

Party to honor Marine Corps anniversary

The 236th anniversary of the formation of the U.S. Marine Corps will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Elders' Activity Center.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially past and present Marines and families of Marines. Cake will be served.

For more information, contact Tribal Elder Alton Butler at 503-879-1369. ■

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, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Medicare Part B reimbursement notice for Tribal members

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member, have reached the age of retirement (65) or have started to receive Social Security Retirement or disability benefits through Social Security (SSD), you may be eligible to receive Medicare Part B benefits through the Tribe. To find out if you are eligible, or to get enrolled in Medicare Part B, please do the following: call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or go online at www.medicare.gov. You will need to request an application for enrollment in Medicare Part B and return it to your local Social Security Office. Once you are enrolled in Medicare Part B through Social Security, you will need to call our office to request a Medicare Part B Reimbursement packet to apply. As a Grand Ronde Tribal member, the Tribe will reimburse your Medicare Part B premium each month at the standard rate.

Note: If you are currently on the Skookum Tribal Health Plan it is required that you accept Medicare Part B when you become eligible. By not accepting Medicare Part B, your coverage for medical expenses could be drastically reduced.

If you need a Medicare Part B reimbursement packet sent to you or have any questions regarding the Tribe's reimbursement program, please call Reina Nelson in Member Services at 503-879-2223 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2223. You may call Barbara Steere with questions regarding our Skookum Tribal Health Plan coverage at 503-879-2487 or toll-free at 1-800-749-2928. ■

Tribe celebrates Achaf-Hammi anniversary



Grand Ronde Canoe Family member Madison Leno, left, gets help from fellow Canoe Family member Cristina Lara with putting on a cedar headband as the girls prepare to dance at the first anniversary of the opening of Achaf-Hammi, the Tribe's plankhouse, in Grand Ronde on Saturday, Oct. 15.



Tribal member Greg Archuleta prepares lamprey for cooking in a fire pit outside of Achaf-Hammi, the Tribe's plankhouse, in Grand Ronde on Saturday, Oct. 15. The celebration of the first anniversary of the opening of the plankhouse included a dinner that featured traditionally cooked lamprey and salmon and elk stew.

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Grand Ronde Canoe Family member Andrea Grijalva is shown where to go by Swinomish Elder John Cayou Jr., right, as he teaches the girls a dance during the first anniversary of the opening of Achaf-Hammi, the Tribe's plankhouse, in Grand Ronde on Saturday, Oct. 15. The dance goes along with a song that Cayou taught the Canoe Family earlier this year.

