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# IN THE FUTURE



### qwinəm-mun (May)

- 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, 11 a.m., uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road. 503-879-1471.
- Saturday, May 20 Wellness Canoe naming ceremony, 2 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m., achaf-hammi Tribal plankhouse, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road.
- Monday, May 29 Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 29 Memorial Day Ceremony, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Meal served at noon in the Tribal Community Center.
- Wednesday, May 31 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

#### taxam-mun (June)

- Thursday, June 1 Enrollment informational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 14 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, June 19 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
- Sunday, June 25 Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 28 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

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## **Thomas retires**



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Spirit Mountain Casino's Interim Chief Executive Officer Bruce Thomas, left, receives a gift of horse tack from Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier during his retirement party held at the casino's Event Center on Thursday, May 4. Thomas, who is a Tribal Elder, was the casino's first CEO when it opened in 1995. He left in 2000 and returned as interim CEO in June 2021. Mercier took over as CEO on May 1. The tack was a gift from the casino's executive team and Mercier did the bead work on it. Looking on in the background is Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors Chair Andy Jenness.



Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, left, and Spirit Mountain Casino's Interim Chief Executive Officer Bruce Thomas talk during his retirement party held at the casino's Event Center on Thursday, May 4. Harrison was Tribal Council vice chair when the casino opened in October 1995.

