

Letters

Dear Editor,
Thank God we have the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. I cannot snivel and gripe about what I don't have. I have more now than I have ever had in my whole life.

I am thankful for my six beautiful kids, all their families and all other blood relatives. Also, for quite a few other boys and girls — they know who they are.

So, may God Bless you all for the help, the prayers, the flowers and everything before and after my stay in the hospital. Hang in there CTGR!

A grateful Elder,
Verna Larsen
Roll # 419

Dear Editor,
Many people have asked the Election Board members about a future primary election for Tribal Council. Change sometimes comes slowly. There are processes that need to be followed. It is up to our Tribal leaders if they want the Election Board to provide more information about primary elections.

The Policy and Planning Division has sent out a survey, which includes questions about elections. The results, when available, will show how the general membership feels about changes for our future.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Campbell
Election Board member
Roll # 1492

Election Reminder

Your CURRENT NAME and SIGNATURE have to be verifiable. Please register your current signature for voter verification if:

- you have married
- you have divorced
- your health is ailing
- you are not sure what we have on file

Please do it now — be ready — so your vote can count! If you have any questions, please call the CTGR Election Board at 503-879-2271 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2271. If you happen to receive the recording, please leave a message and do not get discouraged as the Election Board does not have regular office hours. We will return your call. Thank you.

NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 4
11:30 a.m.
Tribal Community Center

SUBJECT:
Services Program

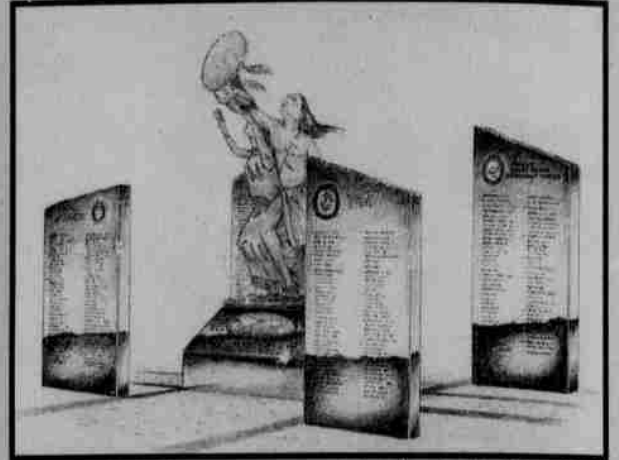
SPECIAL GUEST:
Retired Oregon Senator
Mark Hatfield

Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee Dinner & Auction

Friday, March 30 ••• VFW Hall in Willamina
Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will start at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$7.50.
The purchase of a dinner ticket also makes you eligible for the door prizes — including a PlayStation 2. There will be a silent auction as well as the regular auction. Auction items include a TV, art, free dinners, lodging and a Pendleton blanket.

The memorial will honor both Tribal and non-Tribal, men and women, Veterans from Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan.



Artist drawing by Steve Bobb

Dinner and raffle tickets may be purchased by contacting members of the Memorial Committee and one of the following people:
 ■ Brent Merrill — Tribal Public Information office 503-879-2321
 ■ Mike Larsen — Tribal Facilities department 503-879-2407
 ■ Gene Hancock — Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs 503-373-2156
 ■ Lloyd "Bud" Abbott — VFW Hall in Willamina 503-876-4540

Health Authority Seeking Commissioners

Tribal Council is seeking Grand Ronde Tribal members for appointment to the Tribal Health Authority Board of Commissioners which oversees and governs the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center. Board members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The board has regularly scheduled meetings once a month and has special meetings as necessary.

Submit a brief resume with a letter explaining reasons why you would like to serve on the board. Applicants shall submit letter and resume to: Merle Leno, Grand Ronde Tribal Health Authority, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. **Deadline: March 30, 2001.**

Income tax preparation

By appointment only, the Small Business Development department staff will:

- prepare income taxes for tribal Elders
- assist anyone with preparing their own income taxes on Turbo Tax software.
- You will need to bring in your tax documents, such as W-2 and 1099 forms at the time of your appointment. If you are interested in this service, please call Barbara Lake at 503-879-2476. Appointments are necessary!


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Thurs., April 5	APRIL 15
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Fri., May 4	MAY 15
Mon., May 21	JUNE 1
Tues., June 5	JUNE 15
Wed., June 20	JULY 1
Thurs., July 5	JULY 15
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Mon., August 20	SEPTEMBER 1
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Mon., November 5	NOVEMBER 15
Mon., November 19	DECEMBER 1
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Mon., December 17	JANUARY 1



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