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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON · JUNE 1987

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council has been busy meeting with local concerned and interested parties in the local West Valley area (Willamina, Sheridan and Grand Ronde) on some remaining questions and issues regarding the Grand Ronde reservation plan. Although we can't give a specific date for introduction of congressional legislation yet, we hope it will be quite soon.

On May 16, 1987, tribal members from near and far got together and worked on getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day. Everyone worked very hard on cutting the grass and fixing and painting the fence. As a result, the cemetery looks very nice.

The Tribal Council wishes to express its most sincere thanks to the people listed below:

Tom Bean, Jim Butler, Margo George and children, Carmen Haug and children, Bud and Maxine Leno, Merle Leno, Russ Leno, Joann McClary and children, Ray McKnight, Steve McKnight, Barbara Mercier, Doug Mercier, Jeff Mercier, Lowell Mercier, Dawn Whitecloud (Cloud). Special thanks to Linda Olson who donated seven gallons of white paint for the fence!

Mark Mercier  
Tribal Chairman

### SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 12, 1987 12NOON

GRAND RONDE ELEM SCHOOL

\*CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL (ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER)

\*SALMON BAKE FOLLOWS MEETING

CALL 879-5215 FOR MORE INFORMATION



The above basketmaker is Martha Lane Sands, mother of Hattie Hudson. With Martha is Gertrude Hudson Mercier. Photo was taken in early 1900's. Photo courtesy of Eula Petite.

## STATE COLLEGES TO OFFER TUITION WAIVERS

In an attempt to increase minority enrollment at Oregon colleges, officials of the Oregon State System of Higher Education have voted to waive tuition fees for 146 minority students who attend one of the eight state system colleges or universities.

The plan will waive tuition and other fees for native Americans, blacks and Hispanics. State higher education officials want to double the minority enrollment in state system schools from about 145 students to 290 students by 1989.

Beginning next fall, 146 awards, averaging about \$1,500 each annually, would be given to students who graduate from Oregon high schools and intend to enroll as first-time freshmen. Students would be eligible to receive awards annually for as long as five years.

The requirements to receive the awards include a provision that students meet the minimum grade point average required by each of the eight state system colleges and universities.

An estimated 800 Oregon students are eligible for the program, according to Jim Sellers, state system communication director.

"These are students that have a 2.75 grade point average or better and who we believe have taken the course requirements to enter one of Oregon public colleges and universities," he said.

The plan also makes eligible students who have dropped out of high school but have completed requirements for a general education development (GED) certificate.

## SALMON DISTRIBUTION

The Tribe will be receiving 2000 pounds of subsistence salmon supply in mid to late June. The fish will probably come from the fish hatchery at Dexter Dam outside of Eugene.

The fish will be distributed in Grand Ronde on the day following the cleaning. A special flyer will announce the distribution. Fish will also be distributed at the special General Council meeting on June 12, 1987. Each tribal member is eligible to receive two pounds of fish. The fish will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.