

Taking a dip



Photo by Summer Youth employee Bianca Rose

Tribal member J.C. Rogers, 7, swims in the YMCA pool in Independence during a K-5 summer program trip on Wednesday, June 18. About 30 youths went on the trip, which also included a stop at Independence City Park for lunch.

Tribal Council election information

The Tribal Election Office will be open 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday through Sept. 5.

For more information, call the office at 800-422-0232, ext. 2271, or 503-879-2271.

Ballots for the Sept. 6 Tribal Council election are scheduled to go out on July 23. Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. Sept. 5.

Tribal Council nominations were completed on June 29 and Tribal Council candidate statements will appear in a special *Tilixum Wawa* to be mailed in July. See the next issue of *Smoke Signals* for a roundup of who is running for three open Tribal Council seats in the election.

Tribal Council candidates have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, to submit their campaign statements for a special edition *Tilixum Wawa* to be mailed out to the Tribal membership the week of July 21.

Candidates have a 600-word limit on their statements. Statements can be submitted by mail to the Publications Department at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; by fax to 503-879-2173; or by e-mail to news@grandronde.org. If faxing your statement, please call Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 to confirm receipt.

Candidates also have until July 16 to either submit a portrait or arrange with Tribal photojournalist Michelle Alaimo to sit for a portrait in the Tribal Governance Center. Alaimo can be reached at 503-879-1961.

Campaign statements and photos will not be accepted after 5 p.m. July 16. ■

Potlatch Fund seeks applicants

The Potlatch Fund is seeking applicants for its 2008 Native Arts Granting Cycle, which offers grants from \$500 to \$5,000 to benefit Native arts and cultures in the Northwest.

Arts and culture projects must be active during the granting period of October 2008 through September 2009.

The Native Arts grants are designed for individual Native artists for their projects or for Native organizations for arts projects.

Projects must promote, reflect and be rooted in traditional Native arts and cultures in the Northwest and can include, but are not limited to, wood carving, painting, dancing, storytelling, writing, photography, printmaking, songs, beading and basket weaving.

Native Americans who live in Washington, Oregon, Idaho or Montana can apply, as well as Native American organizations in those four states.

For more information or to obtain an application, go to <http://potlatchfund.org/grants/> or write Potlatch Fund, Attn: Lawrence Leake, 801 Second Ave., Suite 304, Seattle, WA 98104.

Applications must be postmarked by July 18. Handwritten, late, faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. ■

Veterans Powwow set for July 11-13

The Grand Ronde Annual Veterans Powwow will be held July 11-13 at the new Tribal Powwow Grounds near Fort Yamhill State Park on the east side of Oregon 22, one mile north of Highway 18.

The powwow begins 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, with grand entry. Saturday's events start at noon and 6 p.m. with grand entries and Sunday's grand entry is slated for noon.

Wocus Bay is the host drum and Nick Sixkiller and Tribal Elder Bob Tom will be the masters of ceremony.

In addition, Victory Fry will be the Whipman, Gilbert Towner the Head Man Dancer and Jhanna Fry the Head Woman Dancer.

All veterans and the general public are welcome, as well as all drums and dancers.

The event will be alcohol- and drug-free, and political campaigning is not allowed. In addition, display of protect species products or pipestones is prohibited. ■

Classes ongoing in Portland

Chinuk Wawa and Carving classes are ongoing Wednesday nights at the Tribe's Portland office at 3312 S.W. Kelly Ave.

Chinuk Wawa is offered from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m., and the Carving class if offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Cultural Education Specialist Misty Thorsgard at 800-422-0232, ext. 2320, or e-mail misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org, or call the Portland office at 503-235-4230.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **Recreation Program Assistant**
(temporary 6 months)
Public Works
Grade: 5
Closing date: July 8

■ **Forest Patrol Officers**
Natural Resources
Grade: 8
Closing date: July 11

■ **Human Resources Assistant**
Human Resources
Grade: 7
Closing date: July 11

*Application materials must be received in Human Resources by 5 p.m. on the closing date.

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **ICW Caseworker**
Social Services
Grade: 10
Open until filled

For a detailed job description, please contact the Tribe's job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877-TRIBEGR.

Internal applicants are

1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month Introductory period, receiving at least a "meets expectations" on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,
2. Grand Ronde Tribal members
3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or
4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment
For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members
 - a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children
3. Current regular employees

THE BASICS: SELLING ON EBAY
July 26, 2008
ONE-DAY CLASS (6 hours) ~ [includes workbook]

BEYOND THE BASICS: TECHNIQUES FOR THE SERIOUS SELLER
Aug. 2, 2008
ONE-DAY CLASS (6 hours) ~ [includes workbook]

Both classes are free to the first 15 students who register and will be held in the Adult Education Computer Lab from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. on the listed days. To register for the workshop please contact Joshua Clift, Noncredit Program Coordinator, at 800-422-0232, ext. 1632, or Joshua.Clift@grandronde.org.