

Burning Sky – On Friday, July 21, the sky in Grand Ronde was on fire for this spectacular sunset. The color display was a precursor to the intense heat wave that sent temperatures into the 100s throughout Oregon and the West Valley over the weekend.

Photo by Brent Merrill



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VETERANS' POW-WOW
JULY 7, 8 & 9

Traditional Leader — Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Marce Norwest at the Annual Veterans' Pow-wow. Norwest and his wife, Sharon, started the Veterans event years ago, and ran it successfully for many years. Norwest also attended Elders' Honor Day (story below). **SEE VETERANS' POW-WOW PULLOUT EDITION INSIDE.**



Photo by Joey Larsen

Cut Up — During a recent heat streak in Grand Ronde, Tribal member Tyrone Rock mows the front lawn at the Governance Building.

Tribal Elders Honored With Their Own Day

■ Shoshone storyteller highlights annual event.

By Ron Karten

The professionals were on the case.

It was after the bingo cards were distributed but long before the first number was called, and already, Elders from eight Tribes were putting the stamp on the free box in the center of their cards.

“I like to be prepared,” said Rose Lois, caregiver for Coos Tribal Elder Sharon Spring.

Finally, with popcorn and drinks delivered by Tribal youth, Tribal Council member Wesley “Buddy” West began calling the numbers.

It was July 14, Elders' Honor Day, 2006 — and Elders from across the Northwest come together in Grand Ronde.

Tribal Council members served lunch.

At the back of the gym, the strawberry shortcake was served up by an assembly line of juniors to seniors. Tribal Elder Bonnie Mercier put the cake on a plate and passed it to Tribal member Casey Knight, 8, and Tribal member Rebecca Knight, who worked together ladling on the strawberries. They then passed the plates to Dylan Knight, 5, who passed them on to Tribal member Darlene Aaron, who sprayed on the whipped cream.

The Elders had been working for months on the decorations, said Tribal Elder Louise Medeiros. The women wore wing dresses they made, and they made hundreds of centerpieces for the tables from

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