

Free Press Award



Photo by Dean Rhodes

Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, left, accepts the Elias Boudinot Free Press Award on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Native American Journalists Association conference held in Anaheim, Calif. The Grand Ronde Tribe received the award for the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance, which was approved by Tribal Council in December 2016 and took effect in January. Mercier was a driving force behind getting the freedom of the press cited in the Tribal Constitution codified into Tribal law. Sterling Cosper, right, manager of Mvskoke Media in Oklahoma, presented the award. Mvskoke Media received the Free Press Award in 2016. During the conference, *Smoke Signals* received four awards, including a first place for Coverage of Native America in the Associate Division for Editor Dean Rhodes and second place for photography for Photojournalist Michelle Alaimo.

Grants up to \$10,000 available to Tribes

Through Oct. 31, Oregon nonprofit organizations and Tribes can apply for grants up to \$10,000 to support public programs that bring people together to think and talk about challenging issues and ideas.

Oregon Humanities' Public Program Grants are awarded annually to nonprofits with a budget less than \$1.5 million and Oregon's federally recognized Tribes. The grants fund programs that engage community members as active participants, explore issues or ideas from a variety of perspectives, help participants make meaning for themselves and their community, and respond to challenges or opportunities in their communities.

To apply, organizations or Tribes must complete an online letter or interest form by Oct. 31 at www.oregonhumanities.org. Once that deadline passes, Oregon Humanities staff will contact the program director regarding whether a full proposal will be invited.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Program Coordinator Kyle Weismann-Yee at 503-241-0543 or 800-735-0543, ext. 112, or kyle@oregonhumanities.org to discuss their applications or learn more about the granting process. ■

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. ■

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic last year.

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

NATIVE AMERICAN LIFE SKILLS EMPOWERMENT TRAINING

When: Wednesday's

Sept. 6 through Oct. 11

TIME: 10 a.m. -12 p.m. (lunch & childcare provided)

WHERE: The Community Center
9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR

NATIVE VOICES

Registration Deadline: Sept. 1, 2017

RSVP: Aliea Finney 503-879-2041 or aliea.finney@grandronde.org

Facilitators: Aliea Finney & Carmen Mercier

Grand Ronde History & Culture Summit

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Registration Information //

\$50 for conference
\$25 for plank house dinner
\$25 for workshops

Free for Tribal Members
and Staff

Rooms are available
at Spirit Mountain Casino
for \$69 per night if you
reference the History Summit

Join us for two days of interdisciplinary
lectures and discussions. Sessions will
include topics on anthropology, culture,
history, archaeology, and environment.

Each day there will be a light breakfast
and lunch provided. There will be
an evening event at the plank house
for the first 150 guests who register. The
event will include a dinner.



Confederated Tribes of
Grand Ronde Gymnasium

9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Further information at
www.grandronde.org/hcsummit

November 1st & 2nd 2017