

Many chances to learn Chinuk Wawa

Classes held in Grand Ronde, Portland and Eugene areas

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There are many opportunities to learn Chinuk Wawa in the Grand Ronde, Portland and Eugene areas.

The language is part of our culture and part of what defines our identity. The efforts to keep the language alive are ongoing thanks to a handful of people. We would like to increase the number of people who are able to speak the language and keep it alive, which is why classes are available in these three major areas and many different types of classes are taught with the chance to take the class for credit.

The Grand Ronde Reservation was established by presidential

executive order in 1857. The Reservation was established for more than 30 different bands of Tribal people and many different dialects were spoken within those different bands.

The only language these Tribes had in common was Chinuk jargon. It was the custom of these people not to marry within their Tribe and so many inner-Tribal marriages occurred. The children of these marriages grew up speaking Chinuk Wawa as their first language.

In the early 1870s, there was a real educational push by the federal government and children were sent to boarding schools. By the 1880s, the Native language was being removed from the curriculum. After a time, the children were punished for speaking Chinuk.

The language suffered, but some of the language was still spoken at home. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, some of the Grand Ronde El-

ders held classes and worked hard to revive the language. The work is still ongoing and our hope is to bring it back stronger than ever.

The first-year class is held in Grand Ronde and taught by Kathy Cole from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. You can either take this class for fun or take it for credit through Lane Community College. The class is held in the Adult Education Room 126 on Monday and Room 207 on Wednesday.

The second-year class is also taught 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday by Henry Zenk in the Adult Education building. On Wednesdays, the class taught by Zenk is broadcast from the Portland office to Grand Ronde, again from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

There are two classes of Chinuk Wawa offered in the Eugene area. The first- and second-year classes are held at Lane Community College from 5 to 6:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the Longhouse.

The first-year class is taught by Janne Underriner and the second-year class is facilitated by Beth Sheppard and broadcast to Zenk.

Another chance to take Chinuk Wawa is from 2 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Eugene Tribal office and the class is taught by Justin Robinson. His class is more informal and can be taken for fun or he can tutor those who are taking the Lane Community College class.

There are more chances to take Chinuk Wawa in Portland. Eric Bernando teaches a class at the Portland office from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. He also can help tutor students in the Portland office who are taking the class for credit.

The class in Grand Ronde and Eugene associated with Lane Community College started on Monday, Sept. 24, and follows the college schedule.

If you have any questions, call Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249. ■

Portland State lab conducting survey on fishing, fish eating

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Portland State University's Survey Research Lab is searching for participants, particularly those from Native American Tribes, to complete a survey on fishing and fish eating habits at Portland Harbor. The survey will end after Oct. 6.

Portland Harbor is six miles of the Willamette River that stretches from Sauvie Island almost to the Fremont Bridge. Portland Harbor hosts 39 fish and shellfish species. Throughout the year, Portland Harbor hosts three Chinook salmon runs, one Coho run and two steelhead runs.

Fish species found in Portland Harbor include bass, carp, bullhead catfish, salmon, white sturgeon, crappie and panfish. Shellfish species include crayfish and bivalves. People travel from different parts of the Northwest to fish in the area.

Tiffany Conklin, a senior research assistant, said, "We'd like to ask them to do an anonymous and confidential phone interview with us. Anyone who completes the longer interview — about 20 minutes — would receive a \$20 gift card to Fred Meyer or Fisherman's Marine & Outdoor Store to thank them for their help."

Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing to win a \$150 gift card to Fred Meyer or Fisherman's Marine & Outdoor Store.

The survey can be taken by phone at 503-725-5970 and ask for Tiffany Conklin, or online at www.portlandfishsurvey.com.

Tribal Court closure

Beginning Sept. 7 and throughout the remainder of the year, the Tribal Court will be closed to the public from 8 a.m. to noon Friday to allow time for staff to complete administrative projects. Thank you for your patience. ■

Elders' Holiday Bazaar set

The Tribal Elders' Holiday Bazaar will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, in the Tribal gym.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Food will be available for purchase.

Vendors should call 503-879-2233 for an application. Forty-two tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. ■

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In 2012, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will launch a companion website: www.wernative.org. The site is being designed for Native youth, by Native youth, to encourage healthy behaviors, share youth-friendly media and current events, increase cultural identity and pride, and share the positive impacts Native youth are having on their communities.


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