

Spring Jamboree



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Runners and walkers take off from the starting line during the Spring Jamboree Fun Walk held on the Tribal campus on Saturday, March 31. The Spring Jamboree was sponsored by the Tribe’s Children & Family Services program and also included activities, games and inflatable bounce houses in the gym, and lunch. The event had 260 people sign in.



One-year-old Willow Squetimkin takes a seed from Patti LeClaire, Tribal Food Sustainability assistant, as they plant sweetie tomato seeds during the Spring Jamboree held at the Tribal gym on Saturday, March 31.

Submissions wanted

“Honoring Our Rivers,” a project of the Portland-based conservation nonprofit Willamette Partnership, is accepting student submissions of art, photography, poetry and writing, including works in languages other than English, for the upcoming edition of its publication.

Entries should reflect the student’s connection to rivers or their watershed. Submissions are open to students in kindergarten through college. The anthology will be distributed across the state of Oregon to libraries, partner organizations and participating schools.

The upcoming edition also will include a featured section dedicated to celebrating the different Tribes in the Pacific Northwest and their connections to rivers. The intention is to increase awareness and appreciation of Native culture, history, language and arts, particularly as they relate to Pacific Northwest waterways and watersheds, through student art and creative writing. Deadline to submit items is Earth Day – Sunday, April 22.

To learn how to submit items, visit www.honoringourrivers.org/submit or contact the project coordinator at info@honoringourrivers.org to learn more details. ■

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Health & Wellness to offer commemorative nameplates

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Health & Wellness Center soon will be offering engraved nameplates for purchase.

The commemorative nameplates will be placed behind a Chinook burl wood bowl carving created by Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel for the October 2017 20th anniversary celebration. It is located inside the clinic atrium on the first floor.

Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier and Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier also collaborated on the carving’s creation.

Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said that approximately 100 nameplates will be available for \$10 to \$25.

“We wanted to keep going with the tradition established with the memory bricks at the front entrance when the clinic opened in 1997,” Rowe said. “But since the bricks are finite, this is how we decided on the idea of placing plates behind the artwork. This is something we are hoping extends that honor of the bricks to the inside of the building.”

Health & Wellness Center staff are figuring out the logistics as far as timing and engraving, but wanted to get the word out.

“Whatever proceeds we have left over will be donated back into the community,” Rowe said. “I am guessing these will probably sell out pretty fast.”



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Commemorative engraved nameplates soon will be available for purchase to be displayed behind the Chinook burl bowl carving in the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center atrium.

Commemorative nameplates are another way of bringing more of the Grand Ronde culture inside the building and distinguishing it from other clinics, Rowe said.

“I want to showcase that as much possible,” she said. “This is not a typical white-walled building. I want to keep the honor alive.”

For more information or to inquire about purchasing a nameplate, contact Administrative Assistant Jaime Givens at 503-879-1407 or Jaime.givens@grandronde.org. ■

WIC visits Community Center monthly

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 Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be April 17.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Community Development Plan Kickoff

Wednesday, April 18

Tribal gymnasium

Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. followed by kickoff at 6 p.m.

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