District slates Kalapuya Elementary ceremony

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On Friday, Sept. 2, the Salem-Keizer School District will hold a ceremonial dedication for the opening of a new West Salem grade school.

It has been named Kalapuya Elementary and will be the first Keizer-Salem school name derived from the area's Native American culture.

Plans are afoot for a Grand Ronde Tribal drum group to play and bless the new school, and possibly for other Tribal participation in the ceremony, according to Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Lewis, who also is a member of the Tribe.

Lewis submitted a letter supporting the Kalapuya name and also worked with the district to name its mascot the Condors.

Condors are on the verge of being restored to Oregon by a coalition of partners, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, with the Oregon Zoo. The zoo also has a condor breeding facility outside of Sandy. Condors went extinct in Oregon in about the 1930s.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The new Kalapuya Elementary School in West Salem will be the first Keizer-Salem school name derived from the area's Native American culture.

The Kalapuya name survived the scrutiny of a Citizen Bond Oversight Committee subcommittee, which was working with "criteria established by the procedure for Naming of New Schools."

Kalapuya was selected over 16 other suggested names, including Columbia, Tom McCall and Barack Obama.

"The subcommittee's first choice is Kalapuya Elementary School," read the recommendation. "The Kalapuya Tribe lived throughout the Willamette Valley. The committee believes that this name recognizes the historical and cultural impact Native Americans have had on our community ... and choosing this option expands upon the diversity of school names within the district."

The new middle school in West Salem, named Straub Middle School after former Oregon Gov. Bob Straub, also will be honored at the dedication.

"We have also offered to help the school district with cultural programming and with developing other Native-styled symbols for the school," Lewis said. "I hope this turns into a true collaboration between Salem-Keizer schools and Grand Ronde. If so, it will help us to establish Native culture and history programming and curriculum in the second largest school district in Oregon.

"The Salem area has one of the largest populations of Grand Ronde members outside of the Reservation yet they do not get much in the way of culturally appropriate programming in the district."

Both schools will open for the first time in the fall.

Kalapuya Elementary is located at 2085 Wilmington Avenue N.W. in Salem. ■

Saddle Club open

The Grand Ronde Saddle Club is now on summer hours and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily near the former Grand Ronde Food Bank site west of Grand Ronde Road. Everyone is invited to visit the horses and go for a ride.

For more information, contact Clint Folden at 503-559-1977, LeLani Folden at 503-438-5414 or Barbara Clark at 503-507-9107. ■

Elder's bingo changes days

Bingo at the Elders' Activity Center is held the second and fourth Friday of the month. A potluck dinner starts at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- Ceremonial Hunt Board meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- Cultural Trust Board meets at 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- Culture Committee meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: Kathy Provost.
- Education Committee meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Shelby Rogers.
- Elders' Committee meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- Powwow Special Event Board meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Acting Chair: Dana Ainam.
- Rodeo Special Event Board meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Acting Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Social Services Committee meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services Conference Room. Chair: Ron Hudson.
- Timber Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- Veterans Special Event Board meets at 4 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dakota Whitecloud.

Chinuk Wawa classes offered

The Tribal Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 of the Tribal Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or for fun.

For more information, contact Chinuk Wawa teacher Kathy Cole at 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■

Annual fish distribution

Natural Resources Division Fish Lab
47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
ELDER DAY ONLY
MUST be an ELDER or picking up for an ELDER
Thursday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
All MEMBERSHIP
Friday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m. – Noon
Must show Tribal I.D.
If picking up for others: a signed note with copy of Tribal I.D. is required.
No early or late pick up!
Questions? Contact Natural Resources at 503-879-2424.

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Portland Office
4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd. Portland OR 97239, 503-235-4230
All MEMBERSHIP
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011 - 2-6 p.m.

Eugene Office
711 Country Club Road Suite IA Eugene, OR 97401, 541-484-7085
All MEMBERSHIP
Monday, Aug. 29, 2011 - 2-6 p.m.

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I agree to take full responsibility for picking up salmon for my family. I have obtained Tribal ID and notes from each member. Listed below are the names and roll numbers I will be picking up for today.

NAME	ROLL #	NAME	ROLL #

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**