

November marks anniversary of tribal restoration

Restoration Day is November 22. Nanitch Sahallie and the Veterans' Committee are hosting a special gathering in celebration of this important day in the Tribe's history. The November issues of *Smoke Signals* will feature excerpts from the testimonies of the tribal members who spoke before Congress to pass the Restoration Bill as well as some of their other comments and memories during that time. In 1983, Les Aucoin was representing Oregon in Congress, and introduced the Grand Ronde Restoration Bill. Here is what Kathryn Harrison said on that day:

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESTORATION BILL

Statement of Kathryn Harrison, Vice-Chair

September 14, 1983 Washington, D.C.

Today, for the first time, I feel at peace with my ancestors, the introduction of this Restoration Bill is a beginning of an ending: a eulogy and a greeting!

I am speaking here today, not only for my people back home who are gathered together to celebrate this day, but also, for those ancestors who completed our first "Trail of Tears" one-hundred and twenty-seven years ago. Walking from Table Rock near what is now the city of Medford, Oregon in a massive military round-up during the wintery month of February, 1856. It took them thirty-three days to reach the present site of Grand Ronde. For those proud people who carried on, persisted, even stood alone to preserve our culture, Termination was not in their plans at all.

Did they make that walk in vain?

If you know anything about Indian people, especially the history of Grand Ronde Indians, a history that's not in the history books, you know we have endured much, but we have endured. With the coming of Termination in 1954, our second "Trail of Tears" began and is now in its twenty-ninth year; our children know of no other way of life. The economic impact was devastating and we became "experts" on poverty; our original reservation of 69,000 acres, with proper management, could have been a continuing, ongoing support for us. As a terminated tribe, we suffer from problems in addition to issues confronting other tribes. Without resources, we are a minority among recognized tribes, yet, not considered as equals either in the dominant society.

It has taken a lot of hard work, depressing and discouraging at times, but, there's always been the feeling that, as extensions of our ancestors, this restoration effort is the carrying out of their visions — and so we could always reach back to their strengths and wisdom. Because of this, we have seen organizations come and go, yet the Grand Ronde Tribe continues. Our roots are there, but we need those roots confirmed by Restoration. We are not only looking at strengthening our culture, we are also interested in working for economic betterment, and so by helping ourselves, we are helping the total community.

Termination of Indian tribes has been discredited by all

of the U.S. presidents since President Nixon, yet my tribe is still terminated.

But now, Congressman Aucoin knows and understands our plight and has joined us in our long walk towards rejoining the family of Indian Nations. By introducing our Restoration Bill today, he is giving us new hope that there is still "Liberty and Justice For All" in this United States of America.



Washington D.C. 1983: Former Congressman Les Aucoin testifying on behalf the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Tribal Court: Name Changes

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY APPLICANT'S PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. In the Matter of Petition for Change of Name — Juvenile WINSTON HAROLD HARRISON, Applicant, by BARBARA K. LAKE, Petitioner.

The Petitioner, Barbara K. Lake, on behalf of the Applicant, Winston Harold Harrison, a minor child, has petitioned the Court for a Change of Name for the minor child. Applicant allegedly desires to change his or her name to Winston Harold Mercier, for the reason stated that:

Applicant, through regular use, has become known by the proposed name.

Based on the forgoing petition filed with the Court on October 3, 1997, and good cause appearing therefor.

IT IS ORDERED THAT the petitioner and any person objecting to the granting of the petition shall appear in the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, on November 25, 1997 at 11 a.m. to show just cause why the Court should not enter judgment granting the proposed change of name.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any written response to this Order by any party to this case shall be filed on or before November 18, 1997. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be served upon all parties in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Pleading, Practice, and Procedure of the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and file proof of service with the Court on or before the date set for hearing in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the petitioner shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the tribal newspaper at least 20 days prior to the date set for hearing.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1997

AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY APPLICANT'S PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. In the Matter of Petition for Change of Name — Juvenile SETH ROGER HARRISON, Applicant, by BARBARA K. LAKE, Petitioner.

The Petitioner, Barbara K. Lake, on behalf of the Applicant, Seth Roger Harrison, a minor child, has petitioned the Court for a Change of Name for the minor child. Applicant allegedly desires to change his or her name to Seth Aaron Mercier, for the reason stated that:

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Claim dental insurance cards

If your name is on this list, please call us at 1-800-442-0346 or 879-2221. Remember it is your responsibility to keep your address information current with our office.

GREGORY BALLERAS

TIFFANY CULLEN

BRYSON GEORGE

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ROBERT HOLMES

AMY JEFFERS

MASON KEPPINGER

JESSICA LEIBELT

LEVI LEIBELT

ANTHONY LOPEZ

SAVANA MORENO

ALICIA PETTIE

Health Plan open enrollment

For tribal members not yet signed up for the Tribal Member Health Plan, open enrollment is now being conducted for an effective date of 1/1/98. Tribal members who are interested in signing up for health insurance, (which now includes vision and dental), contact Val Sheker in the Risk Management Department at 879-2221 or 1-800-442-0346.

Because we have plan participants throughout the United States and several different types of plans to offer tribal members depending on where they reside, **there are only two ways to apply for insurance benefits during this enrollment period:**

1. Tribal members **must** call the Tribal Risk Management office and ask for an application to be mailed to them. If you reach our voice mail, be sure to leave your name, roll number, address (including zip code), and telephone number (including area code). Your packet information will be processed without delay.

2. Tribal members can visit our Risk Management office location to complete the appropriate application forms.

Application materials received in our office later than December 13, 1997, **will not** be accepted for a 1/1/98 effective date. Because we have contractual agreements with the insurance carriers to provide enrollment information on a timely basis, late applications cannot be accepted. Please plan ahead so you will not be disappointed.