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Taiko drums



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Carter LaBonte tries out a taiko drum as Sheridan Japanese School's Taiko Drum Team member Christian Lindsey looks on during a cultural exchange held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, April 27. Planning of the cultural exchange was a collaborative effort of the Tribe's Early Childhood Education's Chinuk Immersion, Head Start and preschool classes. During the event, the drum team performed a few songs, the Tribe's students performed Canoe Family dances, one of which the drum team participated in, and the children had an opportunity to try out the drums.

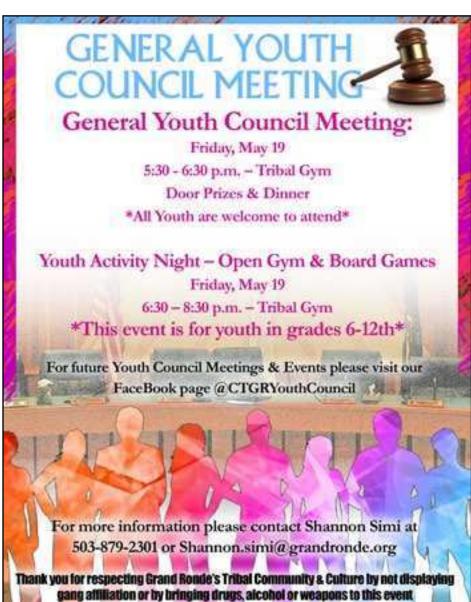
Tribe receives historic preservation grant

The Grand Ronde Tribe received a \$32,166 grant from the National Park Service as part of \$26.9 million awarded in historic preservation grants distributed throughout the country and \$5.7 million in grants awarded to Native American Tribes.

Oregon received \$482,285 in grants total.

Administered by the National Park Service, the funds are part of the annual appropriations from the Historic Preservation Fund, which is also a fund stream for Tribes to preserve their cultural and heritage resources through a broad range of activities.

The Grand Ronde Tribe will use the money for partial coverage of costs associated with operating its Historic Preservation Office. \blacksquare



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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

Applicant's Name: Mailing Address: Phone (Day): Date of Birth: Father's Name: Mother's Name: Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? Applicant's Signature Parent's Signature Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) 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 or chelsea.clark@grandronde.org