



- June**
- Monday, June 24-Thursday, June 27 -- Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp, úyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road.
 - Wednesday, June 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, June 26 – Family Night Out, 4:30 p.m., Governance Center campus, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2034.
 - Sunday, June 30 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

- July**
- Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day. Tribal offices closed.
 - Wednesday, July 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Thursday, July 11-Sunday, July 14 – Veterans Summit & Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. úyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. 541-480-5932.
 - Friday, July 12-Sunday, July 14 – Elders Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway. 503-689-5005.
 - Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council Candidates Forum, 6 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

Lamprey harvesting schedule announced

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife set the lamprey harvest season at Willamette Falls from Saturday, June 1, through Wednesday, July 31. Harvesting is allowed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Mondays. Harvesting is prohibited Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Harvesting is restricted to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the Horseshoe Area at the peak of the falls. Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit. In addition, Tribal members can harvest for distribution to other Tribal members. However, the distribution must be done without charge. Harvests must be recorded on an ODFW harvest card available from the Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW Office, 17330 S.E. Evelyn St., Clackamas. Harvest cards must be filed by Aug. 31. People planning on harvesting lamprey should stop by the Natural Resources office off Hebo Road and pick up an information packet. For more information, call 503-879-2376. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:** www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Health & Wellness:** www.facebook.com/GRHWC
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:** www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Youth Education:** www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Grand Ronde Station:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:** www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty
- **Community Garden:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- **Food Bank:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- **Youth Council:** www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- **Social Services Department:** www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/
- **Children & Family Services:** www.facebook.com/CTGRCFS/
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Higher-Ed
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
- **Grand Ronde Cultural Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



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Chinuk Wawa Language Program Manager Ali Holsclaw, left, shares a laugh with Tribal member Faye Smith during the annual Tribal Community Input meeting held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, June 12. The meeting provides Tribal members the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions that will help guide Tribal programs and grant applications.

Community Input meeting attracts 25

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

As the new Young Child Wellness Community coordinator, Keri Kimsey looks for opportunities to connect with Tribal families to assist the Tribe’s youngest members. The annual Community Input meeting was a chance to do just that. Kimsey’s department was one of several represented at the event, held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, June 12. It attracted approximately 25 people in addition to 30 staff members. “People are interested in getting to know what we are doing here,” she said. “That’s good because this is a new position at the Tribe.” Kimsey’s grant-funded job is through the Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health, or LAUNCH, a childhood wellness program targeted at children from birth through 8 years of age. Its goal is to expand the use of culturally relevant prevention and wellness promotion practices in a range of child-friendly settings. Kimsey carried a stack of surveys with her to the Community Input meeting, passing them out to whomever came by the table.

“I would encourage Tribal families with young children to let us know what their needs are,” Kimsey said. “I can bring the surveys to them if it helps.” The event was organized by Planning & Grants Development Manager Kim Rogers, who said the main focus of the event was to review current projects and programs, take suggestions for improvements and use input for strategic planning. “The input gathered at this event will be taken and used with different programs, grants and future plans,” Rogers said. The evening began with an invocation by Higher Education

Manager Brian Langley before a dinner consisting of roast beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, salad and cookies. Tribal Council members Jack Giffen Jr. and Michael Langley also attended. Tribal Planning Director Rick George said the annual Community Input meeting is an opportunity to engage with the membership and find out more about their desires, needs and wants for the future of Grand Ronde. “This provides an opportunity to collect important information that is required by grants,” George said. “It’s also a chance to hear from the community and put that into program planning.” Departments represented at the event included Tribal Police, Emergency Management, Housing, Education, Recreation, Natural Resources, Youth Prevention, Domestic Violence, Geographic Information Systems, Planning & Grants Development, Cultural Resources, Tribal Court, Social Services, Tribal Employment Rights Office, Employment, Food Bank, Behavioral Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, Dental, Child Wellness, Food Bank and Health & Wellness Center.

Tribal Elder Faye Smith was attending for the first time. “I mainly came here out of curiosity,” she said. “I wanted to see the different programs that were represented here and what they all had to offer.” Seven-year-old Tribal member KaLea Liebelt said she enjoyed visiting the Dental information table the most. “I got a lot of stuff,” she said, pointing to a bag filled with toothpaste, floss and toothbrushes. “I learned that you have to make time to brush your teeth. If not, you’ll get cavities.” ■

Elders Marketplaces scheduled

The Elders Marketplace will be held at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, July 12, through Sunday, July 14. Future marketplaces will be held Aug. 16-18. For more information, contact Julie Little at 503-689-5005 or Penny DeLoe at 971-241-0864. ■