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Arbor progress



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The concrete pad for the seating area of the new arbor at Uyxat Powwow Grounds is in place.

Assembly of the arbor will begin soon and it is on schedule to be completed by the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow being held July 10-12.



Tribe thanks Brown



Courtesy photo

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, middle, is gifted a paddle from Spirit Mountain Community Fund and the Grand Ronde Tribe by Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr., left, Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom, second from left, Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, second from right, and Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary during a dinner held in Portland on Saturday, April 4, to thank Brown for her 18 years of service on the Community Fund Board of Trustees. Also in attendance were Community Fund staff, and Board of Trustees Chairman Sho Dozono and board members Ron Reibach and Chip Lazenby.

Halftime gift



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Erin Moore, left, executive director of Oregon CASA Network, and Gov. Kate Brown, right, walk off the court at the Moda Center in Portland after a Spirit Mountain Community Fund check presentation to the Oregon CASA Network during halftime of the Portland Trail Blazers game on Saturday, April 4. In the middle is Sho Dozono, Community Fund Board of Trustees chairman, who helped present the check along with Trustee Chip Lazenby and Community Fund Director Kathleen George. They awarded \$46,923 for the CASA Sustainability in Oregon project.

Jahn property taken into trust

The almost 31-acre Jahn property west of Spirit Mountain Casino has been taken into trust status for the Tribe, Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach said on Thursday, April 9.

The property is south of Oregon Highway 18 before reaching Grand Ronde Road and includes a stretch of the South Yamhill River. It is currently in hay production.

"Conversion of Tribal properties into trust status has several advantages to the Tribe, including but not limited to property tax exemption," he said. Reibach thanked Tribal Council, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin, Staff Attorney Jennifer Biesack, Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh and Realty Specialist Teresa Brocksen for their work on obtaining trust status for the property. ■

CTGR TERO Announcement

Rough Terrain Forklift Training & Certification



When: Monday, April 20 Where: The Education Building in Room 126

From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is limited to 10

No cost for CTGR Tribal members and \$75 non-Tribal members

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