

## Tribe takes over ownership of school property

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde became official owners of the eight-acre Grand Ronde Middle School property on Monday, Aug. 15, Tribal member and Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach announced in a Tribal-wide e-mail.

The Tribe agreed to buy the land and 27,443-foot facility for \$675,000 from the cash-strapped Willamina School District in May. The district has since consolidated its elementary, middle and high schools at its Oaken Hill campus in Willamina.

The deed was recorded and final steps in escrow completed on Aug. 15, Reibach said.

The property was part of the Tribe's original reservation given to it in President Franklin Pierce's 1857 Presidential Order in exchange for ceded lands that included most of western Oregon.

The property is zoned Grand Ronde Public Assembly by Polk County, which allows for a wide

variety of uses.

Reibach thanked Tribal colleagues for helping with the purchase, including staff members in the Executive Office, Tribal Council, Legal, Facilities, Lands Management, Education, Culture and Natural Resources.

"Certainly this property poses many possible benefits for the Tribe," Reibach said. "The Executive Office is facilitating a process to evaluate the property for potential use(s) and shall be reviewing options with Tribal Council in the coming months."

The Tribe's Facilities personnel picked up the keys to the building on Aug. 15 and started management of the building and property, Reibach said.

The Tribe has had a long association with the property. Before Tribal facilities were constructed, many powwows, General Council meetings and other events were held at the middle school following 1983's Restoration. ■

## 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 instructor Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

## School Clothes Program begins

The annual Social Services School Clothes Program is for enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member children.

Children must be of school age and enrolled in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school. Income criteria applies.

For more information or an application, contact the Tribe's Social Services Department at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034. Deadline for all applications is Thursday, Sept. 15. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- Ceremonial Hunt Board meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- Cultural Trust Board meets at 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- Culture Committee meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: Kathy Provost.
- Education Committee meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Shelby Rogers.
- Elders' Committee meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- Powwow Special Event Board meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Acting Chair: Dana Ainam.
- Rodeo Special Event Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Acting Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Social Services Committee meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services Conference Room. Chair: Ron Hudson.
- Timber Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- Veterans Special Event Board meets at 4 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dakota Whitecloud.

## Young graduates



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal descendant Chloie Gaurdiola has her hands full carrying her graduation certificate and bag of graduation gifts while trying to keep her cap from falling off during the Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool graduation held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 18. Twenty-four youths graduated.



Tribal member Cohen Haller gets his photo taken by his mother, Sunni Ulestad (Yurok), before the Grand Ronde Head Start/Preschool graduation started at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 18.



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