



Sean Gerbrandt, right, round dances with his mother and Tribal Council member Kathleen George and his brother Noah Gerbrandt during the 16th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 9. The event, which also took place on Saturday, March 10, celebrates sobriety, community health and wellness.

Round Dance



Jordan Mercier drums and sings with other invited singers during the 16th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 9.



Ila Mercier, left, and Nevaeh Grijalva take a break from round dancing to eat an apple during the 16th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 9.

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Community Health and Iskam MəkʰMək-Haws

Meal Cooking



Come join us in cooking chicken, broccoli and cheese skillet meal

Wednesday, March 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

At the Grand Ronde Food Pantry

Learn to cook healthier for you and your family

Please RSVP to Kim at 503-879-2079, spots are limited

Oh, did we mention you could win a prize from our raffle drawing??

Judge rules against complaint

U.S. Magistrate Judge Youlee Yim You ruled on Friday, March 2, that the federal government’s destruction of a sacred burial ground during the widening of U.S. 26 west of Government Camp did not interfere with Tribal religious freedom.

You dismissed a claim made by three Tribal Elders, including Grand Ronde Elder Carol Logan, that the road widening violated their rights under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

“For centuries Native Americans have endured the destruction of sacred places by the federal government, and it’s heartbreaking that the court would say this completely preventable destruction was OK,” Logan said in a prepared statement.

You found that the work did not “substantially burden” Tribal rights to exercise religion.

The 2008 road work damaged and destroyed historical burial grounds known as Ana Kwna Nchi nchi Patat (The Place of Big Big Trees) by cutting and removing trees on approximately five acres on the north side of U.S. 26 about 13 miles west of Government Camp.

Logan was joined by Wilbur Slockish and Johnny Jackson, the hereditary chiefs of the Klickitat and Cascade Tribes of the Yakama Nation, in filing the lawsuit, as well as two nonprofit groups.

You’s ruling now goes before U.S. District Judge Marco Hernandez for review before a final order is issued.

Logan, Slockish and Jackson said they plan to challenge the ruling. Includes information from The Oregonian