

McKnight to make pro debut

Tribal member Jake McKnight will make his professional debut as a mixed martial arts fighter at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the May Massacre event being held at the Salem Armory Auditorium.

Tickets are \$29 and there are 12 fights on the bill. McKnight will take on Ray Armstrong.

McKnight, 30, works in the Natural Resources Department. He was featured in a July 1, 2006, *Smoke Signals* article.

Mixed martial arts, the style of fighting popularized in the Ultimate Fighting Championship, includes jiu-jitsu, judo, karate, boxing, kickboxing, wrestling and other fighting styles.

McKnight has wrestled throughout his life and also boxed.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474 or jake.mcknight@grandronde.org. ■



Jake McKnight

New York interns selected

Three Tribal members were picked to participate as 2008 interns at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The internships will start June 6 and run through June 28.

Those selected are Joseph Ham, a junior at West Salem High School and son of Daniel and Denise Ham; James Hallicola, a junior at Willamina High School and son of Ardyth Hoffer-Hallicola; and Jacob Tasa, a sophomore at Redmond High School and son of Lawrence and Patricia Tasa. ■

'Grand' winner



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

At the Tribal Elder's lunch on March 27, the Tribe held a cash prize drawing for those who participated in the Social & Economic Membership Survey. Virginia Roof of Grand Ronde, pictured here with Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., was drawn for the \$1,000 prize. JoBeth Harry of Nottingham, Md., was drawn as the \$500 prize winner and Deborah Langley of McFarland, Calif., was drawn as the \$250 winner. The \$100 winners were Erin Bernando, Christopher Cook, Tamera Thompson, Khani Schultz and Karen Lord. A second drawing is planned for four Pendleton blankets. If you have not sent back your survey questionnaire, please do so. The information will be used in planning future Tribal services and development.

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



CALLING ALL KIDS! IT'S POSTER CONTEST TIME!

The AMERIND Risk Management Corporation, 2008 National Fire and Home Safety Poster Contest, for children currently in grades K through 8 (only one entry per child) is under way.

All posters entered are to illustrate a fire safety theme, and must be originals created by the child in crayon, markers or paint, drawn horizontally on 8.5" x 11" paper (no pencils, please).

This year's winner of the poster contest will receive a \$2,000 Savings Bond in his or her name.

Entry forms are available through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority, 28450 Tyee Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, or by calling Joani Dugger at 503-879-1804 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1804.

All entries must be submitted to the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority Office no later than Monday, May 5.

Grand Ronde Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe is operating its own Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist income eligible Grand Ronde Tribal members with energy payments (utility bills, firewood, etc.), energy emergencies and weatherization (e.g. furnace repairs).

Households with an adult Grand Ronde Tribal member are eligible to apply within Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook and Clackamas counties. CTGR members in these counties need to contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance instead of from the community action agency in their area. Grand Ronde's program enables more CTGR members to be served than would otherwise have been possible.

If you are interested in obtaining services, contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization. The Tribe's LIHEAP program also serves all income eligible Indians on Grand Ronde Reservation or trust land.



Basket class scheduled

The Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department has scheduled a Chinuk cross warp basket class in May.

"Chinuk Cross Warp Basket" will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 10. There is no limit to the number of participants.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Misty Thorsgard at 800-422-0232, ext. 2320, or e-mail misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org. ■

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