

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Student Spotlight: Sonja Haskins-Mack

**Q. Tell me a little about yourself.**

**A.** I'm a strong native woman named Sonja Lee Haskins-Mack aka Stormy Lee. The name my dad, Buddy John Haskins, gave to me. I am on my new journey in life. I am wild and free from my no good past. With me I have my pride, my honor and my respect that my no good past could not take from me. I am wild and free. This is me, Stormy Lee, the name my dad, Buddy John Haskins, gave to me for all eternity. I choose not to dwell on my no good past. I am done and over with my no good past and the pain my past has dealt me. I will not look back. I know what will lie ahead of me and where it will take me. I am Stormy Lee, the name my dad, Buddy John Haskins, gave to me, and I am wild and free.

**Q. If you could spend one day with anyone, who would it be?**

**A.** To meet and be with my kids, little Stormy, little Thunder aka "T." I want to make it up to my kids for not being there for them and it's not too late to make it up to my kids little Stormy and little Thunder aka "T." I am counting the days until we meet. I love you little Stormy, little Thunder aka "T." Your mom big Stormy Lee aka Sonja Lee Haskins-Mack, the name my dad, your grandpa Buddy John Haskins, gave to me. I am wild and free from my no good past, fighting for my journey in life, going to school, getting my GED, keeping my mind focused on our new journey in life. I love you little Stormy, little Thunder aka "T." I am your mom, big Stormy Lee, aka Sonja Haskins-Mack, the name my dad, your grandpa Buddy John Haskins, gave to me. I am waiting for us to meet. Until then, you are always and forever in my thoughts and prayers.

**Q. What advice do you have for those who are undecided for their college goals?**

**A.** Motivate yourself; keep fighting for your future, a future that you can be proud of. Without a job no matter what kind of job it is, if it's washing pots and pans, or getting an education, without a job, an honest 9-5, you go without. I am 33 years old, I know where I've been and to be down and out, and I will fight for a better future and that is to have an honest 9-5 job. And to keep going no matter what is dealt to me. I choose not to dwell on my no good past. I choose to better my life and to think about how I want to be remembered.

**Q. Anything else you want to include?**

**A.** I know how it is to be down and out, barely making it with no education and living on the streets. And I fight every day not to look back at my no good past and keep focused on my new journey in life. Remember to motivate yourself, fight for a better future. A low self-esteem is a slow kill for us. Keep your head up and always look forward and never look back, and choose not to dwell on a painful, no good past. Have faith in yourself and life is what you make of it.

### College Placement Testing

Are you thinking about starting college winter term? College Placement Testing for Chemeketa Community College is available at the Adult Education Building by appointment.

Call 503-879-2282 to make an appointment.

### Need scholarship help?

Are you looking for scholarships and don't know where to start? Do you need assistance with your scholarship applications and/or personal statements? If so, contact the Tribal Scholarship Office at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345, or e-mail [luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org](mailto:luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org).



### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.  
(closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.)  
Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

**In recognition of our Tribal Veterans**, the library will be showing our Tribal member veterans DVD continuously Nov. 1-16 in the library.

**Collaborative Events:** Willamina Public Library hosted the third event on Oct. 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This event featured an introduction to basketry and local material used by Tribal member Connie Graves. Participants were able to make projects using cattail. **Our last event will be hosted by the Tribal Library on Thursday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** The November session will include storytelling by Bobby Mercier in coordination with Brian Krehbiel. This will be our kickoff event in recognition of National Native American Month.

**Donations:** We appreciate the following contributors to the library collection during this reporting period: Our thanks go to the K-5 Program, Tribal Legal Department, Megan Walker, Chris Bailey, Angie Fasana, Phillip Telfer, Andrew and Lori Hernandez, and Faye Smith. Thanks all; your donated items have been cataloged and are shelved for circulation. Thank you for some great additions to the collection.

**New Items to the Collection:**

The library has a **new audio CD book collection**. We added 60 new titles to our audio collection. The majority of the audio cassette books have been weeded from the collection. The cassettes are available for free at the library entry along with some VHS tapes and books left over from the annual giveaway.

**Our new book order from Books Galore has arrived** and all have been cataloged and are ready for circulation. More than 60 children and youth books are included in this order.

We are **expecting another order of books to be arriving soon** that includes selections for most reading levels and various genres.

**Celebrating Information Literacy:** On Oct. 1, 2009, President Barack Obama issued a proclamation establishing October as National Information Literacy Awareness Month. In June of this year, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber issued a formal proclamation and our state became one of only a handful to formally recognize and support information literacy avocation.

Therefore, throughout October and November, to show our support for information literacy, the Tribal Library will be exhibiting a special display where visitors can view the President's and Governor's proclamations, as well as resource pamphlets for all interested parties to take with them. If you're interested in learning more about how important information literacy is to the modern student (or would just like to know what information literacy is!), then stop by the Tribal Library and have a chat with us.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Children & Family Services

## Giving Tree

Children & Family Services is excited to announce our annual Giving Tree for our Tribal foster and prevention children in need. Here's all you need to do to help...

Take one or more tags from the Giving Tree

Tags will be available in the Health & Wellness Center from **Nov. 19 to Dec. 14** or by contacting Amanda Mercer. Tags are labeled with the child's age, clothing size, needs & wishes. There are also item specific tags for items such as coats & duffel bags. Be sure to keep the tags...they will need to be attached to the gifts.

**Go Shopping!**  
Please limit each gift tag to \$50.  
Return all unwrapped gifts to the Social Services Department Community Center by **December 17**.

Your timely return ensures that the children will receive their gifts by Christmas. If you have any questions please call or e-mail.

Thank you for your generosity!

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