

Elkins memorial car wash slated

The sixth annual Sam Elkins memorial car wash will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at D&R Masonry, 8890 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie.

There will be free barbecue and a live band.

All proceeds will benefit the Sam Elkins Memorial Fund, which benefits Clackamas Youth Sports and the Dougy Center.

Elkins was a Tribal member who walked on in 2010. ■

Gooseneck School reunion set

Former Gooseneck School students and their families will hold a reunion and potluck on Saturday, May 21, at the school, 21345 Gooseneck Road, Sheridan.

Gooseneck School was a one-room schoolhouse for students in first through eighth grades. It closed in the 1950s. The reunion will offer the opportunity to visit the old school, enjoy the company of old friends and share memories.

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Course hoped to be offered in Grand Ronde again

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have there. I think that is a bond that won't be broken."

Cherry credits Stack with making the course interesting and compelling.

"He (Stack) brings it," she said. "He makes learning very fun. He has a very strong presence. I like that about him. I haven't had an opportunity to pick up that phone one time. Not one time. It should be like that all the time. It should be like that in your day-to-day interactions with people, with guests, with your team, in your meetings. It's very liberating."

Willis said she wants to be like Stack.

"He is so good at it. He just is," said Willis. "You watch him and how comfortable he is speaking and you think, 'I want to be able to do that'. I want to be able to get up and just be funny and impromptu and comfortable. He is so engaged with the class. He's been very inspiring."

Stack said he took the Dale Carnegie course after graduating from Oregon State University in Corvallis in 1984 while working for an office supply company in the San Francisco area. He had been taking myriad trainings to learn about the office equipment he was selling when the company offered to pay for half of the Dale Carnegie course and take the other half out of his paycheck.

Stack said after participating as a team leader in a sales class, he started thinking about becoming a trainer.

After 11 months in California, Stack moved back to Oregon and began his career with Dale Carnegie in 1985.

Stack said he enjoyed being in Grand Ronde and that he hopes to return annually.

"One of the unique things about Dale Carnegie training is every class is different," said Stack. "Our sessions are always the same, but it's the makeup of the people that always make the course fun. I really liked teaching the class in Grand Ronde and one of the unique things about



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

At left, Mike Stack, president of The Stack Group and instructor of the Dale Carnegie Training course, talks to the class about making effective introductions before they broke into pairs to prepare to make those introductions in class on Monday, April 4.

the Grand Ronde class is that it has the elements of a family business. There are a lot of family relationships there and yet it doesn't dominate the class. Everybody is there taking the class to better themselves. It now becomes up to the individuals to keep putting that (learning) to work."

O'Harra said he hopes to offer the course again and that he will work with the Tribal Employment Rights Office, Education Department and Human Resources co-workers to make it happen.

"We had the blessing of all the different departments that were working together and then we presented to Tribal Council and got their blessing," said O'Harra. "It's truly been a joint effort between areas and that is the whole idea behind the Tribal Employment Services Center is to be working together, providing opportunities for Tribal members." ■

Hospital employees put together ceremony

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Just ask Tribal member Deborah Gilbert Simmons of Independence.

She expected to give birth to her daughter in about four weeks and had scheduled to marry her fiancé, Shane Callandret, also of Independence, on Monday, March 28, in Tribal Court.

But her unborn daughter had other plans.

Simmons' water broke at 4 a.m. of her wedding day and the couple traveled to Salem Health Family Birth Center, where doctors discovered that Deborah was not yet in labor. However, they were not letting Deborah leave the medical facility just to be sure.

Deborah shared with her nurse that the couple had planned to marry that day in Tribal Court. The nursing team told her it could still happen if she was interested, but in her hospital room instead.

More than a dozen hospital employees scrambled to obtain flowers and make decorations, while the hospital's Nutrition Services Department provided snacks and drinks, non-alcoholic of course, for the impromptu ceremony.

Salem Health's Lead Chaplain Ken Morse performed the wedding after the couple had their marriage license faxed from Tribal Court to the hospital.

"They were scheduled to get married in Tribal Court at 11 a.m.," says Tribal Court Administrator Angela Fasana. "It was the first marriage license issued since passage of the Marriage Ordinance and the first marriage ceremony scheduled."

"I think it was absolutely amazing and a beautiful, wonderful thing that they did for my husband and me," Deborah says.

"I thought it was really genuine of the nurses and the staff, and it's a beautiful thing," Shane says.

"It's just a blessing to be able to care for families and to be able to make each part of their story happen," says Terri McCarrell, assistant nurse manager with the Labor and Delivery Unit at Salem Health Family Birth Center.

Aponi Callandret was born less than 24 hours later at 7:14 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, and weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Aponi (up-pah'-nee) is Blackfoot for butterfly.

"We are humbled by all of the attention about our wedding and birth of our daughter," the Callandrets said in a hospital press release. "We appreciate the outpouring of support by family, friends, the community and Salem Health staff."

Salem Health produced a video about the wedding that can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSnyBsEYCg4&feature=youtu.be. ■

Canoe Journey 2016 - Paddle to Nisqually

Upcoming Grand Ronde Canoe Family Meetings

Paddle Practices (rain or shine):
Thursday, April 21: 4 - 7 p.m. at Knight County Park, off of N 3 Rocks Rd (outside of Otis)
Thursday, April 28: 4 - 7 p.m. at Rogers Landing County Park, Newberg

Community Giveaway Work Sessions: to be announced
 For more information contact Jordan Mercier at 503.879.2185 or jordan.mercier@grandronde.org

May 14, Canoe Meeting: Noon - 3 p.m. (lunch is provided)

June 12, Canoe Meeting: Noon - 3 p.m. (lunch is provided)

The Nisqually Tribe welcomes and celebrates all nations and visitors to Canoe Journey 2016! The Tribal Canoe Journey - Paddle to Nisqually - will take place July 30 through Aug. 6, 2016.

Canoe Journey Events

July 30 - Port of Olympia Landing
July 31 - Medicine Creek Treaty Ceremony
Aug. 1-6 - Protocol
 Visit www.paddletonisqually.com for the Countdown to Landing

