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## Day informs Native leaders on legislative issues affecting Tribes

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**S**ALEM – Oregon Tribal leaders, including those from Grand Ronde, got up to speed on Native American issues currently before the Oregon Legislature and also were given a chance to educate state employees about Tribal sovereignty during the Oregon Tribal Governments Legislative Day held at the State Capitol on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. and Secretary Toby McClary led a Grand Ronde contingent that included fellow council members Steve Bobb Sr., Cheryle A. Kennedy, Kathleen Tom and Jon A. George at the event. Tribal employees in attendance included

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy talks to a variety of state employees about Native American history in Oregon and sovereignty, along with six other Tribal leaders, during Oregon Tribal Governments Legislative Day at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on Wednesday, Feb. 20.**

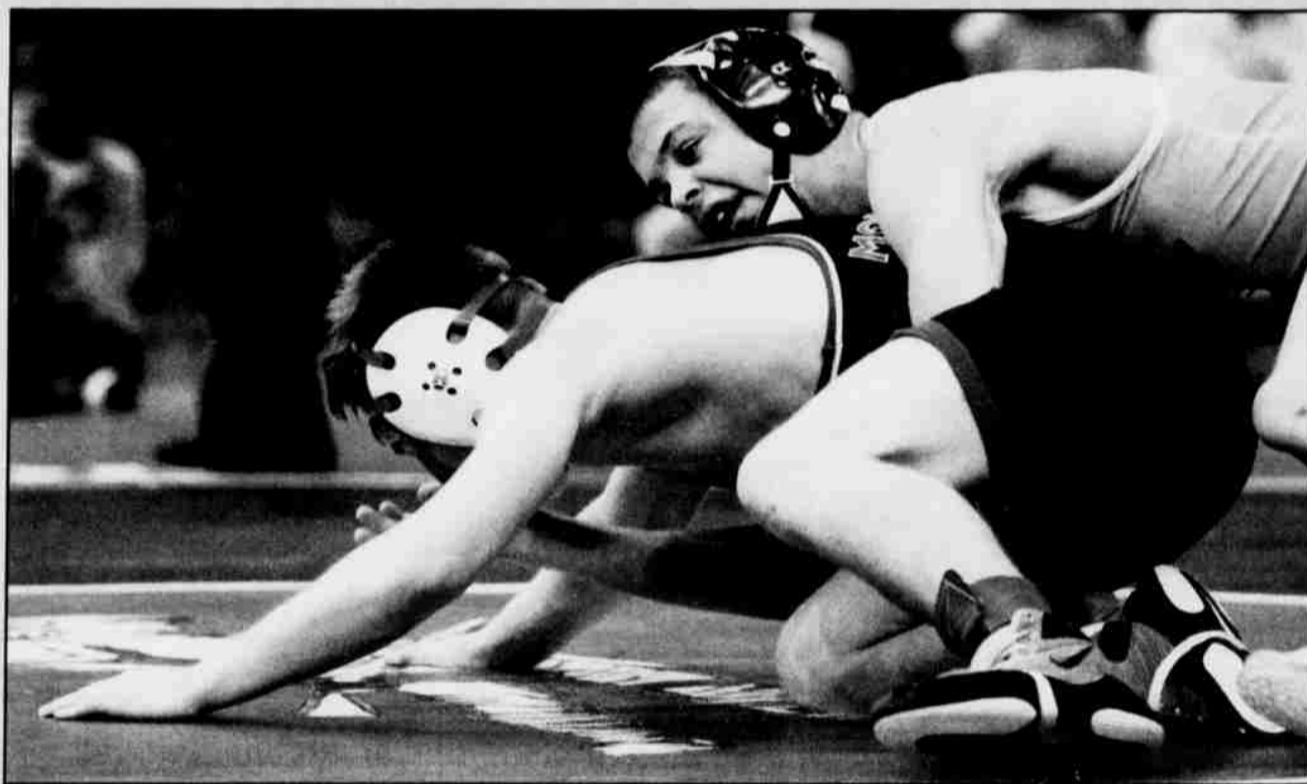


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**Dallas High School sophomore Matthew Hofenbredl, top, wrestles his way to a second consecutive state title during the state wrestling championships in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 23. He took first place in the 113-pound weight class of the 5A division.**

## Tribal titlists

**Sophomore Matthew Hofenbredl and senior Josh Parazoo reprise as state wrestling champs**

By Ron Karten  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**G**rand Ronde Tribal members did very well at the state wrestling tournament held Feb. 22-23 in Portland, winning two state titles and taking two second places.

Dallas High School sophomore Matthew Hofenbredl, 16, added a second consecutive state title to his record this year. He has been wrestling since he was 5.

Scio High School senior Josh Parazoo, 18, did the same while his brother, Scio freshman Justin, 15, placed second in the finals. They have been wrestling in Scio since they were 4.

Michael Reyes, 15, a freshman at Willamina High School, took second place in the Class 3A 113-pound division, los-

ing to Riverside High's Hans Rockwell in the championship match. He won three matches before the final in the state tournament.

Hofenbredl took the 113-pound weight class in the 5A division, winning the finals against J.T. Ayers of Mountain View High School 5-2. He defeated Ayers in last year's finals as well.

"It was still pretty exciting

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## After the fire

*Butlers still in a mobile home two years after house destroyed*

By Ron Karten  
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**T**ribal Elder Alton Butler and his wife, Donna, have started their retirement in a mobile home. The house in which they lived since 1985, a two-story, 1911 farmhouse off Salmon River Highway in Sheridan, was lost to

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**Donna Butler and her husband, Tribal Elder Alton Butler, stand on a makeshift roof that covers the basement of their Sheridan home on Monday, Feb. 25. A fire destroyed the house two years ago and due to complications, they have still not been able to rebuild.**



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