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**Children collect Easter eggs during last year's Easter egg hunt held in Tribal housing. This year's hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19.**

## Easter egg hunt set for April 19

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

This year's Easter egg hunt starts at 10:05 a.m. sharp on Saturday, April 19.

Organizer Deborah Kroeker, Tribal Housing Services coordinator, strongly advises parents to bring their children to the covered area centrally located in the Tribal housing complex on time.

"It will last around two minutes," Kroeker said. "That's why I tell people not to be late."

Two minutes is about the time it will take for about 100 children to pick up 2,000 eggs.

Children will hunt in four adjacent areas, all starting at the same time. They will be split into age groups that give all the children an equal shot at the eggs: 1- to 2-year-olds; 3- to 4-year-olds; 5- to 8-year-olds; and 9- to 10-year-olds.

Parents are reminded to bring cameras for action photos and portraits with the Easter Bunny, again played by Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr.

Other Easter egg hunt volunteers include staff from the Tribal Housing and Wellness departments, Kroeker said.

Big prizes are inside the eggs, chosen again this year because they fit in the eggs, and everybody loves the smell of candy in the morning, Kroeker said.

Tribal Council again supported the effort with \$500. ■



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Elders Kathryn Harrison, front, and Joyce Ham look at photos that they are part of displayed in the "kuri-tsəqw tilixaλ: River People of the Willamette" exhibit during the Tribal opening held at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem on Thursday, April, 10.**

## Historical partners

*Tribes opens 'River People of the Willamette' exhibit at Heritage Center*

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

SALEM — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde opened its fourth consecutive exhibit at the Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill on Thursday, April 10, commemorating Tribal ancestors who plied the Willamette River as a waterway for commerce and trade.

The new exhibit, "kuri-tsəqw tilixaλ: River People of the Willamette," concentrates on the Native peoples who populated the shores of the Willamette River. Those Native peoples occupied many villages and towns up all of the tributaries on the Willamette River to Willamette Falls, and managed the fisheries at the falls.

The exhibit features the mid-

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dle Chinook Tribes, who were the river people of the Willamette River, and concentrates

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**Tribal Attorney Rob Greene leads an informational session about the upcoming Grand Ronde Constitutional Amendment election with a PowerPoint presentation at Portland Community College on Saturday, April 12.**



Photo by Ron Karten

## Tribal members briefed on June 6 constitutional election

By Ron Karten

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PORTLAND — Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. introduced the first of two informational sessions held on Saturday, April 12, about proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution.

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene led the engaged discussion with attending Tribal members at Portland Community College's Sylvania campus. The vote on the amendments will be held Friday,

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