

Preschool Literacy Night set for May 18

There will be a Preschool Literacy Night held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Tribal gym. Dinner will be provided. For more information, contact Preschool Immersion Teacher's Aide Kimberly Contreras at 503-879-1631 or kim.contreras@grandronde.org. ■

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribal Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building. Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun. For more information, contact Chinuk Wawa teacher Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Elder's bingo changes days

Bingo at the Elders' Activity Center has been moved to the second and fourth Fridays of the month. A potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

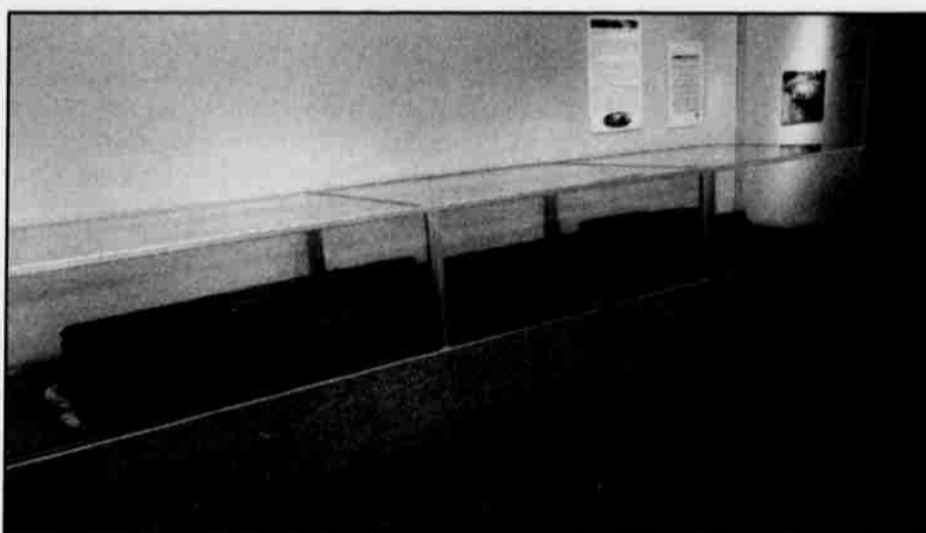


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This undated shovelnose canoe in the "Grand Ronde's Canoe Journey" exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem has been owned by the center since it was donated in 1980. According to the donor, it was found on the riverbank of the Santiam River near Tangent. It was announced during the 19th annual Heritage Awards at the center on Thursday, April 28, that the center is permanently returning the priceless canoe to the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Canoe owned by the Willamette Heritage Center since 1980

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friends and leading among those relationships is the growing relationship between the Willamette Heritage Center and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. We hope that this gift assists the Tribe in developing their museum plan."

The canoe, undated but probably pre-European contact, has been owned by the Willamette Heritage Center since it was donated in 1980. The donor said it was found when the riverbank washed away in a flood on the Santiam River near Tangent, according to the museum's description.

Last year, Kathleen Tom, with Tribal Council blessing, joined the new entity's board of directors and expressed the Tribe's interest in the canoe.

At the opening of the current Grand Ronde canoe exhibit, the Willamette Heritage Center repatriated the priceless canoe to the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"It's a privilege to do it," Booth said at the time.

"We, as indigenous people, look at time in a different way," said Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy to the group at the exhibit's opening. "We incorporate the past, the present and the future in everything we do."

The Tribe "forged a partnership" with the Willamette Heritage Center, Kennedy said, "to bring back a culture that many thought was gone."

She thanked many, but "especially the children, because they're the ones who will carry this forward."

The canoe exhibit runs at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill through May 30, when the Kalapuya shovel-nose canoe will come to Grand Ronde and be maintained by the Cultural Resources Department.

"Future plans," said Tribal member David Lewis, manager of the Cultural Resources Department, "are to create an interpretive display around the canoe located at the Governance Building." ■

Road to the top



Photo by Ron Karten

"Leaders know that their life is a story," said Gene Tagaban (Tlinglet/Cherokee/Filipino), above, a trainer at the Gresham-based Native Wellness Institute. He spoke to a group of 25, more than half Tribal members, at the Youth Leadership Conference held in the Tribal gymnasium on April 29. "Positive leaders," he said, "are the ones who want to go on and teach others."

Recycle Center moved

The Recycle Center has been moved temporarily to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. For more information, contact Tribal Facilities Manager Michael J. Larsen at 503-879-2407. ■

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 Water and Juices
 Snacks too!

4 door prizes too! Our last months winners were;

Ray Duran,
 Mae Townsend,
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 Nakoia Mercier,
 Michael Rogers

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde's Tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

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