

## 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Elder's Day at Grand Meadows

On Saturday, May 20, several members of the Grand Ronde neighborhood gathered at Grand Meadows to show our Tribal Elders that they are an important part of the community.

Every May, neighborhood residents get together to perform various jobs around the house for Elders. Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach established the community project.

"We wanted to let our Elders know that they are appreciated," said Reibach. "We also want to teach our youth that respect for our Elders is important."

Cars were washed, lawns were mowed, weeds were pulled, driveways were swept and heavy furniture was moved. Elders also received flowers from participants Shane Reibach, Joey Holmes, Harris Reibach, David Saltvik, Daniel Saltvik, Mandy Logan, Creeanna Logan, Michael Hostler, Brandon Hubbel, Jan D. Reibach, Buddy and Anna White, Nancy Holmes and William Grenia.

"It's a good thing to do for the Elders," said six year-old Shane Reibach as he pulled weeds for Tribal Elder Maxine Leno.

"I'm proud of the children, they worked very hard this year," said Reibach. "We feel it is important to teach our youth by example. Kids are good listeners, but they also watch what we do."

Jan's father, Jan D. Reibach said he likes the project and thinks it is important enough to do every year.

"It is good to see our people take time to care for of each other," said Jan D. Reibach.

"Our Elder's Day turned out very nice," said Tribal Elder Norma Lee. "We appreciate the younger people looking out for us. It was a great day. Thanks to all that helped."

Reibach said he hopes to see the project expand next year to include the new Elder's housing and eventually the entire Grand Ronde community.



Above: Maxine Leno is one of the Elders that received flowers from the Elder's Day volunteers.



Left: Youth took part in the Elder's spring cleanup day as a way to show their respect.

Photos by Jan Michael Reibach

## Memorial Day, not just another day

Tribal member **Veronica Gaston** recently traveled to Washington, D.C. While she was there receiving awards for her poetry, she also visited several monuments in our Nation's Capitol.

"Seeing Arlington National Cemetery took my breath away. When I saw the tombstones that were as far as the eyes could see, I started to cry; I realized just how many people gave their lives for our country," she said.

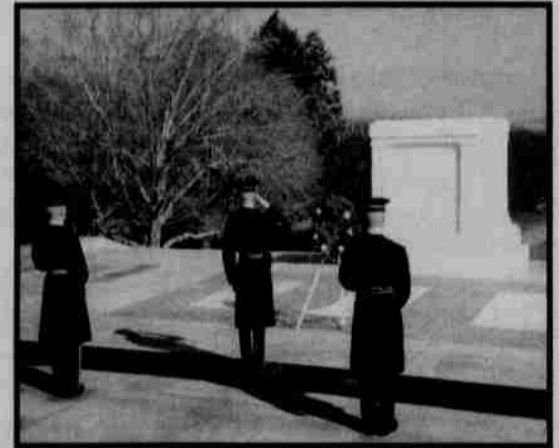
She described how all the visitors respected Arlington Cemetery. She said the most inspiring sight was the changing of the guard at "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," which is now empty since the identity of the soldier is now known.

Congress decided to leave the tomb empty and use it as a symbol to remember all soldiers who died for their country.

Veronica's next stop was the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.

"When I saw the wall and how it started out small then it grew, my heart sank as I saw family members who lost their loved ones in the Vietnam war. It was touching as I watched them outline their loved ones' name with their fingers," Gaston quoted.

Her wish is that everyone, not just Tribal members or people who served in the military, remember everyone who served their country with pride



and gave the greatest gift, their life so that others could be free.

"As I see it, there is no greater gift a person (man or woman) can give than their life in order that another person can live a life of freedom," said Gaston.

## GAMING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE & GENERAL SESSION

The regularly scheduled Gaming Commission meeting for July has been moved to July 28, 2000 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Spirit Mountain Casino's Human Resource Building at 28840 Salmon River Highway in Grand Ronde.

### The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TRIBAL ELDER'S HONOR DAY July 14 & 15 COMMUNITY CENTER

All Grand Ronde Tribal Elders and their spouses must return the registration below to participate.

For inquiries, call Jill, Kerrie or Bonnie at 879-2078.

## TRIBAL ELDER DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal \_\_\_\_\_ Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

I will have: LUNCH DINNER BREAKFAST

Any special needs? FOOD: yes no HANDICAP ACCESS: yes no

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form by JUNE 23 to:  
Elder Honor Day ••• c/o Sharon Hanson  
3455 Bell Rd., NE ••• Salem, OR 97302

## JUNE MEALSITE MENU

<b>Elder Indian Women in Action</b> Health & Wellness Gathering June 30 ••• 10 am to 2 pm Grand Ronde Community Center		<b>THURS., JUNE 1</b> Vegetable Beef Soup Turkey Sandwiches Dessert
<b>TUES., JUNE 6</b> Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Strawberry Shortcake	<b>WED., JUNE 7</b> Beef Stew & Dumplings Cottage Cheese Dessert	<b>THURS., JUNE 8</b> BBQ Roast Beef on Buns Tater Tots Coleslaw Orange Jell-O & Bananas
<b>TUES., JUNE 13</b> Lentil & Brown Rice Soup Egg Salad Sandwiches Fresh Fruit & Cookies	<b>WED., JUNE 14</b> Biscuit Topped Steak Salad Cheese & Crackers Dessert	<b>THURS., JUNE 15</b> Chicken Wild Rice Tossed Salad Dessert
<b>TUES., JUNE 20</b> BBQ Ham on Buns Baked Beans Coleslaw Pudding	<b>WED., JUNE 21</b> Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Corn & Fresh Salad Dessert	<b>THURS., JUNE 22</b> Pork Chops Apple Stuffing Veggie & Green Salad Dessert
<b>TUES., JUNE 27</b> Mini Meatloaf Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Dessert	<b>WED., JUNE 28</b> Stuffed Manicotti Green Salad Garlic Bread Fresh Fruit	<b>THURS., JUNE 29</b> Pork Roast Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans and Rolls Cake & Ice Cream

ELDER MEETING & BIRTHDAY DINNER IS THURSDAY, JUNE 29

TRIBAL ELDER AND SPOUSES EAT FREE.  
ALL OTHERS ARE \$3.50 & MUST CALL THE KITCHEN AT 879-2410 BEFORE 9:30 A.M. ELDER EAT FIRST.