

JAMIE COLEY
Happy 14th Birthday
on June 22 and
Congratulations on your
8th grade Graduation!
Love you, Mom

**Happy 55th Birthday
Grandma!**
Love ~ Samantha, Jamie & Buddy


Happy 9th Birthday
SAMANTHA BOOTH
Happy 9th Birthday
MCKENNA GUILLORY
Love ~ Mom, Dad, and your sisters

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July 10, 11 & 12: 9 am to 3 pm
The Siletz office is open
other days by appointment.
Call Kitty at 1-800-922-1399.
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July 25: 9 am to 7 pm
July 26: 9 am to 5 pm

June 22 ~ Happy 21st Birthday
EAGLE
We love you ~ Mom, Delia,
HighPine and Two Stars

**HAPPY
12TH BIRTHDAY
NATHAN**
LOVE,
DAD & KIM

Guess Who's Turning 50?
Marline Neault Groshong
June 22
Love,
Mom & Family



**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
TRIBAL ELDER
HONOR DAY
REGISTRATION
FORM**
Return by JUNE 28

Tribal Member Name: _____

Roll # _____

Spouse Name: _____

Any special needs?

**Mail this registration form
by JUNE 28 to:
Tribal Elder Honor Day
c/o Sharon Hanson
3455 Bell Rd. NE
Salem, OR 97301**

**The Confederated Tribes
of Grand Ronde
TRIBAL
ELDER
HONOR DAY
July 14 & 15
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 14
11 am Registration
12 noon Opening Ceremonies
by Tribal Royalty
..... Lunch
..... Welcome by
Kathryn Harrison,
Tribal Council Chair
..... Gifts and Bingo
5:30 pm Dinner
..... Raffle Drawing
..... Socializing with friends
— old and new!

Saturday, July 15
8-10 am Breakfast
Wishing you a safe
journey home!

All Grand Ronde Tribal Elders and their
spouses are asked to please return the
registration (at left) to participate.
This will help to know how much food
and prizes will be needed.
For inquiries, call Wellness at 879-2078.

How Coyote created Mother Earth

A story by Claudette M. Parazoo

Tillicum Elder #2923 — Sawash Illaheee (Grand Ronde)

Coyote was lonesome. The moon and sun were far in the distance. Although he could see them, he could not visit them and he was lonely and sad.

Poor Coyote. He thought about his situation of loneliness and asked Tyee Saghallie to help him.

"What is it you want?" asked Tyee Saghallie.

Coyote said, "I am lonesome. I cannot visit the beautiful moon because it is far away. I can feel the warmth of the sun but I want more."

Then Coyote sang, "Kai yai yai, Kai yai yai, help me to laugh and have many songs."

Tyee Saghallie said, "Coyote, you must be sure of what you want and what you are asking for."

"Oh yes," replied Coyote. "I am sure that I want to laugh and enjoy life. Please help me."

"Alright, Coyote," said Tyee Saghallie. "You shall have your wish for creation but in return I want something from you."

Coyote was very happy to hear that his wish would be granted. Coyote forgot to ask Tyee Saghallie what he must give in return.

Coyote created the earth from his hide and used his saliva for water. His eyes made colors of all his creation. Sometimes there was brown and black, sometimes there was blue as of the sky, sometimes there was green and yellow. Sometimes the colors would mix and make new colors. He created the trees, flowers, and plant life. Coyote created all the animals, insects, birds, and fish and unseen spirit life from all the hair on his hide.

Next Coyote wanted to put people on the earth, so he created the Indians from the toenails of his left paw, the black people from the toenails of his right paw, the Asian people from the toenails on left back paw, and the white people from the toenails on his back right paw. Coyote was very proud of himself and immediately felt very happy to have his creation and he was not lonely anymore. His tongue was the fire and his teeth became the snow capped mountains. Coyote's blood was in the red sunset and dawn of each day.

Coyote's heart became the love that is within each living thing and is the drum beat we hear at the pow-wow. Coyote's legs are the drum sticks. Coyote's tail is the laughter and joy of life...always held high. All of Coyote's insides became useful to every living thing because we need to eat, sleep, run, play, and enjoy creation. Coyote's ears help us to LISTEN. Coyote's tears became the rain, and the rainbow. When his tears froze, there was snow. Coyote's nose and brain made knowledge possible. The clouds came from his breath and Coyote's breath became the wind.

Then Coyote's soul sang a song, "Kai yai yai, Kai yai, yai. Let it be so that all Tyee Saghallie has given makes me happy and I am not lonesome any more."

Coyote spoke to the Tyee Saghallie. "See what you have made possible for me to create? I am very happy and thank you for granting my wish."

Tyee Saghallie said, "Yes, you have made great and wonderful things, Coyote. But remember, I said you must give me something in return? You did not wait to find out what I would ask for in your eagerness to get what you wanted. Now, it is my turn."

Coyote was so happy, he said "Anything, Tyee Saghalli. What is it you want?"

Tyee Saghallie said, "All things you have created are not permanent. It was in the creating that you found your happiness. But with happiness there is sadness. There is always an opposite result when creation is made."

Now, Coyote was very sad. He had not asked what Tyee Saghallie wanted. Now Coyote's happiness would not last. Coyote's tail hung low and he cried, "Kai yai, yai, yai, sadness and sorrow are in my heart. Please, Tyee Saghallie. I am sorry I did not wait for you to tell me your wish. Please, Tyee Saghallie, I will be sad if you take all my creation away."

Tyee Saghallie said, "I feel sorry for you Coyote. I believe you were sincere in your wish to be happy, but I must have my wish, too. However, I will not destroy everything you have created. I am happy to see what you have done in creating Mother Earth and all that dwell therein. However, all the people, animals, insects, birds, and fish, and life will die and then be renewed and recreated over time. The drum and songs will renew the spirit of the people. In the death of each created life will be a campfire which will burn in the heaven as stars in the night to accompany the sun and moon. Culture will change but heritage and tradition will remain strong. The mountains will wear away to sand and snow will melt into rivers. New mountains will be created from within Mother Earth and the water will flood but bring other life. Change will always happen but your creation will continue."

That is why our Coyote at the Spirit Mountain Casino is the spirit of change. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will renew ourselves and remember our heritage, culture, and traditions. But we must always be careful of what we want and ask for.

We are survivors just as Coyote is. We hear his songs "Kai yai yai, Kai yai yai, look at my creation. The Tyee Saghallie has granted my wish. I am no longer lonely. Kai yai yai. Yip, yip. Thank you Tyee Saghallie."

**Elder Indian Women in Action
Health and Wellness Gathering**

Friday, June 30 ~ 10am to 2pm
Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center

Learn the latest health information. Prizes and Lunch will be provided.
Our goal is to bring together Indian Women ages 50 and over to learn about Women's Health Issues including, breast self exam, clinical breast exam, mammograms, PAP test, diabetes awareness, cancer awareness, tobacco's harmful effects, and much more.

Call the Tribal Wellness Program ~ 1-800-775-0095 or (503) 879-2078