

# Community night



Photos by Kamiah Koch

Azaela Anderson, 9, shows her mom a book at the Youth Education Community Night at the Tribal gym on Wednesday, March 13. The event sponsored by Youth Education offered a table of free books, T-shirts and raffle prizes.



Paisley Smith, 6, jumps into her friend's arms at the Youth Education Community Night at the Tribal gym on Wednesday, March 13.

# Pacific University hosing Reconciliation Powwow

Pacific University's Indigenous Student Alliance is hosting a Reconciliation Powwow. It will be held to honor Forest Grove Indian Training School students who attended and lost their lives at the school, Indigenous Student Alliance Advisor Nikol Roubidoux said.

"The May 4 event will not be a competition powwow given the meaning behind it," she said. "We welcome dancers, drummers and artisan vendors to come and celebrate our culture and our future."

She added that the intent is to celebrate the Kalapuya people and to establish a meaningful relationship with the Grand Ronde community.

"The students and I thank you and hope you will join us on May 4," Roubidoux said.

Grand Entry will be held at 1 and 7 p.m. and admission is free. Pacific University is located at 2043 College Way, Forest Grove.

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# Willamina School District names new superintendent

The Willamina School District School Board has selected a new superintendent, Mike Gass.

Gass currently serves as interim superintendent at the Clear Creek School District in Idaho Springs, Colorado. Previously, he was an elementary principal for 3 years in the Lincoln County School District in Newport, Oregon; and the Superintendent for 5 years in the Telluride School District in Telluride, Colorado.

Additionally, he has held numerous other administrative and teaching positions in Colorado. He owns a home in Otter Rock, Oregon.

There were 20 applicants for the position to replace longtime Willamina Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

The board interviewed three finalists for the position during the week of March 11. Gass will begin as superintendent starting Monday, July 1.

McPherson & Jacobson LLC of Omaha, Nebraska, served as consultants in the search process and will continue working with the School Board and the new superintendent in helping to establish performance goals. ■



Mike Gass

## Women's Healing Circle

A safe space to come together and support one another through community healing.

Monday April 22nd  
From 10am-12pm

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#101  
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**The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the American Museum of Natural History are now Accepting youth applications to participate in our Annual Tamanowas Ceremony and Museum Internship Program.**

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APPLY/

Open to High School youth that meet the following qualifications/

- Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Current Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in High School
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or above
- Oregon Resident

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**Application Deadline/ April 26th, 2024**

Application is available online/  
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