

## Heading to the Bay Area



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Molly Matthews, right, receives a hug from Marion Mercier, Tribal Librarian and Tribal member, during Matthews' going-away party at the Adult Education Building on Thursday, Nov. 3. Matthews resigned her position as Youth Education Program manager after working for the Tribe for seven years. Her last day was Friday, Nov. 4. She is relocating to the San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.) with her husband and their two daughters.

## Basketball tournament set for Nov. 26

The Tribe will host a 3-on-3 Open Basketball Tournament starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, in the Tribal gym.

Cost is \$10 per player or \$35 for a team of four. Hoopla rules will be used. To sign up, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Alton Butler at [alton.butler@grandronde.org](mailto:alton.butler@grandronde.org) or 503-879-1369. ■

## November flu shot clinics offered

The Tribal Health and Wellness Clinic will offer flu immunizations every Wednesday in November between 8 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. People should check in at patient registration and complete the paperwork. A nurse will call you for the shot as soon as she can. For more information, call the clinic at 503-879-2032. ■

# Tribe jumped at opportunity to contribute

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\$20 million share of the bypass project.

The Tribe's \$4 million pledge will account for 20 percent of the required local match that Newberg, Dundee, McMinnville and Yamhill County must commit to fix the "transportation nightmare" in Newberg and Dundee that is negatively affecting every Oregon community westward along Highway 18.

"The Tribe is allocating money to a top priority of the Oregon Department of Transportation," Kennedy said. "It will affect a lot of local communities. The Tribe is being a good partner in helping fund this project with other local governments. ... We are genuine about our efforts, and pleased and proud to be part of this endeavor."

"This is another example of the true spirit of the government-to-government relationship," said Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, who represents the Tribe on the Bypass Advisory Committee. "Whether we are working with

governments at the local, state or federal level, we are consistently looking for ways to collaborate as partners to find solutions that benefit our shared communities and all citizens of Oregon."

Other Tribal Council members who attended the City Club meeting were Kathleen Tom, June Sherer and Steve Bobb Sr.

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature adopted an almost \$1 billion transportation package and the first phase of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass is its \$257 million crown jewel.

McMinnville attorney Dave Haugeberg, who chairs the Bypass Advisory Committee, told about 100 City Club attendees that the 3.5-mile first phase will be funded with \$192 million from state government, \$45 million from the federal government and \$20 million from local governments. It will create a transportation corridor with only two stoplights between McMinnville and Interstate 5, bypassing the currently congested downtowns of Newberg and Dundee.

Haugeberg said the bypass will take 1,500 trucks a day off the road-



**2006** — Tribal member April Campbell arrived as Education Department manager after living for a time in central Washington. She was an education specialist in the department from 2000-05. Campbell earned a bachelor's degree in Management of Organization Leadership at George Fox University in Newberg and was working on a master's degree in Education from George Fox with a specialty in higher education.

**2001** — Tribal members Jackie Whisler and Bobby Mercier took on the task of teaching the next generation of Grand Ronde youth Chinuk Wawa. Whisler left the Executive Office to become a language teacher in the Cultural Resources Department while Mercier was leaving a job in the Maintenance Department to teach the Native tongue. Whisler and Mercier received training that was funded by a \$193,000 Administration for Native Americans grant.

**1996** — The 13th annual Restoration Celebration was scheduled for Nov. 23 at Grand Ronde Elementary School. Dinner was set to start at noon with a mini powwow to follow.

**1991** — Michael Larsen was selected to be a "community encourager" for the Health and Human Services Clinic. As such, he was tasked with acting as a liaison between the Tribal community and the Health Care and Planning departments to find out what kind of care is needed at the clinic.

**1986** — Enrollment Clerk Margo George reported that Tribal membership was now 1,983. In addition, she was gathering information on how to start issuing Tribal identification cards.

*Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.*

## Restoration group seeks volunteers

The Tribe's 28th Restoration Celebration Committee is seeking volunteers to help plan this year's event to be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the Tribal gymnasium.

If you are interested in helping, submit your name and contact information to [publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org) or call the Tribe's Public Affairs Office at 503-879-1418. ■

## Graves teaching weekly class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Elders' Activity Center.

The class is open to the public.

For more information, contact Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or [brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org](mailto:brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org). ■

way through Newberg and Dundee and more than 10,000 cars off the road daily in Newberg and Dundee.

"This is a critical component," Haugeberg said, adding that the Oregon Department of Transportation hopes to break ground on the project in the summer of 2014 and finish it by 2017.

Haugeberg said he found the Grand Ronde Tribe's interest and participation in bypass funding "extraordinarily refreshing," especially since the Tribe could have sat back and done nothing because it was under no legal obligation to participate.

"We have always been observing and watching what was going on," Kennedy told City Club attendees. "These are our ancestral homelands ... and we are very interested in what is happening with our neighbors. Another principle that we hold dear is planning for seven generations. We have been following what has been happening and participating, and wondering, 'When is this going to get done?'"

"When we see an opportunity that we are able to assist with, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde wants to step up and do what

we can to help. This contribution will not only assist the Tribe, but it certainly will help the economy of Oregon as well.

"We're very pleased we are able to partner with the local governments, county government, state of Oregon and all of the interested citizens. This is a wonderful effort to get behind and make sure we are a part of it."

"I think the Tribe always has to jump at opportunities to be a good partner," Mercier said. "There is value in government-to-government relationships and I am glad that the Tribe sees that."

"The \$20 million match just became \$16 million for a local match," said Haugeberg at the conclusion of the City Club meeting.

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said the Tribe will receive a credit from the Oregon Department of Transportation regarding the highways 18 and 22 interchange for re-allocating the \$4 million to the Newberg-Dundee Bypass. The Tribe's contribution cap for the highways 18 and 22 interchange is \$9.45 million adjusted annually for inflation, according to the compact. ■