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Veterans Powwow slated for July 8-10

If you go

Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow

When: Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, July 8; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9; and noon Sunday, July 10. Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday with coronation at 5 p.m.

Where: úyxat Powwow grounds, 9600 Hebo Road

Cost: Free

Attendees will see upgrades to grounds, improved Wi-Fi

By Danielle Harrison

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The first big event to return to Grand Ronde since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 will be the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow, and organizers are preparing for a crowd.

“What I’m thinking is that as more people hear that we’re having the powwow, we might have a lot

of people here,” said organizer and Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., who is also a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran. “There haven’t been any big events for quite a while.”

The powwow will begin at úyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road with a Veterans Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday, July 8, and conclude with a grand entry at noon Sunday, July 10.

The last Veterans Powwow was held in 2019, and few things have changed for this year’s format, except there won’t be an official Veterans Summit that began in 2013 in an effort to connect veterans with their federal benefits. Instead, organizers and volunteers are encouraging informal group dis-

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Tribal Council race attracts four candidates

By Dean Rhodes

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Incumbents Denise Harvey and Kathleen George and two challengers will run for three open seats during the 2022 Tribal Council election, which marks the smallest slate of candidates ever nominated since 1983’s Restoration.

But one of the candidates will not be Jack Giffen Jr., one of the Tribe’s longest-serving Tribal Council members. He is not seeking re-election during the 2022 campaign, ensuring at least one new member on the Tribe’s governing board.

Harvey, who was first elected to Tribal Council in 2013 after five unsuccessful campaigns, will be seeking her fourth consecutive three-year term. She was nominated by Tribal Council member Michael Cherry.

Harvey, 60, finished first in 2013 and 2019, and third in 2016. She has accumulated 2,981 votes in her eight runs for Tribal Council.

George, who will turn 51 on July 5, will be seeking her third consecutive term on Tribal Council. She was nominated by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy.

She served as director of Spirit Mountain Community Fund beginning in 2011 and finished first in the 2016 Tribal Council election. She secured another council term in 2019 with a second-place finish behind Harvey.

Former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, 71, was nominated by Giffen. He served 21 consecutive years on Tribal Council from 1996 to 2017 and also served as Tribal Council chair for five years from 2012 to 2017.

Since leaving Tribal Council in 2017, Leno has mounted two attempts at rejoining the Tribe’s governing board, finishing fourth in both 2019 and 2020.

And former Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi, who served from 2015 to 2018, was

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Metro Council District 4 Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Portland Area Supervisor and Tribal member Andrew Johnson, Metro Council President Lynn Peterson, Metro Parks and Nature Director Jonathan Blasher and Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson take part in an atudship ceremony during the grand opening of Chehalem Ridge Nature Park on Friday, June 17.

A collaborative effort

Metro partners with Grand Ronde Tribe on its newest park

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ASTON — One of regional government Metro’s newest features, Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, celebrated its opening on Friday, June 17, and highlighted the collaboration between itself, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and other partners, which include Centro Cultural, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Oregon State Parks and local public officials.

The dedication celebration featured food, photos, music, dancing and crafts, as well as a cultural ceremony conducted by Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson.

The park’s name, Chehalem, is a Kalapuyan word that means “the outside place.”

“It’s the perfect name,” Harrelson said.

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