

## Coleman helps team make state tournament

Tribal member Rachele Coleman, 13, was instrumental in helping the Cascade junior softball team make the state tournament for the third year in a row.

On July 18, the Cascade team won 14-6 over the Sprague-South Salem-West Salem All-Stars to win the District 7 championship.

Trailing 3-2 with a runner on third in the bottom of the second inning, Coleman, who is the team's pitcher, hit a home run over the left-field fence to put Cascade ahead. Cascade added two more runs after Coleman's homer to go up 6-3. In the bottom of the third, they scored five more runs to lead 11-4.

Coleman extinguished a threat in the fifth after loading the bases with one out. She struck out the next batter and then fielded a slow dribbler up the middle to end the inning.

After the fifth inning, Coleman faced seven hitters for the rest of the game, winning the game. Cascade advanced to the state tournament, hosted by Southeast Portland. Coach Dave Morton said he was hoping to improve on last year's third-place finish.

Coleman is the granddaughter of Tribal Elder Nancy Coleman and the niece of Tribal Council member June Sell-Sherer. ■

## China stop



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member June Sell-Sherer gifts a necklace to a student from Shanghai University during the group's visit to the Tribal campus on Tuesday, July 14. The students received a tour of the Tribal campus that was led by Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor.

## Basic skills lab

**When:** Every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m./open entry.

**Where:** Education Building/computer lab.

**What:** Computer skills, keyboarding, resume writing, basic math and writing.

**Who:** Joanne Carr, GED, 503-879-2282 or joanne.carr@grandronde.org.

**Why:** It will be easier to get a job! You'll have a resume! You'll be better on the computer! You'll be happier! ■

## Cultural Resources seeks plankhouse giveaway items

In anticipation of an early fall opening of the Grand Ronde plankhouse, the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is seeking donations of giveaway items for the planned blessing ceremony.

Giveaway items can be about almost anything, including beads and blankets, but not alcohol or drugs.

The items are intended to recognize people from outside the Grand Ronde community who will come for the blessing ceremony.

"By having people from outside the community, they are helping to strengthen our house," said Tribal member and Cultural Resources Protection Coordinator Eirik Thorsgard.

Giveaway items can be dropped off at the Cultural Resources Department in Grand Ronde or at the Tribal satellite offices in Eugene and Portland.

For more information or to check on the appropriateness of possible giveaway items, call Thorsgard at 503-879-1630 or Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076.

An article on proper plankhouse protocol written by Cultural Resources Department staff will appear in *Smoke Signals* closer to the blessing ceremony. ■



By Daniel Ham

Elder Activity assistant

The big event this month was Elder Honor Day at Spirit Mountain Casino.

It has been the tradition of most Tribes in the Northwest to host an Elder Honor Day and invite other Tribes for food, games, giveaways and fun.

A lot of the travel that Grand Ronde Elders do as a group is to visit other Tribes during their honor days. This year we hosted more than 400 Tribal Elders from Oregon, Washington and Idaho Tribes, as well as individual Tribal Elders from all over.

This year's master of ceremonies was Bob Tom and Wesley "Buddy" West was the bingo caller.

The Elder Committee would like to thank all those who helped make this year a success, from those who were involved, from the casino staff to the Elders who donated gifts, time and hard work.

The Elder meals program will be closed this year for the weeks of Aug. 10 and Aug. 17, and the Elders' Activity Center will be closed for the week of Aug. 17.

We also would like to thank those who donated items for the Elder Yard Sale on July 17-18. ■

### Public Notice: Aug. 1, 2009 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program Community Development Statement

#### Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Grand Ronde Library Addition Project

Tribal Council met and reviewed suggestions received from community meetings and from surveys and directed staff to prepare an ICDBG application for the construction of a Grand Ronde Library Addition. The current library room in the Adult Education Building does not have enough space to hold the Tribe's library collections or to effectively offer community programs for children, youth, families, adults and the elderly. The 2,350 sq. ft. proposed project will double the size of the current library space. The estimated cost is \$667,000 including \$500,000 requested from the proposed Indian Community Development Block Grant and \$167,000 from the Tribe. An additional \$25,000 a year in operating costs is anticipated. To comment on the proposed application please contact Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Development Manager, at 503-879-2250 or send your comments to the Planning & Grants Development Department at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Written comments should be provided by Aug. 4, 2009. Council will also collect comments at their Aug. 5, 2009, Tribal Council meeting at which Council will consider formally authorizing this application. The ICDBG grant application is due on Aug. 7, 2009.

## Photographer seeks models for Census posters

Photographer Michael Jones of Portland is seeking Native Americans to pose for posters that will promote Native American participation in the upcoming U.S. Census.

Jones is seeking Tribal Elders, including:

- Adult male, around 60 or older, from any Tribe. (Will wear suit for urban look.)
- Adult male, around 60 or older, from Navaho Tribe or Tribe in Four Corners area.
- Adult female, around 60 or older, from Northwest Coastal or Alaskan Native Tribes.
- Adult female, around 60 or older, from Plains Tribe.

Models must be available during the week of Aug. 10-12 and participate in the photo shoot for approximately four hours at Jones' studio, 1937 N.W. Quimby St., Portland, OR 97209. Models will be paid \$550 for their time.

To submit a photo, send it to Jones' Portland studio address or e-mail it to cindy@michaeljonesphotostudio.com and include "Census Casting" in the subject line.

Deadline for submissions, which also should include name, age, Tribal affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail address, is Aug. 4. ■