

Tribe participating in Feb. 1 Willamette Falls event

Tribal members will be participating in “Willamette Falls: Where the Future Began,” which will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City.

At 1 p.m., new Tribal art will be unveiled and dedicated with a blessing songs and cultural address from representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Tribal members Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel designed benches for seating at the museum’s PGE Willamette Falls Theatre. The two original, hard-carved salmon benches honor the salmon’s sacred tie to the falls.

Grand Ronde Tribal Historian David Lewis also will be making a presentation during the event.

Also during the event, the documentary “Willamette Falls: Where the Future Began,” will be shown. Tribal Cultural Protection Program Manager Eirik Thorsgard helped narrate part of the Portland General Electric documentary that covers the falls’ ecological, cultural and industrial relevance.

Other activities during the day will include children’s crafts, folk music, a paper-making workshop and free admission to the museum.

The event is a collaboration between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Portland General Electric, Oregon’s Mt. Hood Territory, the West Linn Paper Co. and the Clackamas County Historical Society.

For more information, call 503-655-5574 or visit www.clackamashistory.org. ■

Council OKs transportation funding agreement with BIA

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted Jan. 22 to approve a transportation funding agreement with the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year 2014.

Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said at the Jan. 21 Legislative Action Committee meeting that the \$223,570.15 was a portion of the funding that the Tribe will receive for its Transportation Program.

In other action on Jan. 22, Tribal Council:

- Approved an agreement between the Tribe and the Regional Automated Information Network, as well as an agreement between the Tribe and the city of Salem, for police records management software services.
- Approved a three-year agreement with Automated Elections Services of Rio Rancho, N.M., to provide technical support for Tribal elections.
- Approved the enrollment of two infants and the disenrollment of one Tribal member for violating the Tribal Constitution’s prohibition regarding dual enrollment in another federally recognized Tribe.
- Approved the agenda for the Feb. 2 General Council meeting. There will be a presentation by the Social Services Committee regarding the Tribal Employment Rights Office, the 477 programs, career development and the temp pool. Also included in the Jan. 22

Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that:

- Set the base monthly stipend rate for Tribal members on the Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission.
- Approved the Tribe paying for the garbage and electricity at the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center until the building is vacated.
- Authorized Tribal Council, the Grand Ronde Police Department and the Tribal Attorney’s Office to work on proposed amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance regarding concealed weapons possession.
- Approved placing the archive of *Smoke Signals* newspapers on the History Oregon Newspaper Web site operated by the University of Oregon.
- Authorized the Land and Culture Department to stage an exhibit this year at the Willamette Heritage Center called “Kuri-tseqw Tilixam – River People of the Willamette.”
- Approved allowing two medical professionals to reside in Tribal market rate housing with the approval of the General Manager’s Office. Housing availability is a significant factor in recruiting medical professionals to work at the Tribal Health and Wellness Clinic.

Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Eirik Thorsgard, David Harrelson, Brian Krehbiel, Travis Stewart and Jordan Mercier and Tribal Council member Jon A. George provided the cultural drumming to open the meeting. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:**
www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:**
www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed
- **Grand Ronde Youth Education:**
www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:**
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Grand Ronde Station:**
www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty
- **Spirit Mountain Stampede:**
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainStampede

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: Marline Groshong.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elders’ Activity Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Land & Culture Department conference room. Chair: Betty Bly.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders’ Committee** meets at 1 p.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. 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. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services conference room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **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 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Social Services Committee 1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Community resources

The Clothing Closet on the Tribal campus.

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9600 Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.
- Contact: 503-879-5731. ■

Transportation to Grand Ronde for Tribal members

The Portland Office has transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical, dental appointments or enrollment cards. We need a minimum of 3 people to sign up. Please call Lisa



503-879-1881

We will leave at the Portland Office at 8 a.m.

Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date