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Ties *that* Bind

Fates of Grand Ronde, Chemawa Indian School span 100 years

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In the 20th century, the Grand Ronde Tribe's history is punctuated by 1954's Termination and 1983's Restoration, but the boarding school experience runs throughout.

Harry Jones, a member of the Tribe, met his future wife, Ella Flemming, at Chemawa Indian School, the boarding school in Salem, just after the turn of the century. That was also where, in 1910, he graduated first in his class.

Nakoosa Moreland, Senior Miss of Grand Ronde Royalty and former Junior Miss, carries on the century-old relationship today.

"This is my first year here at Chemawa," she wrote from Facebook, a sure sign of how much times have changed. She describes the friends she's made from other Tribes.

"I plan on staying here throughout high school," she says.

Life at Chemawa, as at all Indian boarding schools, was not always so

accommodating to students.

Jones succeeded in an institution that eight years earlier, as reported in "Standing Tall, The Lifeway of Kathryn Jones Harrison," had received the following instructions from the federal Indian Affairs Commissioner. It was dated Jan. 11, 1902:

"The wearing of long hair by the male population ... is not in keeping with the advancement they are making ... in civilization ... You are to induce your male Indians to cut their hair, and both sexes to stop painting. With some of the Indians, this will be an easy matter; with others, it

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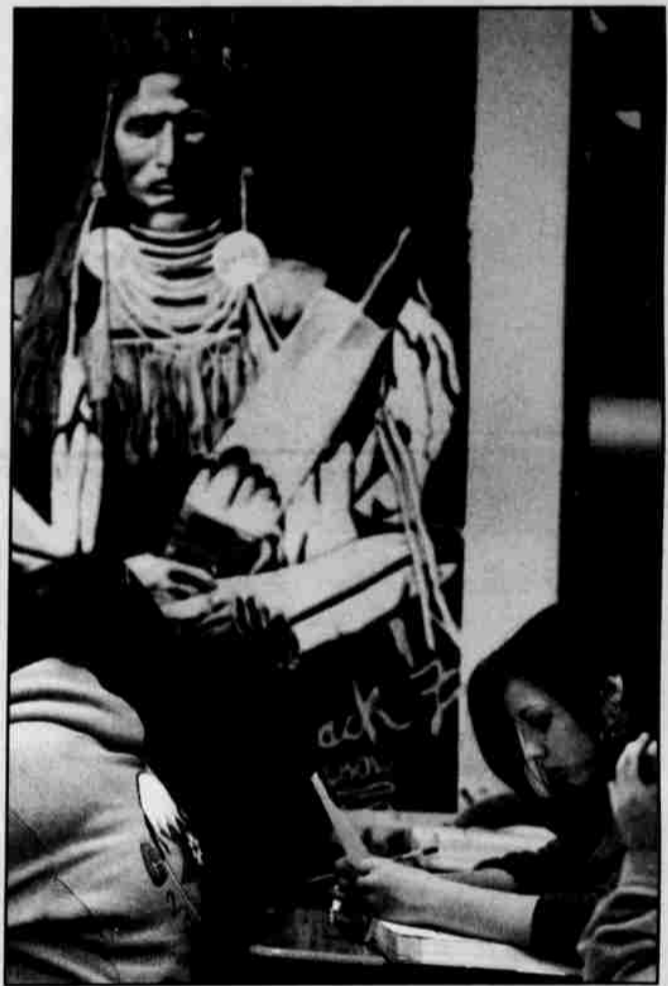


Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Nakoosa Moreland finishes a worksheet in her U.S. History class at Chemawa Indian School in Salem recently. Moreland is a freshman at the school, carrying on the tradition of many Grand Ronde Tribal members before her who have attended and graduated from the school.



Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, left, known then as Kathryn Jones, is seen with her friends on graduation day from Chemawa Indian School in 1942.

Photo courtesy of Kathryn Harrison

Hop to it! Easter Egg hunt set for April 23



The annual Tribal Easter Egg Hunt will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the covered area at Family Housing.

Age categories for Easter egg hunters will be 1 to 4 years of age, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12. Hunters should bring their own basket.

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Eggs are collected by parents and children during the 2010 Easter Egg Hunt at Tribal family housing in Grand Ronde last April. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 23.

After the hunt, the Tribal Indian Child Welfare Program will hold a fun walk in the Tribal gym. After the walk, attendees can enjoy lunch, prize drawings and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Parents are advised to bring their own cameras to take a picture of their child with Mr. Bunny.

The fun walk starts at 10:30 a.m. with lunch being served at 11:30 a.m.

The Easter events are sponsored by the Tribe's Community Awareness Team and Grand Ronde Community Wellness. ■