

Winter weather closes Tribal campus for two days

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A winter storm resulted in the closure of Tribal offices on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23-24, as almost all area school districts were shuttered as well after a late winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow in some of the higher elevations in the region.

In addition to the Tribal campus being closed, the Red Cross Blood Drive, which was scheduled for Friday, was postponed to a later date due to the inability to get blood boxes from Portland.

When the storm first hit Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, the nearly 11 inches that fell in the Portland area resulted in the second snowiest day in the city's history.

Tribal Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden said there were a few non-injury wrecks and a slip injury, but other than that, things stayed relatively calm.

"It seems like folks in these parts have enough respect for these weather events that we

are able to stay available for the larger incidents that may arise," he said.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandy Bishop said a plan was in place to open the Tribal gym as a warming center, but that the need did not arise.

"We (also) had the Elders Activity Center available for a day-use warming center if the need was there," she said. "Temporary employees were on standby to be called upon to open these facilities if and when needed. These plans remain in place should the need arise."

Tribal Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier said that his department shoveled Governance Center outdoor entryways and also spread deicer.

Weather returned to normal for the most part by Monday, Feb. 27, with Tribal government offices opening on time. A second winter storm warning remained in effect until Tuesday morning, however. ■

40TH RESTORATION CELEBRATION



2023 LOGO CONTEST

- Organizers of the 2023 40th Restoration Celebration are holding a logo contest for Grand Ronde Tribal members and descendants.
- Winning logo will be used on promotional materials and gifts for our 40th Restoration Celebration.
- Entries should include: artwork, description, name, roll, phone number and email.

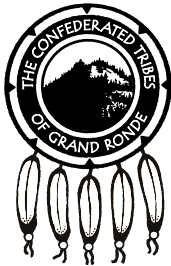
Send submissions to publicaffairs@grandronde.org or

Tribal Council
Attn: RC40
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Deadline is Monday, May 15, at 5 P.M.

Winner will be announced June 1

- Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions
- First place receives an Ikanum saddle blanket



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Tribe anticipates that additional demolition will be necessary

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2021 and \$2 million in federal funding included in the appropriations bill signed into law in March 2022.

Tribal Council approved an almost \$850,000 contract with Elder Demolition of Portland in May 2021 to demolish the more than 50 abandoned and dilapidated buildings on the site.

The third round will not be the

last. The Tribe anticipates that additional demolition will be necessary to achieve its vision, which includes healing, connection and public access to Willamette Falls.

The Tribe also has scheduled an executive session briefing for the membership called Tumwata Village Vision 2.0 for 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 6, that will be held on Zoom. Tribal members will have to register in advance to view the briefing. ■

One of the lessons Indigenous people are encouraged to practice is to rise with the Sun and meet the start of a new day.

Spring Break is an opportunity to reset your family's sleep-wake cycle.

Morning Madness?
Bedtime Battles?

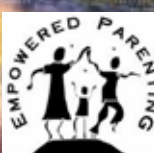
Monday, March 27, 2023 at Noon

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/goodmornignight23>

Call: +1 253 215 8782

Enter Meeting ID: 853 1125 4712

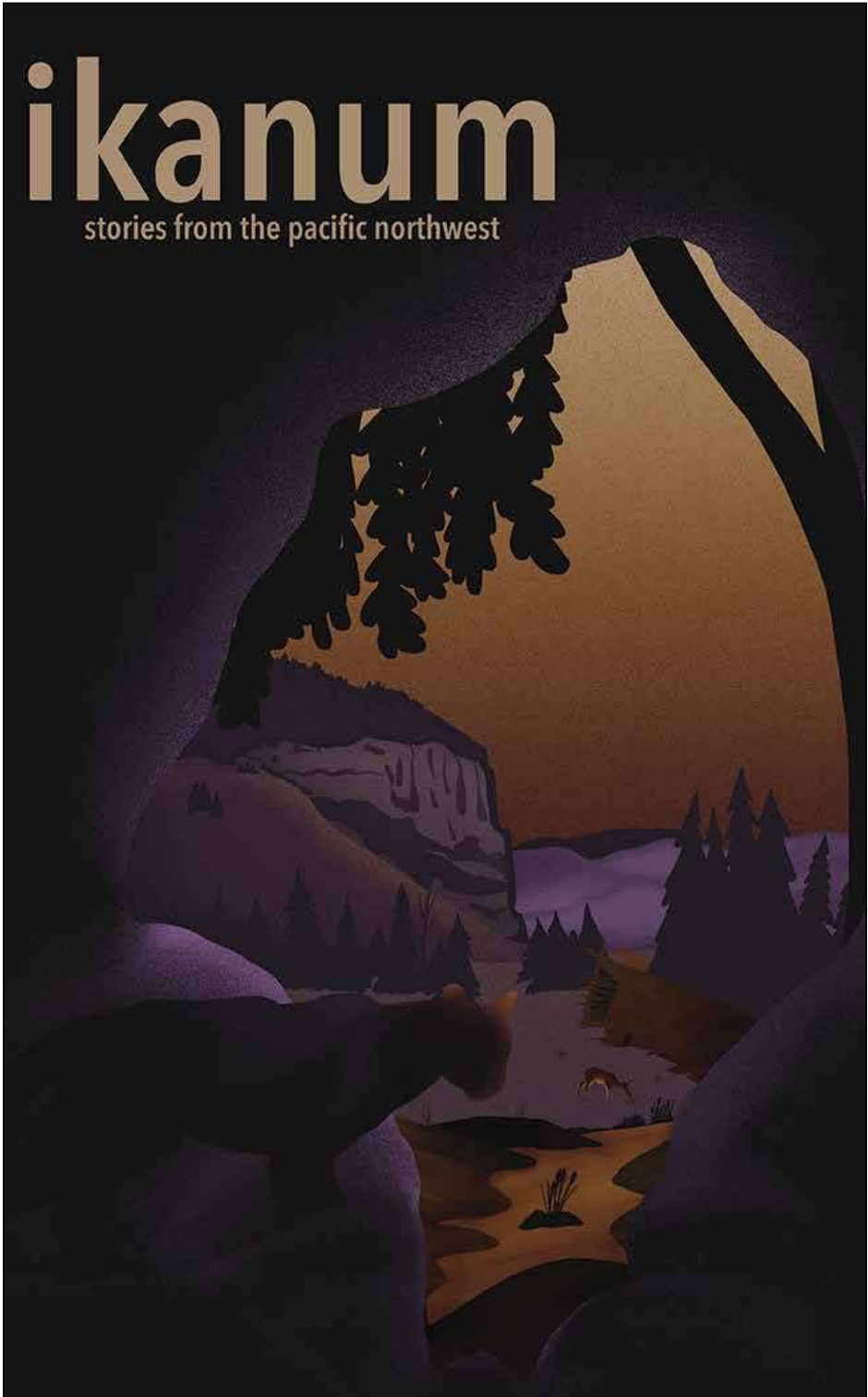
All are welcome to attend.



(Art by Sally J. Smith. Quotes adapted from Tribal Whispers and Empowered Parenting.)

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