

Walking On...

Ellen Ann Haralson

Nov. 26, 1950 – March 31, 2014

Tribal Elder Ellen Ann (Langley) Haralson was born Nov. 26, 1950, in Tulare, Calif. Family and close friends knew her as "Sissy." Her parents were William Joseph Langley and Ellen Hamilton. She was one of eight children.

As a child, she and her family migrated between California and Oregon for work. In Oregon, they spent time with her uncle Allen "Biff" Langley and aunt Louise. They had a large family also. These were great moments in her childhood.

The migrating stopped when her father took a permanent job in California and they purchased a home in her teens. She graduated from Delano High School in 1968 and immediately married Dana Haralson. They had one daughter, Toni Haralson Moore of Wasco, Calif. They lived in McFarland, Calif. Sissy was mostly a homemaker and only worked part-time.

She lost her sister, Loretta Langley Graham, in 1984. She and her husband raised Loretta's daughter, Amber.

She played a lot of softball in her 20s and 30s. Her father enjoyed going to her games. She spent valuable time with her children and grandchildren – Nathan, Summer, Cameron and Jordyn. She was a mild-mannered soul. She had faith in God. She was loved and will forever be missed by Toni, Buck, Amber and many friends and family members. She was taken too soon on March 31, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Loretta; father and mother, William and Ellen Langley; brother, Billy Joe; and husband, Dana Haralson. She seemed lost after Dana passed almost 10 years ago and we find comfort in thinking they are together again.

A graveside service was held on April 3 at Wasco Memorial Park. Pastor Sandra Webb officiated and interment followed.



Help wanted

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 477 Employment and Training Program and Land and Culture Department have resources that can be utilized along with community members who have a passion for gardening or want to learn the art of agriculture. If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal or community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for this year's planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org. ■

Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Program development update

During the course of my last three months, I've asked the people of Grand Ronde what they want of my position and I have tried to gather a clearer picture of the community need. With all of the input I have gathered I know that the need is great, but I am encouraged that people seem ready to heal, to be honest, to come forward and to live more healthy lives.

With that stated, we have a core group of community members who want to volunteer, support and be there for the survivors coming forward. I love this enthusiasm, but I want volunteers within this program to be educated on advocacy, confidentiality and the basics of domestic and sexual violence before I let them graduate into volunteer advocates.

We've decided to host a one-hour training session each Monday and Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. in the Adult Education building in Room 124. They understand they are a small group of volunteers, just 15 strong, so they've agreed to invite the community into our trainings. The more the merrier (we've joked), but the more educated our community is the better we all understand healthy versus unhealthy versus abuse.

The schedule (30 hours of advocacy volunteer training)

Aug. 4 to Nov. 19 (no meeting Sept. 1)

Week 1 topic: Volunteerism and basic advocacy

Week 2 topic: Oppression, Sexism, Racism, etc.

Week 3 topic: Domestic Violence 101

Week 4 topic: Sexual Assault 101

Week 5 topic: Children and Youth and Violence

Week 6 topic: Stalking and Human Trafficking

Week 7 topic: Safety planning, Crisis Line techniques, vicarious trauma, self-care

Week 8 topic: Historical trauma, what it means to be trauma informed

Week 9 topic: Legal stuff (Crime Victims Rights, Restraining Orders, Address Confidentiality, etc.)

Week 10 topic: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Community Projects

Week 11 topic: Ethics, Boundaries, Lethality Assessment Program

Week 12 topic: Elder abuse, people with disabilities, LGBTQ clients

Week 13 topic: Local resources- shelter/food banks/etc.

Week 14 topic: (open to volunteers to decide what they want more training on)

Week 15 topic: Graduation, celebration

We hope to see you there! (If big groups or certain departments decide to send bulk groups- please let me know in advance)

Anne Falla

Domestic Violence Program coordinator

Cover Oregon sign-ups continuing

Native American and Alaska Natives can enroll year-round in Medicaid and the Oregon Health Plan, as well as for private health insurance coverage, through Cover Oregon. For more information, contact Cover Oregon Certified Application Assistants Loretta Meneley at 503-879-1359, Sydney West at 503-879-2197 or 800-775-0095 for an appointment to apply for or discuss Cover Oregon. ■



GRAND RONDE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Pharmaceutical Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, September 27, 2014

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wellness Clinic Entrance

- All collections are anonymous. Every effort will be made to protect the anonymity of the individuals disposing of medications.
- No questions or requests for identification will be made.
- We will take controlled and non-controlled (prescription) drugs, as well as over the counter medications.
- Individuals can dispose of medicines either directly into the disposal boxes, or in the original medication container.
- Individuals are encouraged to remove identifying information from prescription packages either by removing the label or utilizing a permanent marker.
- We will make no effort to count, inventory or log the medications.
- Solid dosage pharmaceuticals and liquids in containers will be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in its original container, ensuring the cap is tightly sealed.
- Intravenous solutions, injectables, syringes, chemotherapy medications or medical waste **WILL NOT be accepted** due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medications during the surrender process – the police will not handle any medications at any time. Participants will dispose of the medications directly into the disposal box.
- At the conclusion of the event, the disposal boxes will be sealed for a set period of time and then turned over to the US Drug Enforcement Agency.



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