

## Writing competition seeks Native entrants

The 2011 Native Women & Youth in Ag Annual Writing Competition, sponsored by the Department Agriculture and Intertribal Agriculture Council, is seeking essays from Native youths on "What Should Indian Agriculture Look Like 25 Years From Now?"

The competition is open to Native youth in ninth through 12 grades in the fall of 2011, as well as high school graduates between May and August of this year. Entrants must be members of a federally recognized Tribe.

Essays can be three to six pages in length, include three to five sentences about the author, be typed with one-inch margins and double-spaced, have 12-point font and three to five sources.

They will be judged on creativity, quality of sources and grammar, spelling and punctuation, organization of information, length and documentation of sources.

Entries must be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, phone number, e-mail, school and Tribal affiliation.

Three finalists will be announced in November and provided with a paid trip, including one chaperone, to the 2011 Intertribal Agricultural Council annual meeting to be held in Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 5-9. Finalists will receive other special prizes and be required to read their essay at the awards luncheon.

Entries must be postmarked by Nov. 4 or e-mailed to Native Women & Youth in Ag, c/o Vicki Hebb, Executive Director, P.O. Box 217, Cherry Creek, S.D. 57622, or Vicki.hebb@indianaglink.com, RE: NWWYA essay contest. ■

### Cascade Crossing Oral History Project

Grand Ronde's Site Protection Program, in the Cultural Resources Department, is seeking Tribal members who have:

1. Hunted
2. Fished
3. Gathered
4. Participated in other traditional practices within the vicinity of:
  - Detroit, OR
  - Breitenbush Hot Springs
  - Olallie Lake
  - Molalla Table Rock
  - Silver Falls
  - Santiam State Forest

We are seeking information on our people's connection to the land in these areas both past and present. Information collected will be used by the Tribe in confidential consultation with state and federal agencies regarding proposed and future development in these areas.

If you have information or know someone who does about our people's traditional use of the areas stated above, past or present, please contact the Tribe's Cultural Protection Specialist David Harrelson at 503-879-2320 or by e-mail at david.harrelson@grandronde.org. ■

**Attention Parents and primary caregivers of Grand Ronde children with disabilities, special needs, or extra challenges:**

**We are creating a support group for parents and caregivers of Grand Ronde children with special needs. We will first begin an e-mail and telephone contact list and later we will be coordinating meetings with the group.**

**If your child, grandchild, foster child, etc. has extra challenges (medically, emotionally, or developmentally) and you would like to collaborate and share resources with other parents, please send your contact information in an e-mail to: lewis.dm@comcast.net or call us at 503-566-3093.**

Thank you,

David (2741) and Donna Lewis  
parents to Saghaley (5132) and Inatye (5323)



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## CULTURAL GATHERINGS

- NOV. 5: **YONCALLA POWWOW AND CULTURAL GATHERING.** Yoncalla High School Gym, 292 5th St. **YONCALLA, OR.** 541-580-3810 or kalapuya@centurytel.net
- NOV. 19: **RESTORATION CELEBRATION POWWOW.** Chinook Winds Casino Event Center, 1777 N.W. 44th St. **LINCOLN CITY, OR.** 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1230.
- NOV. 22: **28th CTGR RESTORATION CELEBRATION.** Former Grand Ronde Middle School. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** 503-879-1418.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, Smoke Signals would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

## Suicide Intervention Skills training set

Social Service's Tribal Youth Prevention and Indian Child Welfare programs will sponsor Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 8-9, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

This is a free training for the first 30 people who register to attend. People must attend the entire two-day training.

ASIST is an internationally recognized suicide prevention program. By the end of the workshop, participants will better be able to:

- Reduce attitudinal barriers which hinder the ability to be direct and comfortable with suicidal situations;
- Dispel myths about suicide;
- Identify the indicators and assess suicide risk;
- Intervene with a person at risk of suicide;
- Engage in efforts to build collaborative resource networks for suicidal persons.

To ask questions or register to attend, contact Youth Prevention Assistant Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489 or Shannon.stanton@grandronde.org. ■

## 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. ■

## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program Wawa pus tenas "Speaking for Children/Youth"

Each year, approximately 780,000 children in the U.S. are caught in the court and child welfare maze because they are unable to live safely at home.

Approximately 13,965 children in the state of Oregon have been in foster care at least once during the past year.

Currently, there are approximately 87 Grand Ronde children in foster care. Half of those children are wards of the Tribal Court right here in the Grand Ronde Community.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Court is looking for committed, caring volunteers who want to help these children by advocating for the child. The Tribal Court CASA Program will train all volunteer advocates. Give these children a voice during this difficult time, help these children to receive the services they need, stay connected to their culture and find safe permanent homes.

If you would like more information on how to volunteer and better serve our Tribal Children, please detach and complete this form and return it to: Tribal Court Programs Specialist, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. For additional information, call 503-879-4623 or e-mail: Julie.boekhoff@grandronde.org



- please send me a CASA Advocate Application
- please send me more information about the Tribal Court CASA Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_