

Walking the walk



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., left, and Ed Gray (Northern Cheyenne) stand at the West Valley Veterans' Memorial on the Tribal campus in Grand Ronde on Friday, June 20. Gray, 33, is a former Marine who's walking the border of the United States for service members and his fellow veterans, and to promote awareness for organizations that provide veterans' services, such as the American Legion. He currently lives in Ashland, Mont., and started his walk in Billings, Mont., on April 13. Gray had to rest his feet from walking for a couple of days, so the Tribe helped him with food and shelter at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Colleges offering Chinuk Wawa courses

Lane Community College and Chemeketa Community College have joined with the language program of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to offer first- and second-year Chinuk Wawa beginning this fall.

The courses offer a unique language learning opportunity not only in modality – instruction is through the medium of IP video and small groups onsite – but also in terms of language structure and the unique status of Chinuk Wawa as a language that connects Northwest Tribes.

Each site will have a qualified language mentor/speaker of Chinuk Wawa. Tony Johnson, the head of the Grand Ronde Language Program, and Janne Underriner, director of the Northwest Indian Language Institute at the University of Oregon, will be instructors using IP video through the sites at Grand Ronde and Lane Community College.

All credit students must register through Lane Community College at www.lanecce.edu. New students should contact www.lanecce.edu/es/admissions.html to register.

There are a limited number of noncredit registrations available to those with Tribal affiliations or instructor approval.

For more information about the Chinuk Wawa classes, visit www.grandronde.org or call Lane Community College at 541-463-5419. ■

Basket class scheduled

A Spruce Root Basket class will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, in the Eugene satellite office.

The class has no limit on the number of participants.

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

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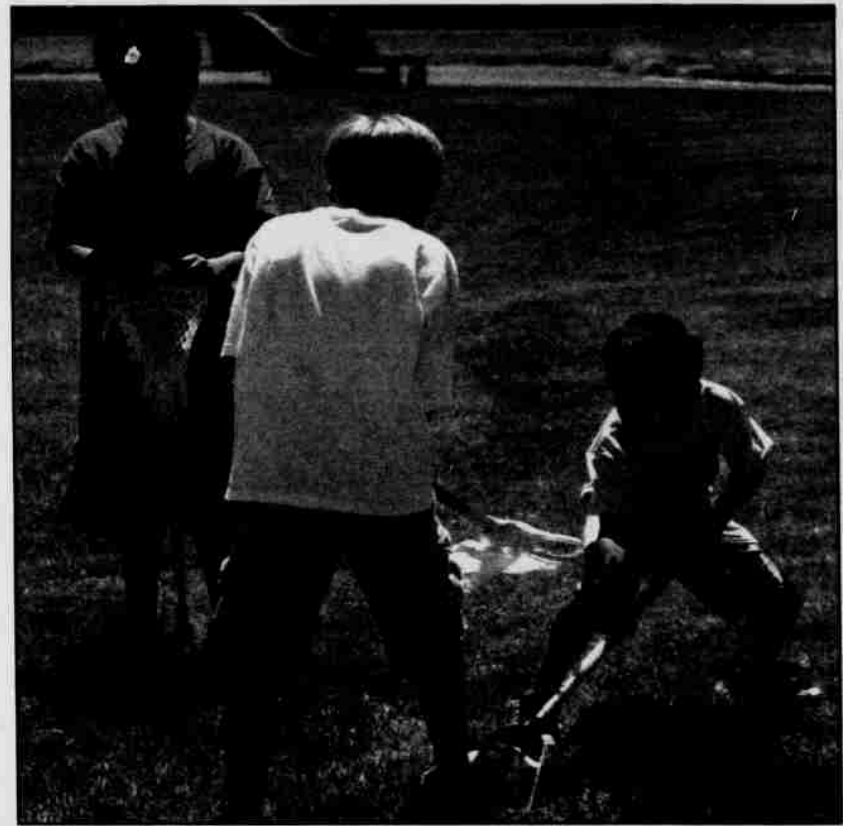


Photo by Summer Youth employee Joel Selwyn

From left, Tribal members Michael Reyes, Logan Bobb and Jordan Reyes play lacrosse on Thursday, July 24, on the Tribal grounds.

Behavioral Health slates couples class

A relationship/marriage strengthening class for Native couples will be offered for 10 weeks beginning Thursday, Sept. 11.

PAIRS is designed for Native couples who want to strengthen or improve their relationship through various communication exercises and the sharing of experience and wisdom.

The group will meet once a week for two hours each session from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tribal Health and Wellness Center in Grand Ronde.

Snacks and coffee will be provided.

Participants must be eligible and registered for services through the Tribal Health and Wellness Center. The program is open to all Native American people, but is not designed for couples who are actively in crisis.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tom Bender with the Behavioral Health Program at 503-879-2067. ■

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