

Feeling good



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Bennett Schlappie-Guerrera, 2, celebrates getting the bean bag in the hole as he plays corn hole during the ʕush tæmtæm mitxwit-ʕatwa (Good Feeling Walk) held at ʕyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, May 20. The event, sponsored by Youth Empowerment and Prevention, included lunch, raffle items and several Tribal department information booths with giveaway goodies. Each attendee could walk from the powwow grounds to Fort Yamhill at their leisure.

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Brody Mathews, 5, and his mother Tribal member Sara Lafferty color a wood ornament at Community Health's booth during the ʕush tæmtæm mitxwit-ʕatwa (Good Feeling Walk) held at ʕyxat Powwow Grounds.

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Tribe receives \$500,000 to improve wireless network

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will receive a \$500,000 federal grant to build a fixed wireless network providing high-speed Internet connections to 200 unserved households in the Grand Ronde community, U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced on Wednesday, May 24.

“Quality rural broadband is essential to quality of life, and that infrastructure priority must include Tribal communities,” Wyden said in a press release.

“In today’s world, reliable and affordable broadband is crucial for Tribal communities to succeed,” Merkley added.

The grant is from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Tribal broadband connectivity program created and funded by the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

“Thanks to this generous grant we’ve been awarded, we can continue to grow and strengthen our digital infrastructure, ensuring our members remain connected and active in our online spaces,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “We will maximize this opportunity and get our members closer together.” ■

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