



**Stopover** — On the morning of Tuesday, February 22, these Canadian Geese visited the pow-wow arena in front of the governance building while heading north back to Canada.

Photo by Toby McClary



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## Joint Session Of The Oregon State Legislature Honors The Past

■ Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison offers the invocation and the Grand Ronde Honor Guard posts the flags.

By Ron Karten

**I**t was Valentine's Day and it was Oregon's birthday. It was the kickoff of the state's Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration, and hot on its heels on Tuesday, February 15, it was Native American Day.

The moment called for the ultimate in legislative pomp and ceremony, a joint session of the Legislature bringing together House and Senate members. It was a time when no state business was attempted. It was a time to honor the past.

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**New Business** — Grand Ronde Tribal member and Veteran Steve Rife leads the Grand Ronde Honor Guard in posting the colors at a joint session of the State Legislature at the capitol on February 14. The joint session honored the kickoff of the state's Lewis & Clark Commemoration and prefaced by a day the Legislature's commemoration of its Indian heritage with Native American Day.



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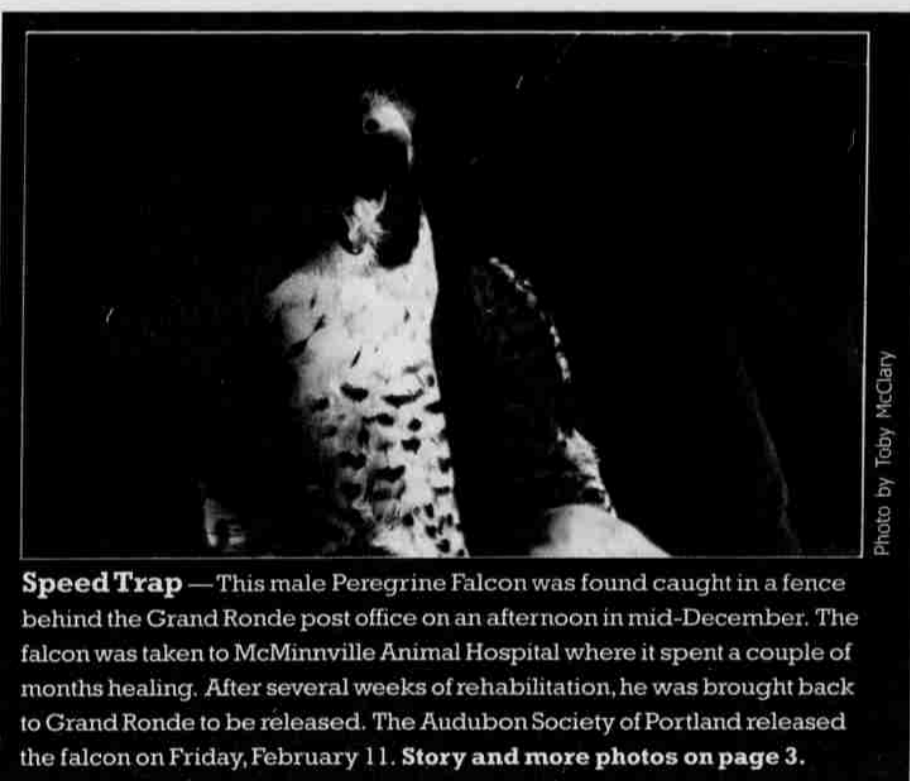


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**Speed Trap** — This male Peregrine Falcon was found caught in a fence behind the Grand Ronde post office on an afternoon in mid-December. The falcon was taken to McMinnville Animal Hospital where it spent a couple of months healing. After several weeks of rehabilitation, he was brought back to Grand Ronde to be released. The Audubon Society of Portland released the falcon on Friday, February 11. **Story and more photos on page 3.**

## Chemawa Pow-wow Celebrates The School's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday

■ Nearly 300 filled the gym for the event.

By Ron Karten

Bonner Moses (Muckleshoot) came from Klamath Falls to learn to make regalia from her sister. You could see the success of the mission on her children, Silver, 7, and Nyah, 6, and her nephew, Ace, 2, decked out and dancing at the Chemawa Indian School's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday pow-wow.

Two to three hundred enjoyed the traditional pow-wow at the Chemawa gymnasium on a beautiful day toward the end of February. The sun was out and the doors were open.

Among those enjoying the day at Chemawa were Grand Ronde Tribal Elders Kathryn Harrison, Norma Lee, Cheri Butler and Beryle Contreras.

"We're alumni from there," said Harrison. "It's always nice to renew old friendships." She said that she ran into Dorothy Ackerman (Sioux), a Korean War Veteran from South Dakota. Harrison hadn't seen her in "probably five years."

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**Blue Moon** — On the moon-filled evening of Saturday, February 19, Chemawa Indian School in Keizer celebrated its 125th Birthday with an annual pow-wow.



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