



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Bobby Mercier, left, talks with community member Chris Papen about stanki'ya, the Chinook-style canoe that the Grand Ronde Canoe Family paddles, during an artist reception for "Ikanum" held at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center in Grand Ronde on Friday, Nov. 20. Mercier is the Cultural Outreach supervisor for the Tribe and had art in the exhibit, but stanki'ya was made by John McCallum.

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Reception held for 'Ikanum'

By Brent Merrill
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An artist's reception for "Ikanum: Contemporary Artwork from the Columbia River and Willamette Valley" was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, at Chachalu, the Tribe's museum and cultural center.

Ikanum are traditional stories. The tales are often told through markings on a wall, the pattern in a weave, the shadows cast in a piece of wood or stone, and the deliberate forms in nature that exist all around us. The art forms existed long before human beings.

Items exhibited at Chachalu's "Ikanum" had been previously displayed throughout the summer, from July 17 through Sept. 9, at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg.

"We put this art exhibit up for Chehalem and then we thought why not use it in our own spot," said Kathy Cole, the Tribe's Cultural Education and Outreach Program manager.

"It will bring more people here and more Grand Ronde people could see the exhibit, especially our Elders," said Cole. "I just wanted more people to come in and experience Chachalu and the art exhibit

and showcase the artists. And it's just another event at the museum to make the museum alive."

According to Cole, 237 people have visited the "Ikanum" exhibit since it opened in Grand Ronde.

Artists featured in the "Ikanum" exhibit are Greg Archuleta, Connie Graves, Tribal Council member Jon A. George, David Harrelson, Brian Krehbiel, Bobby Mercier, Jordan Mercier, Travis Stewart, Crystal Szczepanski, Shirod Younker and Adam McIsaac.

The largest, and arguably the most impressive, exhibit featured at "Ikanum" is the 33-foot-long "stanki'ya" ocean-going canoe. The canoe dominates the exhibit space and is dimensionally an exact replica of a Chinook-style canoe.

"To me, stanki'ya is a symbol of the rebirth of a culture here in Grand Ronde," said Cole. "As soon as they started the canoe journeys, more people became involved in their culture. It became more Grand Ronde culture and more people were involved and so stanki'ya being in the middle of this exhibit is the perfect showcase for that. It's really impressive."

"Ikanum" will remain on display at Chachalu, 8720 Grand Ronde Road, through Friday, Dec. 11. ■

WIC in Grand Ronde

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5?

If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Health & Wellness Center on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Walk-ins are welcome between 8:45 and 11 a.m. When WIC clients arrive at the Health & Wellness Center, they should enter through the Wellness Department located at the back of the medical wing

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-623-8175, ext. 2297.

WIC clinics are scheduled for Dec. 1 and 15. ■

Grand Ronde Community Meeting about the feasibility study for a community pool in Grand Ronde 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015, in the Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road Dinner (chili and cornbread) will be served at 6 p.m.

What: A community meeting sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Grand Ronde Housing Department to listen to Tribal members and to the community about the needs, opportunities, concerns and issues related to the recently started feasibility study of the potential development of a community pool in Grand Ronde. The community meeting will include a presentation about the feasibility study by the Tribe's Planning Department and by Robertson Sherwood Architects, PC, an Eugene firm with regional expertise in the study, design, construction and operation of private, public and municipal pools of all kinds.

Who: All Tribal members, community members and area residents are encouraged and invited to attend. Tribal Council members, Tribal staff and consultants from Robertson Sherwood will attend to listen and present information.

Why: In response to requests from Tribal members to consider building and operating a pool in Grand Ronde, Tribal Council directed staff to develop the needs, costs and benefits of a municipal pool in Grand Ronde and to seek independent expertise to develop a feasibility study. In early November, the Tribe contracted with Robertson Sherwood Architects to conduct the study of feasibility. The objectives for this community meeting are to inform the study with input from the community and to inform the community about the study and its outcomes. The study will not decide whether to build a pool; rather it will provide the information necessary for Tribal Council to make that decision.

Where: Grand Ronde Community Center, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, immediately following Grand Ronde Housing Residents meeting.

For more information, please contact Rick George, Planning Department manager, at 503-879-2112 or rick.george@grandronde.org.

Health Center adds hours

SALEM — Chemawa Indian Health Center, 3750 Chemawa Road N.E., will now be open for business on Wednesday afternoons. Wednesday hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow for morning administrative meetings. Other hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 503-304-7600 or 800-452-7623. ■



THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE SOCIAL SERVICES 2015 WINTER COAT DRIVE

1 Raffle ticket for each coat donated!

Donate a new or gently used winter coat and receive 1 raffle ticket. The more coats you donate, the more raffle tickets you receive!

As much as we appreciate the hoodies, sweaters and sweatshirts we've received in the past, this year's Winter Coat Drive is for winter coats only.

All sizes of coats will be accepted. Coat Drive is Nov. 16 through Noon, Dec. 14.

At 1:15 p.m. Dec. 14 we will draw for the lucky winners of the prizes (prizes to be determined).

Please bring coats to Social Services (located in the Community Center). For questions please call 503-879-2034.