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Bound for D.C.



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Stephanie Wood



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Grand Ronde descendant Joey Holmes



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Tribal member Santiago Atanacio

Stephanie Wood to intern at NMAI

By Ron Karten
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Tribal member Stephanie Wood leaves on March 13 — a Friday, she noted — for the nation's capital, or close to the nation's Capitol.

The University of Oregon senior, majoring in cultural anthropology and set to graduate by the end of 2009, has been

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Oregon-made paddles go on display

By Dean Rhodes
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Canoe paddles created by a Grand Ronde Tribal member and descendant will be among a collection of Native American canoe and paddle artwork going on display starting Wednesday, March 4, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian Mall Resource Center in Washington, D.C.

The paddles were made in August by 15 students, including Tribal member Santiago Atanacio and descendant Joey

Holmes, when they participated in the A. Susana Santos Journeys in Creativity 2008 "Art of the Canoe" camp at the Oregon College of Art & Craft in Portland.

Native American students from Oregon, Washington, California and Montana, as well as two Maori students from New Zealand and one Maori student from the United Kingdom, participated in last year's camp.

At the camp, participants explored vari-

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Tribal Elder reflects on conquering addictions



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Jeanne Larsen marking two years of changed behavior

By Scarlett Holtz
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Tribal Elder Jeanne Larsen sits in her cozy armchair amongst her Native American ceramics and family pictures in Elder housing. She reminisces about her

Tribal Elder Jeanne Larsen has struggled with alcohol and gambling addictions for 40 some years. On New Year's Day 2007, she quit and spends a lot of time at home these days with her Pomeranians Sweetheart and Sassy.

addiction to alcohol that goes as far back as 1985.

In 1998, gambling problems were added to the addiction mix.

Larsen says she is thankful that during those dark times she had the support of a friend, Carmen King.

King had been a counselor at an outpatient treatment center in McMinnville.

"She had seen the terrible effects addictions had on people and their lives," Larsen says.

Gradually, King worked with Larsen and

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