

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

Tuesday, June 24, the National Indian Head Start Conference was held in Portland, Ore., for the very first time. We were honored with a warm welcome to the opening session by Cheryle Kennedy, posting of colors by the Grand Ronde Honor Guard and drumming by Eagle Beak.

On Wednesday, June 25, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted an evening cultural event for the 350 participants who traveled from all over the United States and Canada. The event included transportation from the Red Lion on the River to the plankhouse in Ridgefield, Wash., where the guests were served a meal of Northwest shellfish of which many had the opportunity to taste for the first time. Traditional dance and song were provided in the plankhouse by the Canoe Family.

A special guest, Daniel Schneider, assistant secretary for ACF, who joined us from Washington, D.C., acknowledged the generosity of the Grand Ronde Tribe and especially enjoyed the Northwest oysters.

The event was extremely successful and enjoyed by so many that we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people:

- ◆ Tribal Council for sponsoring the event.
- ◆ Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy for her wonderful welcome.
- ◆ Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Honor Guard.
- ◆ Eagle Beak Drum.
- ◆ Council member Chris Mercier for attending the two-and-a-half-day conference.
- ◆ Jennifer Grout, Shannon Simi, Krystal Schmid and Karen Rogers for representing Policy Council.
- ◆ Tony Johnson for participating in the planning of the event and for providing a workshop.
- ◆ Travis Mercier for designing the conference logo.
- ◆ Canoe Family for providing traditional song and dance at the event.
- ◆ Molly Matthews for organizing the Canoe Family's participation.
- ◆ Chef Richard and crew from the casino for the fabulous meal.
- ◆ Kendra Johnson and her team for the set-up and breakdown.
- ◆ ECE staff that helped shuck oysters.
- ◆ Tracy Biery for volunteering to sew the beautiful shawls for the Preschool/Head Start students who performed at the closing session.
- ◆ The preschool students who traveled to Portland to sing.
- ◆ Lisa Archuleta for manning the grill.

And last but not least, this event would not have happened without the hard work and perseverance of our own Siobhan Taylor.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool staff

Dear Smoke Signals:

Please give my thanks to the Tribal Council for the per capita and timber benefits we just received.

We can't say enough how thankful we are for them. Each time we get one is such a blessing to us. All of the benefits we receive are truly appreciated.

Julie Devoy

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