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UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



Photo by Ron Kerten

Tony Johnson, Chinook Culture Committee Chair and Education Coordinator for Grand Ronde's Cultural Resources Department, welcomes friends and guests to the Winter Gathering of the Chinook's Cathlapotle Plankhouse on Saturday, January 20. STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 3.

Hawk's Eye View



Photo by Toby McClary

This photo was taken near Grand Ronde earlier this winter. Hawks are swift fliers and some can attain speeds of 150 miles per hour when diving. As proof of their strength and stamina, some species of hawks will travel thousands of miles each year.

Elder's Feature

Sports, Timber Industry, Tribal Council Make For A Good Life

By Toby McClary

Athletic ability, a lifetime of logging and three terms on Tribal Council have made Tribal Elder Leon "Chips" Tom an icon around Grand Ronde. Not to mention his face being plastered on billboards all across the state of Oregon.

A HISTORY OF "CHIPS"

Leon Clinton Tom was born to Michael Clinton Tom and Cora (Voutrin) Tom on July 15, 1928. He was born in Grand Ronde and spent much of his childhood there. He attended Grand Ronde Elementary, Willamina High School as well as Chemawa Indian School through different periods of his childhood.

"I had a good childhood," said Tom. "What I mean is that I never experienced going hungry or anything like that."

He stated that life in Grand Ronde (when he grew up) was "just

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Wilmer "Bud" Leno (I) and Leon "Chips" Tom dressed in their baseball uniforms in the 1950's.

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