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Historic powwow



Tribal member Marcus Gibbons dances in a Men's Traditional Dance during the 2008 Grand Ronde Veterans' Powwow on Saturday, July 12. The three-day powwow was the first held at the Tribe's new powwow grounds near Fort Yamhill State Park. For more coverage of the Veterans' Powwow, turn to the special section inside this edition of *Smoke Signals*.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

13 vying for council

By Ron Karten

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Thirteen Tribal Elders and members were nominated in this order to run for Tribal Council at a special meeting held June 29 at the Tribal Community Center.

Tribal Elder **Kathleen Tom**, Roll #817, 55, current Tribal Council member elected in 2005 and an Oregon licensed private investigator/court reporter/process server. She lives in Grand Ronde and Salem, and was nominated by her father, Tribal Elder Leon "Chips" Tom.

Tribal Elder **Wesley Buddy West**, Roll #842, 65, formerly a Tribal Council member from 2004-07 and mobile home repair business owner. He lives in Sheridan and was nominated by his great niece, Tribal member Ashley Spitzer.

Tribal Elder **Reynold Leno**, Roll #453, 57, current Tribal Council vice chairman and 12-year member of the Tribal Council. He lives in Willamina and was nominated by his uncle, Tribal Elder Russ Leno.

Tribal member **Andy Jenness**, Roll #1936, 42, currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Spirit

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Grand Ronde Road project set to begin

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Tribal Engineer Eric Scott presented the latest drawings detailing roadway and utility improvements for Grand Ronde Road at a community meeting held July 9 in the Tribal Community Center.

Construction is scheduled to start in early August.

Grand Ronde Road will be widened to add bike lanes and sidewalks, including a cantilevered sidewalk on the east side of South Yamhill River bridge to allow safe pedestrian travel. Roadside ditches will be replaced with storm sewers to make room for the roadway

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