

Firewood available

There is firewood available and permits to cut will be issued to tribal members on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please come to the Grand Ronde Natural Resources facility for a firewood permit or call Claudette at 879-2381 for information.

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— SALEM —
July 6: 3 to 8 p.m.
July 7: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
July 8: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
— SILETZ —
July 20, 21, and 22:
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joann Empey joins Education staff

Tribal member Joann Empey is the new coordinator for Before and After School Care in the Education Division. Joann has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Bellevue Community College. She has six years of teaching experience.

Joann has two daughters, Erica, 16, and Allison, 15. Both will attend McMinnville High School next year.



Willamina High School tribal member students earn awards

Band: Nick Bailey
STARS Program:
Nick Bailey, Erica Mercier
Economics: Jeremy Haller
Leadership: Rachel Towner
Keyboarding: Kristy DeLoe
Technology:
Tara Leno, Brandy Leno
Video Production: Tara Leno
Science: Kristy DeLoe
Spanish: Nick Bailey
Sign Language: Tara Leno
English I: Kristy DeLoe
English II: Rachel Towner
English IV: Jeremy Haller
Health: Kristy DeLoe
Art: Joey Bailey, Josh Holmes, Brandy Leno, Kristy DeLoe
Home Ec: Tara Leno
Industrial Arts:
Ben Bishop, Jeremy Haller

Math: Kristy DeLoe
Scholar-Athlete:
Karen Ring, Rachel Towner
Meals on Wheels:
Vanessa Holmes, Billy DeLoe
Boy of the Month:
Nick Bailey, Manny Mercier
Superintendent Award: Karen Ring
Dedicated Service: Erica Mercier
Good Work Students! If you have a child/student you would like to recognize in the Tribal Newspaper please send the information to the *Smoke Signals* staff at 9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

This awards information was taken out of the local paper. It is important that we give credit to our students for the hard work they do, so please let us know about all the good things that are going on.

Elders travel to Idaho to visit Nez Perce Tribe

The most recent Elders' excursion was a trip to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation near Lewiston, Idaho. The last week in May, the Nez Perce hosted a Senior Honor Day and invited Grand Ronde, Siletz, and Coeur

d'Alene Elders to spend the weekend with them. Visiting Elders were honored with a flag song from the veterans, and several award ceremonies. They all had lunch at Clearwater River Casino, owned by the Tribe,

where awards were given for oldest Elder, Elder with the most grandkids and the most great-grandkids. Tribal Elder Diane Lane won a jacket for "Elder who drove the most miles in their own vehicle to get there."

The Elders also visited the Nez Perce museum in Spalding National Park, which held ancient artifacts, beadwork, and other items. On the way there, the van stopped at *Frosty's Steak and Seafood* in Rufus, Oregon.



Pictured at Top: Bill Rife. Back Row, from Left: Trudy Grenia, Carroll Grenia, Tom LaChance, Charlene LaChance, Ivanetta Cook, Dorothy Lawe, Mabel Gaston, Elbert Ellison, and Betty Rife. Front Row: Louise

Coulson, Cherie Butler, Beryle Contreras, Clarice Ellison, Kathryn Harrison, Dorothy Greene, Myrna Brandon, and Nora Kimsey. Not pictured: Peachie Ham, Donna Casey, and Diane Lane.