

## Elders Christmas Bazaar



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Penny DeLoe, left, holds her grandson, Tribal member Nolen DeLoe, so he can try out a wooden rocking horse that his great-grandmother, Tribal Elder Val Grout, right, bought for him at the annual Elders Christmas Bazaar in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 18. The bazaar also took place on Saturday, Nov. 19.



Tribal Elder Evelyn Seidel crochets a dish rag at her booth at the annual Elders Christmas Bazaar in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, Nov. 18.

## Canoe Family meets Friday, Dec. 2

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family will meet at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the Tribal gym for a potluck dinner.

Ham and turkey will be provided and attendees are asked to bring their favorite side dish or drink.

Members also are asked to bring pictures or videos from this year's journey, and from other events the Canoe Family has participated in in 2011.

For more information, call Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489 or Cristina Lara at 503-879-2040. ■

## Turkey bowl



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Chris Freeman, a groundskeeper/maintenance technician for the Tribe and a Tribal member, bowls his way to first place in the men's category in the eighth annual Turkey Bowling event in front of the Governance Center on Thursday, Nov. 17. He bowled two strikes to take the win and a \$25 gas card prize. Also in the men's category, second went to Jeremy Galloway, maintenance technician for the Tribe, and third to Rich Curtin, help desk technician for the Tribe. For the women's category, in first place was Linda Meyer, Tribal budget specialist, second place was Dalette Nash-Remington, Tribal records clerk, and Teresa Clay, a legal secretary for the Tribe, took third.

## Tribe has high praise for Transportation Department

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be a good idea to "evaluate the model used by ODOT and look at expanding this to other agencies."

ODOT, she said, "meets with Tribal staff at least twice yearly (outside the cluster meetings), they send an overview of projects well in advance of this meeting so Tribal staff aren't overwhelmed, they take good notes at the meetings and make sure they understand Tribal concerns, and most importantly, they follow up on these concerns to make sure they are addressed in the actual projects."

And, in fact, there were many areas where Tribes in general and the Grand Ronde Tribe in particular had high praise for the government-to-government relationships.

In the area of Vocational Rehabilitation, Kennedy reported, "We have established and maintained a great working relationship with our state counterparts."

In the Natural Resources area, "The Youth Conservation Corps remains a great partnership," she reported. "The cluster meetings have been beneficial."

The tables at the conference were set up so that people in related ar-

reas sat together. Like many at the conference, Grand Ronde Tribal member and Tribal Natural Resources Manager Mike Wilson has been impressed with government-to-government opportunities to network.

"We talked about lamprey work, water quality and climate change — how the Tribes and state can work together on issues of importance such as these," Wilson said.

In Culture, Kennedy reported that the state Medical Examiner "worked well with Tribes to create the training video for human remains."

Tribal school curriculum has been updated to reflect the Native experience, she reported, but "there are almost no school districts offering that as a part of their fourth-grade units. As such the state is not fulfilling this need."

With the Oregon Youth Authority, she reported, "For the past 10 years we have maintained open dialogue regarding the care and custody of our Tribal youth and all incarcerated Native youth in Oregon. We have developed a tracking system and notification system for Native incarcerated youth. We have developed transitional services for Tribal youth coming out of incar-

ceration."

For adult inmates, however, Department of Corrections' Religious Services Administrator Gary Sims said that the picture is not so pretty. His perception is that "once you've fallen in many Native communities, you've disgraced the community and should not be re-installed. The biggest challenge is to get the Native community to volunteer with inmates and/or with their own particular incarcerated Native people."

And for unaffiliated Natives, the situation is worse.

"The drugs, the pornography or what have you, they are the symptoms, not the problem. The problem is acceptance, respect, accountability, honor and being of value," he said. "They look out and all they see is darkness and a lack of hope for their future."

"We want to define winning not as just beating another guy," said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day), "but achieving an objective that respects the other side."

Citing some of the most contentious areas, Kitzhaber said, "I hope we can crystallize those and make some measurable progress. We're reshaping our relationship as we

go forward."

The summit was attended by a host of Grand Ronde Tribal members and employees, including (beyond those mentioned) Tribal Council members June Sherer, Chris Mercier and Toby McClary, as well as Tribal Attorney Rob Greene, Tribal member and Director of Program Operations John Mercier, Health Services Executive Director Mark Johnston, Assistant Executive Health Services Director Allyson Lecatsas, Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor, Tribal member and Cultural Resources Manager David Lewis, Tribal member and Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Brent Merrill, and Tribal member and Self-Determination Coordinator Janell Haller.

The summit also was attended by a host of statewide elected officials, including State Treasurer Ted Wheeler; co-Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives Arnie Roblan, Coos Bay; Sen. Alan Olsen, Canby; Representative Julie Parrish, Tualatin/West Linn; Lincoln County Commissioner Terry Thompson; and Cottage Grove Mayor Gary Williams, who is also head of Oregon League of Cities. Cylvia Hayes, the state's first lady, also was in attendance. ■