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- lakit-mun (April)
 Sunday, April 2 General Council meeting, Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene, 11 a.m., and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 5 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, April 6 Spring Carnival, 4-6 p.m., at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2275.
- Saturday, April 8 Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Tribal Housing. 503-879-1465.
- Thursday, April 13 Community Gathering, 5 p.m., Chachalu Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1690.
- Saturday, April 15 Family Fun Run/Walk, 11 a.m., at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- Wednesday, April 19 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, April 21 Earth Day Jam, 5-7 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

qwinəm-mun (May)

- Wednesday, May 3 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, May 7 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 17 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, May 20 Good Feeling Walk, 10 a.m., Old Powwow Grounds in front of the Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1471.
- Monday, May 29 Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.



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Filmmaker Woodrow Hunt chats with skippers from various Tribal canoe families during a recent panel discussion to mark the premiere of his new film short, "Stories from the Canoe." Second, from left, are Brian Krehbiel (Grand Ronde), Sam Robinson (Chinook), Bobby Mercier (Grand Ronde), Jefferson Greene (Warm Springs), Jacelyn Lowley (Coeur d'Alene/Colville) and Tsali Cross (Cherokee/Caddo).

Tribal members participate in Canoe Journey documentary

Tribal members Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel participated in a new documentary short by filmmaker Woodrow Hunt (Klamath/Modoc/Cherokee) about Canoe Journey.

"Canoes have always been integral to our region's Indigenous cultures and they still are today," stated a press release from Confluence, a nonprofit Indigenous group that collaborated on the project.

The film, 'Stories from the Canoe,' explores the history and ongoing development of Canoe Journey.

Recently, Tribal canoe families gathered to celebrate the release of the new film at a screening with PAM CUT and the Portland Art Museum. The celebration included singing, drumming and prayers, followed by a panel discussion with canoe skippers.

The film was jointly funded by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. According to the press release, the film project was conceived originally as a public gathering.

"Several years ago, Tribal leaders envisioned a Native canoe race and celebration of culture," it stated. "The idea was that Confluence could facilitate the gathering rather than act as a formal host. CanoeFluence — as the race event became known — would be an opportunity for canoe family members to compete and share culture. As the pandemic wore on, we had to transition our plans to instead focusing on the film."

The film premiere provided an opportunity for canoe families to gather and share their experiences and culture.

The Grand Ronde Tribe first participated in Canoe Journey in 2005 during the Paddle to Elwha in Port Angeles, Wash. This year's Canoe Journey will be the Paddle to Muckleshoot in Washington state. – **By Danielle Harrison**

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April - Hazel May - Cedar June - Camas July - Serviceberries August - Huckleberries August (Eugene) - Juncus and Tule September (Ashland) - Pine Nuts September - Wapato

No experience necessary. If you are interested in attending or learning more, email greg.archuleta@grandronde.org or find the CTGR Lifeways group on Facebook

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