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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Toby McClary

On Saturday, September 30, Grand Ronde held a blessing for the Nitchaqwli Posts at Blue Lake near Fairview. Here, Tribal members Trey George (l to r), Tynan George, Jon George, Greg Archuleta and Chinook Tribal members Tony Johnson and Mary Johnson sing an honor song. STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 9.

Woman Of Distinction



Photo by Toby McClary

On Wednesday, October 4, Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison was one of five women of Oregon named "Women of Distinction" by Marylhurst University. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

Tribe Hosts Indian Child Welfare Workers

■ Many sessions aim at understanding Indian ways.

By Ron Karten

Tribal member and the Tribe's Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Lead Caseworker Kristi Petite has the perfect voice for fostering understanding between Indian children and non-Indian child welfare workers.

Brought up with both Indian and non-Indian grandparents, she described differences to an overflow crowd at the Spirit Mountain Casino on September 27 and 28. More than 200 from across the state, came to the 2006 Oregon Tribal/State ICWA Conference, called "Reaching a Common Voice: Working from an Indigenous Perspective."

The conference provided a number of forums to acquaint non-Indian workers with local Indian life.

You have to know to ask whether an Indian family wants to smudge or pray before other discussions begin, said Petite. "It changes the tone. It can be very productive."

In general, she said, Indians value the group over the individual, cooperation over

competition, place respect and self-respect high among values, believe in giving children much freedom to

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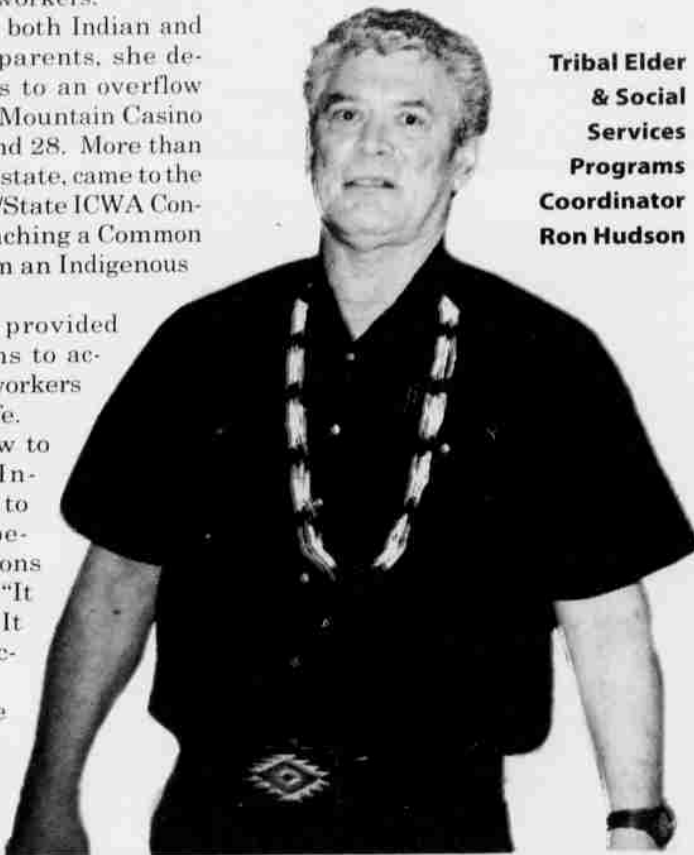


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