

Walking On...

Tony Lee Cummings

Jan. 22, 1961 – Oct. 7, 2020

Tribal Elder Tony Lee Cummings passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at the age of 59.

The family held an immediate family-only funeral service on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Huston Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ore., assisted the family.

Larry Lee Hughes

Dec. 18, 1944 – Oct. 11, 2020

Tribal Elder Larry Lee Hughes passed away on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at the age of 75.

Crown Memorial Center in Salem is assisting the family.

The family will be holding a private service.



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

- Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy**
- Ceremonial Hunting Board – 2 vacancies**
- Culture Committee – 2 vacancies**
- Enrollment Committee – 2 vacancies**
- Fish & Wildlife Committee – 3 vacancies**
- Powwow Special Event Board – 1 vacancy**

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1: Chris Mercier discusses expanding Tribal Media.

2: Michael Langley and **Lisa Leno** discuss the quick transition from Tribal employee to Tribal leader.

3: Tribal Fish and Wildlife Manager **Kelly Dirksen** discusses Grand Ronde efforts with Pacific Lamprey.

4: Dr. David Lewis discusses the 163rd anniversary of the signing of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

5: Tribal Lands Manager and multiple Native American Music Awards recipient **Jan Michael Looking Wolf** discusses his new compact disc "Flute Medicine."

6: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses Tribal Council's statement against inappropriate personal attacks.

7: Grand Ronde Police Chief **Jake McKnight** discusses his law enforcement career.

8: Tribal Cultural Advisor **Bobby Mercier** discusses the Agency Creek Round Dance.

9: Tribal historian **Dr. David Lewis** returns to the podcast to discuss the Trail of Tears.

10: Tribal member **Braden Ebensteiner** discusses his experiences in New York City as part of the American Museum of Natural History internship.

11: Tribal lobbyist **Justin Martin** discusses his baseball career playing in the California Angels' farm system.

12: Coordinator **Francene Ambrose** discusses the Grand Ronde Food Bank.

13: Tribal Planning Director **Rick George** discusses the current process for updating the Tribe's Strategic Plan.

14: Tribal Emergency Management staff members **Steve Warden** and **Brandy Bishop** discuss emergency preparedness.

15: Listen to excerpts from a September 2008 interview with longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman **Kathryn Harrison** as she discusses the Tribe's Restoration effort.

16: Dr. Randy Blome of the Health & Wellness Center discusses Tribal efforts to eradicate Hepatitis C within the Grand Ronde Tribe

17: Listen to Restoration figure **Dean Mercier**, who walked on in 2011, recall entertaining stories about the Tribe's Restoration efforts.

18: Excerpts from the open house celebrating the Phase II opening of **Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center**.

19: Brook Colley, Southern Oregon University Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, discusses her new book, "Power in the Telling: Grand Ronde, Warm Springs and Intertribal Relations in the Casino Era."

20: Deputy Press Secretary **Sara Thompson** discusses her job and the Grand Ronde community.

21: Tribal Council Chief of Staff **Stacia Hernandez** discusses the advisory vote topics.

22-29: Episodes 22-29: **2018 Tribal Council candidate interviews**.

30: 2008 interview: **Margaret Provost** and **Jackie Many Hides** discuss Restoration.

31: Tribal Elder **Greg Archuleta** and Natural Resources staff member **Jeremy Ojua** discuss the Champoeg Celebration.

32: Tribal member **Shelly Nichols**, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, discusses her military sexual trauma experience that led to her co-writing "Warrior Wings."

33: Audio excerpts from the **35th Restoration Celebration**.

34: Behavioral Health Support Counselor **Joe Martineau** discusses chemical dependency and treatment options the Tribe has to offer.

35: Tribal Council members **Kathleen George** and **Lisa Leno** discuss the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

36: Cultural Resources Department Manager **David Harrelson** discusses the "Sharing Our Stories" and the importance of the culture of storytelling.

37: Smoke Signals Editor **Dean Rhodes** discusses the new Smoke Signals website and the importance of free press.

38: Bryan Langley and **Tracy Biery** discuss higher education and education programs.

39: Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach discusses his album "Beautiful."

40: Tribal Council member **Jack Giffen Jr.** and **Dr. Timothy Hullar** discuss cochlear implants.

41: Duke Kimsey discusses the Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office.

42: Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director **Michael Cherry** discusses Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

43: Domestic Violence Coordinator **Danielle Murrell** discusses Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls.

44-50: Episodes 44-50: **2019 Tribal Council candidate interviews**.

51: Shaun Cameron and Tribal member **Cindy Larson** discuss missing person **Heather Cameron (Haller)**, a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

52: Tribal Council Vice Chair **Chris Mercier** and **Dean Rhodes** discuss 2019 election results.

53: Grand Ronde Police Officer **James (JJ) Flynn** discusses his actions during a hostage situation.

54: The medication-assisted treatment supervisor at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center **Linda Gehrke** discusses the MAT program.

55: Grand Ronde's longest-serving employee **Tresa Mercier** discusses the changes she has seen since her first day in 1984.

56: Patti LeClaire discusses the Grand Ronde community garden.

57: Tribal member and TERO Director **Harris Reibach** shares his story and information about TERO.

58: Hurry up and wait: episode 1 Silviculture and Fire Protection Manager **Colby Drake**

59: Was Grand Ronde's Health & Wellness Prepared for COVID-19? **Kelly Rowe**, the Executive Director of Health Services, discusses if the Health and Wellness Center was prepared for COVID-19.

60: Tribal Elders vs. COVID-19 Elders Committee Chairwoman **Penny Deloe** and Nutrition Program Manager **Kristy Criss-Lawson** discuss how Elders are doing during COVID-19.

61: Etched in Stone: **Ramona Quenelle**. Ramona Quenelle, recently added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial, talks about her Navy service.

62: Native parallels to the Black Lives Matter movement with **David Lewis, Ph.D.** David Lewis discusses the parallels of Native and African-American minorities seeking social justice.

63: Hurry up and wait: episode 2. Following the Grand Ronde **Wildland Fire crews'** training.

64: Tribal Police Chief **Jake McKnight** discusses how demands for police policy changes seen across the country have been addressed in Grand Ronde.

65-69: Episodes 65-69: **2020 Tribal Council candidate interviews**

70: Michael Herrin examines the bad reputation the United States Census and the hidden ways census data impacts Tribal country.

71: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses the 2020 Tribal council election results.

72: Grand Ronde's COVID-19 Relief team you probably haven't heard of. Grand Ronde hired **Sam Thornsberry** and **Stephanie King** as the new COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives (COVID-19 CHR's).



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