Kayla Leno. Kayla will be a junior at North Salem High in the fall.

Having just bought a new house in Salem, Hansen said that, by necessity, she also is becoming a remodeler.

"For the Community Fund, I want to continue doing the good things that the Tribe and Board have been doing," she said. I want to continue looking at new philanthropy options to meet critical needs. And I want to continue building the relationship between the council, the Board and staff."

"I think her experience was a big item," said Cliff Adams, General Manager for the Tribe and part of the selection committee that chose Hansen for the job. "I think it was her skills and experience."

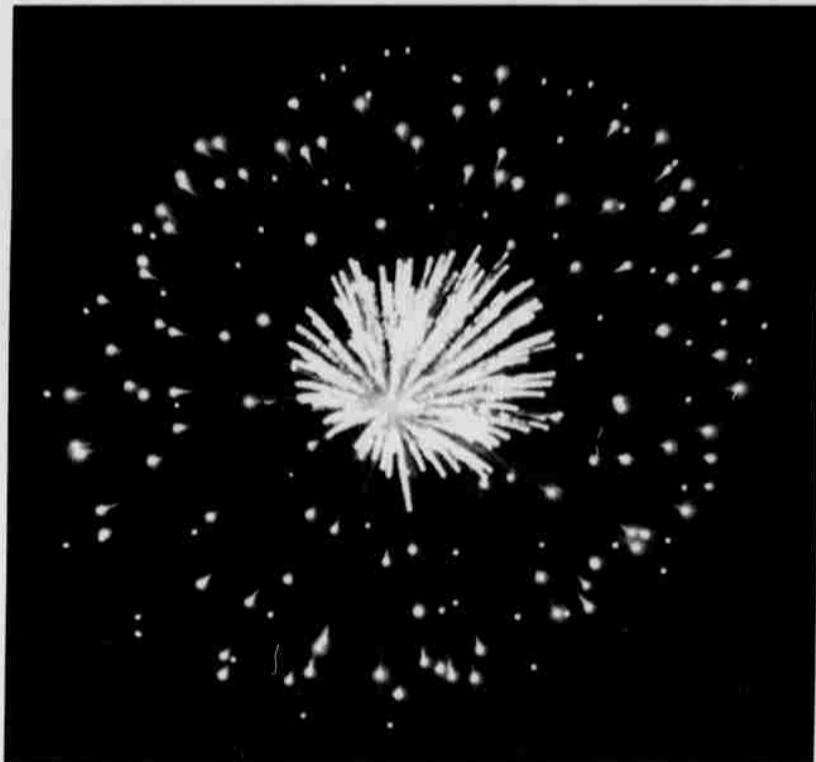
Hansen believes that Tribal programs ought to be uniformly better than local, state or federal programs.

"For a blond-haired, blue-eyed Indian, I'm pretty Indian," she said.

Tribal Royalty Takes "Blue Ribbon" At West Valley 4th Of July Parade



Top Honors—The Grand Ronde entry in the Willamina Old Fashioned Fourth of July Parade (below) carried Tribal royalty, including Senior Queen Kayla Kneeland, Junior Queen Leah Brisbois, princesses Brook Stewart, Kallie Provost and Nakoosa Moreland and Little Miss Grand Ronde Melissa Biery in the pickup shown above. Three trucks carried the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Royalty and together, they took the parade's Blue Ribbon. A second vehicle, also a pickup, carried princesses Promise Rimer and Maria Ramirez. The third vehicle, a van, carried Princess Mary Lopez on the top. Tribal Elders Donna Casey and Margaret Provost and Royalty Board members coordinated the Tribal entries. Many from the West Valley Cruisers car club, (above) who were holding their annual car show at the Willamina High School, drove in the parade afterwards.



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