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## Tribe hosting Memorial Day ceremony

Grand Ronde Honor Guard will visit local cemeteries to honor veterans

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On Monday, May 30, the Tribal Memorial Day observance will begin again at the Grand Ronde cemetery at 8 a.m., according to Tribal Elder Gene LaBonte, a Navy veteran and former chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Veterans Affairs.

As in previous years, the Grand Ronde Honor Guard will begin its rounds at 8:30 a.m. honoring veterans at local cemeteries, including those in Willamina, Buck Hollow and Sheridan.

Last year, the National Guard in McMinnville brought out its cannon and fired blank shells at

each stop. LaBonte anticipates they'll be back again this year.

Also last year, the Honor Guard was invited to stop at Tribal foster homes to honor veterans living there. The group anticipates stopping at them again this year.

"People tend to not think about the pressure that's put on our military," said Tribal Council member and Marine veteran Steve Bobb Sr., "but it's always a good day to recognize our vets.

"We make heroes of athletes and entertain-

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Tribal Elder Marce Norwest speaks during the Memorial Day observance at the West Valley Veterans' Memorial on the Tribal campus in 2010.

## The Written Record

Original allotment, pass books uncovered at Oregon Historical Society

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David Lewis, manager of the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department and a member of the Tribe, has been busy researching Grand Ronde history.

One day each week for the last month, Lewis has buried himself in files at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland to glean what information he could.

"There's not one central inventory," said Oregon Historical Society Reference Librarian Scott Daniels, "but a lot of bits and pieces. A box could be 95 percent something else and 5 percent on the Tribe you're researching.

"There could be four to five places to look for one piece of information. That's part of the joy and part of the problem."

In a box with most of the material relating to Chemawa Indian School and other Oregon Tribes, Lewis found two old books relating to the Grand Ronde Tribe. He immediately grasped the significance of the find, though he wasn't sure

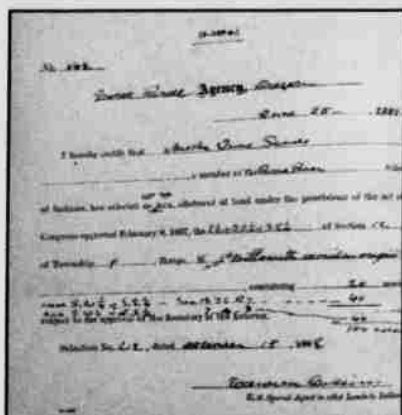
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Cultural Resources Department staffers and Tribal members Julie Brown, left, Cultural Collections assistant, and Khani Schultz, Cultural Collections coordinator, work together to get hundreds of pages from a Grand Ronde Agency allotment and pass books photographed at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland on Tuesday, May 10. Cultural Resources Department

Manager and Tribal member David Lewis came across the books while researching Grand Ronde history at the society. The photographs of the pages will be the Tribe's documentation of the books.



This page of a Grand Ronde Agency book of allotments from 1889 contains information on Tribal member Martha Jane Sands' choice for her allotment of land.

## Center gifts Tribe ancient Kalapuya canoe

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The Grand Ronde's Canoe Journey exhibit currently showing at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem includes a Kalapuya shovel-nose river canoe, arguably one of the oldest Native canoes ever found in Oregon.

Today, thanks to a unanimous vote of the board of the Heritage Center, the canoe has been repatriated to the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"Our institution is the combination of Mission Mill Museum and the Marion County Historical Society," said Peter Booth, executive director of the Heritage Center.

"Our new mission is to assist the Willamette Valley community in preserving its heritage and history. We've done several projects with other cultural institutions in telling aspects of their stories. In that spirit, we have desired to reach out to the Grand Ronde community and assist their Cultural Resources Department and the Tribe in general in preserving their heritage, which is very important in the overall history of our valley.

"One asset that the museum has had has been the historic Kalapuya shovel-nose river canoe. The board realized that the Grand Ronde community could better tell the story that the canoe represents than the Willamette Heritage Center could.

"We very much value all our partnerships with all our community

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