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Tribe receives ANA grant for museum center design

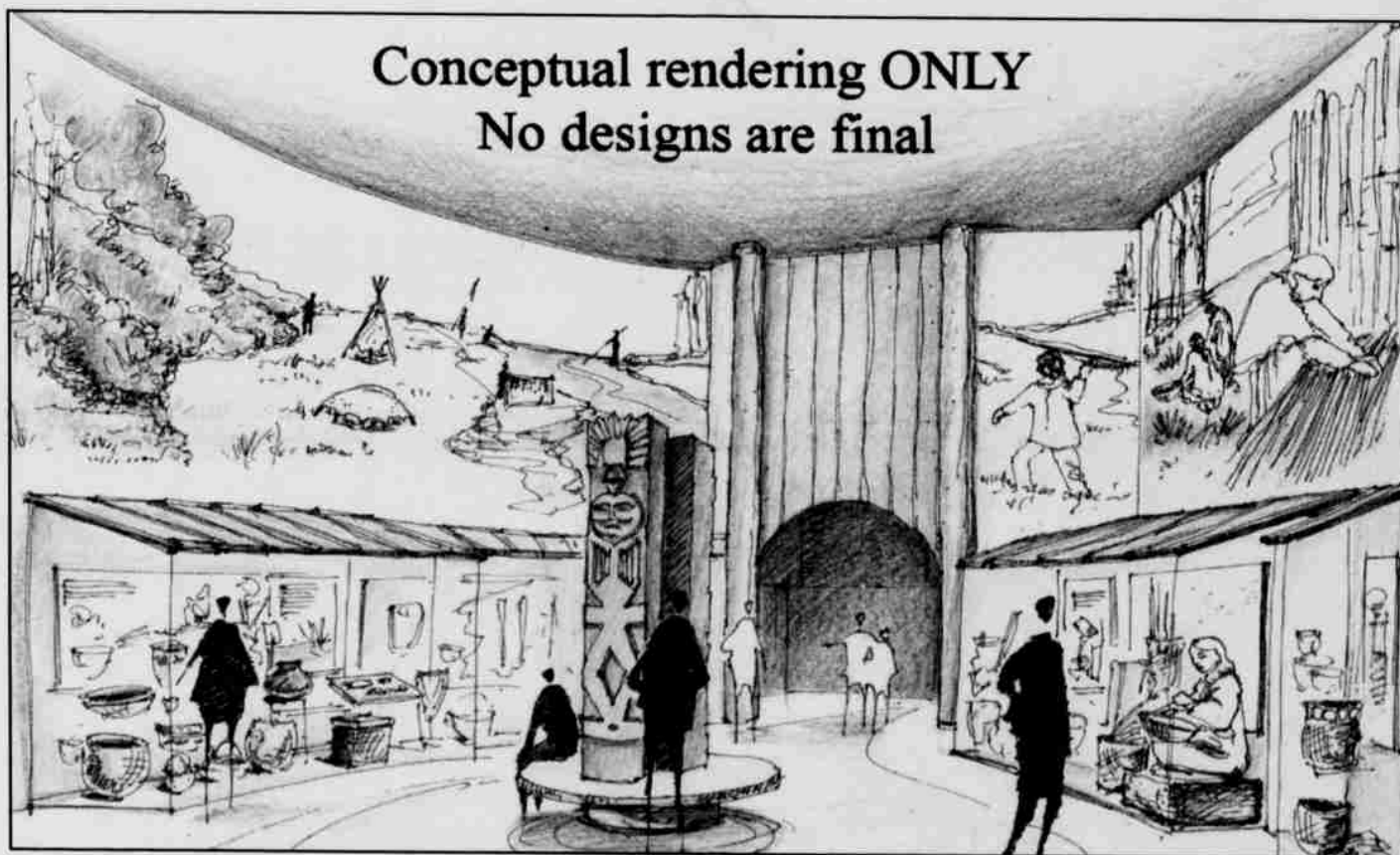
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has received a two-year \$368,462 grant from the Administration for Native Americans for the architectural schematic design of the Tribe's planned museum and cultural center.

The two-year project will include surveying, soils analysis, wetland and archaeological site assessment, and preliminary interpretive design of exhibit space.

The grant also supports Tribal collections conservation projects, appraisal of existing collections and classes for training artisans in carving, basketry and stone work.

The Tribe is providing \$52,000 in matching funds for the schematic design as part of its 20 percent match share with most of the other funds coming from in-kind staff time on the project.

The project architect is Jones & Jones of Seattle, which was selected



Yamhill Site Analysis diagram by Jones & Jones

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New navigator helps cancer patients combat disease

Jasen Henderson aids people in tapping into resources

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Perhaps one of the greatest life-changing moments is receiving a diagnosis of cancer.

The medical finding can detour patients from their comfortable daily routine to a scary, unanticipated journey.

Now, Grand Ronde Tribal members, their spouses and other members of Native American Tribes have an advocate at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center to help them navigate the potentially confusing landscape of the cancer health care system.

Starting on Jan. 1, Jasen Henderson, who has worked for the Tribe for almost seven years and is a cer-

tified medical assistant, became the clinic's cancer navigator.

Henderson's new job entails helping cancer patients with understanding their diagnosis, managing their medications, figuring out how to pay for treatment, making and finding transportation to appointments, communicating with



Photo by Dean Rhodes

New Tribal cancer navigator Jasen Henderson will help patients battle cancer. Henderson has worked at for the Tribe for almost seven years.

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Tribal Court system adds Peacemaker program

By Angie Sears

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In an attempt to decrease the number of Tribal members entering the courtroom, the Tribal Court system has introduced a new program that is designed to help Tribal and community members solve and settle disputes before going to trial.

In 2007, there were 33 legal cases filed within the Grand Ronde Tribal Court system. Of those 33 cases, only six were Indian Child Welfare

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