

Unmarked grave sites

We need your help — If anyone knows the location of an unmarked grave or knows the name of someone who was buried at the Grand Ronde Cemetery and their grave has not been marked, contact Mike Larsen, Facilities Manager, at 503-879-2407. ■

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ous aspects of Native American art and culture related to Tribal canoe culture.

Guided by experienced artists and instructors that included Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Tony Johnson (Chinook), the students worked side-by-side with them in intensive, hands-on art workshops making carving knives, model dugout canoes, canoe paddles and, finally, as a group, the students built a full-size Chinook seal hunting canoe.

The students' work was exhibited as a traveling art show in the Pacific Northwest, being shown in the Grand Ronde Governance Center recently.

Now their work goes to the National Museum of American Indian Resource Center and will be exhibited through March.

Renee Gokey (Eastern Shawnee/Sac-n-Fox), Student Services coordinator with the National Museum of the American Indian, said she found out about the paddle and ca-

noe exhibit through Shirod Yunker (Coquille) with the Oregon College of Art & Craft in Portland.

Last year, the museum displayed an exhibit of photos taken by Native students at the Oregon College of Art & Craft and is continuing that tradition this year.

"From my viewpoint, that is what the museum needs to be doing," Gokey said, "helping nurture Native students to take themselves seriously as artists. It's a positive thing and we trying to do as much as we can."

The Resource Center, on the third floor of the museum, is a place where teaching and learning occurs, Gokey said, and is a good place to exhibit young Native American artists and artisans.

The museum will hold a welcoming ceremony for the student artists between March 3-7 during which they will sing canoe songs, paddle on the Potomac River and get to see their work hanging in the Resource Center, Gokey said.

Yunker said Atanacio will be attending, in addition to Johnson. ■

Having a Roller ball



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Myron Peng, a dentist for the Tribe, looks in Tribal youth Koana Leno's mouth as she plays the patient and Tribal youth Madison Leno plays the dentist during the 15th annual Molar Roller Health Fair held in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, Feb.13.

College & Career Fair set

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde College & Career Fair will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the Tribal gymnasium.

The fair is free and open to the public.

Attendees will meet with employment representatives, college and university representatives, trade and apprenticeship programs, vocational programs, volunteer organizations and community outreach organizations. There also will be break-out sessions on admissions, financial aid, careers, internship opportunities and what employers are looking for in employees.

For more information, call Tribal Academic Adviser Trinity Minahan at 503-879-1478. ■

6th Annual Youth Education Spring Break Camp

Wednesday, March 25, to Saturday, March 28, 2009

Come join Youth Education this year as we make another trip to Camp Westwind on the Oregon Coast. Every year we have a lot of new faces and look forward to seeing some more this year. This year we will be doing team-building activities, competitions, hiking, canoeing and a buried treasure hunt. We are going to be limited to 55 students, who must be enrolled in school in grades 6 through 12, and be Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde members, descendents or involved in the Youth Education JOM program.

Priority will be given to Grand Ronde Tribal members.

For more information or to receive a permission slip packet, contact Toni Mercer @ 503-879-2101 or e-mail us at youtheducation@grandronde.org