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idly appears on the official Tribal membership roll prepared under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act; provided, that such roll may be corrected by Tribal Council with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or the official Tribal membership roll prepared by the Tribe between Nov. 30, 1984, and Sept. 14, 1999; provided that such roll may be corrected by the Tribal Council in accordance with the Tribal Enrollment Ordinance.”

The second proposed amendment would reduce General Council participation requirements for initiatives, referendums and the calling of special General Council meetings.

Currently, the Tribal Constitution requires at least one-third of the adult general membership – more than 1,300 people – to

sign a petition for an initiative, referendum, recall effort or membership-proposed constitutional amendment to proceed.

The educational sessions will be held:

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Portland Community College Sylvania Campus cafeteria, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.;
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Governance Center Atrium in Grand Ronde following the regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting;
- 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Lane Community College’s Forum Building 17, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene.

Tribal members will be required to register to vote with the BIA for the special election. Thirty percent of those who register to vote must cast a ballot and two-thirds of those voting must approve of the proposal for an amendment to be adopted. ■

Clothes Closet open Monday, Friday

The Clothes Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. It accepts clothes, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565 or Daniele Powley at 503-917-8732. ■

'We are honored to host the ATNI Mid-Year Conference'

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representing and advocating for the interests of member Tribes.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been an ATNI member for many years and Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek is the primary Grand Ronde Tribal representative.

“We are honored to host the ATNI Mid-Year Conference,” Gleason-Shepek said. “It provides a great opportunity for Tribal leaders and staff to collaborate on issues that are important to Northwest Tribes. We are thankful for the opportunity to share our culture and history. We hope everyone enjoys our facilities and beautiful lands.”

ATNI formed in 1953 and is dedicated to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Currently, it is a nonprofit organization representing 57 Northwest Tribal governments.

“Through its conferences, forums, networks and alliances, it is the intent of ATNI to represent and advocate for the interests of its member Tribes to national Indian and non-Indian organizations and governments,” states the organization’s website.

Preliminary events begin on Sunday, May 22, with registration occurring in the casino’s Event Center and a tour of the Grand Ronde community scheduled in the afternoon.

Full-day schedules begin on Monday with a “State of ATNI” speech delivered by Fawn Sharp, president of the Quinault Indian Nation.

Highlights include the General Assembly hearing from the 2016 Hatfield Fellow Maria Givens and a Culture Night at achaf-hammi,

the Tribal plankhouse, occurring on Tuesday.

Tuesday also is the deadline for any resolutions to be submitted for General Assembly consideration.

On Wednesday, General Assembly attendees will listen to presentations on food sovereignty, the Portland Area Indian Health Service and the American Indian Tourism Conference. In the afternoon, the General Assembly will hear about addiction science and preventing youth suicide in Native communities.

Activities wrap up on Thursday morning with a review of resolutions coming out of the Mid-Year Convention and adjournment at noon.

The Mid-Year Convention also will include a concurrent tradeshow held Monday through Wednesday.

In addition, Tribal employees will be volunteering behind-the-scenes to make the convention run smoothly by preparing welcome packets, typing, photocopying and delivering informational packets, taking phone messages, greeting attendees and helping with directions inside the casino.

Throughout the convention, Grand Ronde Tribal Council members, drummers, Color Guard and Royalty will be participating.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Shannon Simi and Public Affairs Administrative Assistant Chelsea Clark have worked with ATNI Executive Director Terri Parr on coordinating the event.

The Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino last hosted the Mid-Year Convention in May 2010.

For more information about ATNI and the convention, visit www.atni-tribes.org. ■

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5:30pm

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May 18

Youth Education K-12 Building

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- Healthy Family Dinner
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- Homework support
- Literacy skill building
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For more Information Please contact Youth Education @ 503-879-2101

