

Walking On...

David Emery Riggs

May 19, 1955 – Oct. 22, 2019

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder David Emery Riggs, 64, a resident of Monmouth and formerly of Salem, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

He was born on May 19, 1955, in Dallas, Ore., the son of Lewis Leo and Doris Jane LaRose Riggs. He lived for a short time in Grand Ronde, but did most of his growing up in the Salem area. He graduated from North Salem High School. He worked for Spirit Mountain Casino as a buffet attendant and also as a slot machine attendant.

He enjoyed keeping a journal, writing stories, reading and collecting record albums.

He is survived by three sisters, Louise Coulson of Grand Ronde, Georgene Gray of Salem and Una Birchum of Salem, along with many nieces of nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 4, in the Grand Ronde Cemetery sanctuary building. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

Eloise Marian Kisor

Sept. 7, 1931 – Nov. 5, 2019

Eloise Kisor was born Eloise Marian Low on Sept. 7, 1931, to Floyd “Bud” Tillson Low (Cherokee-Choctaw) and Rose May Tyler (Grand Ronde) in Corvallis, Ore. She was the second child born to Bud and Rose.

Older siblings included older half-sisters Irene (Henkleman) Imhof and Genevieve (Henkleman) Johnson and sister Petrova “Pat” Mae King, and younger siblings Benjamin “Uncle Buddy” Floyd Low, Elizabeth “Betty” Thelma Nissen, Alene June Knowlton, Albert “Uncle Albie” Tillson Low, Colleen Maxine Garcia, Leonard “Uncle Lenny” Edward Low and Lottie Lavinias Child. All but Leonard have predeceased Eloise, who was a proud member of the federally recognized Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.



Eloise and her siblings grew up in the woods outside of Philomath, learning to fish and hunt as a way of survival and as sport in later years. The Depression era was a hard time during which to grow up, but they always had food on their table and helped their father in the woods by logging. Having a large extended family with aunts and uncles, they learned to horseback ride, dance and have fun. Eloise stayed with many of her aunts, uncles and grandparents and had many fond memories of this. In her later years, she took care of some of her cousins and enjoyed those times.

Eloise married Ray Walter Kisor in Stevenson, Wash., on Feb. 7, 1948, and they had five children: Judy Rae Kisor, Dallas Floyd Kisor, Vicky Lynne Kisor, Robin Faye Kisor and Tina Ramona Kisor. Her son Dallas predeceased her in death in February 2019. From this union her life legacy is the following grandchildren: Jeffrey Ray Kizer, Holly Rae Kisor Leonard, Marylee Kizer Kane, Heather Kisor, Jordan Justen, Janelle Justen Savage, Gregory Ray Kisor and Raylene IdaRose Kisor; and great-grandchildren Savannah Justen, Gabriella Justen, Joseph Kizer, Melissa Kane, Debra Kane, Daniel Kane, Zephan Kizer Love, Trystan Kizer, Caleb Kizer, Kisor Savage, Tyce Allan Kidwell, Presley Savage, Malachi Savage and Gerrell Figg. Her final legacy is a great-great-grandchild Ethan Anorok of Anchorage, Alaska.

She was fortunate to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was insistent on paying them for helping her walk the dogs, etc., but always with saying one half for your pocket and one half for your college savings. She believed in education and one of her misgivings was she would have loved to have been a teacher, but lived in times when most women married and raised children.

She was an incredible cook and many of her life memories were recounted with the food memories related to events. She could sew, hunt and fish, and had a passionate love of dolls and restoration of them. She collected memorabilia and was always intrigued with clothes and fashion. She never went to the store without full make-up and jewelry on. Her children were quick to tease that she loved her dogs more than them, but she loved raising and caring for them and in her later years they were her constant companions. She was a Christian and loved recounting passages she read in the Bible. Her favorite singing artist was Daniel O’Conner and his Christian songs.

The union between Eloise and Ray ended in the 1960s and she later married Otto Ingram from Albany, Ore. Some of her best memories were of living in Washington with Otto and near some of her family members who had relocated there. That union was not to last and Eloise enjoyed her last relationship with companion Joseph Standard. She loved to travel during these times. She often told us in these past few months that she had a good life and had done all she wanted to do. She passed peacefully and quietly on Nov. 5, 2019.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery sanctuary followed by a remembrance gathering at Elders Activity Center. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, please go to www.dallastrIBUTE.com

Portland-area voters approve \$475 million Metro bond

Portland-area voters approved a \$475 million Metro bond that will help provide public access to Willamette Falls by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The bond includes \$20 million that will help work on the Riverwalk in Oregon City. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which purchased the shuttered Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City in August, is working with the regional government and other partners to rehabilitate the site and provide public access to the Willamette Falls area.

The measure was leading by wide margins in each of the three counties that lie largely inside the regional government’s boundaries. ■

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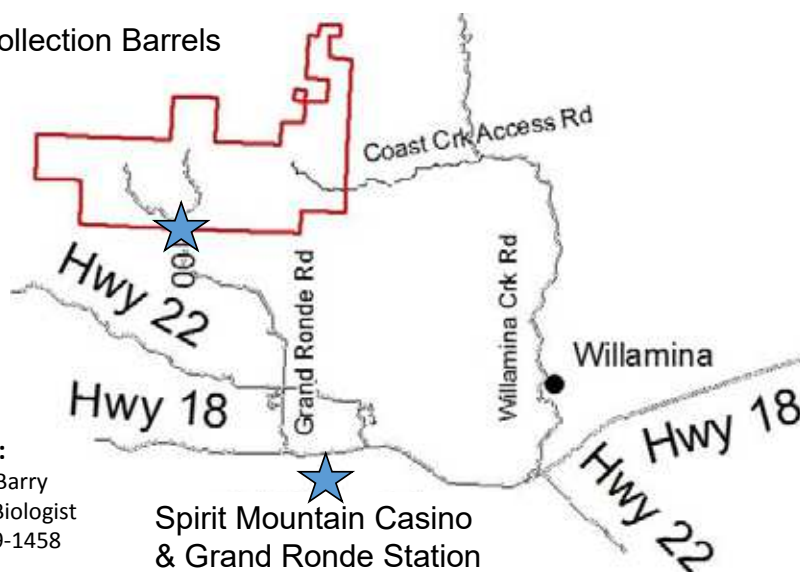
Grouse and quail hunters asked to return wings, tails for research

The hunting season for forest grouse and quail in Western Oregon is open September 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife asks successful grouse and mountain quail hunters to donate a wing and tail of each bird for biological research. The wings and tails provide information on hatch date, recruitment, age and sex ratios of the populations to help set next year’s hunting seasons.

Blue collection barrels are located at Grand Ronde Station and the intersection of Agency Creek Road and Yoncalla Road on the Reservation near the 4 mile marker. An entire wing and whole tail including small rump feathers should be removed. Paper bags are provided in the collection barrels for the parts, and hunters should mark harvest date, county taken, and general location.

Refer to the Game Bird Regulations for specific grouse and quail identification tips. It is illegal to shoot spruce grouse in Oregon.

★ Collection Barrels



Contact:
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Spirit Mountain Casino
& Grand Ronde Station

Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don’t want adults thinking that they can’t use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.

For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■