

# Tribe's trust land holdings increase

**Two Grand Ronde-area properties approved by BIA in July adds 40 more acres**

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The Tribe's trust land holdings in Yamhill County grew by 40.44 acres in mid-July when two properties — the Smith and AGZ properties — were officially granted trust status by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The 9.13-acre AGZ property is north of Elders' housing at the southwest corner of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.

The 31.31-acre Smith property is north of Tribal multi-family housing and southwest of the intersection of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.

The properties were formally transferred into trust on July 20, said Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Reibach.

"This is a collaborative effort," Reibach said. "We work closely

with the Tribal Council, internal departments and external agencies in the process. There are many steps in the journey of transferring land into trust."

Reibach said the trust process is lengthy. Through the Tribal Lands Management Department, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde drafts and submits an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and works with federal, state and county offices in the transfer process.

Fee-to-trust conversions provide Tribes with an avenue to maintain jurisdiction over their lands and develop projects that support Tribal members and the local community.

The new properties increase the Tribe's trust land holdings to 396.23 acres and increase the Tribe's acres owned in Yamhill County to 10,839.47 acres.

The trust acreage total is in addition to the Tribe's 10,312.66 acres of Reservation lands, Reibach said. ■

# Congressman Wu visit



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Congressman David Wu, middle front, has his photo taken with Tribal members Kathleen Tom, front row left, Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, front row right, second row from left, Tribal Vice Chair Reyn Leno, and Wink Soderberg, third row from left, Chris Mercier, Steve Bobb Sr., and Tribal Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., after a meeting with Tribal Council on Wednesday, Aug. 12, to hear Tribal concerns. Council asked for his support on the bill to amend the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Act. The act is being sponsored by Congressman Kurt Schrader.

# Coleman helps Cascade team qualify for tournament

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Tribal member Rachele Coleman's contributions on the mound and at the plate helped the Cascade Little League junior softball all-stars win the Oregon state championship 3-2 on July 30 and advance to the Western Regional tournament played Aug. 6-12 in Tucson, Ariz.

Cascade played Milton-Freewater to a scoreless tie after nine innings in the Oregon title game at Woodstock Park in Portland.

Coleman, 13, started the game for Cascade and pitched four innings, allowing one runner on a single in the first inning. She struck out six.

"Rachele Coleman pitched awesome," Cascade manager Jay

Korkow told the Salem Statesman-Journal.

In the top of the 10th inning, Milton-Freewater broke the scoreless tie with two runs and looked like the team would three-peat as state champs.

However, in the bottom of the 10th inning, Cascade loaded the bases with no outs on consecutive singles by Alexis Morton, Kaitlyn Sherman and Katlynnne Braff.

Coleman then stepped to the plate and singled, scoring Morton and cutting the two-run deficit in half.

Kaytie Jo Zellner followed with a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Sherman from third and tying the game. Braff and Coleman held at second and first base, respectively.

Then, on a 3-1 pitch, Morgan

Hunter hit a ball that was booted by Milton-Freewater's shortstop, allowing Braff to score from second base.

"They are just great, great kids," Korkow said. "It's going to be a fun trip and hopefully we will get down there and win some games."

Cascade left for Tucson on Aug. 3.

Cascade opened play Aug. 6 against Arizona. At press time, the team had lost the first two of four quarter final matches.

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

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