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Giving of thanks doubled this year

Tribe to celebrate 34th Restoration anniversary on Wednesday, Nov. 22

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal members will have a chance to give thanks for two days in a row during the fourth week in November when the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's annual celebration of Tribal Restoration occurs on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving.

The celebration will feature a Canoe Family performance and program, noontime meal and afternoon powwow held in the Tribal gym in Grand Ronde.

This year marks the 34th anniversary of Restoration to federally recognized status following 1954's Termination.

After the Grand Ronde Tribe was terminated, Tribal Elders Merle Holmes, Margaret Provost and Marvin Kimsey started the arduous task of regaining federal recognition in the 1970s that culminated

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If you go

34th Restoration Celebration

When: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 22. Canoe Family and program at 10 a.m., meal at noon and powwow at 3 p.m.

Where: Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road

More info: RSVP to Public Affairs at 503-879-1418 or publicaffairs@grandronde.org.

Still seeking answers

Tribal member Heather Cameron went missing in 2012

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Tonya Gleason-Shepek drove to Grand Ronde from her home in Happy Valley, some 57 miles away, to address General Council on Oct. 1, which also marked the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In her hand she clutched a missing person flier. The woman on the front is her cousin, Heather Cameron, missing since Aug. 18, 2012, from a remote area of Shasta County, Calif.

Cameron had recently celebrated her 28th birthday and had four young children – three daughters and one son. She is a Grand Ronde Tribal member and has family living in Oregon.

"I am asking you to remember her story," Gleason-Shepek said, her voice shaking. "She was a victim of domestic violence. ... We remember Heather every day. We may never be able to bring her home and lay her to rest, but we will never give up. When I look at Heather's face, I see the faces of all of our Tribal members who are enduring domestic violence, depression, addictions and suicide."

Gleason-Shepek said Cameron's story mirrors those from Indian Country, where 84 percent of Native women have experienced domestic violence.

"I ask you to choose mental health as a (budget) priority,"

MISSING PERSON - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES					
Date: 9/11/2012		Case #: 201227344		Author ID: SCSO	
					
Last Name:	CAMERON	Gender:	Female	Complexion:	Light
First Name:	Heather Lash	Height:	5' 8" in	Race:	White
Alias:	HALLER, Heather	Weight:	115 lbs	Date of last contact:	8/18/2012
Age:	28	Eyes:	Brown	Scars, marks, tattoos:	Tattoo on her back of royal flower. Tattoo on right calf of a girl with a gun.
Date of birth:	8/11/1984	Hair:	Brown		
<p>On Saturday, August 18, 2012, at approximately 1450 hours, Heather Cameron called 911 from the area of Keswick Dam claiming she had been drugged and needed help. A male voice could be heard in the background. An extensive multi-agency search of the area with the assistance of the CHP helicopter did not locate her or any suspicious activity. At the time of the call, Cameron said she was on foot.</p> <p>Vehicle associated with Cameron is a Gray 2003 Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4door truck, bearing CA license plate 8Z75740.</p> <p>Anyone with information please contact the Shasta County Sheriff's Office at (530) 245-6025</p>					
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Gleason-Shepek said. "Mental health is our most underfunded, unmet need in Indian Country. Heather's life was precious. She mattered. Everyone in our Tribal family that is high risk, they matter, too."

When contacted later, Gleason-Shepek said that Cameron

was last been seen with her ex-boyfriend, Daniel Lusby, and that the two were heading to Keswick Dam, a remote area 20 minutes outside of Redding, Calif., near the Sacramento

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Reibach wins best video performance at NAMMYs



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal member Jan Looking Wolf Reibach ended his six-year award drought at the 17th annual Native American Music Awards held on Saturday, Oct. 14, when he won the award for best performance in a music video for his song "Ascension."

Reibach won over some tough competition in

the category, including Josh Halverson, a Mdewankanton Tribal member who was a finalist on "The Voice," and Kelly Derrickson, a First Nations country singer from Kelowna, British Columbia.

Reibach also was nominated for Flutist of the

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Jan Looking Wolf Reibach won best performance in a music video for "Ascension" at the 17th annual Native American Music Awards held at the Seneca Niagara Events Center in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Saturday, Oct. 14. Reibach dedicated the "Ascension" compact disc to Tribal Council member Denise Harvey's son Ryan Kelly Beauchamp, who walked on in April 2000. He gifted the medallion that accompanied the award statuette to Harvey at the Tuesday, Oct. 17, Legislative Action Committee meeting.