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Hello Tribal members,

I have been honored to serve on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Youth Council since its inception five years ago. Since then I have held multiple roles on Youth Council and have led the Youth Council as its chairwoman for the last three years. I have been blessed to travel to multiple conferences across the country where I had the opportunity to meet and connect with other Native youth. The lessons I have learned and tools I have gained I will take with me into the next steps in my life. Over the years I have forged many relationships with my fellow Youth Council members, Tribal leaders and its advisors. I would like to thank Shannon Simi, who was a big part of establishing the council. The current Youth Council advisors and Youth Empowerment team: Shannon Stanton, Angey Rideout, Amber Mercier, Vincent Chargualaf, Matt Bucknell and Nichole Estrada-Hewitt. Thank you for all you do and the encouragement to keep going through this pandemic. Thank you to Tribal Council for your support and leadership. And to my parents for always filling in when we needed help. To everyone else who has supported me in my journey here on Youth Council, I will forever be grateful for the connections I have made and for the memories and experiences I get to keep for a lifetime. It's a bittersweet moment leaving everything I have put so much love and care into for the last five years, but I am excited to start my new journey in the fall at Western Oregon University! I wish all the best to the current Youth Council. They will do a great job leading our community. I'm so proud of every one of them.

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St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. For more information or for kitchen and hall rental, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■



Watchlist: 'The Chef Bringing Native American Food to Your Table'

By Kamiah Koch
Social media/digital journalist

Sean Sherman is the owner of The Sioux Chef, a company focusing on re-identifying North American food with traditional Native American ingredients.

Sherman and his company were featured in a three-minute video by Great Big Story, a storytelling media company that has amassed almost 6 million YouTube subscribers globally. Sherman's story was published in 2017 as part of their "Flavors" series and has reached more than 400,000 views as of 2021.

Sherman is Oglala Lakota and was born in Pine Ridge, S.D. In the video he explains that his company travels the country serving meals to Native and non-Native people, sharing cuisine specifically designed with the traditional foods sourced from that area.

One example of a Sioux Chef dish was described in the video as locally-sourced bison cooked down with fresh cedar and gathered bergamot.

Sherman said all the meals pre-

pared by The Sioux Chef do not include colonial-introduced ingredients, which removes dairy, processed sugar, wheat flour and processed meats from the dishes.

He also said his company prioritizes purchasing from Indigenous vendors to support their growth and opportunity because Indigenous ingredients are an important part of the landscape and history.

"We feel like anybody across North America will benefit from the understanding of the Indigenous food systems around you," Sherman says at the end of the video. "And it's all going to help us move forward."

In the same year Great Big Story published Sherman's video, he and Beth Dooley published a cookbook called "The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen," sharing more modern indigenous recipes of the Dakota and Minnesota territories.

To watch the Great Big Story video visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocm6DRIF9oU or go to the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel and find it under the "Watchlist" playlist. ■

Tribal member's missing wedding video resurfaces; TikTok of her reaction goes viral

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

When Grand Ronde Tribal member Kayla Jenness married Drew Gottfried 14 years ago at Ogren Gardens in Eugene, one of the worst things that could happen did.

Their wedding video went missing.

"We were told shortly after our wedding that the video had been accidentally erased," Drew wrote in a post on the app TikTok.

Unbeknownst to Kayla, a friend recently found the long-lost wedding video in a bunch of old tapes stored at their church, Life Bible Church in Harrisburg, and gave it to Drew.

"I rented a (Eugene) theater and asked if they could play it for me instead of a movie," Drew said in his TikTok post. "She had no idea what is about to play and thinks we are just here to see one of her favorite movies together. Let's see her reaction to what we thought was lost forever."

Drew posted the emotional video on Tuesday, July 20. Within 24 hours, the video of Kayla's heart-warming, tearful reaction went viral, having been viewed more than 1.5 million times on TikTok.

Drew, who works as a financial director at Northwest Community Credit Union in Eugene, said that he thinks the tape originally got lost when the person who recorded it, who also worked for the church, accidentally switched it with another tape.

Drew said his wife's reaction to finally seeing the tape was "pure happiness" and added that his plan was a "successful surprise."

One of the top comments by TikTok viewer 1realhillary said: "Now I'm sitting on the toilet at 7:30 a.m. CRYING."

Drew, whose TikTok moniker is earthassassin, posted a second video about the tape and the reaction it received. "All right guys. This has been a crazy morning," he said. "I posted that video because I knew our friends and family would enjoy it, but I had no idea you guys would love it so much."

Drew and Kayla live in Springfield and have a 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

Kayla owns Wild Blackberry Moccas and is the daughter of Grand Ronde Editorial Board member and former Tribal Council member Andy Jenness.

To watch the video, visit www.snopes.com/news/2021/07/21/wife-surprised-wedding-video/. ■

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