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Mother, Daughter, Friend — Kathryn Harrison was honored by Tribal Veterans at the Grand Ronde Pow-wow in 2001, her last as Tribal Chairwoman. Her ideas for the Tribe looked out seven generations, but health and retirement benefits, job training and housing assistance for Elders are already part of the fabric of life in Grand Ronde. The Nation publication debuts this month on-line at www.GrandRondeNation.com.

From the New Biography of Kathryn Harrison

■ *Standing Tall* tells an ancient and contemporary story through the life and times of a Grand Ronde Tribal leader.

By Ron Karten

When Molalla Mayor Mike Clarke came to the Molalla Area Historical Society on February 4th to make Tribal Elder and former Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison an honorary citizen, Harrison turned the tables a little.

"Welcome to my homeland," she said.

The meeting coincided with a book signing for Kristine Olson's *Standing Tall/The Lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison*, her new biography of the Grand Ronde Tribal leader. The place was mobbed and the available books were all signed before the afternoon meeting was half over. By late in the afternoon, when the rain had come and gone several times already, Harrison and her daughter, Tribal Elder

Patsy Pullin, along with Molalla Area Historical Society First Vice President Maria Vaughan and her husband, Champ, and a few others sat back with biscuits and tea to talk over some old times.

It turned out that Champ's cousin's granddaughter has now married former Umatilla Chief Clarence Burke's grandson, Randy Burke, who lives in Pendleton.

Also on hand was Sue Davies, whose husband,

Ivor Davies, recently passed on at the age of 98, had known Molalla Kate's brother when Davies was a boy and Kate's brother was an old man.

The connection here in Grand Ronde is that Molalla Kate, who became a Siletz Tribal member, is Harrison's great, great aunt on her father's side. Discussion followed on the difference between a great great aunt and a great grand aunt.

Molalla resident Jerry Holbrook brought a spear point he had found as a present for Harrison.

People often give presents to Harrison. As a former Tribal leader and now a Tribal emissary,

