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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE

GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held on September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Tribal Depot Office.

A GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING is set for September 13, beginning at 12:00 noon, with a potluck meal to follow at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

SUBSISTENCE SALMON will be distributed on September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Tribal Depot Office and on September 13, from 2 - 3:00 p.m., only, at the Tribal Depot Office. (These are tentative dates. Those traveling from out of town, please call Friday, September 11, to confirm these dates)

A HUNTER SAFETY COURSE for youth, ages 12 to 18, is tentatively scheduled at the VFW Hall in Willamina for September 14 to 18, from 6-8 p.m. See the Fish and Wildlife report for more information.

HUNTING TAG APPLICATIONS are due by 5:00 p.m. on September 17.

The **GENERAL SEASON HUNT DRAWING** for deer and elk tags will be held September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Depot Office. Following the drawing, successful applicants can pick up their tags.

ROYALTY SELECTED

Miss Grand Ronde and Jr. Miss Grand Ronde were selected at the Royalty Pageant held August 22, 1987, in conjunction with the Tribe's third annual pow wow.

Cindy Martin was selected as 1987 Miss Grand Ronde, and Mario George as 1987 Jr. Miss Grand Ronde. The two will be representing the Tribe during the next year at pow wows, parades and other tribal-related functions.

Mario George ran uncontested in the junior category, while Cindy Martin was joined by Amber Cook and Jolene Poole for the Miss Grand Ronde title. The girls were chosen by a panel of judges that included Kathryn Harrison, Grand Ronde; Tessie Williams, Umatilla; June Poltres, Klamath; Luella Azuel, Yakima and Frank Peterson, Quinalt.

The judging was based on the number of raffle tickets sold, an oral essay about some aspect of the tribe, regalia, and poise and personality. The girls were presented with crowns, beaded by Pat Suppah, and with shawls with the tribal logo designed on them by Roger Harrison.

All girls worked hard for the honor to carry the titles. They participated in various community parades, helped with the pow-wow, and sold over \$400 in raffle tickets. Congratulations to the girls for a fine effort in promoting the Tribe!



Pow-wow fever hit Western Oregon as the Grand Ronde Tribes and Oregon State Fair, were sites for Pow-wows in August.

AU-COIN HEARS TESTIMONY ON RESERVATION BILLS

Over 200 people listened to testimony by supporters and opponents of a Grand Ronde Reservation at a field hearing chaired by Congressman Les AuCoin on August 10th at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

In early August, AuCoin and Senator Hatfield submitted in Congress two proposed reservation bills. One bill calls for the establishment of a 15,665 acre reservation and the other, for a 5,116 acre reservation.

"The reason that Senator Hatfield and I put two bills in the hopper, instead of just one, was to show that alternatives are possible," said AuCoin in an opening statement. Discussion, modification and public input were important aspects of creating legislation, said AuCoin.

AuCoin also stressed his commitment to legislation that benefits the local economies. My purpose is to make life better for the tribe in a way that makes life better for all of us," said AuCoin.

Following his statement, a panel of supporters and opponents provided testimony.

"In 1975, when our work began on our restoration effort, my people had a vision of a homeland and a

chance to become self-sufficient. Many hours of hard work by a lot of people went into our fight to reverse the termination era that was forced upon us by the U.S. government in 1954", said Kathryn Harrison in opening testimony, in support of a 15,665 acre reservation.

"Tonight, I feel close to my ancestors, and I feel it is fitting that we are meeting here in view of Spirit Mountain like they must have done so many times, gathering together, long ago," Harrison said.

Tribal Chairman, Mark Mercier, provided testimony on the background of the development of a the Reservation Plan. The four purposes of the plan were to: (1) to identify the needs of our people; (2) to define programs and services which would meet those identified needs; (3) to determine the costs of those programs and services, and; (4) to identify a timber resource base which will provide sufficient revenue to meet the projected costs of tribal services and programs, said Mercier.

"The greater purpose of this effort, of course, is to give the tribe a reasonable chance to develop a viable economy - aimed at achieving tribal self-sufficiency" Mercier said.

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