

Speaks retires



Photo by Rob Greene

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, left, and Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, second from left, attended a retirement party for Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director Stan Speaks, second from right, held Sunday, Dec. 10, at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. Speaks has worked in public service for more than 59 years. Speaks' federal career began when he joined the BIA following graduation from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. During his tenure, he has served in a variety of management positions with the bureau including boarding school superintendent, agency superintendent, area director and acting deputy commissioner. Speaks is a Native of Oklahoma. He was accompanied by his wife, Lois.

Portland hires Tribal liaison

PORTLAND – Laura John, a descendant of the Blackfeet and Seneca Nations, has been hired as the city of Portland's Tribal liaison.

John will act as the primary representative of the mayor, City Council and all bureaus and offices in relationships with sovereign Tribal governments and the urban Native American community.

John has worked in Native American communities for the past 20 years. She was previously a researcher and program evaluator for the National Indian Child Welfare Association, an early career scientist for the Native American Research Center of Health and coordinated a child abuse prevention program for the Native American Rehabilitation Association in Portland.

She holds undergraduate degrees from Portland State University and Haskell Indian Nations University, and graduate degrees from Washington State University and the University of Montana.

"I am humbled to be selected for this position," John said. "It is truly a privilege to serve the community that I grew up in. I look forward to elevating the voice of the Portland Native community through outreach, inclusion and representation."

The Tribal liaison will report to the director of Government Relations at Portland City Hall and hold a full-time position within the Office of Government Relations. ■

Flu shots available

Patients at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center can check in at any time to obtain a flu shot. For more information, contact Activities/Wellness Promotion Coordinator Kandee Little at Kandee.little@grandronde.org or at 503-879-2089. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

<u>Election Board</u>	1 alternate vacancy
<u>Housing Grievance Board</u>	1 vacancy
<u>Fish & Wildlife Committee</u>	1 vacancy

Please send completed applications to Stacia Hernandez, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Community Health Program

Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.



Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam mək'hək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, in Room 204 in the Tribal Governance Center. Chair: Siobhan Taylor.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Michael Mercier.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Matt Thomas.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

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A Trauma Informed Group Curriculum
A domestic and sexual violence support group focusing on survivors of trauma and their journeys to emotional and psychological wellness.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Program

Childcare? advanced notice required
Snacks provided

Every Tuesday 5:30-7p.m.
Community Center Building
Conference Room- East Entrance
Contact:
Anne Falla @ (503) 879-1660

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