

Tribal member will be missed by many

Tribal member **MELVIN CHARLES "MITT" PETITE** died as the result of an automobile accident last month. He was 68. Melvin was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from Crowns Logging Company. He lived in Beaver, Oregon with his wife Edie, who is currently in McMinville Hospital recovering from the accident.



Born and raised in Grand Ronde, Melvin was the son of Ethel and Ernie Petite. He is survived by his wife, and siblings: Sister Kateri Petite of Beaverton; and Annabelle "Peachie" Hamm of Dallas. His uncle, Pete Petite, lives in Salem. He was loved by numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at St. Michael's Church in Grand Ronde. Melvin's family would like to thank all the tribal members and friends who assisted in the tribal memorial service, especially Bill Wilson, Vernon Kennedy and their associates. Special thanks to Val Grout and her family for their work in preparing the meal and assisting in the kitchen.

Logging competition

Tribal member **KEVIN HOFENBREDL** (pictured at right) has been competing in logging shows for quite sometime. He has participated in the St. Helens Logging Show, the Vernonia Logging Show, the Toledo Logging Show, the Columbia County Logging Show, and the Willamina Fourth of July Logging Show, where he placed first in Pole Snip, Truck Backing, Stock Saw, Wrapper Toss and has won the All-Around Logger award in many of the shows. In Vernonia he won the Mike Busch Memorial Sportsmanship Award. Kevin placed highest in points in Vernonia and St. Helens.



He and his wife Marti live in Willamina with their children Jacob and Kylie. He is the son of Larry and Priscilla Hofenbredl. His brothers, Larry and Leland compete in logging shows also.



Congratulations to both guys.

Tribal member **DANIEL MOONEY** (pictured at left) completed for the second year at the Willamina Fourth of July Logging Show. He placed fourth in Pole Climbing.

Happy 18th Birthday Sarah May!

~ Love ~
Mom, Mitch and Bobby

With pride, we are able to announce that Katrina Wynne will be joining the Reibach family. With her kindness, love, and gentleness she brings honor to us all. Come share our pride when Katrina and Michael start their life as one. ALL WELCOME. Grand Ronde Sweat Lodge Grounds on September 14 at 3:00 pm. Contact Valorie, Tribal Offices.

My Imagination Leads Me To My Heart

As I imagine being in the middle of a meeting,
it feels good to be an Indian.
The beat of the drums...
The Indians dancing, talking, and meeting new friends...
The smell of sweet grass, and the feathers everywhere...
I am at a meeting of the American Indian Movement.
Eagles are the Indian's brothers.
Bears are the Indian's brothers.
Deer are the Indian's brothers.
My heart is so gentle. It is gentler than glass.
My dad's heart is so strong. It is stronger than the buffalo.
My mom's love is so tender.
My brothers are so strong, as strong as my dad's heart.
I'm as solid as a rock.
Everything is the brothers, sisters, and cousins.
Everything is related to Indians.
My family is the best.
My relatives are the best.
Everything is the world.
I thank my mom and dad for bringing me into this world.



Jesse Barkley
Fruit Valley School
Vancouver, Washington
Grade 5

Jesse recently won an award for this poem. It was published in a literary magazine.

Congratulations Kristi Seidel!

On May 19, 1996, Ms. Kristi Lynn Seidel became Dr. Kristi Seidel, M.D.! Ms. Seidel graduated from Medical School, University of Kansas. It's refreshing to receive thanks from students for the support provided by the Tribe. In a letter to the Education Division, July 20, 1996, Ms. Seidel writes:

"Dear Family Members of Grand Ronde,
How quickly the last 4 years have gone! Your faithful support of me during medical school, through these 4 years has meant so much. Thank you! As you can imagine, I'm happy to be done with the medical school and the endless exams!

The University of Kansas, Medical Center has offered me a 3 year family practice residency. I'm excited to begin that! It begins January 1st. From July 1st through mid-December, my husband Scott and I are working in the desert on Northern Kenya, Africa. We are working as a Doctor-Nurse team with the Turkana people. We are thrilled to have this opportunity, as we're seriously considering medical missions as a career. The Turkana people are a historic people. They wear goat skins and massive collection of beads around their necks. They are nomadic herdsman. Their herds consist of camels, goats and sheep. They eat a thick maize paste called "ugali" and drink blood and milk from their camels and goats. They live in palm frond huts that resemble igloos. There is no electricity, running water, phones here. It's "bush" living... but we're really enjoying the experience.



I grew up in a different village in Turkana, from age 9-17, so this feels like home to me. There is a busy clinic, especially with a malaria epidemic and a lot of T.B. in our village of Napusamoru. We work in this clinic daily, then once a month we go on a week long medical safari to five different areas where we have bush clinics and vaccinations monthly.

Two days before we left Kansas City for Kenya, I received a beautiful Pendleton Wool blanket from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde! I was delighted! It's wonderful, you all have been so generous to me, thank you! Maybe I can help out there as a doctor, in the near future. I consider all of you family."

With love,
K. Seidel, M.D.

September Mealsite Menu

Tuesday, September 3 Swiss Steak Baked Potatoes Green Beans Dessert	Wednesday, September 4 Turkey Noodle Dinner Fresh Veggies Fruit Salad Dessert	Thursday, September 5 Corned Beef & Cabbage Corn on the Cob Salad Dessert
Tuesday, September 10 Stew Green Salad Cottage Cheese Dessert	Wednesday, September 11 Baked Cod Oriental Rice Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Dessert	Thursday, September 12 Ribs Creamed Peas & Carrots Seasoned Pasta Dessert
Tuesday, September 17 PICNIC?	Wednesday, September 18 Steak Pot Pie Cottage Cheese Tossed Salad Dessert	Thursday, September 19 Hamburgers Fries Jello Salad Dessert
Tuesday, September 24 Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Spinach or Green Beans	Wednesday, September 25 Potato Lasagne Pickled Beets Tossed Salad Dessert	Thursday, September 26 Birthday Dinner Elders' Choice Elders' Meeting

Elder Birthday Meeting is Thursday, September 26

Menu is subject to change. Meal Price is \$3. Staff please call ext. 2410 by 9:30 a.m.
Tribal member elders and spouses meals are free.