

Young leaders



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Tribal descendant Vanessa Hills, Tribal members Kim Roybal and Halona Butler, Adriana Rico (Makah) and Tribal member Nakoosa Moreland practice a war cry before they perform in front of other conference attendees during the sixth annual Native Youth Leadership Conference in the Tribal Community Center on Friday, April 30. The war cry was "Knowledge is Indian power" and they pointed to their heads when they said "knowledge."



Tribal member Mary Lopez practices her speech to Howard Rainer (Taos Pueblo-Creek) during the sixth annual Native Youth Leadership Conference in the Tribal Community Center on Friday, April 30. Lopez gave a speech about herself to the conference attendees and Rainer was a guest facilitator of the event.

Zumba classes starting May 17

The zumba exercise classes in the Tribal gymnasium will be restarting on Monday, May 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The first class is free.

For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at 503-879-1369. ■

Health committee plans meeting in Grand Ronde

The Oregon Health Improvement Plan Committee, which includes Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy as a member, will host a Community Listening Session in Grand Ronde on Thursday, June 24.

The session will gather public input, which will guide an action plan to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians as one of several Oregon Health Authority initiatives.

Other Community Listening Sessions are scheduled for May 13 in Medford, May 26 in Portland and June 10 in Bend.

The Oregon Health Improvement Plan Committee is providing leadership, direction and oversight for the development of the Oregon Health Improvement Plan.

The committee is directed by the Oregon Health Policy Board, a nine-member Governor-appointed board that provides guidance to the Oregon Health Authority.

More information about the Health Improvement Plan Committee, as well as dates and locations for meetings, can be found at www.oregon.gov/OHA. ■

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council has proposed amendments to the **Enrollment Ordinance**. The first reading of the amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance was presented at the April 21, 2010, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the amendments is to establish procedures for correcting the official Tribal membership roll prepared under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act.

These amendments would allow Tribal members (for themselves, their lineal ancestors or their lineal descendants) to apply for a Restoration Roll correction in order to:

- (1) Correct a typographical error;
- (2) Correct a spelling error;
- (3) Correct a blood quantum error; and/or
- (4) Add the name of a **Tribal member or deceased individual** whose name was mistakenly omitted from the Restoration Roll. In order to add the name of an individual to the Restoration Roll, the applicant must establish that the individual meets the following requirements:
 - (a) Individual is living and a member of the Tribe or deceased; and
 - (b) Individual was living at the time the Restoration Roll was established; and
 - (c) Individual's name was listed on final membership roll published on April 6, 1956, in the Federal Register (20 Fed. Reg. 3636-3642); or
 - (d) Individual was entitled to be on the membership roll of the Tribe on August 13, 1954 [date of Termination Act], but was not listed; or
 - (e) Individual is a descendant of an individual described in (c) or (d) immediately above and possesses at least 1/4th degree of blood of members of the Tribe.

The person applying for a correction must prove by clear and convincing evidence that the Restoration Roll is in error and must establish what the correction should be.

The proposed ordinance amendments may be viewed on the Tribal member accessible Web site at www.grandronde.org. You may also obtain a copy of the proposed ordinance amendments by contacting the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Comments must be received by May 30, 2010.

Tribal leaders to discuss Northwest issues

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For instance, on Monday, May 17, ATNI President Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish) will lead a group discussion about the next steps on Northwest Tribal initiatives and how to accomplish the group's goals.

On Wednesday, May 19, Tribal leaders will discuss what Northwest issues and concerns to bring to the U.S. Department of Justice through the Leadership Council.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians formed in 1953 as a non-profit organization whose foundation is composed of the people it is meant to serve — Indian peoples.

ATNI provides a forum for sharing information on matters of interest to its member Tribes, develops consensus on matters of mutual interest, assists member Tribes in their governmental and programmatic development consistent with their goals for self-determination and self-sufficiency, and provides for effective public relations and education programs with non-Indian communities.

Other highlights of the Mid-Year Conference include an address by Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 17, a welcome speech by Oregon Rep. David Wu via video at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, and a closing ceremony in the late morning on Thursday, May 20.

ATNI attendees also will receive an education about the Grand Ronde Tribe while staying at Spirit Mountain Lodge.

A continuous video loop of Public Affairs-produced videos on Restoration, the Gorge, Tribal economic development and the Tribe's Natural Resources Division will play on televisions in Spirit Mountain Lodge rooms.

Also, placemats and table tents that display the Tribe's history and ceded lands will be placed on all tables in the buffet and sports bar. Copies of the Tribe's seven 1850s treaties will hang on walls of the Events Center.

Tribal member and Tribal Executive Assistant Barbara Mercier and Tribal Council Senior Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith coordinated the conference with some assistance from Public Affairs. ■