

Court visits Tribe



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Toby McClary hands out cedar bark roses that were weaved by Tribal member Brian Krehbiel to the Rose Festival Court princesses during their visit to the Tribal plankhouse on Tuesday, May 24. Tribal member and Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Sponsorship Coordinator Jocelyn Huffman, in the background, also handed them out. During their time in Grand Ronde, the Rose Festival Court of 14 Portland area high school juniors and seniors had brunch at the casino, visited the Lilu Chinuk Wawa Immersion Classroom where the students sang for them, talked with Tribal Elders at the Elders' Activity Center and visited the plankhouse where the Grand Ronde Canoe Family sang and Bobby Mercier, Tribal member and Tribal Language and Culture specialist, taught them about the Tribe and some of its history.



Rose Festival Court princesses listen to Tribal Elder Margaret Provost during the group's visit to the Elders' Activity Center on Tuesday, May 24. Provost, along with Tribal Elders Kathryn Harrison and Val Grout, talked to the girls mostly about the Tribe's Restoration.

Elders Honor Day set for Friday, July 8

Elders Honor Day will be held Friday, July 8, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

The day will start at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and include a 10 a.m. opening ceremony, noon luncheon, entertainment at 1 p.m. and bingo at 3 p.m. The flags will be retired at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, July 9, a breakfast will be held at the Elders' Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive, between 8 and 10 a.m.

This year's Elders' Honor Day theme is "Honoring Native Veterans." For more information, call 503-879-2233. ■

Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade set for June 11

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal members will not have to wait long for the Spirit Mountain Casino float to go by during the newly christened Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade on Saturday, June 11, in downtown Portland.

According to the parade's lineup, the casino's float will be eighth in line, between the Stylez Drill & Drum Squad from Seattle and the South Kitsap High School Marching Band from Port Orchard, Wash.

The theme of this year's parade is "Carnival of Roses" and Tribal Elder and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. has once again designed the casino's float entry, incorporating the theme with Native elements.

Grand marshal of this year's Grand Floral Parade is the Oregon Ducks football team, which finished No. 2 last year behind Auburn in the national rankings.

Earlier this year, Spirit Mountain Casino signed on as sponsor of the Grand Floral Parade after KeyBank declined to continue in that role. Casino spokesman Greg Fritz said the casino committed to a six-figure, three-year deal as parade sponsor.

"The Tribe has ancestral ties to Portland," Fritz said. "The Tribal board felt this was an important event that deserved support."

The parade is seen by tens of thousands in person and on television worldwide since it is one of the longest-running floral parades in the world.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at Memorial Coliseum, heads south on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and then winds its way across the Willamette River via the Burnside Bridge and into downtown Portland. For Tribal members who cannot attend the live event, it will be shown on KGW-TV (Channel 8) and on Northwest Cable News.

On Friday, June 10, Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Bobb and Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Rodney Ferguson will be knighted by the Royal Rosarians.

In addition, Tribal Royalty Nakoosa Moreland, Iyana Holmes and Makenzie Aaron will be riding in a classic car during the Starlight Parade, which starts at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4, in downtown Portland. ■

Youth Prevention & Behavioral Health

Present's.....
Michael Nerney

Thursday, June 16
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

"Gender Differences in Communication"
(lunch provided)

Friday, June 17
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

"Kids in a Candy Store"
(lunch provided)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL TRAININGS

All Trainings will be held in the Community Center.
Please R.S.V.P. no later than June 10th with Shannon Stanton
via phone or e-mail, 503-879-1489 or shannon.stanton@grandronde.org

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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Wednesday June 22, 2011

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
for Tribal ID Day

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