

## Environmental Assessment prepared

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Natural Resources Department  
Notice of Availability for the 2013-2022 NRMP

The Tribes' Natural Resources Department staff prepared an Environmental Assessment to analyze and describe potential environmental effects associated with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department 2013-2022 Natural Resources Management Plan in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) guidelines.

The BIA has determined that the Action Alternative will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This notice of availability is identifying the decision to proceed with the 2013-2022 Natural Resources Management Plan. Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR 2.7) requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made, before the action may be implemented.

Appeal information will be made publically available after the 30-day period is closed on July 10, 2013.

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI, contact Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson at 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, Ore., 97347, or by phone at 503-879-2424. ■

## Volleyball nights held on Wednesdays

The Tribe's Recreation Program holds open volleyball from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Tribal gym. Volleyball is open to anyone wanting to participate. For more information, contact Recreation Coordinator Matthew Mosley at 503-879-1369 or matthew.mosley@grandronde.org. ■

# All-women honor guard will lead parade

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the country.

Being held from July 9-12, the Summit will lead into this year's Veterans Powwow, which starts Friday, July 12, and runs through the closing ceremonies on Sunday, July 14.

Transitioning from Summit to Powwow will be a Parade of Colors organized by Veterans Special Event Board member Reina Nelson. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. from Uyxat Powwow Grounds and will follow the road up to Fort Yamhill State Park.

An all-women warriors honor guard from the East Coast will lead the parade. Veterans and others will line up with those who came from farthest away leading the parade and those coming from the Grand Ronde community walking last. All veteran honor guards also will walk in the parade.

After the parade, but still before grand opening on Friday evening, Chet Clark (Diné) plans a gourd dancing event in the arena to honor all veterans.

Friday evening, after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry, attendees will see the Royalty Pageant featuring Veterans Queen Iyana Holmes. She also plans a giveaway during the pageant, followed by the naming of next year's Veterans Queen.

On Saturday afternoon, directly following Grand Entry at 1 p.m., award-winning musician Jan Looking Wolf Reibach will play taps.

The Veterans Special Event Board will honor all World War II vets with pins, a patch and T-shirt with this year's powwow logo. In addition, the board will present a special Medal of Valor to the Grand Ronde Tribe's three

surviving World War II veterans — Allen (Biff) Langley, Herman Hudson Jr. and Eugene Hudson. Their names will be engraved on the back of each. And Nelson is making three bone necklaces to hold the medals.

An honor song for all attending World War II veterans will follow.

Tribal Elder and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. designed a new logo for this and future Veterans Powwows, developed with input from Tribal Council Chair and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno and Social Services Manager Dave Fullerton.

It will be used each year for the Veterans Powwow, though not the Summit this year, Bobb said. Only the date will change each year.

"For the graphic part, we wanted to depict yesterday's warrior and today's modern warrior with the folded flag in the background for those who have lost their lives in service of freedom," said Bobb. "My goal was to keep it simple so it could be made into patches, but still make a point."

Later Saturday afternoon, a tiny tots special dance is planned, hosted by Sharon Norwest, widow of Marcellus, who walked on in 2011.

Tent seating will be available on Saturday evening when the traditional dinner will be served. It is free to all beginning around 5 p.m. before Grand Entry.

Following dinner on Saturday evening, Deitz and Rose Peters will host two dance specials: a Veterans Golden Age Men's Traditional and a Veterans Golden Age Women's Traditional. The Grand Ronde Canoe Family also has been invited to perform then.

On Sunday, Grand Entry will again begin at 1 p.m., followed later

## Making the grades



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

High school graduate Wilson Bobb, left, is handed the Pendleton blanket he chose by Matt Zimbrick, Tribal Middle School lead, during the Education Division's annual Graduation Celebration in the Tribal gymnasium on Friday,

June 21. The Tribe honored 115 students, including kindergarten and first-grade Chinuk Wawa language class graduates and eighth-grade graduates for the first time during the celebration. The Tribe also honored 28 members who received high school diplomas, 17 who received their GED and 39 college graduates as well.

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Tribal Elder Deitrich Peters dances during Grand Entry of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds last July.

in the afternoon with closing ceremonies, retiring of the colors and a drawing of raffle winners.

This year's winners will take home a bike, a barbecue, a generator and Pendleton blankets, to name a few.

Also this year, in order to facilitate a single theme, Nelson said that all new ribbon shirts and regalia will be ready for special veterans and the Grand Ronde Honor Guard.

The ribbon shirts are being made by Tribal Elders and sisters Marilee Norwest and Marcella Selwyn. Marilee has for many years been making ribbon shirts and regalia for Tribal members, honor guards and veterans.

Wink Soderberg, Gene LaBonte, Raymond Petite Jr., Michael Lane and Wayne Chulik (Tlinget) make up this year's Grand Ronde Honor Guard, with Chulik carrying the Eagle staff.

Red Hoop, from Reno, Nev., will be host drum.

Chet Clark's (Navajo) Jóhonaaéí singers from Salem will be honorary drum. Native drums everywhere are invited to attend and perform.

More than 20 vendors will again work the powwow, said Chulik, who is a member of the Veterans Special Event Board with responsibility for the vendors.

Nick Sixkiller (Cherokee, Wolf Clan) is again emcee for the powwow.

Deitz and Rose Peters are head man and head woman and Tony Whitehead (Siletz) is Arena Director.

Thanks go to powwow sponsors, including the Tribe and the Gresham-based Native Wellness Institute, the Veterans Special Event Board, the Tribal Public Affairs Department and to Fullerton, Nelson said.

Planning for this powwow started six months ago, Nelson said, but for the coming year, "We should start planning it right after this one ends." ■