

First Foods Celebration set

The annual First Foods Celebration will be held at noon Saturday, March 19, at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. Meal service will begin at noon. Tribal members are invited to attend and enjoy traditional foods. All are welcome and the event will be free. For more information, contact Culture Committee member Kathy Provost at 503-857-8440. ■

Tribal leaders hopeful that the amendment will be approved

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Kennedy.

The Grand Ronde Tribe originally had a more than 60,000-acre reservation, but the federal government's allotment and other policies whittled away at that land base until 1954's Western Oregon Termination Act. The Tribe was restored in 1983 and the 1988 Grand Ronde Reservation Act, signed by President Ronald Reagan, returned 9,811 acres of the original reservation to the Tribe.

Because of federal regulations that require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to consider the effect on local governments resulting from the removal of land from tax rolls, the Tribe worked to secure the approval of Polk and Yamhill county commissioners in May and June 2010, respectively. Tribal leaders cited the fact that

the Grand Ronde Tribe offsets any loss of tax revenue by substantially reinvesting in the community, which straddles the county line between Polk and Yamhill counties.

The Tribe constructed the new \$1 million West Valley Fire District fire station on Grand Ronde Road, as well as was the lead agency in the \$6.4 million reconstruction of Grand Ronde Road, which made the roadway safer for motorists and pedestrians alike.

"It's uplifting to see the unanimous support our representatives in Congress and our local county governments have given this effort," Kennedy added. "We would not be here without their help and encouragement. It's a shining example of government-to-government cooperation."

Tribal leaders are hopeful that the amendment will be approved during this session of Congress. ■

Parenting classes set

Parents with children from newborn to 8 years of age are invited to participate in "Make Parenting a Pleasure" classes to be held on six consecutive Wednesdays from April 6 through May 11.

Classes will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Tribe's Adult Education Building. Parents will learn stress strategies, tips for communicating with babies and young children, facts about child development, discipline techniques and ways to encourage positive behavior.

Dinner and child care will be provided.

For more information or to register, call Indian Child Welfare Prevention Specialist Carmen Mercier at 503-879-1646 or e-mail carmen.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

K-12 Parent Committee meets

The monthly K-12 Parent Committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month from September through June. Meetings are held in the Youth Education Building from noon to 1 p.m. Lunch is provided.

RSVP if you are planning to attend to toni.mercier@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2101. ■

9th Annual Social

POWWOW

Honoring WU President H. Lee Pelton
Willamette University's
Native American Enlightenment Association

Saturday Sparks Athletic Center
March 12, 2011 Cane Field House
Free Admission

Grand Entry 4p.m.

Contest: Team Dance	Master of Ceremonies
Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd	Rob Tice
Native	Area Director
Arts/Crafts	David West
Food Vendors	Host Drum
Dancers	Tracy Bink
Drum Groups	

Drawing Grand Prize: Fooding provided for first 15 draws. Register at door.
Prize: \$1000

For more information contact
Office of Multicultural Affairs at 503.370.6265



SPRING BREAK

MARCH 21-24

Camp Westwind

6 - 12th grade only

Tribal & Native students welcome

CTGR Youth Education