

Lacrosse Clinic



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Nokoa Mercier, left, along with other lacrosse players, works on throwing and catching against the wall during the Medicine Game Lacrosse Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Saturday, May 6. Coaches and players from the Oregon State Beavers men's lacrosse team taught the clinic.



Kaikanim Mercier gets help fitting his helmet from Nick Widmer, assistant coach for the Oregon State Beavers men's lacrosse team, during the Medicine Game Lacrosse Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Saturday, May 6. Behind Mercier adjusting his helmet is Hawk Squetimkin (Colville).

Adult Foster Program

"A Place To Call Home"



The Tribe's Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact Adult Foster Program Director Peggy Shaver at 503-879-1694. ■

St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

Proposal states shared revenues with Oregon Tribes

SILETZ PROPOSAL
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Vancouver, Wash.

The Siletz proposal states they would build a 140,000-square-foot casino and hotel near Interstate 5 on a 20-acre parcel that is trust land.

The Siletz proposal, posted at www.oregontribes.com, proposes that revenues would be split with 25 percent going to the state, 25 percent to the Siletz Tribe and 50 percent being divvied up between the other eight federally recognized Tribes in Oregon – slightly more than 6 percent per Tribe if split evenly.

Martin said the Grand Ronde Tribe supports a site in the Portland metropolitan area for an inter-Tribal casino that could combat competition from the Cowlitz.

"Salem does not work for us," Martin told the *Yamhill Valley News-Register*. "It would have a devastating impact on our facility."

"If we are to do something, we would have to look at a facility that would not have an impact on Oregon's current Tribal facilities, but benefit all Oregon Tribes and the state."

"We had a meeting with Siletz on Monday. It was a shock to us to see that go public on Tuesday," Chairman Reyn Leno said during the Wednesday, May 3, Tribal Council meeting. "There was no mention of it going public Monday with our

meeting with Siletz nor was there any mention of a website. We like the idea of an inter-Tribal casino. We like the idea of more in Portland where it could be a lot bigger and it could be a lot better for everybody.

"Obviously, if you build one in Salem it would probably devastate Spirit Mountain, which would devastate the benefits and services we provide to our membership. In some ways, it makes Grand Ronde look like once again that we're picking a fight with a Tribe. We're not. That is our treaty ground. ... We will adamantly oppose the casino in Salem because that would devastate us."

Leno added that the Grand Ronde Tribe hosted an Oregon Tribes meeting at Spirit Mountain Casino on Monday, May 8, and would put together a Portland proposal for them to consider.

"You can't do it and hurt another Tribe," Leno said.

"The inter-Tribal concept really has to be an inclusive discussion with other Tribes," Tribal Council Vice Chair Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "That is what we are going to be moving forward with doing. We have our staff pulling together financial information, which they may be interested in. There are a lot of barriers that have to be overcome for it really to happen."

To follow through, the Siletz Tribe would need approval from U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, as well as Oregon Gov. Kate Brown. ■

Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am
Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9625 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Who: Parents and Caregivers of children under 5 years.
Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!

