

Tribe Sponsors Sept. 15 Beach Cleanup Event

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is a major sponsor of this year's 23rd annual SOLV Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.

Volunteers will participate at 42 sites up and down the Oregon coast. Volunteers only need to check in, pick up a litter bag and head down to the beach of their choice to help clean up the coast for wildlife, visitors and Oregonians.

Groups of 20 people or more are asked to register in advance at www.solv.org or by calling 503-844-9571 or toll free in Oregon at 800-333-7658.

Volunteers should bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes and be safe while removing marine debris and litter.

"Marine debris takes a heavy toll on the environment, wildlife and even the local economy," said Jack McGowan, SOLV executive director. "We hope everyone who enjoys the beach's splendor takes their environmental duty seriously and joins us in this great event."

Founded in 1969 by then-Gov. Tom McCall, SOLV unites government agencies, businesses and individuals in programs and projects to improve the state's livability. Since 1984, almost 175,000 volunteers have collected more than 1,000 tons of trash from Oregon's 363-mile coastline. ■

Youths Devour Books During Summer

■ Reading program turns children into page-turners

By Erika Merrill

Summer Youth employee

Imagine reading almost 20 books in a month over the summer.

That's what Tribal children did on average as part of the Summer Youth Program, which started June 1 and ended Aug. 10. The program is supervised and coordinated by Tribal librarian Marion Mercier.

"The summer reading program was a huge success as 14 children reading 275 books in a matter of a little over a month is a great thing," Mercier said.

Mercier has offered the program for three years and plans on doing it for many more to come. The children enjoy it, she said.

Twenty-six youths signed up for the

program this year. Fourteen readers between 4 and 12 years of age were active in the reading program. Among the 14 active readers, a total of 9,795 minutes were spent reading and 275 books were finished.

The top reader was 12-year-old Tribal member Rudy Martinez with a total of 2,475 minutes, or more than 41 hours. The student who read the most books was 5-year-old Tribal member Josh Henry with a total of 47 books.

Active readers received reading certificates and gift awards.

Every year the library's reading program has a theme. This summer's theme was "get a clue," and youth participated in different activities inspired by the theme. ■



Summer reading participants and Tribal members, from left, were Hannah McCallister, Ryan Williams, Rudy Martinez and Connor McCallister.

UNMARKED GRAVE SITES IN GRAND RONDE

We need your help — If anyone knows the location of an unmarked grave or knows the name of someone who was buried at the Grand Ronde Cemetery and their grave has not been marked, please contact Mike Larsen, Facilities Manager, at 503-879-2407.

Political Season



Tribal member Greg Archuleta (above) spoke on behalf of the Tribe at Clackamette Park in Oregon City on Wednesday, Sept. 5. The engagement was part of a two-day boat trip from Eugene to Portland that Congresswoman Darlene Hooley (background) embarked on in hopes of reconnecting Oregonians to the Willamette River.

Oregon Sen. Kate Brown (below) visited the Tribe on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Brown is running for Secretary of State and was seeking the Tribe's support.



Photos by Toby McClary

Elder Education, Protection Day Slated

An Elder Education and Protection Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Community Center on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. The event is sponsored by the Grande Ronde Coalition For a Drug-Free Community and other local agencies.

There will be education, protection and health informational booths, as well as a dinner, survey and raffle drawings from noon to 3 p.m.

Each Elder will receive a raffle ticket and Elders who fill out a survey will be included in a draw for money prizes at the end of the day.

For more information, call Lori Walker at 503-580-9658. ■

Willamina High School Class Reunion



Leonard Fischer (Class of '57), Ellen Fischer (Class of '60), Peachie Hamm (Class of '58), Gene LaBonte (Class of '59), Darlene Reeves (Class of '57), Barbara McKnight (Class of '57) and Cherie Butler (Class of '60) gathered at Spirit Mountain Casino for a Willamina High School 50th Class Reunion on Sept. 7.

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