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Council releases statement on enrollment

Over the years our Tribal membership, through constitutional amendments, has consistently pushed for tightening our Tribal enrollment. An enrollment audit was a task assigned in the Tribal Strategic Plan for 2010, which was adopted in August of 2009. That plan was formulated after nearly two years of development that began with a Strategic Futures conference in 2007 involving Tribal leaders and members. The plan directed Enrollment to audit all enrollment files and applications, track reasons for denials, and audit blood quantum records with the goal of strengthening the Grand Ronde Family Tree.

Over the last year Tribal Council meetings have become increasingly contentious and non-productive – largely due to the ongoing disagreements over loss of membership issues. The Tribal Council therefore proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance that remove the Tribal Council from the process for involuntary loss of membership. Specifically, the amendments give the Enrollment Committee the authority to issue decisions regarding involuntary loss of membership. The council believes removing such decisions from the influences of the political process and leaving it to respected members of the Enrollment Committee is a more appropriate way of addressing these sensitive and difficult matters. It is the goal of council to ensure these cases are

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal members Greg Archuleta, left, and Reina Nelson, the Tribe's Land and Culture Department administrative assistant, helped reveal the name of the new park that is being developed at Northeast Alberta Street and Northeast 52nd Avenue in Portland's Cully neighborhood on Thursday, Aug. 7. The park was named Khunamokwst Park, which means "together" in Chinuk Wawa.

Portland park receives Chinuk Wawa name

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

Grading on the 2.4-acre corner plot at 52nd Avenue and Northeast Alberta Street had begun on Thursday, Aug. 7, when a ceremony unveiling the Chinuk Wawa name for the park to be located there was held.

Khunamokwst Park (pronounced KAHN-ah-mockst) came

from a suggestion by Tribal cultural consultant Greg Archuleta, with technical support from Tribal Historian David Lewis and Cultural Education and Outreach Program Manager Kathy Cole through the Native American Community Advisory Committee of the Portland Parks and Recreation Department. It is the name that the committee recommended to the Naming Committee.

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Translated as "together," it offers hope that this new greenspace will bring the Cully neigh-

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Kitzhaber sits down with Tribal Council



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Governor briefed on myriad Grand Ronde concerns

By Dean Rhodes
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In the midst of his campaign for an unprecedented fourth term as Oregon's governor, John Kitzhaber sat down with the Grand Ronde Tribal Council for 50 minutes on Monday, Aug. 4, to listen to current Tribal concerns.

He heard about Grand Ronde educational efforts, public safety issues and Tribal consternation about other Tribes

attempting to move into Grand Ronde's ceded lands in the Willamette Valley, among other issues.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno welcomed Kitzhaber to the council's conference room and gifted him a necklace made by Tribal Council member Jon A. George. Leno also invited Kitzhaber to

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Gov. John Kitzhaber shakes hands with Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy as he arrives for a meeting with Tribal Council on Monday, Aug. 4.