



- July**
- Thursday-Friday, July 4-5 – 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 – Vocational Rehabilitation Culture Day, 10 a.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd. 503-879-1881.
 - 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.

- August**
- Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Family Night Out, 4:30 p.m., Tribal campus, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2034.
 - Thursday, Aug. 8 – Vocational Rehabilitation Culture Day, 10 a.m., Employment & Services Building Rooms 118 A & B, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-4535.
 - Friday, Aug. 16-Sunday, Aug. 18 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at úyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road.
 - Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

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



Smoke Signals file photo
Tribal Elder and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno, left, and Tribal Elder and Army veteran Raymond Petite, right, gift Army veteran Ken Kraft with a wounded warrior project blanket during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds in July 2018.

July veterans' events slated

Summit, powwow set for July 11-14 at Powwow Grounds

By Dean Rhodes
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Because the Fourth of July falls on a Thursday, the traditional dates for the Veterans Summit and Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow have been pushed back a week to Thursday, July 11, through Sunday, July 14.

The four days of activities in Grand Ronde will seek to help and honor those who displayed their patriotism by serving in the U.S. military.

The seventh annual Veterans Summit, put on by the Native Wellness Institute of Gresham, Veterans Affairs' Office of Tribal Government Relations and the Grand Ronde Tribe, will occupy úyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 11, and resume Friday, July 12, and then segue into the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at 7 p.m. Friday with the first of four grand entries.

The Veterans Summit will begin under the powwow grounds arbor with the theme "Honoring Gold Star Families: Healing From Trauma." Gold Star families are so designated because they have a relative who died while serving in the military.

The first general session will

feature an opening ceremony, speakers, sharing circles, sweats and a night of cultural sharing. The second day, which will start at 9 a.m., will feature more speakers, workshops, informational booths and veterans benefit coordination until adjournment at 4 p.m.

The Veterans Summit, which was first held in 2013 after former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, a Marine Corps veteran from the Vietnam War era, attended a planning meeting held in San Diego and volunteered the Tribe to host it.

The summit's goal is to connect veterans to the governmental services that they have earned, as well as help with employment issues and the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Veterans Powwow continues throughout the weekend with grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, July 12, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13, and 1 p.m. Sunday, July 14. Veterans Royalty competition will occur at 5 p.m. Friday.

Nick Sixkiller will once again act as master of ceremonies for both the summit and Veterans Powwow and the host drum will be Red Hoop.

Vendors interested in selling their wares or food at the Veterans Powwow should contact Molly Leno at 503-983-6790 or via e-mail at charleslenojr75@gmail.com. ■

WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be July 16.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

