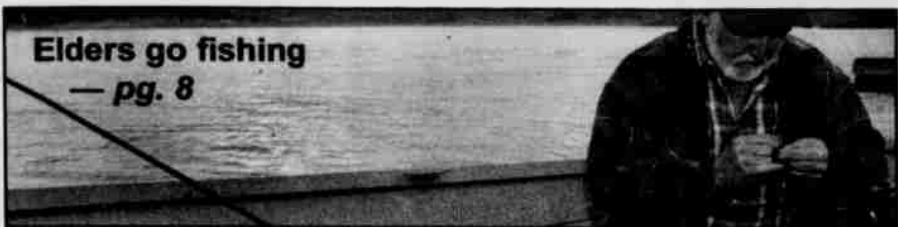


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Tribe retains ceremonial hunting rights



Photo by Ron Karten

From left, Tribal Council member Valorie Sheker, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Council member Chris Mercier attended the Oct. 2 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that renewed the Tribe's ceremonial hunting rights.

Fish and Wildlife Commission rebuffs Siletz challenge

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on Oct. 2 unanimously readopted a rule granting ceremonial hunting rights to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde across the Trask Hunting Unit.

The unit, which is north of Grand Ronde roughly between the coast

and a north-south line that runs from Forest Grove to McMinnville, encompasses traditional hunting grounds for the Grand Ronde Tribe from time immemorial.

The ceremonial hunting rule was first adopted by the state on April 18, 2008. At the time, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians opposed the rule on the grounds that the Trask Hunting Unit overlapped part of the Coast Reservation.

After the rule was adopted in 2008, representatives from state,

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Grand Ronde Road project nears completion

Two years of work 'transforms'
the community, makes it safer

By Ron Karten
Smoke Signals staff writer

The \$6.4 million Grand Ronde Road improvement project is heading for completion with the last part of the multi-faceted effort scheduled to be done by the end of October.

Paving work was completed at the end of September, with a couple of side street approaches still to be done, and early in October manhole vacuum testing and the last bits of sidewalk and topsoil dressing were finished.

By mid-October, the cantilevered walkway along the side of the South Yamhill River bridge will be installed, and all the parties involved will do a walkthrough to identify items to be corrected before final acceptance.

The project required cooperation and approval of multiple state and federal agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, state Department of Transportation, Yamhill and Polk counties and the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Led by Tribal Engineer Eric Scott, the project worked through archeological, wetland, rights of way and utility issues.

It included the installation of the Tribal telecom backbone along with new sewer, storm and water lines, roadway embankment work, vertical and horizontal realignment, sidewalks and overhead lighting at

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ARTIST OF THE YEAR



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach, Tribal member and the Tribe's Lands Manager, was named Artist of the Year for his album "The Looking Wolf Project" at the 11th annual Native American Music Awards held at the Seneca Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Saturday, Oct. 3.

Reibach's 'Looking Wolf Project' howls at NAMMY ceremony

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Looking Wolf Project continues to howl. Grand Ronde Tribal member Jan Michael Looking

Wolf Reibach's combination of alternative rock and singing combined with Native Ameri-

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