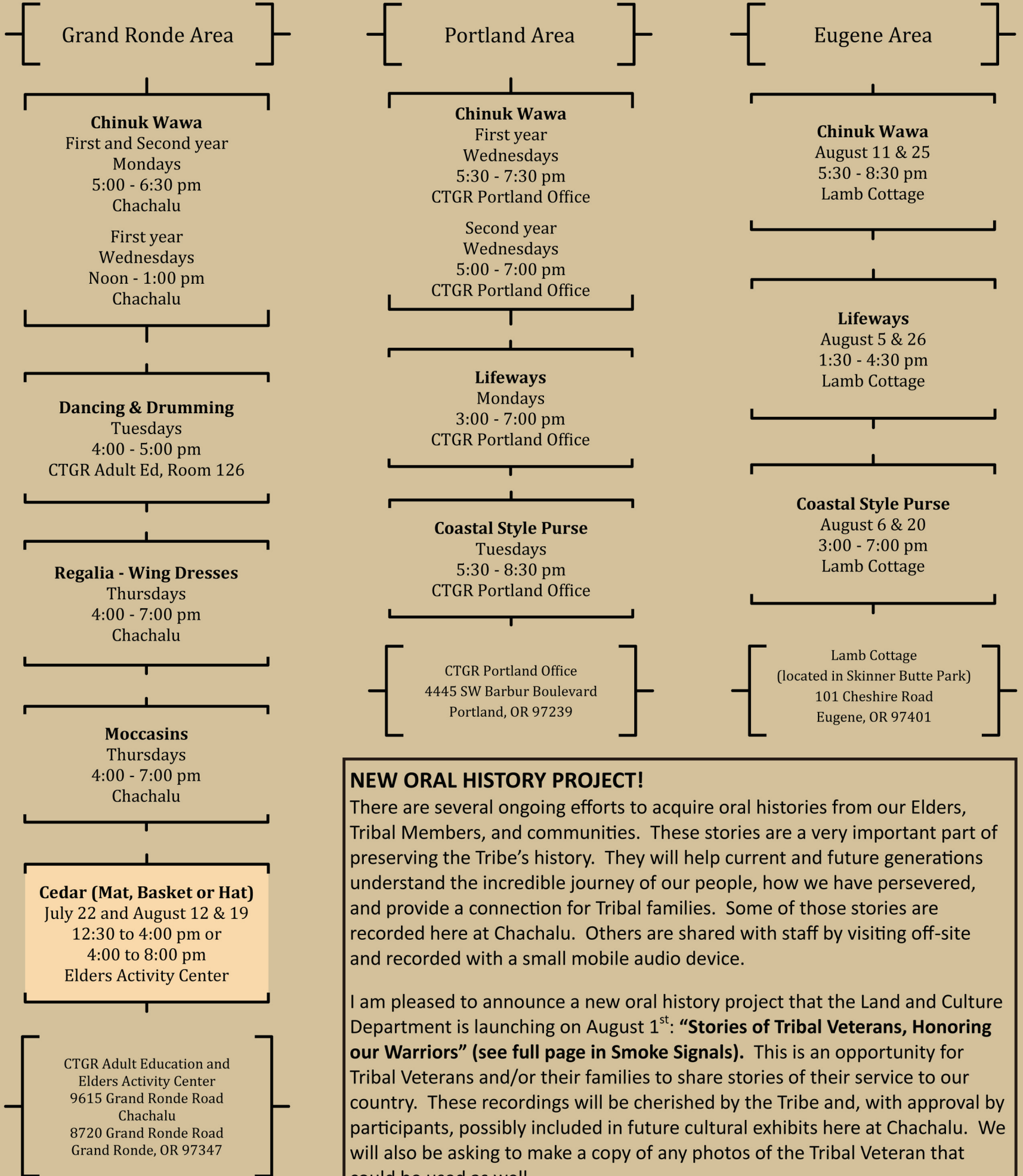


# Land & Culture Corner

## Upcoming Classes

For class descriptions and to view instructional videos visit our webpage at <http://www.grandronde.org/culture/>



### NEW ORAL HISTORY PROJECT!

There are several ongoing efforts to acquire oral histories from our Elders, Tribal Members, and communities. These stories are a very important part of preserving the Tribe's history. They will help current and future generations understand the incredible journey of our people, how we have persevered, and provide a connection for Tribal families. Some of those stories are recorded here at Chachalu. Others are shared with staff by visiting off-site and recorded with a small mobile audio device.

I am pleased to announce a new oral history project that the Land and Culture Department is launching on August 1<sup>st</sup>: **"Stories of Tribal Veterans, Honoring our Warriors"** (see full page in Smoke Signals). This is an opportunity for Tribal Veterans and/or their families to share stories of their service to our country. These recordings will be cherished by the Tribe and, with approval by participants, possibly included in future cultural exhibits here at Chachalu. We will also be asking to make a copy of any photos of the Tribal Veteran that could be used as well.

According to the National Department of Defense, Native Americans hold the highest record of military service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. Today, there are nearly 190,000 American Indian and Alaska Native military veterans. Following that statistic, the Grand Ronde Tribe has maintained a long history of Tribal Members who served in the armed forces. These folks dedicate years to serving our country, endure perilous threats, and in some cases give up their lives to protect us and others.

This is a great project for the Tribe that will help honor our veterans and their families. Please contact Reina Nelson at 503 879-2226 for more information.



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 Jan Looking Wolf Reibach  
 Land and Culture Department Manager  
 Army Veteran (1984-1987)

**NOTE:**

Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Members: No charge for the classes or materials.

For all other persons: No charge to attend the classes. Reimbursement to the Tribe for cost of materials if applicable.

For additional information on classes visit <http://www.grandronde.org/culture> or contact Flicka Lucero, Cultural Education Specialist, at 503-879-2268.