

Veterans' Powwow set for July 9-11

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Smoke Signals editor

The annual Grand Ronde Veterans' Powwow will be held Friday through Sunday, July 9-11, at Uyxat Powwow Grounds near Fort Yamhill State Park off state Highway 22.

Grand entries are set for 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Gourd dancing will occur at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

All veterans, dancers and members of the public are invited to attend, as are arts and crafts and food vendors.

Last year's event attracted about 2,000 people daily, said Veterans' Powwow organizer Chris Tinney (Lower Eastern Cherokee), who also is general manager of Grand Ronde Station.

Friday night's session will be a social powwow, Tinney said, with inter-Tribal dances, games and any giveaways attendees want to schedule.

During the Saturday afternoon session, there will be a giveaway of Grand Ronde Veterans' Powwow baseball caps and certificates of appreciation for veterans in attendance.

Other special events include Tribal member Deitrich Peters and his wife, Rose, sponsoring men's and women's team dance specials during the Saturday evening session.

Saturday's 5 p.m. dinner, from the Mək Mək House in Grand Ronde Station, will be ceremonial elk spaghetti with garlic toast and will be served on-site.

Sunday morning's 8 a.m. breakfast will be biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs. It, too, will be served at the powwow grounds.

Vendor booth spaces cost \$50 for Grand Ronde Tribal members, \$60 for non-food vendors and \$75 for food vendors. Spaces are 10-by-20 feet, and vendors needing a larger area can purchase an additional space.

Interested vendors should contact Tinney at 503-879-1602 or 503-883-3610, or by e-mail at Christian.tinney@grandronde.org.

There is free parking and camping available at Uyxat Powwow Grounds, but organizers remind people that no drugs or alcohol are permitted, and pets are not allowed in the powwow arena.

Tinney said this year's event will occur under the big tent. ■

Tribal Council Candidate Forum slated

The Tribal Executive Team will be sponsoring a Tribal Council Candidate Forum from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Tribal Executive Officer Chris Leno at 503-879-2340 or Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor at 503-879-1920. ■

Glad grad



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Leatha Lynch, left, accepts an eagle feather, cedar stick and abalone shell from Luhui Whitebear, the Tribe's Competitive Scholarship Program coordinator, during the 2010 Graduation Celebration in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday, June 25. Lynch earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Pacific University. Looking on in the background is Joshua Clift, the Tribe's Associate Vocational & Non-credit Programs coordinator.

CULTURAL GATHERINGS

■ JULY 9-11: **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE VETERANS' POWWOW.**

Uyxat Powwow Grounds. **GRAND RONDE, OR.** 503-883-3610.

■ JULY 16-18: **20TH ANNUAL TAMKALIKS CELEBRATION.** Nez Perce Homeland Site,

70956 Whiskey Creek Road. **WALLOWA, OR.** www.wallowanezperce.org.

■ JULY 23-25: **TURTLE ISLAND FIRST GATHERING.** Fritz Stable Property, 31909 Berlin

Road. **LEBANON, OR.** 503-999-5407.

■ JULY 31: **6TH ANNUAL MNI WICONI WACIPI POWWOW.** Aldersgate Conference Cen-

ter, 7790 Marion Road S.E. **TURNER, OR.** office@wiconi.com.

If you or anyone you know has information on cultural events happening, Smoke Signals would be glad to list it in our Cultural Gatherings. Please e-mail news@grandronde.org or write to Smoke Signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

OPEN FOR COMMENT

TRIBAL PREFERENCE ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, is considering adoption of a Tribal Preference Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance was given a First Reading at the May 19, 2010, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to promote employment of Tribal members by requiring employers doing business with the Tribe or on the Tribe's Reservation to grant preference in all hiring, promotions and other employment and contracting opportunities to qualified Tribal members, their descendants, Indians and qualified Indian-owned entities.

Among other things, the Ordinance requires covered employers to:

(1) Give hiring preference to qualified applicants in the following order:

- (a) Grand Ronde members,
 - (b) Grand Ronde spouses and the legal guardian(s) or natural or adoptive parent(s) of a Grand Ronde child,
 - (c) Direct descendants,
 - (d) Adopted descendants,
 - (e) Other Indians;
- (2) Advertise job vacancies;
- (3) Give preference in the awarding of contracts and subcontracts to Indian-owned businesses who are responsible bidders; and
- (4) Provides that employers who violate the Ordinance may be sanctioned.

For a copy of the Tribal Preference Ordinance please contact the Tribal Attorney's office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the Ordinance. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Comments must be received by July 15, 2010. ■

Due to demand and furniture availability, the SMC Lodge Furnishing Distribution scheduled for July 14, 2010, has been delayed until a date TBA in August.

This delay will allow:

Receipt of all remaining furniture

Development and implementation of a lottery process that is more fair and equitable than first-come, first-served

A more efficient selection and pick up process

Improved on-site safety for members picking up furniture

Full communication of the new distribution dates, rules and processes

Please read *Smoke Signals* and www.grandronde.org for full details about future distributions.



For more information, contact Larry Leith, Procurement Manager, at 503-879-2216