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The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Community of Oregon
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Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

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Tribal veterans help Chemawa celebrate its 118th birthday during a special pow-wow on February 21.

Community meeting

Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Grand Ronde Tribe have entered into a partnership to implement a Sanction Court program in the community for first-time juvenile offenders. **SANCTION COURT** will consist of a 5-7 member panel of community members who will determine the punishment of a young person who has committed a low-level misdemeanor or other violation for the first time. Punishment can consist of community service types of sentences consistent with the type of crime the juvenile has committed. (For example, a person who has vandalized an area of their community can be sentenced to pick up litter or clean up their community.) Punishments will be designed for juveniles to make restitution to their community in a manner commensurate with their violation.

A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 3** at 6 p.m. at Grand Ronde Elementary, food and refreshments will be served. This meeting will be for interested parents and community members to find out more about Sanction Court, and also seek volunteers to serve on the Court's panel. Sanction Court has proven to be an effective deterrent of juvenile crime in other Oregon neighborhoods. Please plan to attend and participate in the discussion on how we can encourage our youth to become responsible young leaders.

Construction jobs

Hamilton Construction Company has an ODOT contract to reconstruct five miles of Highway 20 near the summit of the coast range near Eddyville, Oregon. The project is approximately 23 miles west of Philomath and 25 miles east of Newport. It includes 10 bridges and several other structures.

Qualified employees from a variety of backgrounds are needed. Hamilton is seeking a combination operator/truck driver. The project duration is three years with probable winter shut downs. The pay scale will be \$22.88 per hour with a \$7.15 per hour fringe that pays for health insurance and pension.

Applicants should apply immediately in person at Hamilton Construction Co., 24708 Hwy. 20, Eddyville, OR 97343, or call (541) 875-4060.

Parent committee

A new parent committee has been established for the Title IX and Indian Education programs. Executive Officers are: Barbara Lake, Chairman; Janell Haller, Vice Chairman; Valorie Sheker, Secretary; and Cindy Martin-Butler, Historian. Committee board members are Marion Mercier, Mark Mercier, and the Tribal Youth Education Coordinator.

We are now in the process of obtaining information from the "Needs Assessment Survey." This survey will help the committee identify where the greatest needs are in the Willamina School District grades K-12. We appreciate and need your participation and comments. The committee meets periodically, for future meeting dates please contact Barbara Lake or Valorie Sheker at 879-5211 or 1-800-422-0232.

A public hearing will be held **Tuesday, March 3** at 5:30 p.m. at the Grand Ronde Elementary School to discuss the 1998-99 Title IX Indian Education grant application. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Free Homebuyer Education Seminar

The Steps to becoming a Successful Homeowner

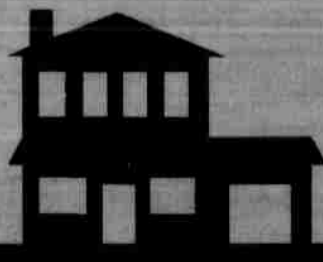
Learn about credit reports, financing a home and whether you may be a candidate for homeownership.

Tuesday, March 17
6 to 9 pm

Tribal Community Center
9615 Grand Ronde Road

For more information and pre-registration contact Bryan Langley at 879-2467 or 1-800-422-0232.

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Proposed Ordinances open for comment

The Tribal Council in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's office has proposed the enactment of a **Tort Claims Ordinance** and an **Employment Action Review Ordinance**.

The purpose of the Tort Claims Ordinance is to establish a limited waiver of tribal sovereign immunity and provide a forum for visitors and residents of the reservation to file certain types of claims.

The proposed Employment Action Review Ordinance will provide a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to allow tribal employees to have judicial review by the Tribal Court of final employment decisions.

For a copy of the proposed Ordinances please contact the Tribal Attorney's office at (503) 879-2265. **Comments and recommendations must be received by March 15.**

Tribal descendants clarify members in photo



This GRAND RONDE RESERVATION BAND photo was published in the February 1, 1998 issue of *Smoke Signals* requesting verification of these members. The Cultural Resource Protection Department appreciates the help they received from the tribal membership. Listed here are the final results: This photo was taken at Dallas, Oregon about 1915. **Back two rows, standing (left to right):** Johnny Dowd, Lawrence Smith, Sid Willings, Lewis Riggs, Boney Fabian Quennelle, George Peterson, Pros LaChance, Leo Norwest, Alphis Norwest, and Frankie Smith. **Seated (left to right):** Abe Hudson, Jack Langley (?), Carl Lodgston, Joe Tebo, Archie Russie, Willie Peterson, David LaChance, Johnny Sulkey, and Jesse Smith. **Child seated in front:** Roy Langley.