

Education offers Chinuk Wawa classes

The Tribe's 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 fun. For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

New CTGR Higher Education Program deadlines set

There are now only two Higher Education programs depending on whether you are full-time or part-time.

The deadline for the Full-Time College program is at least 30 days before the start of classes. The deadline for the Part-Time College program is at least 10 days before the start of class.

Visit the Tribal Web site for more program information and an application. www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/ ■

Canoe Family receives Potlatch Fund grant

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family received a \$1,437 grant from the Potlatch Fund's 2013 InterTribal Canoe Journey Grantmaking Program. The grant will help the Canoe Family during the Paddle to Quinalt 2013, Honoring Our Warriors, in July.

Twenty-five groups received grants totaling \$41,000 that will aid 39 canoes on the paddle. All canoes funded by the Potlatch Fund either have a strong roster of youth or are comprised of Native Elders and leaders advocating for cultural preservation through sharing their knowledge. The canoes also are drug- and alcohol-free, following traditional protocol, instill a sense of Native pride, incorporate language and environmental teachings, provide leadership training and have youth-based educational elements.

The Grand Ronde grant was for the Stankia canoe. ■

Tribe must create management plan

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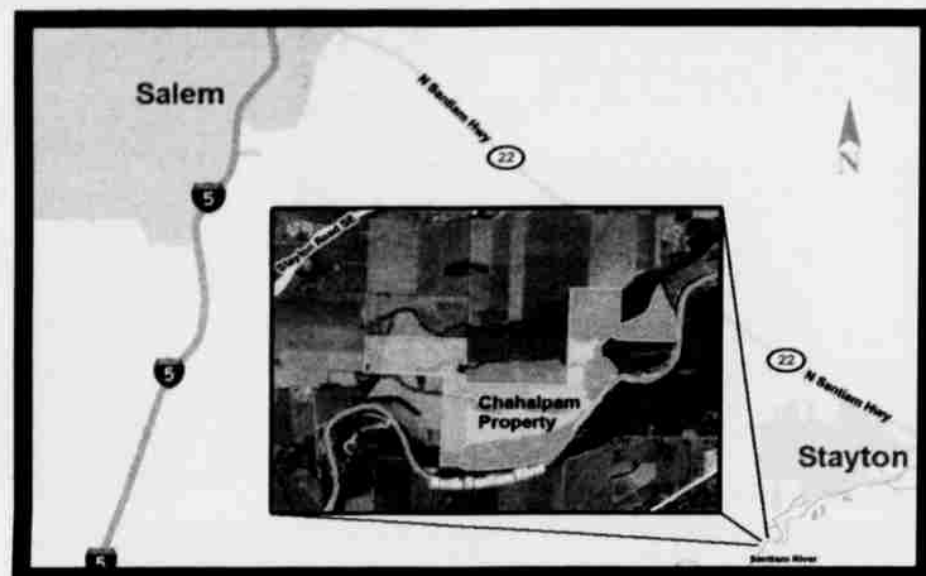
provide stable funding for habitat acquisitions in the Willamette Basin to offset the effects of federal dams on the Willamette River and its tributaries. The land will be protected in perpetuity with a conservation easement that guarantees that it will be managed by the Tribe for fish, wildlife and other conservation values, with an emphasis on restoring the land to a more natural, indigenous condition.

"This is a monumental Tribal acquisition of land that will forever protect important natural and cultural resources in our ceded lands," Reibach said.

The Tribe must now draft and implement a management plan that will convert the agricultural fields and a home site to cultural plants and native habitat over time.

Previously, the property was permitted for gravel mining.

"Without the hard work of BPA, the Western Rivers Conservancy and the Tribe, it would likely be mined for gravel today rather than protected for our future genera-



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tions," Reibach said.

The Chahalpam property is home to spring Chinook salmon, winter steelhead, Pacific lamprey, Oregon chub, western red cedar, Oregon ash and red-legged frogs among other native plant and animal species.

Reibach credited Tribal Council for its "persistence and support for a greater presence in our ceded lands" and the Ceded Lands Acquisition Team, which includes him-

self, Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh, Tribal attorneys Jennifer Biesack and Ryan Sudbury, Hydrosystem Compliance Specialist Lawrence Schwabe, Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson and Tribal Realty Specialist Teresa Clay for putting in long hours and intense work to bring the acquisition to fruition.

"We're very fortunate to have a Tribal Council that is so support-

ive and action-oriented to lead us in such a massive undertaking," Karnosh said. "In addition, the combination of programs into the Land and Culture Department really streamlined things for this complex land transfer."

"The process for this project is very intensive with many steps and requirements that demand a high level of coordination by the Tribe with many offices and agencies," Reibach said. He also thanked the Tribe's Cultural Protection Program and its partners at BPA and the Western Rivers Conservancy for making the acquisition possible.

"Through everyone's hard work the Tribe is making the dream of the return of its ceded lands a reality," he added.

The Chahalpam acquisition brings the Tribe's conservation land holdings in its ceded lands to 435 acres. In 2012, the Tribe acquired 97 acres at Rattlesnake Butte in south-central Willamette Valley near Junction City.

"This total will certainly increase as the Tribe pursues further conservation projects in its ceded lands," Reibach added. ■

Taking a bow



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Kailiyah Krehbiel lines up an arrow as she tries out a bow she made during the Bringing Back the Bow camp held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on June 4-5. More than 60 youth participated in the class that taught them how to make a bow like their ancestors. The camp was funded in part by Bring Back the Bow, Spirit Mountain Community Fund and the Tribe's Land and Culture Department. It was the second consecutive year that the class has been offered in Grand Ronde.

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