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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Toby McClary

Light As A Feather — Siletz Tribal member Tristan Metcalf, 14, dances a Siletz traditional dance known as "The Feather Dance" during the Youth Leadership Conference held at the Education Complex from Thursday, April 27 through Saturday April 29. Metcalf has been participating in the dance since he was four years old. **SEE PULLOUT INSIDE.**

Human Resources Walking Challenge



Photo by Toby McClary

Travel Advance — Administrative Assistant for Vocational Rehabilitation Lindy Jirek (l) and Adult Foster Care Director Joan Englund participate in the employee 100-mile summer walking challenge put on by the Tribe's Human Resources Department. It began April 17 and continues through September 8.

Tribal Community Meetings Underway

■ Portland and Federal Way, Washington meetings still ahead.

By Ron Karten & Toby McClary

Tribal community meetings in Canyonville (April 30) and Eugene (May 1) enabled Tribal members in the southern part of the state to focus on prioritizing Tribal services and programs. One in Grand Ronde (May 7) was held in conjunction with the monthly first-Sunday Tribal Council meetings. And two more, one in Federal Way, Washington (May 21), and a final one in Portland (May 22), will provide

the widest access ever to members in the region.

"The focus was different this year due to the challenge posed by off-Reservation and non-Indian gaming proposals," said Tribal Planning & Grants Development Manager Kim Rogers, who organized the meetings, "and the need for the Tribe to plan for these challenges."

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Community Leader — Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom (standing) discusses Tribal investments during the April 30 Tribal community meeting held at the Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort in Canyonville, Oregon. About 70 Tribal members attended the meeting.



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