IN THE FUTURE

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June

- Wednesday, June 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, June 18 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- Sunday, June 27 – General Council meeting for Tribal Council nominations only, 11 a.m., Governance Center Atrium, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Only nominators and nominees and certain staff members will be allowed entrance to the event. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 30 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

July

- Monday, July 5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response.)

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic.

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff.

To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

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ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the June 2, 2021, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments will add a provision for a one year loss of membership moratorium.

The proposed amendments will not prevent disenrollment of a member who is dually enrolled in another Tribe in violation of the Tribal Constitution.

Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by July 15, 2021. ■

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schools because the men engaged in racist practices. The schools then temporarily adopted the names of their mascots for the 2020-21 academic year.

In December 2020, the Corvallis School District formed a Renaming Task Force to find new names for Husky, Jaguar and Wildcat elementary schools, and potentially some of the other 14 district-owned buildings. Harrison's name would be applied to the Jaguar elementary school, Noss said.

The Renaming Task Force included 13 members who ranged in age from fifth-graders to adults, nearly equal parts men and women, and spanning at least five ethic groups.

Corvallis School Board member and task force liaison Luhui Whitebear is a former employee of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Harrison's name was among the top 20 suggestions that the task force considered. The top names also included Chepenefa, which was an indigenous Kalapuyan group that lived in present-day Corvallis; Bessie Coleman, the first known African American and Native American woman to hold a pilot's license; and Tiacan, a Santiam Kalapuya principal chief.

The task force filtered suggestions through six criteria, the *Gazette-Times* reported, emphasizing names that evoke inspiration, reflect commitments to social justice, represent women, honor local Indigenous history, show the community's connection to place and reject white dominance.

After the top 20 suggestions were released to the public, the task force received feedback from 150 community members and 187 students returned surveys sent out by Noss.

"There were about four people who received almost unanimous support, and Kathryn was one of them," Noss said.

Public comments were most in favor of Harrison, Letitia Carson and Chepenefa. Students leaned toward Harrison as well, and Harriet Tubman and John Lewis.

Carson was the only Black woman in Oregon to secure a land claim as a result of the 1862 Homestead Act. Tubman was known for her Underground Railroad abolitionist movement and Lewis was a Georgia politician and one of the original Freedom Riders.

Noss said that in addition to Harrison, he will be recommending Coleman and Carson as new elementary school names and that he is "pretty confident" the board will accept his recommendation. He said the School Board will not make his recommendation official until early September.

Harrison was born Kathryn May Jones in 1924 in Corvallis to Harry William Jones and Ella Flemming. Her father was Molalla and her mother Eyak. She attended school in Corvallis before enrolling in Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

She was a key participant in the Grand Ronde Tribe's early 1980s Restoration efforts and was one of five Tribal members who testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 18, 1983, in support of restoring the Tribe to federal recognition. The Tribe's federal recognition had been Terminated 29 years earlier in 1954.

After the Tribe was restored on Nov. 22, 1983, she continued her service to her people on Tribal Council from 1984 to 2001. During her time on Tribal Council, she served as secretary, vice chair and six years as Tribal chairwoman. She never lost a Tribal Council election and was the first woman to serve as Tribal chair.

During her time on Tribal Council, she helped guide the Tribe into gaming through the signing of a compact with Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts in July 1993. She also suggested the Tribe start endowment funds to benefit education, health care, economic development, and social and cultural programs. Those funds continue to be an important economic resource to this day for the Tribe.

Today, she lives at an adult foster care facility in Salem. ■

Includes information from the Corvallis Gazette-Times.