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General Council briefed on capital improvement projects

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Tribal Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb briefed the membership on various capital improvement projects on and off the Reservation during a Sunday, March 3, General Council meeting held via Zoom and in Tribal Council chambers.



Ryan Webb

“It really is a pleasure to provide an update to the membership on everything that we’ve been working on during this last year,” Webb said.

“I think everyone can agree that it has definitely been amazing to see the Tribal campus and community growing, seeing some of these buildings and projects come to fruition where there’s been lots of great conversations and input into them.”

He provided the Tribal audience with an update of Creekside Elder housing, the Tribal homeownership development, Wind River Apartments, Warriors of Hope expansion, language education building, health care and vaccination clinic, Grand Ronde Fire Station upgrade, child development center, resident and recreation center, electric vehicle charging stations, community paths grant and the Tumwata Village project in Oregon City.

“You see these projects coming out of the ground, and seeing them and realizing that it was really rewarding to be a part of that,” Webb said. “I appreciate the support from the executive team and

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Ulali Quenelle, 8, kicks her leg up as she dances during the 19th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8.

Dancing around



Tribal members Fabian Quenelle, left, and Jordan Mercier sing and drum during the 19th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. Close to 800 people attended the event that also took place on Saturday, March 9. The dance is hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Tribe’s Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program.

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A day of egg-cellence

Community run/walk will follow hunt

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The popular Tribal Housing Department Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, rain or shine, at the covered area in Tribal housing on Raven Loop.

The hunt is traditionally held the Saturday before Easter. This year, Easter is on Sunday, March 31.

As usual, organizers want to remind participants to arrive early or risk going home emp-

ty-handed as the young participants are very egg-er about scrambling about for the treats quickly.

In past years, the time for all the candy to be spoken for is about one minute after the hunt begins. Attendees are also asked to bring their own basket or bag to carry their treasures home.

This is one Tribal event that requires promptness on the part of parents and prospective Easter egg hunters, lest they miss out on the

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Frankie Hostler picks up eggs during the Tribal Housing Department Easter Egg Hunt last year. This year’s hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30.