

# Lamprey gatherer



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson talks about his experiences gathering lamprey at Willamette Falls during a panel discussion that took place at the "A Celebration of People and Place" dinner put on by the Grand Ronde Tribe and Willamette Partnership and held at the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City on Thursday, May 12. The event featured traditional Native American foods, such as smoked salmon, pulled venison shoulder and seabean salad, made by chef Matt Bennett. Tribal Council members Jon A. George, Denise Harvey and Chris Mercier attended the event. Mercier represents the Tribe as a Willamette Partnership board member.**

## Clothes Closet open Monday, Friday

The Clothes Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. It accepts clothes, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565 or Daniele Powley at 503-917-8732. ■

# Exercise will concentrate on training and education

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own "islands" – areas isolated by roadways that are impassable.

The exercise will start on Tuesday, June 7, with Tribal employees practicing immediate reaction to an earthquake by stopping, dropping and holding on wherever they are. A subduction zone earthquake is expected to be felt all the way to the Cascade Mountains and could last anywhere from four to six minutes.

Tribal employees also have been encouraged to conduct a Hazard Hunt – looking for office furniture and items that could fall and injure them during an earthquake.

On Wednesday, June 8, the Tribe will practice communications with Tribal satellite phones and ham radios being tested to see if Grand Ronde could communicate with the rest of the state after an earthquake. Grand Ronde is the western Oregon hub of the new Oregon Amateur Radio Tribal Network while Warm Springs is the hub for eastern Oregon Tribes.

The big event will occur 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 9, when sites on the Tribal campus will be set up for mass casualty care. Tribal Health & Wellness Center staff will triage and care for a large number of "injured" actors and there also will be training in loading and unloading a medical helicopter that will land, weather permitting, in the large field in front of the Governance Center.

Tribal Elders will be participating, led by Gladys Hobbs, and a video will be created for the deaf community. Local Community Emergency Response Team members will be activated and Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps will attend the exercise in Grand Ronde.

Tribal Council also will be trained on how to do a disaster declaration aided by Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Biesack, who received training on the process before the exercise.

Friday, June 10, will be a wrap-up day, during which participants will meet and discuss what went right and what needs to be improved.

Tribal Emergency Operations Coordinator Jamie Baxter has been working for several months with a planning team consisting of Tribal colleagues, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, West Valley Fire District personnel, local media and church representatives, and Yamhill County staff to plan the exercise.

Baxter said the exercise is a "no fault" event that will concentrate on training and educating participants about what to do in the event of a large disaster.

She added that the Tribe has been working consistently over the last two years to improve its emergency response capabilities, holding Community Emergency Response Team classes, a ham radio course, a class in trauma life support and a final course in basic disaster life support for the Health & Wellness Center staff and local CERT members.

Planning Department Director Rick George also attended training at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute in Maryland to prepare for his role as planning section chief during the exercise.

"This is the first time all Oregon Tribes have worked as a team on an exercise," Baxter said. "The theme is 'Be Prepared Not Scared.' Exercises such as this help us become resilient as a community and as a Tribal Nation, ensuring our recovery from this event and others like it." ■



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**10 am to 2 pm**

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- *The Clothes Closet* is seeking school supply items: new or gently used backpacks, messenger bags, paper, pencils, crayons, copy paper, colored pencils, glue, rulers, markers, tissue, and cleaning wipes.
- *Empowerment Outreach* is seeking camping equipment, bedding, sleeping bags (broken zipper ok) for homeless families.
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The Tribe's Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution. Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■



Recognizing the accomplishments of our graduates! Dinner will be provided. The ceremony will recognize Grand Ronde students who have reached an educational milestone in K-3 Chinuk language class, eighth-grade, high school, GED completion, certificates and college. If you graduated or will be graduating in the 2015-16 academic year, contact Education via e-mail at education@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2275 or 800-422-0232, ext. 2275.

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