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Gang Summit draws 200

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

The battle for our youth is an everyday call to arms," said Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., a member

of the Tribal Meth Task Force. He spoke during a break at a Gang Summit hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on April 16-17 at Spirit Mountain Casino. The summit focused on

gang activity and its effects on Tribal youth. "We're bringing people together

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Photo by Ben Marra

Tribal Elder Janet Billey

'Faces from the Land' book features Tribal Elder

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Janet Billey is one of numerous Native Americans featured in the new coffee-table photography book "Faces from the Land: Twenty Years of Powwow Tradition" by Ben and Linda Marra of Seattle, Wash.

The book "reveals the dancers, who, united by the ageless rhythms of the powwow drums, come from many Tribes and Nations, different trades, and every corner of North America to celebrate customs both ancient and modern."

Billey (Grand Ronde/Paiute) appears on page 85 in a full page, color portrait. She also appeared previously in a Native American-

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo/Graphic created by George Valdez

Debby Larsen, Tribal member and the Tribe's Member Services Department manager, playing Amy March accepts a proposal from Theodore "Laurie" Laurence, played by Chris Grady, while rehearsing a scene from the play "Little Women" at the Gallery Theater in McMinnville on Wednesday, April 22. "I finally went after one of my dreams and I auditioned for a play! To my surprise, I was selected," Larsen said about being in the play. There were 11 performances scheduled and those that remain are on May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday performances are at 3 p.m.

Bailey accepted into U of O teaching program

By Scarlett Holtz
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Tribal member Chris Bailey, Youth Education high school lead/tutor, has been accepted into the Sapsik'wala Teaching Program at the University of Oregon.

Sapsik'wala is a teaching degree program that supports education, training and mentoring of Native American teachers. Bailey will start taking classes in June and

end in August 2010. "My colleagues have been pressing me to enter this program for several years now," Bailey says. "Last year I almost took them up on it, but there were too many obstacles in my way. We had just had a baby, and then there were house-remodeling projects to be

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Chris Bailey, the Tribe's Youth Education high school lead, helps Tribal member Mark Soderberg with his science homework in Youth Education on Tuesday, April 21. Bailey was accepted into the Sapsik'wala Teaching Program at the University of Oregon.