

## Natural Resources has forest passes

The Natural Resources Department has free annual Northwest Forest Passes available for enrolled Tribal members. The pass is valid for one year from date of issue. The Forest Pass is valid at day-use sites in Oregon and Washington where "Recreation Pass Required" signs are posted.

Some examples are Hebo Lake Picnic Site, Derek Road Trailhead, Quinault Rain Forest Trailhead, Tumalo Falls Trailhead, Lava River Cave Interpretive Site, Crane Prairie, Bagby Hot Springs Trailhead, Wickiup Plains Trailhead, Lake Serene Trailhead, Clear Lake Public boating site and West Fork Humtuls Middle Trailhead.

The Forest Pass does not cover fees for sno-parks, some concessionaire-operated sites, developed campgrounds and cabin rentals, wilderness climbing and river permits. For more information, contact the Natural Resources Department at 503-879-2424 or visit the Tribal Web site at [www.grandronde.org/departments/natural-resources](http://www.grandronde.org/departments/natural-resources). ■

## U.S. Attorney visits Grand Ronde



Photo by Ron Karten

S. Amanda Marshall, U.S. Attorney for Oregon, second from the right, talks strategy with Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy and other Tribal Council members on Tuesday, June 26, in the Tribal Council conference room. Also attending were Chief of the Criminal Division, Assistant U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams, left, and to his left is Assistant U.S. Attorney Tim. W. Simmons. "We have high hopes that there are real tangible changes in the way we have been mistreated," said Kennedy, regarding the Cobell settlement, which aims to bring justice and closure to years of federal mismanagement of Tribal funds. In addition, Tribal Council members raised a number of issues important to the Grand Ronde Tribe, including domestic violence, trafficking of young girls, juvenile delinquency, mental health, county/Tribal police jurisdiction, tax and reservation drug issues. Marshall said her office wants "to be a resource" for Tribes and help Tribes negotiate with state officials. Marshall was appointed as U.S. Attorney by President Obama in October 2011. She served, while at Willamette University College of Law, as the Tribal Court clerk for the Grand Ronde Tribe.

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Modular No. 2. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: TBD.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Jon George.
- **Elders' Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services Conference Room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 4 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dakota Whitecloud.



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Andy Steffen, from Salem, attempts to lasso a calf during the calf roping event of the Spirit Mountain Stampede at Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on the Tribal campus in July 2011.

## Stampede set for July 21-22 at Rodeo Grounds

By Dean Rhodes

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Northwest Professional Rodeo Association competitors will return to Grand Ronde on Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, to compete in the annual Spirit Mountain Stampede at the Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds on the Tribal campus.

Competition is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. both days as cowboys and cowgirls will compete in bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle and bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, breakaway roping, barrel racing and team roping.

Winners of the rough stock bronc and bull riding events will win \$2,000 in addition to a portion of the entry fees while winners of the timed events will receive \$1,500 and a portion of the entry fees.

"Slack events" — for contestants who did not qualify for the Saturday and Sunday competitions — will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, July 20. Admission on Friday is free.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been hosting the NPRA-sanctioned event since 1996 through 2008. Because of the nationwide recession, the Stampede was not held in 2009 or 2010. Starting in 2011, the Stampede has been supported

## If you go

**Spirit Mountain Stampede**

**When:** 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22; "slack events" will be held 5 p.m. Friday, July 20.

**Where:** Spirit Mountain Rodeo Grounds, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

**Cost:** \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children 3 and younger; "slack events" are free.

**More information:** [www.spirit-mountain.com](http://www.spirit-mountain.com)

by Spirit Mountain Casino with additional personnel and financing backing to help keep the tradition continuing for years to come.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children younger than 4 are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [spiritmountain.com](http://spiritmountain.com), at the casino box office or at the gate, which will be cash only.

Free parking will be available at the casino with shuttle buses running between the casino and rodeo grounds. ■

## Homeownership Fair set for July 28

The seventh annual Housing-to-Homeownership Fair "Establishing Roots for the Seventh Generation" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Native American Youth and Family Center, 5135 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Portland.

This year's theme emphasizes the importance of having a home for Native people. The event will include drawings for down payment assistance grants and rent or mortgage assistance grants, the opportunity to meet with home-buying professionals, free lunch, children's activities and a dance performance.

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