



Introducing the winners of the 10th annual Monte "Mouse" George Horseshoe Tournament that is held every year at the home of Steve and Connie Bobb, in conjunction with the annual Riggs, Norwest family reunion. The winners this year are repeat winners from last year, Shawn Ebensteiner for the singles and Shawn and son Braden Ebensteiner were the winners of the doubles. Braden is a Tribal member and the son of Melanie Ebensteiner. Connie is in the middle as she handed out the trophies.



Congratulations on your graduation Orrin and Tyler!  
Best wishes to a great year in kindergarten



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## Social Services 2013 School Clothes Program

This is a first-come, first-served program.  
Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.  
Child must be of school age and enrolled in school (preschool, elementary, middle or high school).  
Income criteria applies.  
Please contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for application.  
Deadline for all applications is Sept. 16, 2013. ■

## Table Rocks Tribal Encampment at TouVelle State Park Sept. 6-8, 2013

The site is reserved for CTGR Tribal members on Sept. 6 - 8

Bring your drums, songs, Tribal craft projects.  
Share your culture with fellow Tribal members and the public  
Potluck dinner on Friday and Saturday nights.

You are responsible for your travel arrangements and expenses.

Camping is allowed at the site.  
Tent sites and some RV sites.  
No waste water dump.  
There are flushable toilets.  
ADA accessible.

This is a drug- and alcohol-free event.

To RSVP, contact Public Affairs  
PublicInfo@grandronde.org  
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Central Point, OR 97502



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## Soto selected as Hatfield Fellow

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Rodolfo "Rudy" Soto, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, has been selected as the 2013-14 Mark O. Hatfield Fellow by Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Soto will begin his nine-month fellowship in Washington, D.C., in early November.

Soto is a graduate of Portland State University and is currently employed by the National Indian Child Welfare Association in Portland as a youth engagement specialist. He also serves as a member of the Oregon Army National Guard.

He will begin his fellowship by participating in a month-long program led by the American Political Science Association before he begins his congressional placement as a legislative assistant to Congressman Kurt Schrader.

"I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to doing my best to represent and advocate for the



Rodolfo "Rudy" Soto

Native Americans in the Northwest," Soto said.

Since 1998, Spirit Mountain Community Fund's Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship program has provided

a member of a Native American Tribe from the Pacific Northwest the opportunity to serve as an adviser to a member of Congress on Native American issues and as a resource on Native American issues for the entire Oregon congressional delegation.

The fellowship honors Mark O. Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator, former governor of Oregon and for his mentorship of many community leaders. Hatfield walked on in August 2011.

Previous Hatfield Fellows include current Tribal employees Stacia Martin and Francene Ambrose. ■

## Kitzhaber vetoes mascot bill

By Dean Rhodes

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Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber vetoed a bill supported by the Grand Ronde Tribe that would have allowed some Oregon schools to maintain their Native American mascots.

Senate Bill 215 would have allowed schools to keep Native team names and mascots if nearby Tribal governments agreed. The bill would have counteracted a 2012 ruling by the Oregon Board of Education that no Native American mascots or names can be used by public schools starting in 2017.

Kitzhaber argued that the exception was too broad. During the legislative session, he urged lawmakers to adopt a policy similar to that of the NCAA, which has a general ban but allows universities to use the name of a specific Tribe if that Tribe agrees to the arrangement.

In a letter explaining his veto, Kitzhaber said he hoped that both sides of the issue could work together to bring a "consensus proposal" to the 2014 Legislature.

During the recent legislative session, Tribal Chairman Reyn Leno and Tribal Council members Cheryle A. Kennedy and Kathleen Tom

testified in support of Oregon public schools continuing to be allowed to use Native American mascots.

"High school mascots are supposed to be inspirational," Leno testified before the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee on March 27. "High schools do not adopt 'losers' or 'slugs' as their mascots; they adopt admirable and inspirational figures. The banned names - Indians, Braves, Warriors and Chiefs - are inspirational Native images and we do not view their use as de facto derogatory."

On April 2, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council adopted a resolution supporting Senate Bill 215 and its companion bill in the state House of Representatives.

"The Tribe supports allowing schools to keep their Native mascots if they collaborate with a representative Tribe on positive portrayals or integrated cultural studies to combat stereotypes," the resolution said.

Fifteen high schools in the state use Native mascots, including the nearby Amity Warriors. ■

Includes information from *The Oregonian*.

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