

# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 6

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 9.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6.....	4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

# Round Dance canceled for third year in a row

Tribal Social Services Director Dana Ainam announced on Wednesday, Feb. 16, that the annual Agency Creek Round Dance, tentatively set for March 18-19, will not be held for the third year in a row.

The 2020 and 2021 Round Dances were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and although case numbers are falling in Oregon and in Grand Ronde, this year's will meet the same fate for the same reason.

"We are working on sharing some songs and culture virtually in March," Ainam said. "We will be advertising that." ■



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**Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments Chairman Sal Peralta gives the Chair's Choice Award to Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy on Friday, Feb. 11, in the Governance Center Atrium. The award recognized the work of the Tribal Health Clinic in vaccinating more than 22,000 people since 2021 and the Tribe stepping up to take over emergency medical responsibilities in the West Valley area.**

# Tribe receives Council of Governments award

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments Chair's Choice Award.

Chairman Sal Peralta said the award was for the work of the Tribe's Health Clinic and to honor its 25th anniversary.

"The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde administered more than 22,000 vaccinations through its clinic in the last year and stepped in to provide emergency medical services to the entire West Valley, improving response times from 20 minutes to five in the last year," Peralta said. "At a time when so many are self-serving, credit seeking and polarizing, the Tribes offers us an alternative vision for leadership and community based on mutual respect and the long-term public good. They are the first to step forward when aid is needed and the last to take credit when it is deserved."

Peralta, who also serves on the McMinnville City Council, said he appreciated the Tribe's testimony in creating the Elliott State Research Forest and "the values reflected in that testimony, which calls for the preservation of mature growth, logging of disturbed growth, and more clean water for lamprey and salmon habitat."

Peralta presented the award to Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy on Friday, Feb. 11, in the Governance Center Atrium and the award was acknowledged during the council's annual meeting that was held virtually on Wednesday, Feb. 16. ■

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