

Walking On...

Geneva Mae McKnight

Sept. 4, 1931 – Oct. 23, 2017

Tribal spouse Geneva Mae McKnight of Seaside was born on Sept. 4, 1931, to Albert and Minnie Howard in Lebanon, Ore. She married Tribal member Cleo McKnight on May 10, 1948, in Dallas, Ore.

Besides being a devoted mother and homemaker, Geneva once worked as a grocery store manager and was a clerk for a seafood market. Most recently, she worked at Gearhart by the Sea. Out of all the activities in life, the one that gave Geneva the greatest joy was spending time with family.



Geneva was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Minnie Howard; her husband, Cleo McKnight; and two grandsons, Donald and Nicolas McKnight.

She is survived by her children, Leslie McKnight, Lorry McKnight (Elaine), Nadine Scott (Brady) of Seaside, Ore., Patricia Watson (Ron) of Turner, Ore., and Zane McKnight (Sally) of Queen Creek, Ariz.; grandchildren, Wendy Watson, Teresa Watson, Jacqueline McKnight and Cody Watson; great-grandchildren, Derick Watson and Tessa Reither; great-great-granddaughter, Aariyah Paden; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, Ore.

Funeral service arrangements were in the care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuary and Crematory of Astoria/Seaside. Visit the online memorial tribute to write a comment, sign the guest book or share with others at www.hughes-ransom.com or www.facebook.com/hughesransommortuary.

Bruce Good celebration of life scheduled

Longtime Grand Ronde Food Bank volunteer E. Bruce Good walked on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the age of 72.

A celebration of life will be held at the Grand Ronde Nazarene Church at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

For more information, contact Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■

Trump issues Native American Heritage Month proclamation

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

President Donald Trump issued the first Native American Heritage Month proclamation of his administration on Tuesday, Oct. 31, recognizing the month of November as a time to honor the heritage of the country’s indigenous peoples.

“American Indians and Alaska Natives are inextricably linked with the history of the United States,” the proclamation states. “Beginning with the Pilgrims’ arrival at Plymouth Colony and continuing until the present day, Native Americans’ contributions are woven deeply into our nation’s rich tapestry. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the first Americans and recognize their contributions and sacrifices.

“Native Americans have influenced every stage of America’s development. They helped early European settlers survive and thrive in a new land. They contributed democratic ideas to our constitutional framers. And, for more than 200 years, they have bravely answered the call to defend our nation, serving with distinction in every branch of the United States Armed Forces. The nation is grateful for the service and sacrifice of all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

“My administration is committed to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. A great nation keeps its word, and this administration will continue to uphold and defend its responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The United States is stronger when Indian Country is healthy and prosperous. As part of our efforts to strengthen American Indian and Alaska Native communities, my administration is reviewing regulations that may impose unnecessary costs and burdens. This aggressive regulatory reform, and a focus on government-to-government consultation, will help revitalize our nation’s commitment to Indian Country.

“In addition to adopting policies to enhance economic well-being of Native American communities, my administration will always come to the aid of Native American people in times of crisis. In the wake of Hurricane Irma, I signed the first Presidential Emergency Declaration for a Tribal nation. We will ensure the Seminole Tribe of Florida has access to the resources it needs to rebuild. As part of our American family, Native Americans will never be left behind under this administration. Together, we will strengthen the relationship between the United States government and Native Americans.

“Native Americans are a testament to the deep importance of culture and vibrancy of traditions, passed down throughout generations. This month, I encourage all of our citizens to learn about the rich history and culture of the Native American people.”

The proclamation also calls on Americans to celebrate Saturday, Nov. 25, as Native American Heritage Day.

The White House Press Office said via e-mail on Tuesday, Nov. 7, that the Trump administration has not decided whether it will continue the White House Tribal Nations Conferences, which the Obama administration held for eight consecutive years.

“We’ll let you know once we have an official announcement,” said Kelly Love, senior assistant White House press secretary.

Oregon Tribes also are leery of the Trump administration following the recent decision of the Army Corps of Engineers to renege on providing \$1.6 million requested to finish planning for much-needed Tribal homes near The Dalles.

The decision to end the funding was made by Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney.

“It was a disgraceful decision that amounts to a double double-cross,” *The Oregonian* stated in a Nov. 5 editorial. ■

Portland Culture Classes

Regalia, Mini Cradle board and Moss bag Making Classes. Instructed by Dara Dickinson

September 30, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Regalia Making)

October 14, 2017 10:00am – 2:00 pm (Mini cradleboards)

November 18, 2017 10:00 am–2:00 pm (Moss Bags)

December 2, 2017 10:00 am–2:00 pm (complete Regalia, Mini cradle board and Moss bag projects)

Beading and Moccasin Making Classes. Instructed by Joe Martineau

September 30, 2017 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Beaded Moccasins)

October 14, 2017 10:00am – 2:00 pm (Beaded Moccasins)

November 18, 2017 10:00 am–2:00 pm (complete Beading and Moccasin projects)

Class is limited to participants 12 and older, Youth age 12- 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Supplies are limited to one pair per person, must be present to receive materials.

Mini Cradle Boards

Beaded Moccasins

Moss Bags

To sign-up Contact : Lisa Archuleta at 503-879-1881 or lisa.archuleta@grandronde.org for more information contact Flicka Lucero at 503-879-2268 or flicka.lucero@grandronde.org

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New Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Lab/X-ray hours

- 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- 9:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Thursday ■

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