

Additional hunting tags will be available soon

Tribal members will once again enjoy an additional hunting opportunity as part of the Grand Ronde Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Management Plan

In September 2014, Tribal Council and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. This approval delegated authority to the Tribe, regaining sovereignty over natural resources on the Tribal Reservation and trust lands.

An administrative rule was developed as part of the approval process that provides additional hunting tags to the Tribe outside of the state-issued regular hunting tags already allocated to the membership. The new tags will be valid on the Reservation only. In 2015, 46 new tags were available to the membership for two black-tailed deer seasons and two Roosevelt elks. Seasons were selected to occur days before the state-regulated open season hunts. Four animals were harvested, including two deer and two elk.

In 2016, these new hunting tags will be available again for Tribal hunting seasons. There will be a limited number of tags available. Seasons will be posted on the application forms. This is a hunting opportunity for enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members only.

Applications and rules for the new tags will be posted in a future *Smoke Signals* publication, with an anticipated print date of Aug. 1.

If drawn for the new tags, hunters will be required to pick up tag(s) in person, receive associated materials, and receive an educational tutorial course discussing new tag rules, regulations and appliance. Any hunter who has previously completed the tutorial will be exempt from this requirement in 2016.

For questions, contact Tribal Wildlife Biologist Lindsay Belonga at 503-879-2387. ■

A good Rife



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Pearl Rife, middle, receives a hug from Michael Herrin, Tribal 477/ Vocational Rehabilitation Program supervisor, left, and Kalene Contreras, Tribal 477/VR Program administrative assistant, during Rife's retirement party held at the Employment Service Center on Friday, June 10. Rife retired as a 477/Employment & Training Specialist and worked for the Tribe for 22 years. She is also a Tribal Elder.

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Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you.

If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■

Name changes in Tribal Court

Tribal Court provides both minor and adult name changes to enrolled members for a filing fee of only \$30. If you have any questions or would like to request a packet, contact Devin Larsen at 503-879-2303 or devin.larsen@grandronde.org. ■

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