

## Out Of The Rain And Into The Hollywood Spotlight

■ Tribal member Candace Modrell turns reality TV career into "commercial" success.

By Toby McClary

You may have already seen Tribal member Candace Modrell and not even have known it. Modrell was recently cast in a nation-wide commercial for the nation's largest closeout retailer, Big Lots.

Modrell explained that she was just shopping at Big Lots one day and was approached by a casting member asking her whether or not she wanted to try out for an upcoming ad campaign promoting Big Lots.

"I thought why not," said Modrell. "This could be kind of cool."

They asked Modrell to bring a close friend or relative who had never been to Big Lots. After thinking it over, Modrell decided to ask her good friend Kacey who Candace described as "high maintenance and someone that would never shop at Big Lots."

Candace and Kacey then went to their first appointment with the casting crew and were asked many questions, some personal and some about their shopping habits.

Within several days of their first interview, they were asked to come back and film the commercial.

"I was so scared because I thought we were going to look stupid," said Modrell. "But we just shopped around like normal people and they said it was exactly what they were looking for."

The idea behind the Big Lots promotion was to find "real" people with "real" lives and film them exploring the store together as a true documentary. The commercial can be viewed on the Big Lots website at: [www.biglots.com](http://www.biglots.com). Just click on the TV Commercials icon to view.

Beginning life as a small-town girl, growing up in Springfield, Oregon, Modrell quickly discovered a desire for a taste of the big-city life. She graduated from Thurston High School in Springfield and attended college at Lane Community College in Eugene before packing up and moving to Los Angeles, California where her sister was already living.

"I wanted to experience something exciting," said Modrell. "And

I wanted to get away from the rain."

Now being cast in a nation-wide commercial might seem pretty exciting but Modrell's everyday life could possibly be just as interesting. After working her way through the ranks, Modrell is now the Lead Production Accountant for Mark Burnett Productions. Mark Burnett is a well-known producer creating several award-winning reality shows such as Survivor, The Apprentice and Rock Star: INXS.

"Mark Burnett is a very nice man to work for," said Modrell. "Whether I'm working on a specific show or not, I always get invited to the premiere parties."

Though Modrell leads a very exciting and interesting lifestyle, she seems to remain fairly modest hoping to one day fulfill her dream of opening a doggy daycare because of her love for dogs.

"I'm a dog rescuer as well," said Modrell. "I currently own four dogs. They take up a lot of my time but they are definitely worth it."



Tribal member  
Candace Modrell

When asked about her future in the world of Hollywood, Modrell had this to say:

"If more of these kind of things came up, I would certainly do them," she said. "But I don't think I will pursue a career in acting." ■

## 2006 Grand Ronde Tribal Community Meetings Notice

This year the Tribal Member Community Meetings for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have been scheduled to discuss the prioritization of Tribal programs and services and membership enrollment issues. An informal open house, focused on available Tribal programs, will precede each of the meetings that take place away from Grand Ronde. Your participation in these meetings is needed to help lay out the future of the Tribe. A full buffet meal will be served at each meeting.

### Monday, May 1, 2006

5 p.m. Open house  
6 p.m. Dinner

Valley River Inn (Willamette Ballroom)  
1000 Valley River Way  
Eugene, Oregon 97401

*Directions: From I-5 take exit 194b (I 105 west); then take the second exit (marked #1 Delta Highway / Santa Clara, Junction City) and merge to the left lane; then take the 1st exit to Valley River Center; go over the overpass; turn left onto Valley River Way and the hotel is on the left at the end of the road.*

### Sunday, May 7, 2006

11 a.m. Start  
12 p.m. Lunch

Grand Ronde Gym (the meal will be held in the Community Center)  
Grand Ronde, Oregon

*This meeting will include the Regular General Council Meeting but the presentation and discussion will be the same as the other community meetings. It will then be followed by new business.*

### Sunday, May 21, 2006

11 a.m. Open house  
12 p.m. Lunch

LaQuinta Inn  
32124 25th Avenue South  
Federal Way, Washington 98003

*Directions: Take exit #143 (320th Street) off I-5 and turn west onto 320th. Then go about two blocks and turn left onto 25th Avenue. This hotel is just off I-5 and is 2 blocks east of SeaTac Mall (which is now called The Commons at Federal Way).*

### Monday, May 22, 2006

5 p.m. Open house  
6 p.m. Dinner

Embassy Suites Hotel Portland Airport (Spruce & Pine Rooms)  
7900 N.E. 82nd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97220

*Directions: From I-5 take the Banfield Fwy (I-84) to I-205 and head north to the Airport and take the Airport exit (#24) onto Airport Way. Then take a left at 82nd Avenue (the hotel sets on the south side of the road and 82nd is the very first traffic light).*

There will be a drawing for door prizes at the end of each community meeting. For additional information call the Planning & Grants Development Department at 503-879-2250. If you can not attend and wish to comment on Tribal goal setting please write to Mr. Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Development, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Comments from these meetings will be used in guiding programs and in preparing grant applications (e.g. ICDBG, ANA, HeadStart).

