



PRESORTED
STANDARD MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SALEM, OR
PERMIT NO. 178

Smoke Signals

A Publication of the Grand Ronde Tribe

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

JULY 1, 2014

www.grandronde.org

UMPQUA ■ MOLALLA ■ ROGUE RIVER ■ KALAPUYA ■ CHASTA

Uyxat Powwow Grounds to host two veterans events July 10-13

Summit, powwow promise gathering of Native warriors

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

For the second year in a row, the Grand Ronde Tribe's Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road will be home to veterans from Thursday, July 10, through Sunday, July 13, as it hosts the Native Wellness Institute's "Gathering of Warriors II" Veterans Summit

and the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow.

Like last year, the two events will segue into each other on Friday, July 11.

The Gresham-based Native Wellness Institute is holding the second annual Native Veterans Summit. Last year's inaugural event, which lasted four days, attracted more than 300 veterans and their relatives.

"The gathering is in your honor to help you on your healing journey," the institute says in a brochure advertising the gathering. "We want

to honor you, care for you, lift you up and be of service to you and your families so that you can live in balance and harmony."

The event will open on the evening of Wednesday, July 9, with dinner served at 6 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. opening fire ceremony and 8 p.m. cultural sharing.

On Thursday, July 10, breakfast will be served

See EVENTS
continued on page 4

Nine vying for Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Nine Tribal members were nominated to run for three open Tribal Council seats and all accepted at a special General Council meeting held in the Community Center on Sunday, June 29.

As of the day of nominations for Tribal Council, 3,996 Tribal members were eligible to vote in the election slated for Saturday, Sept. 6. Last year, 1,205 ballots were cast out of 3,924 Tribal members eligible to vote.

Eligible voters must be registered to vote and can register up to and including Election Day on Sept. 6. Each eligible voter is entitled to vote for up to three candidates.

Of the nine nominees, the top three vote-getters will fill three vacancies, which are seats currently held by Tribal Council members Reyn Leno, Kathleen Tom and June Sherer. All three incumbents are seeking re-election.

Following are the nominators followed by the nominees:

- Tribal Elder Ed Larsen nominated Leno, current Tribal Council chairman who is wrapping up 18 years on Tribal Council. He is seeking his seventh consecutive three-year term.
- Tribal Elder Leon Tom nominated his daughter, Kathleen Tom, a Tribal Council incumbent who is wrapping up nine years on Tribal Council. She is seeking a fourth consecutive three-year term.
- Tribal Elder Steve Rife nomi-

See NOMINATIONS
continued on page 15



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Travis Stewart, Tribal Cultural Youth Education specialist, lights sage to smudge Tomanowos during the private ceremony with the meteorite held at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on Monday, June 23.

Meteorite mission

Tribal members visit Tomanowos

By Michelle Alaimo
Smoke Signals photographer

NEW YORK CITY — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the American Museum of Natural History in New York City entered into an agreement in 2000 that allows the Tribe to conduct an

annual private ceremony with Tomanowos, the 15.5-ton Willamette meteorite that was found in 1902 in modern-day West Linn near Willamette Falls.

The 14th private ceremony with Tomanowos occurred on Monday, June 23, at the museum, which has been the meteorite's home

Visit the Tribe's
facebook
page to see more photos

since 1906.
The ceremony was led by Tra-

See METEORITE
continued on pages 10-11