

Back to school



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel, left, and VR/477 Program Supervisor Leslie Riggs, right, drum and sing a prayer song to welcome preschool students as they return to classes at the Tribe's Early Childhood Education building on Monday, Oct. 27. The building was vandalized on Sept. 28 when someone put a garden hose through a window and flooded the building. Classes were relocated while repair work was performed.



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Culture Committee members are, front row from second from left, Tribal Elders Linda Brandon, Betty Bly, Margaret Provost and Faye Smith and Sarah Ross, and, back row from left, Marcus Gibbons and Kevin Simmons. Committee members will be hosting this year's Restoration Powwow on Nov. 22. Also pictured are Reina Nelson, front row left, Land and Culture Department administrative assistant, and Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, back row right, Land and Culture Department manager, who are Tribal staff who support the committee, and Tribal Council member Jon A. George, back row second from right, the committee's Tribal Council liaison.

Culture Committee invites all to powwow; seeks Potlatch donations

The Tribe's Culture Committee will be hosting this year's Restoration Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 22.

The powwow will begin with a Grand Entry shortly after the traditional Restoration dinner celebration has ended about 2 p.m.

"We need to remember how we did it before Restoration," says Culture Committee member and Elder Margaret Provost. "We never used to have these big powwows. It would be a gathering where people would come together and some people would drum and dance, and we would have a dinner and then there would be a giveaway."

It is that tradition that the 2014 Restoration Powwow will honor. Community and family are the focus, with opportunities to honor the Elders and loved ones who have played important roles in the Restoration of the Grand Ronde Tribe. There also will be a Potlatch (giveaway) sponsored by the Culture Committee.

"The Culture Committee wants to honor everyone with a giveaway and I believe we should all come together and just be together in a good way to share this time," committee member and Elder Linda Brandon says. "Restoration is a time of sharing and feeling good. My grandma, Nora Kimsey, has always been my inspiration and she loved her community and her Tribal family and showed her love in different ways like this."

"We encourage families to step forward to be a part of this. We want everyone to be involved," says Sarah Ross, Culture Committee secretary.

This year, families are being invited to sponsor a dance special or donate to the Potlatch as part of the celebration.

"There never used to be big competition powwows. Families would

sponsor the specials and giveaways. Back then not many people danced like they do now, and they would have to be encouraged to dance," says Provost, who also described the traditional practice of Potlatch. "The giveaway was a big deal. People might bake pies or make jelly. Some people might make things like jewelry. Everything was taken care of by the families, and then it was all given away."

The Culture Committee encourages the community to get involved and make items to be included in the Potlatch.

"It is traditional that people used to donate to the Potlatch without recognition," said Culture Committee Chair Betty Bly.

"I was taught that there were times when people would be gathering items for giveaway, and in the old days the chiefs had Potlatch to show how rich they were by giving away all that they owned," says Culture Committee co-chair Marcus Gibbons.

"We want to let the people of Grand Ronde know that we are here for them no matter what. If you come for the medicine and to learn the traditions, then we are here to support you and everyone in the Tribe."

The 2014 Restoration Powwow is meant to commemorate the Tribe's 31st Restoration and honor the community and the important role each Tribal member fills.

Families interested in sponsoring a dance special or donating to the Potlatch can contact Bly at 503-879-6336.

Tribal members planning on attending the Restoration events are encouraged to RSVP to Public Affairs at 503-879-1418 or publicinfo@grandronde.org.

Drums interesting in performing at the powwow also should contact Bly. Guest drums will be capped at seven. ■

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE
CONFEDERATED TRIBES
OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In the Matter of: CASE NO. C-14-090
GOESERICH-PALANUK, Rebecca ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
Petitioner, TO CHANGE NAME
[ADULT]

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on September 5, 2014.

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the Petitioner and the subject matter of the Petition herein;
2. The Petitioner is over 18 years of age;
3. The Petitioner is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon OR a resident of the Grand Ronde Reservation;
4. The Petitioner has not petitioned and been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;
5. The Petitioner has served a Notice of Name Change to all Creditors Former Spouses to whom an obligation is owed under a divorce decree.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The name of the Petitioner is changed from Rebecca Suzanne Goeserich-Palanuk to Rebecca Jane Goeserich;
2. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;
3. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment office;
4. The Clerk of the Court shall provide a certified copy of the Order to the Oregon State Department of Vital Statistics.

DATED THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014

David D. Shaw
Chief Judge

Board accepting applications

The Tribe's Cultural Trust Board is beginning its 2014-15 grant-making round for grants ranging from \$250 to a maximum of \$1,000 available for Grand Ronde Tribal members to use for cultural projects or activities that support the understanding, practice and preservation of traditional Tribal heritage and culture.

The grant-making round opened Friday, Oct. 31, and closes Monday, Dec. 15.

Interested Tribal members can pick up an application at the front desk in the Governance Center or mail the Cultural Trust Board at Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, to have an application mailed to you.

Completed applications must be received by noon Monday, Dec. 15.

The project is supported by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and funded by Oregon Cultural Trust, which invests in Oregon's arts, humanities and heritage. ■