

## Kennedy named Board Member of the Year

By Ron Karten

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Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy has been named Board Member of the Year by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

The announcement was made on Tuesday, July 9.

The selection, by her peers, resulted from "her consistent leadership in Indian health issues," said Joe Finkbonner, executive director of the Health Board. "Cheryle reaches out to the Portland-area delegates to gather input in her role as the Portland area representative of the Secretary of Health & Human Services' Tribal Advisory Council."

With this selection, delegates recognized "the tremendous dedication that Cheryle has committed to in the STAC. The delegates also have a tremendous amount of confidence in Cheryle's understanding of not only Portland-area health issues, but also the capacity differences



Cheryle A. Kennedy

for every Tribe in the Northwest," Finkbonner said.

"Cheryle also understands 'health' beyond the Indian health system, which makes her a

more effective representative for the Portland area."

"I was astonished to be awarded Board Member of the Year," Kennedy wrote to her colleagues on Tribal Council. Previously, she was elected to fill the vacant secretary position.

Kennedy said her goal is to "represent the Tribe well, promote legislative changes that are needed to improve the health status of Indian people, and to acquire all the funds we need to provide health care."

Kennedy has served on the Health Board since the late 1980s. ■

## Making a stand



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Nokoa Mercier, 11, second from right, gets a piece of licorice at the Lil Drinks stand that is being run by Daysia Duran, 8, left, her brother Keahi, 6, second from left, and their cousin Dyami Eastman, 12, not pictured, at 9663 Tilixam Circle in Grand Ronde Tribal Family Housing. In addition to licorice, the stand, which will be open throughout the summer, has lemonade, iced tea, Kool-Aid, pop, bottled water, lollipops and other pops available for sale. On the right, Kailiyah Krehbiel, 11, waits in line.

## Volleyball nights held on Wednesdays

The Tribe's Recreation Program holds open volleyball from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Tribal gym.

Volleyball is open to anyone wanting to participate.

For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator Matthew Mosley at 503-879-1369 or matthew.mosley@grandronde.org. ■

## Recycle Center moved

The Recycle Center has been moved to 9675 Grand Ronde Road. For more information, contact the Tribal Facilities Manager at 503-879-2407. ■

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