

Danielle Frost joins *Smoke Signals* staff

Danielle Frost, a 19-year veteran of Pacific Northwest journalism, joined the staff of *Smoke Signals* on Tuesday, Sept. 26, as the staff writer.



Danielle Frost

Frost hails from the Seattle area and graduated from Eastern Washington University with a journalism degree in 1998. She started her journalism career working for *The Blue Mountain Eagle* in John Day, Ore., where she covered the community of Prairie City — city government, schools and sports — and wrote numerous feature stories.

She joined the staff of the *Gresham Outlook/Sandy Post* in 1999, covering the Mt. Hood-area community of Sandy by herself, and also has worked for the *Wilsonville Spokesman* and *Camas-Washougal Post-Record* as an education reporter. She left the Camas newspaper after almost nine years of employment to accept the position with the Grand Ronde Tribe.

“Danielle was the unanimous choice of the interview panel,” Editor Dean Rhodes said. “I think her extensive experience working for weekly newspapers will make her a good fit working for *Smoke Signals*.

Having previously hired Danielle in John Day and Sandy when I was editor at both of those publications, I was happy to see that she applied for the staff writer position and reassured she was the best choice based on the interview panel’s endorsement.

“In addition, I think her experience of working in smaller communities will translate well to working for the Tribe and in Grand Ronde. I think readers of *Smoke Signals* will enjoy her writing style, how she approaches her stories and interacting with her during interviews. She is very personable.”

In her spare time, Frost is an avid swimmer, runner and cyclist, and regularly participates in road races and triathlons. She also was the volunteer director with Why Racing Events and served as the assistant cross country coach at Washougal High School for four years.

“I am looking forward to working for the Grand Ronde Tribe,” she said. “I can’t wait to meet the people and learn more about the Tribe’s culture, traditions and history. I feel that my entire journalism career has been leading up to this great opportunity.”

Frost moved to Yamhill County and has a 10-year-old son, Alex.

She can be contacted at 503-879-4663 or danielle.frost@grandronde.org. ■

Bypass play



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

From right, Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson, Tynan George and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George drum, and are joined by Tribal Council member Denise Harvey and her granddaughter, Hallie Brewer, looking over the bridge, on Chehalem Bridge during “Play on the Bypass” day in Newberg on Saturday, Sept. 23. The community was invited to walk, run or bike on the nearly completed Newberg-Dundee Bypass Phase 1 roadway. The Tribe named the bridge Chehalem because it is a Tualatin Kalapuya word for the Newberg, Dundee and the Red Hills area or Chehalem Valley, which is within the ancestral territory of the Tualatin Kalapuya people. It also happens to cross over Chehalem Creek. Chehalem means “the outside place.” The Tribe also donated \$4 million to help fund the project that is expected to be finished later this year.

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. ■

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