

Child care overview set

People interested in becoming in-home child care providers should consider attending "Child Care A Unique Profession," an overview on getting started that will be held 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tribal Adult Education Building Room 126.

The overview will be provided by the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency.

A first aid class will be offered for \$10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants with children in the Tribal Head Start/Preschool program can attend for free.

Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. and child care is provided for participants.

Space is limited. RSVP no later than Friday, Sept. 3, to Sandy Bobb at 503-879-2161 or by e-mail at sandra.bobb@grandronde.org. ■

Social Services 2010 School Clothes Program

This is a first-come, first-served program.

Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Child must be of school age and enrolled in school (preschool, elementary, middle or high school).

Income criteria applies.

Please contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for an application.

Deadline for all applications is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010. ■

Lil' graduation



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After receiving his certificate and gift bag, Tribal member Trevor Norwest shows off a can of Clorox disinfecting wipes that was in the bag during the Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool graduation at the Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 19.

Transportation to Grand Ronde

The Portland satellite office has a transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical or dental appointments or enrollment cards. A minimum of three people must sign up. Call Lisa Archuleta at 503-235-4230. You must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member. The vehicle will leave the Portland office at 8 a.m. Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date. ■

'She set a high bar for the next Fellow'

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Aug. 19 in the Atrium of the Governance Center in Grand Ronde.

"Stacia served the honor of Mark Hatfield well," Schrader wrote in his letter. He complimented Martin on her diligence and work ethic.

"She set a high bar for the next Fellow," Schrader wrote.

Martin, 25, was the 2009-10 Fellow.

"The Hatfield Fellowship is designed to give Natives from the Pacific Northwest an opportunity to learn the federal political system by working in an Oregon congressional office," said Tribal member and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Shelley Hanson. "It's always an honor when one of our fellows is hired by the office they serve in."

"It's the strongest statement about the skills and abilities of our Fellows. Stacia Martin was hired before even completing her fellowship. Stacia's communications abilities shone and Congressman Schrader rewarded her hard work by hiring her as a full-time member of his team."

The new 2010-11 Fellow is 26-year-old Shana Radford (Nez Perce/Cayuse), who grew up on the Warm Springs and Umatilla reservations in eastern Oregon and currently lives in Pendleton.

Radford has a bachelor of science degree from Portland State University in political science and Native studies.

"This will be a great opportunity to improve my public policy skills and serve the Tribes of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest," Radford said.

Radford will work in the office of



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Shana Radford (Nez Perce/Cayuse), middle, the 2010-11 Hatfield Fellow, talks with Tribal Council members Toby McClary, left, and June Sell-Sherer during the annual Hatfield Fellowship Reception in the Governance Center Atrium on Thursday, Aug. 19.

About the Fellowship

Spirit Mountain Community Fund started the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship Program in 1997 to offer Native Americans the opportunity to learn the federal legislative system and become skilled at working within the system to meet Tribal needs.

It was named to honor former Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield, who was instrumental as a U.S. senator in helping the Tribe gain Restoration in 1983.

Of the 12 Hatfield Fellows since 1998, seven have been Grand Ronde Tribal members, three have been Warm Springs Tribal members and one belonged to the Coeur D'Alene Tribe in Idaho. The newest Fellow, Shana Radford, is a member the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden.

The annual changing of the fellows started with Sho Dozono, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board chairman, and Hanson briefing the audience on Hatfield's legacy and introducing dignitaries.

Hanson pointed to past successes in the Hatfield Fellowship, including Grand Ronde Tribal members Peter Wakeland, who now works for the Tribe as Director of Development, and Bryan Mercier, who works for the Bonneville Power

Administration.

"This fellowship gives people an opportunity to go back to Washington, D.C., and see what it's like there," said Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom, who welcomed people to the reception. "It is important to have Indian people in public positions and the Grand Ronde people believe in giving back and sharing our blessings."

Martin briefly recapped her nine months of working in Schrader's office, saying that the most important piece of legislation she worked on was the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and getting Schrader to support it.

"It's been a challenging, rewarding experience," Martin said. "The important thing I learned is you have to experience everything Washington has to offer. I learned so much from this."

Martin was presented a gift and framed Spirit Mountain Community Fund poster from Hanson.

Fritz Graham, a field representative for Wyden's office, read a letter from the senator welcoming Radford to his office and complimenting the Hatfield Fellowship program because it elevates federal staff knowledge of Tribal issues.

Radford, who worked as an executive assistant for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, will begin working in Wyden's office in December for nine months.

"I am looking forward to serving you all," she said.

The reception also was attended by Tribal Council members Reyn Leno, Chris Mercier, Toby McClary, June Sell-Sherer, Valorie Sheker and Steve Bobb Sr., who gave the invocation.

"We have two passionate, talented young ladies," Hanson said. ■