

Tribe Holds Annual Honor and Recognition Ceremony In Grand Ronde

■ 135 Tribal members recognized for educational achievement.

By Ron Karten

This year's Education Division Honor and Recognition Awards filled the gym with the young and the eager and the beautiful along with their proud, doting and picture-taking parents. And there was a lot to be both proud and thankful for.

Tribal member Alicia Selwyn, who will attend Portland State University in the fall, said that her success so far has come with "a lot of self-motivation," and in "times that I struggled, the Education Department had my back."

As a one-time intern in New York City for the Museum of Natural History, Selwyn added, "It's all about taking advantage of the opportunities as they come."

Tribal member Allison Empey, a recent graduate from Stanford University, encouraged younger students about "not being afraid to set high goals and believing you can reach them."

"My family was vital to my success. I encourage all parents here to stay involved in your kids' education."

"You are tougher than you think so rise to the challenge."

"Keep going," is the advice that Tribal member Chris Martin had for the audience.

Four were celebrated for earning graduate degrees, 11 for bachelor degrees, three for Associate Degrees, 6 for Trade Certificate degrees, 19 for GED degrees, 37 for High School degrees, 21 for



Tribal member & Education Manager Jackie Grant

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Drummers — Community member Crystal Chulik (Tlinget), singing and drumming at the center of the picture, has been active in the community, and done well in school despite many difficulties. Her mom, Lee Chulik, sits to her right, or left as you look at the picture.

8th Grade graduation, and 12 for pre-school and HeadStart graduates.

Fifteen full-time undergraduate students were recognized for receiving Tribal Scholarships, as was one part-time undergraduate. Eight full-time graduate students were recognized as were three full-time Vocational Training students and one part-time Adult Vocational Training student. And this year's Eula Petite recipient also was honored.

Pre-school graduates all received the book, *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Trout*, and indi-

vidual eagle feathers. Older grads received blankets.

Community member Crystal Chulik (Tlinget), daughter of Wayne and Lee, all who have been involved in the Grand Ronde community for years, fought back from a devastating car accident six years ago and some personal difficulties along the way to graduate from McMinnville High School in 2001, and from Chemeketa this year with an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree, enabling her to go to Oregon State in the fall. ■

Parenting Class Held In Grand Ronde



Photo by Toby McClary

Success — The Housing, Social Services and Education Departments sponsored a 13-week "Making Parenting A Pleasure" course in Grand Ronde. There were 13 graduates including Tribal member Erica Mercier pictured here with Parent Instructor Tiffany Otis.

HeadStart Conference Held In D.C.

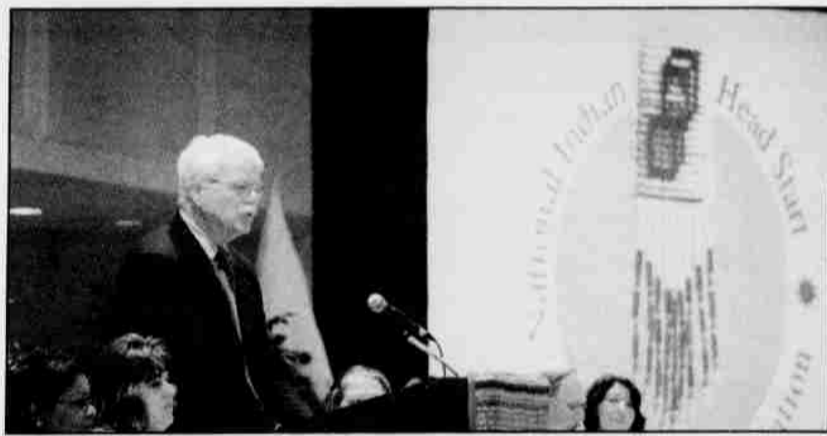


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Education Importance — The National Indian HeadStart Directors Association conference was held in Washington, D.C. on the week of June 18- 22. Congressman George Miller spoke of the importance of HeadStart funds and education as a whole during the closing ceremonies.

Hide Tanning Workshop Held



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Hide & Seek — From left is Rodney Suderman, Marilyn Kamna and in the background, Tribal member Lewis Riggs, all part of the Hide Tanning Class held in early June. Students learned how to remove the flesh from the hide and soak the hide. They worked on antelope, raccoon and bear skins. Part two of the class was unscheduled as *Smoke Signals* went to press, but it is planned for August. Students will learn finishing techniques in the second class.

Family Night In Grand Ronde

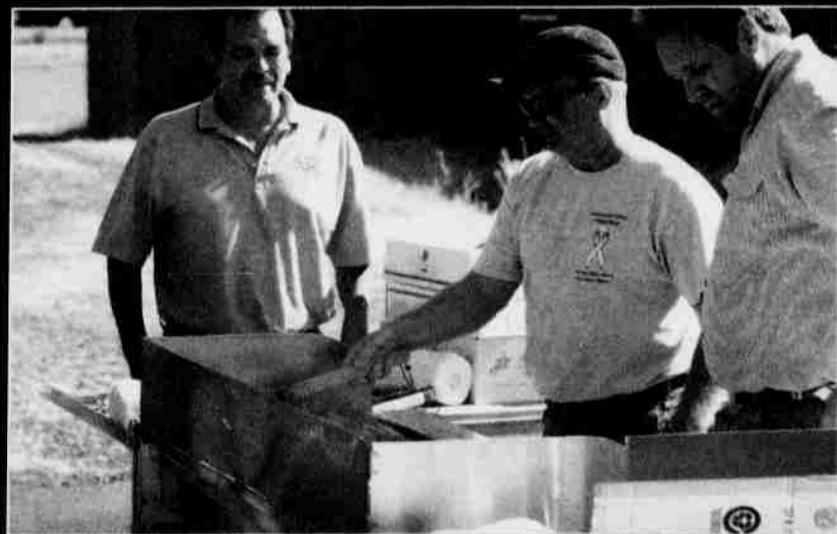


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Family Night Cook Out — A recent Family Night in Grand Ronde drew master barbequers (from left) Post Treatment Services Coordinator Joe Martineau (Minnesota Chippewa/Fond du Lac), Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Social Services Manager Dave Fullerton.