

# Native Caring Conference



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Elder Greg Archuleta talks about a camas bulb during a traditional foods workshop he presented at the 12th annual Native Caring Conference held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Wednesday, April 19. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted the conference, which also took place on Thursday, April 20. The Grand Ronde Honor Guard presented the flags to start the conference, followed by Grand Ronde Royalty performing “The Lord’s Prayer,” Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno gave a welcome and the Grand Ronde Canoe Family performed after dinner on Wednesday. The conference is geared toward caregivers of Native elders and relative caregivers of children from Northwest Indian communities. About 200 people attended the conference.**



**Kandee Little, Tribal Activities/Wellness Promotion coordinator, leads a wellness walk that was hosted by the Tribe’s Community Health Program during the conference on Wednesday, April 19.**

# Hunters Education Course set for June 24-25

A Hunters Education Course will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The Tribe’s Parks and Recreation Program needs a count of how many youth will be attending so it can inform the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife about class size.

The class requires attendance at both sessions and is for young hunters 17 or younger. The class is open to Tribal and non-Tribal members ages 9 to 17.

There is a \$10 fee to take the class. However, Tribal members can contact Youth Education for sponsorship opportunities.

Young hunters 17 or younger must pass a certified hunter education class before hunting unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter program.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey at 503-879-2337 or [jerry.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:jerry.bailey@grandronde.org). ■

# Grand Ronde Housing Department



## Housing Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Board is inviting Tribal members and Tribal housing residents to provide input to assist its members in carrying out its advisory role to the Housing Department and Tribal Council regarding policy guidance. The Housing Board meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Matt Thomas. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■

# Veterans Royalty

Veterans Royalty work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB). They attend powwows, parades, fundraisers, meetings and other events with the Veterans SEB and the Honor Guard. They interact with and represent all veterans. They also work with the Grand Ronde Royalty during events and activities such as Restoration, parades and fundraisers. The Veterans Royalty should know what a veteran is and the different military branches.

When Veterans Royalty attend events, they are expected to stay for the duration of the event. This includes helping to set up events, meetings and parades and dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired. Veterans Royalty should have their own regalia and be willing and able to dance.

## GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal girls and young women to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

**We encourage all young woman ages 11-18 to join.**  
**Junior Veterans Queen — 11-13 years of age**  
**Senior Veterans Queen — 14-18 years of age**

**General Requirements:**

- 1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
- 2. Must be alcohol and drug free
- 3. Never married, no children
- 4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
- 5. Sign and comply with Veteran Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

## ~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor’s Signature (if different than a parent) \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application to: Veterans SEB, c/o Public Affairs**  
**9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347**  
**Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2017**  
**Questions? Contact Chelsea Clark at 503-879-1418**  
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