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Celebrating 41



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Dancing, drumming and singing marked the Tribe's 41st Restoration Celebration and Powwow Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23, at the Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center. Attendees took the opportunity to spend time with family and friends, as well as to honor the past and look forward to the future.

"It means remembrance to me," Tribal Elder Collette Abdie said.

Her cousin, Tribal Elder Tammy Cook, agreed.

"We honor our ancestors today," she said. "And our own moms are over 80, so we're happy they're still here with us. We're also having the meteorite display here that kind of ties us into where we come from."

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Freedom Norwest, 2, dances with her aunt, Tribal member Alicia Selwyn, during the Tribe's 41st Restoration Powwow at the Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center on Saturday, Nov. 23.



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Tribal Council releases working draft of enrollment ordinance

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On Thursday, Nov. 7, Tribal Council shared the long-awaited working draft of the enrollment ordinance that will be considered upon the passage of the lineal descent constitution amendment on Monday, Dec. 9.

The constitutional amendment would change the criteria for Grand Ronde Tribal membership and the enrollment ordinance would be the process by which enrollment is conducted.

The 22-page drafted ordinance is available on the Tribe's website, grandronde.org, and details the proposed changes to the existing ordinance if the membership votes to amend the constitution.

The proposed ordinance changes the membership requirements from blood quantum to lineal descent; an annual limitation of no more than 200 accepted membership applications (except children younger than 6 months or who are the subject of

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child welfare court proceedings); removal of the Enrollment Committee's limited number of regular and special meetings; processing membership applications in the order in which they are received with date stamps; and the complete removal of the section de-

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This is the proposed design for the Tribe's resident and recreation center. Designs for the 47,000-square-foot building and surrounding amenities were presented at a meeting about the facility on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Recreation center plans weigh cost versus amenities

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There are some decisions to make about the proposed Tribal resident and recreation center, Tribal Engineering & Community Development Department Manager Ryan Webb told members during an input session

Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Primarily, the Tribe must decide whether the significant annual maintenance cost for a swimming pool and/or hydrotherapy pools is worth the benefit of having them.

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