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## Community meetings to discuss '21 Money'

By Dean Rhodes  
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Tribal members have heard horror stories of Tribal youth receiving their “21 Money” – per capita that has been invested for them from birth until they reach 18 years of age – and blowing it on partying, drugs and irresponsible behavior.

Far less often, Tribal members have heard stories of Tribal youth who have received their “21 Money,” saved it and used it later in life to help buy a home or start a business.

Tribal Council members and Tribal staff are interested in hearing both kinds of stories during a community meeting that will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear from Tribal members and their families about how the Minors’ Trust Fund money is helping Tribal members, what it is being used for and how the program can be improved.

Is it a good idea to, perhaps, require all Tribal youth to have at least a GED or high school diploma before receiving their money? Should Tribal youth be required to take financial literacy classes before receiving their disbursement? Can the Tribe do more or is everything running fine as it is?

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## Century plus 5



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder and the Tribe’s oldest member Pearl Lyon blows out the candles on her cake during her 105th birthday party that was held at the Elders Activity Center on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Lyon’s birthday was Monday, Feb. 20.



## OPB to air 'Broken Treaties' on March 20



Documentary will examine Tribal agreements with U.S. government

By Brent Merrill  
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Broken Treaties,” an upcoming episode of Oregon Public Broadcasting’s history series “Oregon Experience,” will feature Tribal member and Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson when it airs at 9 p.m. Monday, March 20.

Producer Eric Cain, who has an-

nounced that this will be his last show in what has been a long career in public television, created a documentary that examines the treaties signed between Native Americans in Oregon and the federal government.

Cain said the documentary will provide information on Oregon’s nine

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### If you watch

“Broken Treaties”

When: 9 p.m. Monday, March 20; repeats 2 a.m. Wednesday, March 22.

Where: Oregon Public Broadcasting. Check your TV provider’s listings for channel.

## Grand Ronde protests overlapping TERO districts



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

By Dean Rhodes  
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SALEM – A proposed two-year agreement between the state Department of Transportation and the Warm Springs Tribe of eastern Oregon that would create overlapping

Tribal Employment Rights districts with the Grand Ronde Tribe prompted Tribal Council representatives to attend the Thursday, Feb.

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Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, right, testifies against a proposed agreement between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs during an Oregon Transportation Commission meeting at the Oregon Department of Transportation Communications Division in Salem on Thursday, Feb. 16. Next to him is Acting TERO Director John Mercier and in the background is Tribal Council member Denise Harvey.