

Skills for life



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Life Skills class participant Marvin Archuleta (Swinomish), left, shakes hands with Jon George, Tribal member and a vocational rehabilitation specialist for the Tribe, after receiving his certificate for completing the class during a graduation ceremony at the plankhouse on Wednesday, March 23. The 12-week class, which took place at the Tribe's Portland office, helps people identify and problem solve roadblocks to a healthy employment experience and begin to achieve life balance. Archuleta is a half brother to Tribal members and siblings Greg and Lisa Archuleta. Eleven people graduated from the class.

Royalty sets spaghetti feed fundraiser

Tribal Royalty, parents and chaperones will hold a spaghetti feed fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, to help pay for travel expenses. There will be spaghetti, green salad and bread with vegetarian sauce available for \$5 per person inside the Tribal Community Center.

There also will be a 50-50 raffle.

For more information, contact Bonnie Mercier at 503-879-2016 or bonnie.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

Wellness Program meets

The Eugene Tribal Wellness Program meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the satellite office at 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A.

All fitness levels are welcome. The program covers strength, cardio and stretching, and discusses strategies for healthy living at home.

The program is free to Tribal members and their spouses.

For more information, call the Eugene satellite office at 541-484-7085. ■

The Eugene Satellite office will be having a
GRAND RE-OPENING!
Saturday, April 30 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Lunch at Noon
We'll have great food and door prizes too!
All are welcome, all are invited. Come reunite with your Eugene area Tribal member family

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2006 — The new Rapid Riches slot machine area at Spirit Mountain Casino opened. Located in the old Off-Track Betting area, it offers 77 penny and two-cent machines patterned after the Money Factory slots.

2001 — Forest Grove native Kim Rogers joined the Tribe as Policy & Planning Manager. He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's in Public Administration from Portland State University and previously worked as Capital Improvement coordinator for the Tulalip Tribes of Washington.

1996 — The Phase II expansion of Spirit Mountain Casino was progressing rapidly in adding 36,500 square feet to the casino, including Legends Steakhouse and Lounge, a "SuperPlay" children's attraction, video arcade and more gaming space. The expansion was expected to add 125 to 150 new employees to the resort.

1991 — Tribal Council approved the final sketches for the new Community Services Center to be built in Grand Ronde. The Tribe received a Community Development Block Grant to build the center, which will house a number of Tribal services, including educational classes and programs, additional health services, some social services and a broad range of community meetings and training seminars.

1986 — The Tribal calendar for April featured a meeting with local timber companies to discuss the Reservation Plan as well as three council meetings all scheduled for 6 p.m. Mondays.

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

Exhibit runs until May 30

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technology, and how the canoe fits into the historic and contemporary life of their community."

The river canoe, also called a "shovelnose canoe," will be an outside display, with final texturing on the canoe set to be part of the exhibition beginning Tuesday, April 12.

The Tillamook canoe, repatriated years ago to the Tribe from the Tillamook Museum, will be on display inside the Heritage Center. It had to be frozen for two days in a casino freezer to eliminate pathogens that might otherwise be brought into the center, Lewis said.

The river canoe seemed like a good idea, Lewis said, not only because it has not been seen in Grand Ronde for so long, but also because once the exhibit ends, the Tribe will have a canoe suitable for traveling the reservation's smaller waterways.

Tribal Council provided \$10,000 for this exhibit, which cost \$30,000 to produce. The Heritage Center procured an additional \$10,000 grant and received yet another grant from a museum supporter specifically to encase and display the Kalapuya canoe.

Last week, the Heritage Center Board of Directors voted to donate the Kalapuya canoe to the Grand Ronde Tribe following the exhibition. Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom sits on the museum board.

"We're building a canoe and a tradition that the Tribe will use in the years ahead," said Lewis.

The carving of the river canoe is kick-starting an enhanced carving program in the Cultural Resources Department for carving additional canoes. A new carving shed is being prepared near Uyxat Powwow Grounds, Lewis said. The carving shed will host a variety of carving classes and projects for the Tribe.

The river canoe is being carved in the Kalapuya or Willamette River style, said Tribal member Bobby Mercier, Language and Culture specialist for the Tribe.

"Similar style canoes were found all the way down to northern California," he said. They were integral parts of the life ways of all Tribes that were removed to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

Dr. Jonathan King, Keeper of the Department of Africa, Indian Ocean and Americas at the British Museum, will be in Salem during the opening. He will speak about American Northwest coast collections in the British Museum, one of his specialties, at Willamette University's College of Law at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6.

King also will be visiting the Grand Ronde Tribe for discussions about possible return of Grand Ronde artifacts — the Summers Collection — currently being held by the British Museum.

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