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Tribal member Greg Archuleta peels a strip of bark from a cedar tree as Tribal member Jade Unger looks on in Portland on Saturday, April 14. Trees are being removed to make way for the new Sellwood Bridge and the Tribe was able to harvest cedar bark and yew trees for cultural projects.

Tree resources in Portland gifted to Tribe

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

The successful partnerships that the Tribe has built in the Portland metropolitan area paid surprise dividends in mid-April when cedar bark and yew trees from the renovation of the Sellwood Bridge were given to the Grand Ronde people for future cultural use.

"Through partnerships with Multnomah and Clackamas coun-

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First Foods celebrated

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Aiden Allen Archer Bly, 5, and Alexander Michael Bly, 6, both Tribal descendants and great-grandchildren of Culture Committee Vice Chairwoman Betty Bly, were among the first of children at this year's First Foods Celebration to immerse themselves with crayons into the fun-for-kids part of the celebration.

"This is the best coloring ever," said Alexander Michael.

"This is the best, best, best, best coloring ever," said Aiden Allen Archer.

Others were busy in the Tribal Community Center with Tribal member and Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel and Chucky Fryberg (Tulalip) in creating designs with pencils and markers on cedar "clappers."

Still others learned how to mash acorns in a stone pestle with the help of traditional Native crafts expert Margaret Mathewson, who also was a big help to the Cultural Resources Department on the subject of traditional baskets for the current Native women exhibit at Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem.

With more than 50 attending — from less than a year of age to older than 95 — the event was a family affair for many, including Tribal member Reina Nelson, who came with sons Peter, 17, and Richard, 24.

"Traditionally, it's important to show respect and honor our relatives," said Tribal member and Culture Committee mem-



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Zachary Bly places salmon on a plate for it to be served at the First Foods Celebration at the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, April 22.



Tribal member Lyjah Murray, 8 months old, takes a bite out of a piece of fry bread during the First Foods Celebration at the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, April 22.

ber Perri McDaniel, by which she meant, "the salmon, the clams, oysters, elk and deer as

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Ad hoc committee helped bring memorial to life

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

At the end of May, the Tribe will celebrate Memorial Day at the West Valley Veterans Memorial, which was officially christened nine years ago.

However, Tribal efforts to erect a memorial honoring West Valley veterans — Tribal and nonTribal — started well before the memorial was erected in 2003.

Although it reportedly had been talked about quite often before, an announcement in the Feb. 15, 1999, *Smoke Signals* trumpeted the official beginning of the Grand Ronde Tribe's concerted



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

West Valley Veterans Memorial

effort to build a veterans memorial.
"One of Tribal Council's priorities for 1999

will be to erect a Veterans Memorial recognition and appreciation for those Tribal members who have served in the Armed Forces and fought in America's wars," the announcement read.

"An ad hoc committee is a temporary committee, and will be dissolved after the Veterans Memorial project is complete."

A report on the meeting that appeared in the March 15, 1999, *Smoke Signals* said that the ad hoc committee elected officers and members, who were pending Tribal Council approval.

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