

Walking On...

Veda Rose Gamez

July 17, 1952 – March 5, 2009

Tribal Elder Veda Rose Gamez of Oakland, Calif., joined the Creator on Thursday, March 5, at home surrounded by family.

She was born on July 17, 1952, in Oregon City, Ore., the daughter of Lorene Smith. Veda Rose lived in Sandy, Ore., until the age of 3 and then moved to Oakland. She enjoyed coming home to Grand Ronde during summers to visit family and pick berries with her cousins and friends.

Veda Rose was a devoted employee at the Native American Health Center for more than 15 years. She was a drug and alcohol counselor and then moved up to director of substance abuse services. She was instrumental in the creation of the Gathering of the Lodges, an annual celebration of recovery, where hundreds of people and recovery lodges would participate.

Veda was such a strong woman warrior not only for her family, but also for the Bay Area Native American community. She has touched so many people with her kind heart and with her words of experience, which helped them to walk the right path in recovery.

Veda was recently honored by KQED and received the 2008 American Indian Heritage Month Local Hero Award. She was an avid Oakland Raiders, A's and Golden State Warriors fan. Her love for these teams was contagious.

She is survived by her mother, Lorene Smith; children, Manuel, Marcus and Monique; brother, John; sisters, Kelly and Gina; grandchildren, Manuel IV, David, Samuel and Michael; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, great nieces and great nephews.

Preceding her in death were husband John Ortega and grandson Adam Gamez.

A beautiful service was held on Wednesday, March 11, at Chapel of Chimes in Oakland. She was laid to rest at Mountain View Cemetery.

To leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.oaklandtribune.com.

**Denny K. Brann**

Sept. 28, 1921 – March 13, 2009

Tribal spouse Denny K. Brann, 87, was born on Sept. 28, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Alonzo and Lydia Brann. He walked on Friday, March 13, 2009, at Life Care Center in McMinnville.

He grew up in Minnesota. After graduating from high school, he joined the Army, where he served in the Philippines during World War II.

After being discharged from the Army, he went to work for the railroad in Brainerd, Minn. He retired in 1985 and moved to St. Helens to be closer to his family. He met Tribal member Jessica Sherwood in Neskowin, Ore., and later married her in Chapala, Mexico, on March 10, 1988.

They lived in Mexico for a year and a half and then moved to Reno, Nev., in 1989. In 1995, they moved to Oregon, settling in Grand Ronde in 2002.

He loved to read and enjoyed going for walks. He also enjoyed playing cribbage with his grandson.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Brann, and daughter, Sharon Miner. He is survived by his wife, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Private services were held.

Macy & Son Funeral Directors of McMinnville handled arrangements.

**Frances M. Duggan**

Dec. 31, 1934 – March 13, 2009

Tribal Elder Frances M. Duggan, 74, a resident of Grand Ronde, died at her home on Friday, March 13, 2009.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1934, in Newberg, Ore., to Francis and Mammie (Langley) Snider. She married Jerry Duggan on Feb. 20, 1951, in Stevenson, Wash. They moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where they resided for 15 years. Later they lived in Seattle, Wash., for 15 years before moving back to Grand Ronde in the late 1990s.

She enjoyed gardening and walking on the beach, collecting unusual sea shells. She also collected stuffed animals and had a large collection of stuffed cats and frogs. She will be remembered for her excellent holiday meals and her efforts to make her home clean and welcoming. She always enjoyed playing games of Scrabble and other board games.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Gaylene Duggan; sons, Clark, Matthew, Houston, Kevin and Mark Duggan; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons Jerry and Austin.

Services were held Wednesday, March 18, at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Committal was at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. Online condolences for the family can be left at www.dallastribute.com.

Casino hosting mixed martial arts fights

First boxing. Now mixed martial arts.

Spirit Mountain Casino will host one of many mixed martial arts events at 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, with SportFight XXV, which will feature an 11-bout card with two title fights.

Josh "The Machine" Queen from Idaho will take on D.J. "Da Protégé" Linderman from California in a five-round heavyweight title fight while Portland's Tyson Jefferies will battle Mario Meiranda of Brazil in a five-round title fight.

SportFight, founded in 2003 by Matt Lindland and Randy Couture, is the leading mixed martial arts promotion company in the Pacific Northwest.

Tickets for the event at the 1,744-seat Spirit Mountain Casino Events Center are \$25 to \$100 and are available through Star Tickets Plus at starticketsplus.com or by calling 800-585-3737. Tickets also can be purchased at www.spiritmountain.com or at the casino's Coyote Club desk. ■

Bloodmobile visiting Tribal campus April 7

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be visiting the Grand Ronde Tribal campus from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in front of the Tribal gymnasium.

To schedule an appointment, go to www.givelife.org on the Internet. The Tribe's sponsor code is CTGR. ■

Tribe accepting Hatfield Fellowship applications

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is accepting applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship.

Every year, a Hatfield fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation. The fellow is selected from adult Native American applicants who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon.

If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes in Washington, Idaho and Montana will be considered.

The selected Hatfield fellow will intern in Washington, D.C., for nine months and receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation. New for 2009, fellowship applications must be completed and submitted via the Internet.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 24. Applicants will then be notified if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

To access the new online application process, visit www.thecommunityfund.com. For additional questions, contact Program Officer Louis King at Spirit Mountain Community Fund at 503-879-1462 or louis.king@thecommunityfund.com or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator from Oregon, former Oregon governor and for his mentorship of many leaders in their own communities. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **Head Start Teacher**
Education
Grade: 9
Closing date: April 10

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **Caregiver**
(on-call)
Adult Foster Care
Grade: 5
Opened until filled

■ **Certified Medical Assistant**
Medical Clinic
Grade: 6
Closing date: April 15

For a detailed job description, please contact the Tribe's job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877-TRIBEGR.

Internal applicants are

1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month introductory period, receiving at least a "meets expectations" on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,
 2. Grand Ronde Tribal members
 3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or
 4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children
- Internal recruitment
For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:
1. Grand Ronde Tribal members
 - a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end
 2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children
 3. Current regular employees