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Kennedy to receive Potlatch Fund Award

Tribal chairwoman honored for preserving culture

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy will receive the Fran James Cultural Preservation Award at the Potlatch Fund's seventh annual Gala on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Seattle, Wash.

The Fran James Cultural Preservation Award is named after the Lummi Tribal member whose leadership in cultural preservation revived and continued the traditional weaving and basketry

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skills of the Lummi people.

The Potlatch Fund annually honors a Northwest Tribal leader with the award for their work in helping to restore and promote cultural traditions within Tribal and Native communities.

"Potlatch Fund is humbled by the lifelong impact that Ms. Kennedy has made to the entire Native and broader community, and is delighted she is able to accept this award," said Potlatch Fund Executive Director Ken Gordon.

Gordon cited Kennedy's tenure as Grand Ronde health administrator, her assistance in

helping the already progressing Restoration effort of the Grand Ronde Tribe and her Tribal efforts to restore culture.

"Ms. Kennedy's work has not only affected the Grand Ronde Tribe, but she's strived for inclusiveness on Indian issues in federal and state policy," Gordon



Cheryl A. Kennedy

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ELDERS' HALLOWEEN



Above, Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. gets help from Regina Wheeler as he reads bingo numbers during a game at the Elders' Halloween Party and Jamboree on Oct. 24 at the Elders' Activity Center. Bobb was dressed as Sonny Bono.



Tribal Elder Susie Lash dressed as a clown for the Elders' Halloween Party.

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Karz repair?

Polk County files court complaint against damaged building near Spirit Mountain Casino

By Dean Rhodes
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Polk County has filed a complaint against the owner of the Old Karz Museum next to Spirit Mountain Casino, claiming that the building is a hazard.

"The premise of the lawsuit is that the building is dangerous to persons and property in the immediate area," Polk County Counsel David Doyle told the *Salem Statesman-Journal*.

"The building is located on a county road that runs north-south. A large portion of the roof has blown off the building, rendering the building at risk for wind-related failures, including the possibility that portions of the roof could fly off and strike persons or property in the immediate area."

The state of the building, exacerbated by last December's snow and ice storm, has affected operations at Spirit Mountain Casino, the Grand Ronde Tribe's primary revenue source.

The museum sits a little more than 100 yards from the casino, which has parking lots immediately to the west and east of the structure. The Tribe's convenience store and gas station are to the north, as is the Polk County Sheriff's Office annex. A county road runs between the casino's east lot and owner Gene Austin's property.

Spirit Mountain Chief Executive

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