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Welcome to Lakamas Lane

Linfield University renames campus street with support from Grand Ronde Tribe

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MCMINNVILLE — After learning that a private two-block street on its campus was named after a former science professor who had stolen Native American burial artifacts, Linfield University chose to right a wrong.

In November 2020, the Board of Trustees recommended removing the name of A.M. Brumback from the campus street and creating a commission to discuss replacement names.

The committee, which included students, faculty and staff, invited Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson to join the group in proposing a new name centered on the Indigenous people who had been there since time immemorial. Specifically, Linfield University is located on what is the traditional territory of the “Yam

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Veterans Royalty crowned



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The 2021-22 Veterans Royalty Court, from right, Senior Miss Tasina Bluehorse, Junior Miss Kalea Liebelt, Little Miss Leloo Quenelle and Warrior Nacoma Liebelt receive congratulations during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9. See more photos on pages 12-13.

Tribe hoping to break ground on home ownership development this fall

By Danielle Harrison
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The Tribe is getting closer to having a new housing development for its membership. After contracts are approved by the Tribe’s attorneys and then Tribal Council, Housing Department officials are hoping to break ground on the 86-acre Rink 2 property east of Grand

Meadows manufactured home subdivision by August or September.

“At this point, we are gathering an interested list of Tribal members,” Tribal Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno said. “We are awaiting an infrastructure contract and one for a builder, financier and designer partnership. So then a Tribal member can go through the

process from qualifying for a loan to having a home built.”

Leno declined to comment on which companies were selected until the contracts have been finalized.

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Roads to recovery: Clark’s addiction started late in life

Tribal member Sydney Clark shares her story of recovery with Smoke Signals. She recently celebrated four years of sobriety from crystal meth and credits her recovery to hard work, a desire to be there for her children, attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings, journaling and culturally based Wellbriety principles.

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez



(Editor’s note: This is the second in a series of Smoke Signals stories in 2021 that examines addiction and recovery. If you have a recovery story to share or if you work with Tribal members in recovery, contact reporter Danielle Harrison at Danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.)

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Sydne Clark didn’t follow a common addiction trajectory of experimenting with drugs as a youth and getting hooked on stronger narcotics as time wore on.

The first time she tried meth was at the age of 33.

Clark, 39, was going through an extremely rough period in her life and was encouraged to try meth by an ex-boyfriend.

“Sometimes, you don’t realize



what you may turn to when you go through depression or big life

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