

Fund honored



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Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Mychal Cherry, right, waves to the crowd as the Community Fund and the \$73.4 million it has granted to nonprofits over the last 20 years are acknowledged during halftime of the Portland Trail Blazers vs. Philadelphia 76ers game at the Moda Center in Portland on Thursday, March 9. Also representing the Tribe were Community Fund Board of Trustees Chairman Sho Dozono, left, his grandson, Aki Chambers, and Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who preceded Cherry as the Community Fund director.

Tribal Council renews Table Rocks agreement

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After several months of review, the Tribe is continuing its partnership with the Bureau of Land Management and the Nature Conservancy regarding the Table Rocks Management Area in southern Oregon near Medford.

Tribal Council approved renewal of the Table Rocks memorandum of understanding at the Wednesday, March 8, Tribal Council meeting.

The original memorandum was signed in 2011 and included a five-year expiration date and review period. The renewed document does away with the expiration date and calls for an annual review. It also eliminates language that referred to establishing a Table Rocks Area of Critical Environmental Concern as that goal has already been met.

At the Tuesday, Feb. 28. Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council Secretary Jon. A. George and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene asked about the Table Rocks Interpretation Plan, which will establish culturally informative signs throughout the Table Rocks area.

Ceded Lands Program Manager Michael Karnosh said that he didn't have a deadline for the project yet but he believed it was in development.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Appointed Tribal member Steve Bobb Sr. as the third peacemaker for the Tribal Court's Peacemaker Program. His application included letters of recommendation from Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., General Manager David Fullerton, Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Greene;
 - Approved expansion of the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program, which was established in 2011 to help qualifying Tribal families in Yamhill County pay housing costs. Twenty families are currently benefitting from the program, and the expansion will incorporate Polk County with aid already budgeted to assist five Tribal families;
 - Approved the purchase of a portion of the Johnson Allotment property, 3.23 acres located on the east side of Grand Ronde Road south of the fire station. The resolution states the purchase is in keeping with Tribal Council's goal to acquire property in and around Grand Ronde;

- And approved the Tribe's continuing participation in Sunshine Week. According to Sunshine-week.rcfp.org, the week is an "annual nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for you and your community." The Tribe first participated last year and Tribal Council member Chris Mercier said at the Tuesday, March 7, Legislative Action Committee meeting that he believes Grand Ronde is still the only Tribe to do so. "It's a pledge that the Tribe is taking to indicate that they will continue to work on improving transparency to Tribal members," Mercier said.

Also included in the March 8 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that:

- Directed the Tribal Court to advertise for the position of Tribal Court chief judge;
- Authorized the research and development of a Green Policy for the Tribe, starting with procurement and purchasing policies;
- Approved design plans for the Early Childhood Education and Youth Education Building expansion project;
- Authorized the demolition of a manufactured home on the Hall property. Facilities staff will dispose of what can't be salvaged from the structure;
- And approved one proposed amendment to the Enrollment Ordinance and denied two. Tribal Council voted to propose changing the Enrollment Ordinance to allow Tribal members and applicants to view their entire enrollment file and the enrollment files of their deceased lineal ancestors, except adoption records. However, Tribal Council voted against moving forward with removal of the provisional disenrollment status for those appealing a disenrollment decision and tied 4-4 on the removal of reference to "certified records" regarding enrollment applications.

Lands Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel and Cultural Adviser Bobby Mercier performed the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

To view the meeting in its entirety, visit www.grandronde.org and click the News tab and then Video. ■

OPB airing 'Broken Treaties' documentary on Monday, March 20

Grand Ronde Tribal members David Harrelson and David Lewis will be two of the interview subjects featured in the Oregon Public Broadcasting documentary "Broken Treaties" premiering at 9 p.m. Monday, March 20.

Harrelson is the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department manager and Lewis is the Tribe's former historian and owner of Ethohistory Research LLC.

The one-hour documentary examines the history of Oregon's Native people, who went from possessing 100 percent of the state's land to almost none of it in the 19th century.

"Broken Treaties" offers Oregonians an introduction to the Indian Tribes in Oregon, the treaties they signed and the land they lost. It also examines the injustices endured by the Tribes and illuminates a chapter of Northwest history that is rarely talked about.

Other interviewees to be featured include Grand Ronde Tribal Appeals Court Judge Robert Miller, Tamastlikt Cultural Institute Director Bobbie Connor, Coquille Chief Don Ivy, Coos, Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua Chief Warren Brainard, Klamath Tribal Council Chair Don Gentry, Warm Springs Director of Governmental Affairs Louie Pitt Jr., former Burns Paiute Tribal Council Chair Charlotte Roderique and Siletz Tribal Council Vice Chair Bud Lane.

The documentary will be available to watch online at the same time at opb.org/brokentreaties.

The documentary was written and produced by Eric Cain and edited by Lisa Suinn Kallem. ■

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