

# Field fire in Grand Ronde



Photo by Karl Ekstrom

One of four Tribal fire engines arrives on the scene of a field fire off Hebo Road, between the Tribal Natural Resources Department and Uyxat Powwow Grounds just after 3 p.m. Monday, July 27. "We don't normally get a lot of fires in this area," said Tribal member Michael Wilson, Natural Resources manager for the Tribe. "Despite that, our crews and engines were ready to roll and they arrived on scene in short order. Our fire crews serve as a national fire resource and have fire experience throughout the western states. I have always said that this is valuable experience, and someday the Tribe will benefit from it. Today was one of those payoff days." With the help of landowner Jim Werth, who put a plow on his tractor and dug a perimeter around the fire, crews from the Tribe, West Valley Fire District and the state Department of Forestry fought flames as high as 12 feet. "It was making a good run," said Tribal firefighter Chuck Chapin, among 11 Tribal firefighters on the scene. The crews contained the fire in less than an hour. The hay had recently been harvested so there was little if any economic loss, but the straw left behind was kindling dry in the 100-plus degree heat and the fire threatened a nearby woodland. "We're lucky it didn't spread to the forest," said Wilson, who called in the Tribal engines as he drove by the scene on Hebo Road.

## Cultural Corner

### Wing Dress Class

students need to contact Misty Thorsgard for supply list

Eugene  
Aug. 2, 9  
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.



### Water Tight Spruce Root Basket

Grand Ronde  
Aug. 11, 12  
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Education room 207



### Small Beading Project

Grand Ronde  
Aug. 14, 21, 28  
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Education room 207



### Chinuk Wawa

Eugene  
Thursdays from 4-8 P.M.  
Portland  
Wednesdays from 4-8 P.M.

### Eugene Wetlands Class

Aug. 13, Sept. 24

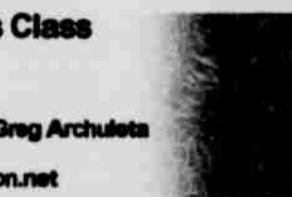
for information contact Greg Archuleta  
503-863-0827  
or gregarchuleta@verizon.net

### Parfleche Class

Portland  
Aug. 1  
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Eugene  
Aug. 8  
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

All materials provided  
Limit to 10 people per office.  
RSVP to Misty Thorsgard 503-879-2320



### Gathering Class

Grand Ronde  
Aug. 18  
8 A.M.



### Traditional Food Prep

Grand Ronde  
Aug. 22  
9 A.M.

Eugene  
Aug. 1  
11 A.M.

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### Lummi Stitch Basket

Eugene  
Aug. 22  
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.



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