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Split-sibling election ballots due by March 22

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

If you are one of the approximately 1,300 Tribal members who registered to vote in the March 22 split-sibling constitutional amendment election being supervised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, you'd better get your ballot in the mail as soon as possible.

Ballots must be received in Grand Ronde by Friday, March 22, to count.

A postmark will not suffice.

The election marks the seventh opportunity Tribal members have had to amend the Tribal Constitution. Tribal Council voted in October to move forward with a proposed amendment designed to address the single issue of siblings who are not Tribal members despite having brothers and sisters who are and have the same parent(s).

The proposed amendment to the Tribal Constitution would amend Article V to allow for the enrollment of applicants who have enrolled brothers and sisters by the same Tribal parent(s) who were enrolled before Sept. 14, 1999, and who meet pre-1999 constitutional enrollment requirements. Applicants also must meet the five-year relinquishment requirement if they enrolled in another Tribe.

Tribal Council moved the proposed amendment forward because of a positive September advisory vote. Tribal voters supported a similarly worded proposal 839-365

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More than friends



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Elders Linda and Cecil Donahue share their story of meeting on Facebook, falling in love, bringing him from Oklahoma and settling in Grand Ronde at the Elders Activity Center on Thursday, March 7.

Elders Linda and Cecil Donahue find love on Facebook

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

For Tribal Elder Linda Donahue, meeting her soulmate was a journey with a modern twist: It began by downloading an app.

She and husband, Cecil, connected on the world's most popular social networking site, Facebook, after Linda purchased her first smartphone in 2016 and signed up for an account.

The two Elders can frequently be seen holding hands, smiling and sitting close together at different Elders Activity Center events, proof that love flourishes at any age.

"My nephew showed me how to get on Facebook," Linda says. "One of my friends took some pictures

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Kennedy continues push for stable police funding



Smoke Signals screen capture

By Dean Rhodes

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy became the fourth Grand Ronde Tribal leader to lobby for adequate and stable federal funding of Terminated Tribes' public safety efforts when she appeared before the House of Representatives Appropriation Committee's subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies on Thursday, March 7.

In her prepared testimony, Kennedy called

federal funding for police services for Terminated Tribes "grossly inadequate."

"Grand Ronde's inability to secure recurring federal funding for its Tribal police force is one of the continuing impacts of Termination," she said.

Kennedy joined Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno and former Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi, who testified before Congress in 2015,

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Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before a House Appropriations Committee subcommittee about obtaining public safety funding for Terminated Tribes on Thursday, March 7, in Washington, D.C.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, April 7

Lane Community College Longhouse
4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene

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DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 20.....	5 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 20	April 1
Friday, April 5	April 15
Friday, April 19	May 1
Monday, May 6	May 15
Monday, May 20	June 1
Wednesday, June 5	June 15

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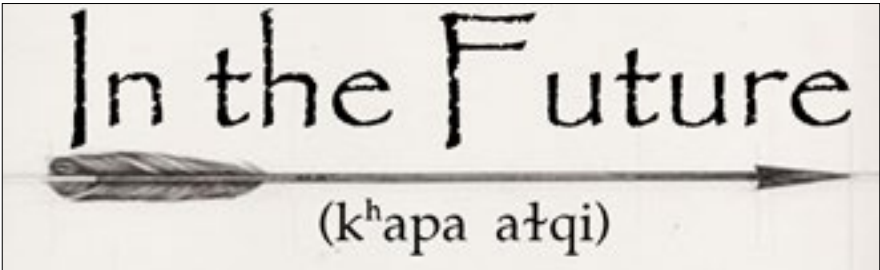
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March

- Saturday, March 16 – mək^mək Mania, 10 a.m., Grand Ronde gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-3663.
- Wednesday, March 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, March 25, through Wednesday, March 27 – Spring Break Camp, B’nai B’rith Camp, Lincoln City. 503-879-2101.

April

- Wednesday, April 3 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, April 7 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, April 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, April 20 – Tribal Housing Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Tribal Housing. 503-879-4522.

May

- Wednesday, May 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, May 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day. Government offices closed.
- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Meal & Ceremony, noon, Tribal Community Center & West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 541-480-5932.
- Wednesday, May 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

- Ceremonial Hunting Board** – 4 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Culture Committee** – 3 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Editorial Board** – 2 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Education Committee** – 4 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Election Board** – 4 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Enrollment Committee** – 4 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Health Committee** – 3 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Housing Grievance Board** – 2 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Powwow Special Event Board** – 5 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- TERO Commission** – 2 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Veterans Special Event Board** – 4 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019
- Youth Council** – 3 Terms Set to Expire on March 31, 2019

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A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be March 19.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

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- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:** www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Health & Wellness:** www.facebook.com/GRHWC
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Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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"We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat," Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. "You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box."

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 15;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 20;
- And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 29.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■



2014 – The \$2 million first phase work on Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center was due to be complete later that spring and the capital campaign to raise funds for the second phase of development began. Approximately \$2 million was needed to complete Phase II of the project, which would include 4,500 square feet of additional exhibit space, areas for permanent museum features and classrooms, offices, research and conference areas. "The effort started years ago with many people who worked hard to make this happen," Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach said.



2014

File photo

2009 – A ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court limited the ability of the federal government to take land into trust for Tribes. The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in *Carcieri v. Salazar* that the Secretary of the Interior does not have the authority to take land into trust for Tribes that came under federal jurisdiction after the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act was adopted. The ruling came in a case involving a Rhode Island Tribe that sought to bring a 31-acre tract about 40 miles south of Providence into trust. Tribes, including Grand Ronde, request the Secretary of the Interior take land into trust so they can apply their own laws on the land and hold the land free of state and local taxes.

2004 – Grand Ronde hosted its first ever name-giving ceremony, an event that attracted more than 200 attendees. Tribal member James Holmes, known around the family as "rabbit," was given the name We-la-lik in the Wasco tongue and Wa-la-lik in the Sahaptin tongue, each being a version on the Native American word for "rabbit." Ta-aw-lee-winch, a spiritual leader of the Wasco Band of Warm Springs Indians, led the ceremony. Guests were treated to traditional foods, such as salmon roasted over a fire pit and skewered eel.

1999 – Officials from many of Oregon's federally recognized Tribes, including Grand Ronde, educated Oregon senators on the role of Indian gaming in the overall economic development of Indian Country at the State Capitol. The hearing came on the heels of a 1998 legislative session that saw dozens of bills aimed at restricting or ending state-sanctioned gaming completely. Grand Ronde Tribal Lobbyist Justin Martin gave the opening statement in which he emphasized that while each Tribe had its own culture and traditions, they shared a similar experience of poverty and unemployment. "We look to gaming as a way to address this," he said.

1994 – The Tribe was awarded a \$270,000 grant from the Department of Urban and Housing Development Indian Community Block Grant program. Tribal Council was hoping to match it with Tribal funds up to \$230,000. The grant was to be used to construct a 5,000-gallon steel water storage tank on the ridge north of Highway 18, across from the proposed Spirit Mountain Development resort site. "This grant brings the Tribe a giant step closer to ensuring water for the development of housing, the health clinic and the resort," Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier said. "It will also help out the entire community by providing more water in summer months and improving fire protection."

1989 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier, Vice Chair Candy Robertson and Secretary Kathryn Harrison visited Washington, D.C., to testify before Congress. The council members were seeking additional funds for the Forestry program and to have funding added for community health representatives for the Tribe.

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you. If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, March 22. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Ann Lewis.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

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Ruby Bigoni turning 100 on March 18

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Elder Dorothy Greene is about to have company as a Grand Ronde centenarian.

Ruby Geraldine Bigoni will turn 100 years old on Monday, March 18.

Ruby was born in 1919 in Tillamook, Ore., to James and Emma Langley. Her grandparents were Israel and Mary Langley. Her other grandfather, Andrew Zuercher, moved to Tillamook from Bern, Switzerland, when he was a young man.

She married Orlando Pete “Bill” Bigoni on Oct. 24, 1936, in Kelso, Wash. She and Orlando are the parents of Dianne Locklear and Richard and James Bigoni, and adopted Bill Bigoni. Orlando and Bill both walked on in 1990.

According to an Elder Spotlight that appeared in *Smoke Signals*, Ruby worked in a drapery shop for more than 20 years. She also was a banquet manager for the Fraternal Order of Eagles and was installed as Grand Madam President of the Eagles in Boston, Mass., in 1971. She also worked for a number of years as a receptionist for Chinese eatery Lung Rung Restaurant.

She traveled throughout North America during her year as Eagles Grand Madam President and presided over the International Convention held in Atlanta, Ga. She also was a guest on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, presenting a \$25,000 check on behalf of the Eagles.

She also volunteered for the Red Cross for 50 years and was active at St. Charles Catholic Church in



Ruby Bigoni

Portland.

Her advice to Tribal youth was, “Be kind to your parents and Elders, say ‘No’ to drugs, and finish your education, as it will help you get a good job.”

Bigoni’s sister, Pearl Lyon, was the Tribe’s eldest Elder for a while, walking on at the age of 105 in November 2017.

Ruby lives in Portland and has 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Greene turned 100 in September and remains the Tribe’s eldest Elder.

After Bigoni turns 100, the Tribe will have to wait more than five years for another Elder to reach the century mark.

The next eldest Elders are former Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, who was born in March 1924, and Carmilla Faggani, who was born in July 1924. ■

PROPOSED GENERAL COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney’s Office, has proposed amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the March 6, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments:

- Reduce the number of seats on a Committee or SEB from a maximum of 7 to a maximum of 5 seats;
- Provides that regular meetings shall be held quarterly and provides guidelines for calling special meetings;
- Establishes timelines for which notice of meetings must be provided to Tribal Council staff;
- Provides for the opportunity for Committees/SEB to attending professional training; and
- Establishes a code of conduct for Committees and SEBs.

For a copy of the proposed General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by April 15, 2019. ■

Finishing touches



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. works with sculptor Corbin Cornelison on the final adjustments of the depiction of Margaret Provost on the 3-D model of the “Visionaries” statue at


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Form 3-D Foundry in Portland on Friday, March 4. The statue will honor Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes, who were instrumental in the Restoration of the Tribe. The next step is for the model to be printed out on a 3-D printer. It will be dedicated later this year in front of the Tribal Governance Center.



Jeremiah Page of Page Concrete cuts the concrete near the flag in front of the Tribal Governance Center on Tuesday, March 12. The crew was saw cutting, demolishing and excavating the location where the “Visionaries” statue of Restoration figures Merle Holmes, Margaret Provost and Marvin Kimsey will stand.



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Where: Grand Ronde PD

When: March 20th

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.





Photo by Dean Rhodes

Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. representatives Patrick Cronin, left, and Joseph Hoon briefed the general membership on the Grand Ronde Tribe's investment portfolio in executive session during the General Council meeting held Sunday, March 3, in the Tribal Community Center.

General Council briefed on Tribal portfolio in executive session

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Two representatives from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. briefed the general membership on the Grand Ronde Tribe's investment portfolio during the General Council meeting held Sunday, March 3, in the Tribal Community Center.

The 43-minute session with Director Joe Hoon and Senior Institutional Consultant Patrick Cronin was held in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the specific details.

Hoon and Cronin fielded four questions from Tribal members and Tribal Council members during their executive session presentation.

Tribal members who were not able to attend the General Council meeting can request a compact disc of the meeting from Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304 or via e-mail at stacia.martin@grandronde.org.

Before the portfolio presentation, Enrollment Committee Chairwoman Ann Lewis said the committee reviewed 52 applications for enrollment in 2018 and that 31 were approved and 21 were denied.

Lewis also praised the recent addition of 20 Tribal members to the Restoration Roll, which occurred on Thursday, Feb. 28.

"I would like to congratulate Tribal Council and past Tribal Councils for their persistence and commitment in making corrections of the Restoration Roll a reality," Lewis said. "It's been years in the making."

Lewis said correcting the Restoration Roll will help many Tribal families who could not get their children enrolled because

they did not have an ancestor on the Restoration Roll.

"It has been an honor to be part of this action," she said.

In November, Tribal Council defined the word "entitled" in the Enrollment Ordinance as being alive on Aug. 13, 1954, and born to a Tribal member.

Tribal members seeking to be added to the Restoration Roll can request an application from the Member Services Department, Lewis said.

In other action, it was announced the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 7, at the Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., in Eugene. The final Community Input meeting seeking suggestions on advisory votes for the September Tribal Council ballot also will be held.

Barbara Steere, Veronica Gaston, Dan Stroebel, Joanna Briscois and Debi Anderson won the \$50 door prizes and Ann Lewis, Lewis Younger and Patricia Watson won the \$100 door prizes. Gaston and Younger donated their door prizes to fund upkeep of the Saige Selwyn bicycle memorial on Grand Ronde Road, Lewis donated her door prize to the Elders and Stroebel donated his door prize to the Veterans Special Event Board.

Following the General Council meeting, approximately 30 Tribal members participated in the second Community Input meeting seeking suggestions on possible September advisory vote topics.

The non-executive session portion of the General Council meeting can be viewed on the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org. It can be accessed by clicking on the News tab and then Videos. ■

Tribal Council adds 20 to Restoration Roll

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

During a special meeting held Thursday, Feb. 28, Tribal Council voted to add 20 Tribal members to the Restoration Roll.

Tribal Council will now request that the Secretary of the Interior approve the Restoration Roll corrections.

Tribal members added to the roll were Marcel Allen, Robert Rife, Charles Gleason Jr., Celia Randolph, Marcella Selwyn, Brian Howerton, Tracy Howerton, Cindy Larson, Trudy Sylvia, Daphne Turner, Joyce Wilson, Del Bolden, Gerard Bolden, Verle Kottke, Martha Jones, Margaret Chambers, JoBeth Harry, Patricia Uney, Jeffery Warren and Michael Warren.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, who recused herself from the process because Allen is her son, said it was a "joyous moment" for the Tribe to add Tribal members to the Restoration Roll who were entitled to be there in 1983.

In November, Tribal Council defined the word "entitled" in the Enrollment Ordinance as being alive on Aug. 13, 1954, and born to a Tribal member.

"Today we are overjoyed to bring 20 applications for Restoration Roll corrections forward," Kennedy said in a prepared statement. "We are grateful to the leadership shown by previous Tribal Councils who recognized the need for a Tribal process that could add Tribal members to the Restoration Roll. It was their foresight and commitment that put the process into place and gave us the foundation to move forward in November."

"We passed a resolution that provides clear criteria to consistently apply the phrase 'entitled to be on the membership roll of the Tribe on Aug. 13, 1954.' Many of the applications for Restoration Roll corrections that we are addressing today have been waiting for years. Today, we are able to move forward with their approval and bring closure to them and their families. This is a joyous moment for us as a Tribe. ... It is a very good day."

Tribal members seeking to be added to the Restoration Roll can request an application from the Member Services Department.

The video of the entire meeting can be viewed on the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the News tab and then Videos. ■

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic last year.

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■



SATURDAY MAY 18TH

EVENT BEGINS AT 1PM

EVENT INCLUDES Tribal and local organization information tables, a demonstration salmon pit, speakers, and community ceremony.

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Name changes in court

Tribal Court provides both minor and adult name changes to enrolled members for a filing fee of only \$30. If you have any questions or would like to request a packet, contact Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

Tribal Council continues revamp of committees, special event boards

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council continued its re-vamping of Tribal committees and special event boards by sending proposed amendments to the General Committee & SEB Ordinance out for a first reading, which will seek Tribal member input, on Wednesday, March 6.

Tribal Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland said during the Tuesday, March 5, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the proposed amendments reduce the number of seats on committees and special event boards from a maximum of seven seats to five seats.

In addition, the proposed amendments provide that regular meetings shall be held at least quarterly, provide guidelines for calling special meetings, establishes timelines for which notices must be provided to Tribal staff and establishes a code of conduct for those who serve on committees and special event boards.

The proposed amendments also allow for the automatic removal when a member misses three regular meetings within a year and allows members to attend in person, by phone or video conferencing.

The proposed code of conduct states that committee and SEB members “refrain from intruding on administrative issues that are the responsibility of Tribal staff.” Members who fail to comply with the code of conduct may be removed by Tribal Council.

The proposed amendments announcement will be printed in two issues of *Smoke Signals*, seeking Tribal member comment, before returning to Tribal Council for possible adoption.

In January, Tribal Council adopted amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance that regulate how often the Enrollment Committee can meet.

In other committee-related action, Tribal Council increased the committee honorarium hourly rate from \$9 to \$10.50 an hour and transferred \$1,134 from contingency to committee budgets to cover the increase.

Tribal Council also approved applying to the Oregon Department of Transportation for \$135,400 of the Tribe’s Special Transportation Fund transit allocation and \$98,095 in federal pass-through transit funds. The funds will be used to continue the Tribe’s transit agreements with the Tillamook County Transportation District and Yamhill County Transit Area for service to McMinnville and Salem.

Finally, Tribal Council also approved the enrollment of an infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Eleven drummers and singers who were in Grand Ronde for the March 8-9 Agency Creek Round Dance and led by Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting. Tribal Council gifted the singers and drummers jars of huckleberry jam and cans of salmon in appreciation of their performance.

Also included in the March 6 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that OK’d Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. designing this year’s Spirit Mountain Casino Rose Festival float, authorized Tribal Attorney Rob Greene to sign a complaint in the National Prescription Opiate Litigation for filing in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and set the March 15 per capita payment at \$1,000.

The entire meeting can be viewed on the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Cashing out



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Controller Linda Hanna cuts the cake during her retirement party held in the Finance Department conference room on Thursday, Feb. 28. She retired at the end of February after working for the Tribe for almost 11 years.

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Controller Linda Hanna is presented with a blanket by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Secretary Jon A. George during her retirement party held in the Finance Department conference room on Thursday, Feb. 28. Hanna retired at the end of February after working for the Tribe for almost 11 years.

Grand Ronde Housing Department



Opportunity for comment

2018 Annual Performance Report (APR) for Housing

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to eligible Indian tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Tribe, through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Department (GRHD,) received multiple grants under this program which were active during 2018. Comments on the Annual Performance Report are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the Housing Department office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2019.

All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD.

A celebration of local foods, farmers, hunting, and gathering

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Saturday, March 16th | 10am-1pm
Grand Ronde Gym

FREE & OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
COMMUNITY LUNCH @ 12PM
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Questions? Contact Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663

First Wellness Night



Anthony Quenelle makes a cedar bundle with Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator Keri Kimsey during the Family Cultural Wellness Night held in the Tribal gym on Monday, March 11. The event provided participants the opportunity to work with programs across the Tribe to provide cultural opportunities for young families and the community.

Parents and children participate in activities during the Family Cultural Wellness Night held in the Tribal gym on Monday, March 11.



Ila Mercier, 4, receives help from her cousin, Kyoni Mercier, in making a tiny doll during the Family Cultural Wellness Night held in the Tribal gym on Monday, March 11. The event provided participants the opportunity to work with programs across the Tribe to provide cultural opportunities for young families and the community.

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BIA supervises constitutional amendment election

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for a 69.7 percent majority, which is slightly more than the two-thirds needed to amend the Tribal Constitution.

Only two proposed constitutional amendment changes have ever received sufficient yes votes to pass – the July 1999 enrollment requirements that created the split-sibling situation and the February 2008 proposal to increase the relinquishment period from one to five years.

Other constitutional amendment proposals have either failed to garner the 66.7 percent majority mandated by the Tribal Constitution or have been outright defeated.

Since the election is being supervised by the BIA, Tribal members wanting a voice on the issue had to specially register. The BIA still supervises Grand Ronde constitutional amendment elections because a proposal to remove the federal government from the process was defeated 381-230 in 2015.

During the last three constitutional amendment elections held in 2016, 2015 and 2012, an average of 1,248 Tribal members registered to vote. For the March 22 split-sibling constitutional amendment election, 1,293 Tribal members registered.

According to the Member Services

Department, approximately 4,880 Grand Ronde Tribal members are 18 or older, making them eligible to register to vote – 26 percent did so.

The original Jan. 25 deadline to register for the election was extended to Friday, Feb. 22, after a month-long partial federal government shutdown prompted the BIA and Tribe to postpone the process. The original Election Day was slated to be Feb. 25.

Two-thirds of those who vote will have to approve for the split-sibling amendment to be adopted, as well as 30 percent of those who registered – 388 – must cast a ballot for the election to count. In the last three constitutional amendment elections, turnout has not been an issue with an average of 61.3 percent of those who registered to vote eventually casting ballots.

Debate almost nonexistent

Unlike previous constitutional amendment elections, debate over the issue has been muted.

The entire nine-member Tribal Council supports adoption of the amendment and all Tribal Council members have appeared in videos that have been posted on the Tribal government's Facebook page. Six out of nine Tribal Council members wrote essays supporting the amendment's adoption in the

March *Tilixam Wawa*.

Besides a Tribal Council-signed letter of support, *Smoke Signals* has not received any letters either in support of or against the proposal.

Tribal Council also held educational sessions regarding the issue in Portland and Eugene, and two in Grand Ronde in February and March.

Social media, as well, has been relatively silent and absent the heated, rancorous debate that has occurred concerning other constitutional amendment proposals. Public social media posts have been overwhelmingly supportive of fixing the problem.

Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson, whose split-sibling family situation has become well known throughout the Tribe, spoke at the Sunday, March 3, General Council meeting and encouraged people to support the proposal and fix the split families.

Wilson's family was featured in an October 2011 *Tilixam Wawa* in the run-up to the last election that attempted to fix the split-family issue.

Wilson's youngest son, Travis, was born 18 days before Tribal voters tightened enrollment requirements in 1999. He was enrolled and then disenrolled because of that

vote while his three older siblings remain Tribal members and receive benefits, such as per capita and educational funding.

"I have talked about this in the past and this is an issue affecting our family strongly," he said. "For us, it's very simple. I've got four kids and the first one was enrolled. My wife is not Tribal, so we used half my blood to enroll him. The second one was enrolled. We used half my blood. Third one, worked the same. So, from my perspective, what's the fair thing for the fourth one? And I think the fair thing, with the same parents, is the fourth one should be able to enroll and should be able to use half my blood. That seems pretty straight-forward to me."

"If you are still debating this, I would like to ask you to put yourself in the place of a parent and if this was your child you were talking about on whether they got fair treatment, what would you do? And I just can't imagine a parent saying 'No, I would not allow this for my child.'"

Only 46 percent of those who voted in November 2011 supported the proposed enrollment amendments, which were defeated ostensibly because it was a "bundled" all-or-nothing proposal that would have changed several enrollment requirements at once. ■

‘The United States has not lived up to this obligation’

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2016 and 2018, respectively, on the same issue.

“The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has suffered severe injustices,” Kennedy said in her five-minute oral testimony before the subcommittee. “Back in the treaty-making era in the 1850s, the government approached us and entered into seven treaties. We have seven ratified treaties. We are a strong people. We occupied the area of western Oregon, a vast land area. ... I wanted you to know that through that treaty-making era, in exchange for our lands we pre-paid for certain things through those treaty obligations. And those were to have a homeland; they were to have health, education. We were to have a place where we could live and raise our families. A place where we could remain self-sufficient.”

Kennedy outlined the issue that Terminated Tribes, like Grand Ronde, Siletz, Coquille and Cow Creek in Oregon, face after being Terminated and then Restored. Those Termination years denied the Tribes benefits allocated to other Tribes through federal funding, such as BIA monies for police services.

“Due to the unavailability of recurring public safety funding, Grand Ronde and other restored Tribes must apply for grants, primarily those from the Department of Justice,” she said in her written testimony. “These funds have helped, but they are not available every year nor are they sufficient. Grants pit Tribes against each

In 2011, the Tribe started its own police department and a year later assumed primary responsibility for enforcing criminal law on Tribal lands.

other for limited funding and come with restrictions that condition how funds can be used.”

Kennedy said Terminated Tribes face special circumstances, especially Tribes in Public Law 280 states, such as Oregon, where the state was given the authority to prosecute crimes in Indian Country. However, because of “slow response” by police to incidents on the Grand Ronde Reservation, the Tribe entered into an enhanced services agreement with Polk County in 1997. Under the agreement, the Tribe through Spirit Mountain Community Fund allocated more than \$6 million for increased police coverage by the Sheriff’s Office in the area between 1997 and 2014.

In 2011, the Tribe started its own police department and a year later assumed primary responsibility for enforcing criminal law on Tribal lands. In addition, passage of Senate Bill 412 granted Tribal police officers the ability to enforce Oregon state law, which means Tribal police are now supplementing county and state law enforcement efforts instead of vice versa.

Currently, Grand Ronde’s annual police department budget is \$1.1 million with the Tribe supplying more than 70 percent of the cost.

“Relying on grants, however, is not a viable long-term strategy for the Tribe,” Kennedy said in her pre-

pared testimony. “Grants are not always available for the equipment and personnel the Tribe needs and, when available, provide funding for no more than a few years.”

Kennedy said that adequate Tribal police funding also would be one of the most effective ways of preventing violence against Native women.

“Our Tribal police are sensitive to our culture and ways of living,” she said. “As such, they are easily approached by residents who know of situations that may soon lead to violence.”

Kennedy also cited the other Terminated and Restored Tribes in Oregon. She said the Coquille Indian Tribe spends \$700,000 annually on its police department, which has four sworn officers. Sixty-six percent of the Coquille’s calls are for cases not on Tribal lands.

In addition, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians contract with Douglas County for 2.5 officers and the Siletz Indians could use Bureau of Indian Affairs funding to assist in providing adequate public safety.

The BIA does not recognize a federal responsibility to fund Tribes in Public Law 280 states.

“The United States has not lived up to this obligation,” Kennedy said. “The funding available for Tribal police and courts is grossly inadequate, spread across multiple federal agencies with different requirements, and primarily distributed through short-term competitive grants that cannot be used

to fund basic operations.”

In closing, Kennedy said a “robust” Tribal police force is critical to the health of Reservation communities.

“Tribal police forces are terribly underfunded and Tribes nationwide are suffering from staggering violent crime and victimization rates,” she said. “PL 280 Tribes and those facing the challenges of Termination and Restoration are disproportionately impacted by this underfunding. As Congress determines how to best allocate funds, Grand Ronde asks that increased and targeted funding for these Tribes be given a high priority.”

Kennedy also touched on two other funding issues in her submitted and oral testimony – more funding for the Indian Health Service to improve health care for Native Americans and for the Army Corps of Engineers to improve habitat for winter steelhead.

Ranking Republican Rep. David Joyce of Ohio thanked Kennedy for pointing out that the General Accounting Office found that the Indian Health Service spends \$4,078 per patient while Medicaid spends more than \$8,000 per beneficiary and Medicare spends more than \$13,000 per person annually.

Other Tribal leaders who testified along with Kennedy included Puyallup Vice Chairman David Bean and National Congress of American Indians President Jefferson Keel.

Kennedy was joined by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene on her trip to testify. Before testifying, they visited with several members of the Oregon congressional delegation, including Sen. Ron Wyden and Reps. Kurt Schrader and Suzanne Bonamici. ■

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Seeking employment but have no previous experience with Excel or Word? This is the class for you! Contact the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) for more information.

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Microsoft Word Level I

Course Outline

1-Day 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Course Description:

Learn to create documents using Microsoft Word. The class includes: creating and editing documents, saving and retrieving documents, selecting text, formatting characters and paragraphs, using keyboard shortcuts, understanding fonts, using auto-spell and setting tabs and margins.

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Contact: Isabell Bobb at 503-879-2188 or

Lori Sterling at 503-879-2127 or

tero@grandronde.org

Class size is limited

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Sharing Our Stories

learn know understand

Join David Harrelson, Cultural Resources Department Manager and Jedd Schrock, Linguist for a conversation about traditional stories, languages and ethnographies of Grand Ronde.

All are welcome to attend, and no prior knowledge is needed.

Noon Stories 12:10 - 12:50pm

Evening Stories 5:15 - 6:15pm

Two sessions are being offered each day, attend one or both sessions on:

Monday February 11th

Monday February 20th

Monday March 18th

Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center Conference Room

**There will be no food provided at these events. You may bring your own bagged lunch.



Former Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi joins hands with Tribal Council member Kathleen George while dancing during the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8.



Participants join hands and dance during the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The event is hosted by the Youth Prevention Program.



Saul Jurado Jr., 1, joins in with the drummers during the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The event is hosted by the Youth Prevention Program.

Round Dance

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted the first day of the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. Participants came from several states along with Canada. The event was hosted by the Youth Prevention Program.

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Antoinette Aguirre (Navajo Diné) of Hillsboro, Ryan Sealy and her daughter, Priscilla Harjo (both Chickasaw), of Scappoose dance during the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8.

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Dancers join hands and take part in the 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The event is hosted by the Youth Prevention Program.



Josh Cocker (Kiowa Tongan), front left, talks about Fire stories during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Native Youth Wellness Day held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. Cocker said that the stories were gifted to him from his grandparents and Elders, and that the stories fuel the fire within him. The Native Youth Wellness Day is sponsored by the Tribe’s Youth Prevention Program. The day was held after a 90-minute delay caused by snowfall in western Oregon that eventually dissipated and melted.

Youth Wellness Day



From right, Makai Simmons, 15, avoids the tag of Hawk Squetimkin, 12, and Kiah Runningbird, 12, during a game played during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Native Youth Wellness Day held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The Native Youth Wellness Day is sponsored by the Tribe’s Youth Prevention Program.



Rip Kimbell, 14, of the Siletz Valley School, participates in a game during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Native Youth Wellness Day held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The Native Youth Wellness Day is sponsored by the Tribe’s Youth Prevention Program.

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Jay Jay Ambrosio, 17, Sophia Morning-Star, 15, and Kailiyah Krehbiel, 17, work on a necklaces at the Act of Kindness table during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Native Youth Wellness Day held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 8. The necklaces were made and given to people the makers did not know. The Native Youth Wellness Day is sponsored by the Tribe’s Youth Prevention Program.

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'It's harder dating when you're older'

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and helped me make a profile."

Cecil, a Marine Corps veteran who lived in Oklahoma, noticed Linda's comments on different posts. He liked what he saw and decided to send her a friend request.

"I was really excited to have a friend who was Native American, but I didn't realize he lived in Oklahoma when I accepted the request," Linda says. "So we began exchanging messages. This continued for eight months.

Cecil, whose Native heritage includes Kiowa, Pima and Maricopa, wanted to speak with his new friend on the phone, but Linda was hesitant.

"I wanted to get to know him through his words and see what he was like," she says.

Finally, Linda consented to a phone call, much to Cecil's relief.

"I wanted to call her because things can be misinterpreted when you are writing them out instead of speaking," he says. "I wanted to hear her voice and get to know her better that way."

Once the phone calls began, Linda's hesitation melted, as did her heart.

"I loved his voice and the way he talked to his grandkids," she says. "He warned me not to get too attached, but I already knew that he was the one."

After four months of nightly phone calls, Linda decided to fly to Oklahoma and meet her long-distance love in person.

She had tickets to leave in late January 2017, but after telling Cecil she didn't like the thought of



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Elders Linda and Cecil Donahue share their story of meeting on Facebook, falling in love, bringing him from Oklahoma and settling in Grand Ronde at the Elders Activity Center on Thursday, March 7.



the one, but I was very shy about meeting in person. I certainly never intended to meet a guy online!"

And Cecil's thoughts as he waited?

"I couldn't wait to plant a big kiss right on her lips," he says. "I asked her beforehand if that was OK to do and she said 'Yes.' But, when I did she acted really shy."

Linda's reaction to seeing Cecil in person for the first time was joyous.

"He was everything I thought he was," she says. "He was perfect to me the whole time I was there."

The couple had their first official date at an Oklahoma steakhouse.

"I fell in love with him all over again during that visit," Linda says.

The two acknowledge that dating and finding lasting love as Elders is challenging, but not impossible.

"It's harder dating when you're older," Linda says. "I was so nervous about everything. I had been in relationships with abusers, so it was very important to me to find someone who didn't use alcohol. Cecil didn't drink so that made me

happy. I did not want to deal with that and it seems like a lot of people just drink and don't do anything else."

Adds Cecil, "Don't quit trying to meet someone. Try again if it doesn't work out. I had prayed over things for a long time and had given up meeting anyone. Then, out of the blue Linda was there. Just like a sign. She was everything I thought she was going to be."

In August 2018, the two decided that Cecil would move to Grand Ronde to join Linda. Her mother, Myrna Brandon, lives in the area, along with other family and Linda wanted to remain close by.

En route to Grand Ronde, Cecil's van experienced mechanical problems and they had to leave it in Flagstaff, Ariz., and continue their travels by bus, arriving just before the Tribe's annual Contest Powwow in mid-August.

The two planned to return and retrieve the vehicle a few months later, but life had a different plan when Linda began feeling short of breath and tired. A doctor's visit confirmed heart problems, and she was hospitalized and underwent an operation.

"I was given a new valve," she says. "I healed really fast and I give all the credit to the Creator."

"The way we have looked at it, things were all planned out the way they were supposed to happen," Cecil says. "The doctor told Linda if she had gone back with me to get the car, she would not have made it back."

He adds that while the two share a deep sense of spirituality, he is not religious whereas Linda tends to be more traditionally church-oriented in her beliefs. But it suits them just fine.

"I have a smile on my face and I'm happy," Cecil says. "I figure at our age, there is no point in wasting time so you should enjoy it."

Linda agrees.

"Life is too short and I am very happy I took the chance," she says. ■

TRIBAL COURT

DEADLINE EXTENDED Request for Qualifications

The Tribe is seeking Requests for Qualifications from individuals interested in serving as the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court. This is a part-time, Tribal Council-appointed position with a term of two years.

Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019.

Please submit materials to:
Stacia Hernandez, Chief of Staff
stacia.martin@grandronde.org
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Angela Fasana, Court Administrator
angela.fasana@grandronde.org
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information or for kitchen and hall rental, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

Housing Association seeking scholarship applicants

The Northwest Indian Housing Association is accepting applications from enrolled Tribal members for the 2019 Youth Scholarship Program.

To be eligible, applicants must be members of an active Housing Association voting member Tribe and not have reached their 24th birthday by the application deadline. Grand Ronde is an active voting member.

Applications can be obtained by going to www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program header. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted via e-mail to info@nwiha.org on or before 5 p.m. Monday, March 25.

All applicants will be notified of the Executive Committee decisions. Successful applicants will be recognized at the banquet to be held Tuesday, April 2, at Mill Casino Hotel in Coos Bay. Any questions can be addressed to info@nwiha.org or by calling 360-220-9212. ■

Community Fund tops \$80 million in giving

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, surpassed the \$80 million mark in giving when it awarded \$544,500 in grants on Wednesday, March 13.

Sixteen large grants and eight small grants were awarded during the first-quarter check presentation held in the Governance Center Atrium. The grants included three arts and culture projects, nine education projects, one environmental preservation project and 11 health projects.

Since its inception in 1997, the Community Fund has awarded 2,727 grants to 1,139 nonprofit organizations for a total of \$80.47 million in giving. The Community Fund receives 6 percent of Spirit Mountain Casino's proceeds to distribute to nonprofits in 11 northwest Oregon counties.

Tribal Elder and former longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison opened the check presentation with a prayer and Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach performed on Native American flute.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry introduced Tribal Council members in attendance, which included Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Kathleen George, who also serves on the Community Fund Board of Trustees.

Attendees then watched a 14-minute video that surveyed the Tribe's history and featured organizations that have been helped by Community Fund grants.

Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears discussed new initiatives the fund is currently working on, including starting a podcast and newsletter, as well as the creation of a wall dedicated to the Community Fund that soon will be erected at Spirit Mountain Casino.

The Community Fund features a different nonprofit organization at every quarterly grant presentation. The first quarter featured ChickTech, which helps young women get interested in the male-dominated field of technology.

Chief Executive Officer and



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Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon Community Relations Manager Felicia Wells-Thomas, right, shakes hands with Spirit Mountain Community Fund Grants Coordinator Jesse Knight and Tribal Council member Kathleen George during the first quarter Spirit Mountain Community Fund check presentation.



Mid-Valley Healthcare Education Coordinator Nancy Leon is wrapped in a blanket her organization won in a raffle at the end of the first quarter Spirit Mountain Community Fund check presentation held in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center on Wednesday, March 13. Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Michael Cherry and Tribal Council member Kathleen George presented the blanket.

founder Janice Levenhagen-Seeley said her experiences of trying to get hired and then work in a field dominated by males prompted her to start the nonprofit, which now has 27 chapters across North America and had 1,500 volunteers in 2018.

"Our mission is to get more girls interested in technology," Levenhagen-Seeley said. "We're excited to envision a future for the technology industry that includes all women across the United States."

She added that she felt "uplifted and joyful" following the site visit conducted by Cherry and Sears.

Sears then read off this quarter's grant recipients while Cherry and Kathleen George distributed the checks.

Large grants recipients were:

- Clackamas Women's Services of Oregon City, \$50,000 for expanding its children's program;
- Portland Homeless Family Solutions, \$50,000 to help prevent homelessness for families with children;

- St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County Inc. of Eugene, \$50,000 for its transitional housing project;
 - ChickTech of Portland, \$35,000 to foster technology education for girls in rural Oregon;
 - Dental Foundation of Oregon in Wilsonville, \$50,000 for its tooth taxi;
 - Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley in Eugene, \$20,000 for its Healthy Habits program;
 - Children's Institute of Portland, \$35,000 for culturally responsive support to infants and toddlers at Earl Boyles Elementary School;
 - Long Tom Watershed Council of Eugene, \$25,000 to fund Native youth internships to support traditional ecological knowledge;
 - All Hands Raised of Portland, \$25,000 to strengthen kindergarten transition;
 - Bridgeway House of Eugene, \$25,000 to fund a home therapy program for autistic children;
 - Downtown English of Springfield, \$20,000 for its literacy program;
 - KindTree-Autism Rocks of Eugene, \$12,000 for its Training for Success program;
 - Willamette Riverkeeper of Portland, \$20,000 for its Pearl Shells of Wisdom effort;
 - Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon, \$30,000 to provide business training and capital for immigrants and entrepreneurs of color;
 - Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, \$7,500 for afterschool programs to build Pacific Islander youth leadership skills;
 - August Wilson Red Door Project of Portland, \$40,000 for its "Evolve!" project.
- Small grants that were distributed

- ed included:
- Tyron Life Community Farm, \$7,500 for its "Staying Sacred in a Violent Society" project;
 - Oregon Children's Theater Company of Portland, \$5,000 for "Ticket to Read: Linking Literacy to Live Theatre";
 - Gleaners of Clackamas County Inc. of Oregon City, \$7,500 to purchase a warehouse forklift;
 - Florence Food Share, \$2,500 for health projects;
 - Philomath Youth Activities Club Inc., \$7,500 for its special dietary needs project;
 - Kukatonon of Portland, \$5,000 to expand its African dance troupe;
 - Mid-Valley Healthcare Inc. of Lebanon, \$7,500 for its "Next Steps" project;
 - William Temple Housing of Portland, \$7,500 for its family counseling program.

The Community Fund also raffled off an Ikanum Pendleton blanket at the closing of the check presentation that went to Mid-Valley Healthcare.

"On behalf of Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Board of Trustees and Tribal Council, we want to say hayu masi for everything that you do to make Oregon a brighter and better place," Cherry said. "Today, we celebrate you, your organization and your steadfast work to fulfill our mission and our vision at Spirit Mountain Community Fund."

"I want to thank you all, each and every one of you, for the work that you do in your community," said Kathleen George. "This is what Spirit Mountain Community Fund was created for, to invest in our communities at the grassroots level, to invest in the citizens who in their community see a problem, see a need and they step up and say, 'I can make that better.' So I want to thank each and every one of you for doing that."

Tribal grants also were funded in the first quarter, which totaled \$650,000. Those grants included:

- \$84,000 to the Burns Paiute Tribe to fund a cultural and heritage center;
- \$75,000 to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians for a Tribal museum and cultural center;
- \$80,000 to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for phase one of Siletz River habitat restoration;
- \$75,000 to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the Grand Ronde Depot preservation project;
- \$84,000 to the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation for furniture, fixtures and equipment for an education facility;
- \$84,000 to the Coquille Indian Tribe for construction and site preparation for the Ko-Kwell Wellness Center;
- \$84,000 to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs for the Old Historic Commissary rehabilitation construction project;
- And \$84,000 to the Klamath Tribes for a water preservation project. ■



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Walking On...

Anthony Allen Selwyn

June 27, 1955 – March 2, 2019

Tribal spouse Anthony “Tony” Allen Selwyn, 63, a resident of Grand Ronde, died Saturday, March 2, 2019, in Salem, Ore. He was born on June 27, 1955, in Omaha, Neb., the son of Henry George and Delphine Laplante Selwyn.

He lived in Wagner, S.D., and graduated from high school at Marty Mission in South Dakota. He was previously married to Carolyn Yvonne DeLong in 1973 and they divorced in 1977. They had three children together.

He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged. Tony worked for the Wagner Police Department and later lived in Sioux Falls, where he worked as a correctional officer for the jail. At the age of 25, he moved to Oregon, where he met Marcella May Norwest in Portland. They married on Oct. 6, 1982, in Oregon City.

Tony worked at Portland Community College as a public safety officer for 28 years. He retired in 2009 due to health issues. He received an associate degree from Portland Community College in criminal law.

To Tony, family was very important to him. The children were always hers, mine and ours, and always ours. He was a proud member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. He enjoyed creating several types of art, including cut glass art and woodworking. He also enjoyed reading. He was very community minded, bringing together all of the different churches in Grand Ronde under one roof for an evening of music and worship not long ago.

Tony is survived by his wife, Marcella; son, Lee (Mandy Lea) Selwyn; daughters, Stephanie Garcia, Norene Selwyn and Loretta (Cory) Meneley; son, Bad Temper “B.T.” Brien; grandchildren he raised as his own, Alicia Selwyn, Joel Selwyn, Mary Lopez and Heyaza Brien; stepchildren, Marla Ann Stanton, Shannon Stanton and Belinda Mercier; along with 32 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are sisters, Kathy, Barbara and Cherly Selwyn, and brothers, Roger, Frank and Henry Selwyn.

Tony was preceded in death by both parents; daughters, Mary Stanton and Saige Selwyn; brothers, Patrick, Michael, Timothy and Jim Selwyn; and sister, Mary Frankenstein.

Viewing was held Friday, March 8, in the Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym with interment following in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

To leave a message or memory for the family, visit www.dallastribute.com.



Dennis Lee Gleason

Nov. 15, 1947 – March 4, 2019

Dennis Lee Gleason was 71 when he passed away on Monday, March 4, 2019, in the loving arms of his family. He was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Dallas, Mo., to Frank W. and Marie E. (Minks) Gleason.

His younger years were spent in Bavaria and Salina, Kansas, with his parents and siblings: Frankie Gleason, Roger Gleason, Barbara Osborne, Gary Gleason, Charles Gleason, Bill Gleason, Ronny Gleason and Darlene Gleason. His family eventually moved to Oregon. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, attaining the rank of lance corporal.



After returning from his service, he raised his daughters, Tonya Gleason-Shepek and Tisha Gleason Pellett in the Salem area. Finally settling in Eagle Creek, he raised his daughter Elsie Gleason. His greatest joys in life were spent with his daughters; granddaughters, Kryshanne Smith and Laycie Pellett; grandson, Braxton Tucker; great-grandson, Reece Romans; and sons-in-law and many extended family and friends.

His generosity of spirit did not draw lines that kept others out. His was a life of circles that sought to bring others in. He believed family was everything and the bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.

We could talk endlessly about how funny, kind, generous, loving, intelligent and great Dennis is. We are reminded in Ecclesiastes that there is a time for everything. Even the end of this chapter in Dennis' great story. Jesus said all who come to me will be welcomed. Jesus offers hope that life here, when it comes to its natural close, is changed, not ended.

Imagine this day: A reunion with family. In the meantime, until each of our time comes, he would want us to carry on, live fully and deeply, laugh often and love all.

A visitation was held Tuesday, March 12, followed by funeral services at Wilhelm's Portland Memorial, 6705 S.E. 14th Ave., Portland, with pastors Ken Haller and Victor Cureton officiating. Interment was at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mount Scott Blvd., Portland.

The family held a celebration of Dennis Gleason's life immediately following at 24496 S.E. Filbert Road, Eagle Creek, Ore.

Nicholas Alan Blanchette

July 26, 1994—March 5, 2019

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Tribal member Nicholas Alan Blanchette, loving son and brother, passed away at the age of 24.

Nick was born on July 26, 1994, in Nederland, Texas. He entered the Marine Corps in 2012 and had plans of attaining an accounting degree.

Nick is fondly remembered for his dry wit and larger-than-life personality. He had a gift for making people laugh, and he drew them in with his life-of-the-party personality and his own infectious laugh. He had a gentle spirit and the biggest heart. Though he rarely asked for help, he would do anything for anyone, especially those closest to him.



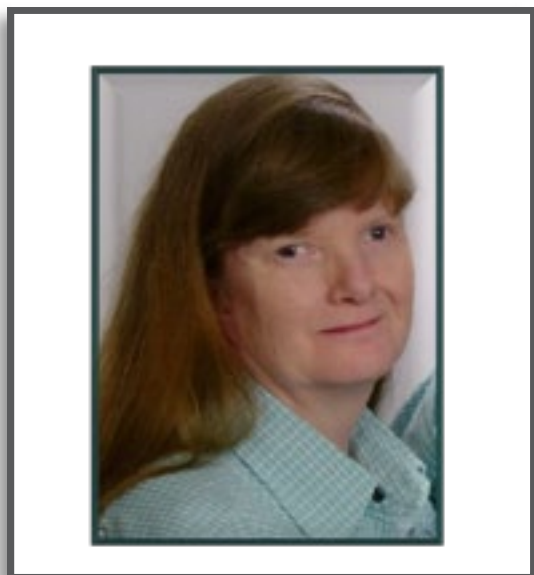
He had a soft spot for kids and they loved him equally in return. It wasn't uncommon to find him playing, even dancing, with his niece and nephew at family events. A true individual, Nick marched to his own beat. His interests were vast and included wrestling and jiu jitsu, and he was an avid reader.

He was a unique blend of fun-loving extrovert and independent drifter, of responsible hard worker and spontaneous cut-up. Nick was one of a kind, and though some could describe him as having a wandering heart, it was unwavering and steadfast for those he loved most.


Left to honor his memory are his father, Paul Blanchette; mother, Allison Broughton and her husband, Bill; brothers, Zachary Blanchette, Mitchell Broughton, and Billy Broughton and his wife, Shannon; sisters, Khrista Munger and her husband, Shawn, and Brittany Nikole Gibson; grandparents, Robert Blanchette and wife Earline, Sandy West and husband Melton, and Barbara Spoonemore and husband Barry; niece, Olivia Blanchette; nephews, Donovan Blanchette, Troy Broughton and Logan Broughton; and many other loving family members and friends.

A visitation was held Monday, March 11, at Parkway Life Church in Lumberton, Texas. A service to honor his life followed and a burial service was held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Beaumont, Texas.

In Loving Memory of NANCY (Kowing) EARL



CELEBRATION OF LIFE
April 13, 2019 - 10 A.M.
Grand Ronde Tribal
Community Center



CULTURAL EDUCATION

Are you missing out on what Cultural Education has to offer? Follow us on Facebook to get detailed class information, photos from events, and updates.

Plus, check out the tribal calendar for a quick glance of upcoming events and classes.

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!

Search Facebook for Grand Ronde Cultrual Education
Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar

Sourgrass Creek culvert project set for this spring

The Oregon Department of Transportation will begin construction work this spring to replace a failing culvert with a bridge along Oregon 22 west of Grand Ronde at mile point 11.33, which is about three-quarters of a mile east of Dolph Junction.

ODOT said it has worked to design the project so it is finished in a single season to minimize traffic effects and delay times. Construction work will require single-lane closures and 24-hour traffic control by flaggers.

There also will be six weekends where full closure of the road will be required. Specific dates have yet to be determined by the contractor.

During the full closures, traffic will be diverted to U.S. 101 or Oregon 18. Additional information on the project is available at www.oregon.gov/odot/projects and type 19935 into the project list search bar. ■

Veterans Royalty

Veterans Royalty work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB). They attend powwows, parades, fundraisers, meetings and other events with the Veterans SEB and the Honor Guard. They interact with and represent all veterans. They also work with the Grand Ronde Royalty during events and activities such as Restoration, parades and fundraisers. The Veterans Royalty should know what a veteran is and the different military branches.

When Veterans Royalty attend events, they are expected to stay for the duration of the event. This includes helping to set up events, meetings and parades and dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired. Veterans Royalty should have their own regalia and be willing and able to dance.

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all Tribal youth to join.

Warriors — 8-18 years of age
Junior Veterans Queen — 11-13 years of age
Senior Veterans Queen — 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
5. Sign and comply with Veteran Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of:) Case No.: C-19-002

Woods, Krista K.)

Applicant.) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

) [ADULT]

NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on

the 4th day of February, 2019, requesting that Petitioner's name be

changed from Krista Kay Woods to

Krista Kay Holman

The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause

why the name change should or should not be granted. Any person objecting to the proposed

name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of

publication of this Notice, as to why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed

change of name.

DATED this 04 day of February, 2019.

Krista D Woods

Petitioner

Krista Woods (Print Name)

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent):

Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

Return this application to: Veterans SEB, c/o Public Affairs

9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Questions? Contact Chelsea Clark at 503-879-1418

or chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

Project LAUNCH News & Info!

(Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children Health)

The purpose of this program is to promote OVERALL wellness of young children from birth to eight years within our Tribe and Community. Below you will find a list of what LAUNCH will be focusing on throughout 2019-2023. The population of focus for LAUNCH is CTGR enrolled member children 0-8, their families, & enrolled member descendants.

Project LAUNCH Focus Points

✓ To support & promote mental health & wellness & to reduce the impacts of trauma in the Tribal Community.

✓ To strengthen & enhance the partnership between health & mental health services & departments.

✓ To bridge the gaps between Tribal wellness services & the Tribal families in the Community.

✓ To provide the Community with culturally driven activities, mental health promotion and prevention, awareness events, & trainings around young child wellness.

✓ To make sure children are to be thriving in safe, supportive environments, & entering school ready to learn & able to succeed.

•Upcoming Events the LAUNCH team will be attending:•

Spring Break Kick-off Youth Pow Wow (3/22/2019)

We understand this is new to our Community & you may have a lot of questions. We encourage you to please contact Keri Kimsey the Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator at 503-879-2476 or email at: keri.kimsey@grandronde.org



Thursday, Feb. 21

- Warrant arrest in the 8500 block of Fort Hill Road. Male subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Community Corrections warrant for probation violation and unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Motorist assist occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a civil issue in the 30300 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported burglary in the 8400 block of Southwest Hebo Road.

Friday, Feb. 22

- Assist outside agency with a reported suicidal subject in the area of milepost 5 on Salmon River Highway in Lincoln County.
- Assist outside agency with a DUII (controlled substance) investigation in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic stop in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway. Male subject was issued a citation to appear on the criminal charge of DUII (cannabis).
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a male subject who was involved in an assault that occurred in Klamath Falls.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Feb. 23

- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a male subject who was involved in an assault that occurred in Klamath Falls.
- Assist outside agency with a non-injury, single-vehicle crash in the area of milepost 21 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Drug complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.
- Assist outside agency with a reported illegal burn in the 8300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant arrest in the 22000 block of Highway 18B in Willamina. Male subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County Circuit Court warrant for DUII and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a male subject who was involved in an assault that occurred in Klamath Falls. The suspect vehicle was located in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported dispute in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported trespass in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Feb. 24

- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 23000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported two-vehicle injury crash at the intersection of highways 18B and 22 in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a felon in possession of a firearm investigation in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.

Monday, Feb. 25

- Reported forgery in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported physical harassment in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

- Assist outside agency with a two-vehicle injury crash in the area of milepost 24 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a DUII (controlled substance) investigation at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Male subject was arrested on a valid Klamath County Circuit Court warrant for unlawful use of a weapon and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported hit-and-run traffic crash with property damage in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported stolen vehicle and DUII crash in the area of Main Street and Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

- Reported alarm in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported criminal trespass in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Warrant arrest in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested on a valid Oregon State Parole Board warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested for misdemeanor driving while suspended and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Feb. 28

- Citizen contact occurred in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint in the area of milepost 24 on Southwest Hebo Road. Vehicle was located in the area of milepost 10 on Highway 22. Male subject was arrested for DUII and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 8200 block of Fire Hall Road. Female subject was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, March 1

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Southwest Hebo Road.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint received in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 29 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Andy Riggs and Fire Hall roads.
- Criminal trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22. Male and female subjects were issued citations to appear on the criminal charge of failure to return a suspended driver's license.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, March 2

- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the area of milepost 18 on Salmon River Highway.
- Alarm in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist occurred in the area of milepost 19 on Salmon River Highway.
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested for disorderly conduct, harassment and criminal mischief, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, March 3

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 700 block of Conestoga in Willamina.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 28 on Salmon River Highway.

Monday, March 4

- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. Female subject was issued citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Her vehicle was impounded.
- Assist outside agency with a reported dispute in the 1600 block of Center Street in Sheridan.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Male subject was transported to Salem Hospital by West Valley Fire District personnel.
- Reported disturbance in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, March 5

- Assist outside agency with a non-injury, two-vehicle crash in the area of milepost 23 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. Male subject was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas for driving while suspended (misdemeanor) and a valid detention warrant.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, March 6

- Warrant arrest in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Male subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 100 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a single-vehicle rollover crash in the area of milepost 23 on Southwest Hebo Road. Two male subjects were transported to Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville and Salem Hospital by West Valley Fire District personnel.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Sgt. Rod McAllister

Police planning Drug Take-Back event

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, will hold a Drug Take-Back Day in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

The event will give the public its 17th opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by getting rid of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

The event cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps; only pills and patches. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

The DEA and its state, local and Tribal law enforcement partners removed 457 tons of medications during the last National Drug Take-Back event held in October. Last fall, residents of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington turned in more than 35,000 pounds of expired and unwanted medications at 209 take-back sites in the Northwest.

People are advised that the usual methods of disposing of unused medicines – flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash – pose potential safety, environmental and health hazards.

For more information, visit www.DEATakeBack.com. ■

Editor needed

Tribal member Samantha Dala, author of 11 children’s stories and three detective stories, is currently looking for someone to edit her newest book, “I Love My Jobs.” All books can be found on amazon.com. Dala can be reached at 503-559-7064.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY



Native and Indigenous Student Union

17th Annual Social Pow wow

Saturday March 16, 2019

Grand Entry 4pm

Men’s Traditional Dance Contest

Call 503.370.6265 for information



WORK AS A WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER



The Natural Resources Department is hiring Wildland Firefighters. As a Wildland Firefighter you will be assisting other Federal Agencies and Tribes across the US suppressing wildfires and working with prescribed fire.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Seasonal Job, Grade 6

Open to anyone over 18 years with a diploma/GED, Tribal or non-Tribal.

Closes on April 12th, 2019 or until filled.

CONTACT

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Jim.pinder@grandronde.org

Colby Drake
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Colby.drake@grandronde.org

APPLY

<https://www.grandronde.org/about/employment/>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

■ Tribal Lead Security Officer

Job #016-19

Engineering & Public Works

Grade: 7

Closing date: March 15

■ Barista (part-time)

Job #019-19

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Grade: 2

Closing date: March 28

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

■ Youth Crew Leader

Job #018-19

Natural Resources

Grade: \$13/hour

Closing date: May 17

■ Youth Crew Member

Job #017-19

Natural Resources

Grade: \$11.25/hour

Closing date: May 31

■ Forester

Job #121-18

Natural Resources

Grade: 12

Open until filled

■ Domestic Violence Relief Advocate

Job #011-18

Social Services

Grade: 8

Open until filled

This is a limited duration position through June 30, 2019; continuation is subject to grant funding.

■ Behavioral Health Coordinator

Job #002-19

Behavioral Health

Grade: 12

Open until filled

■ Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist

Job #124-18

Behavioral Health

Grade: 12

Open until filled

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

■ Physician

Job #083-18

Medical Clinic

Grade: 23

Open until filled

■ Young Child Wellness Project Manager

(This project is a five year grant and ends on 9/29/2023.)

Job #106-18

Health Administration

Grade: 14

Open until filled

■ Young Child Wellness Project Partner

(This project is a five year grant and ends on 9/29/2023.)

Job #107-18

Health Administration

Grade: 12

Open until filled

■ Radiology Lab Technician (on call)

Job #125-18

Lab

Grade: 8

Open until filled

Internal applicants are

1. Current regular employee, past their six-month Introductory period, receiving at least a “meets expectations” on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,

2. Grand Ronde Tribal members

3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or

4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment process

For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members

a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end.

2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy

■ Effective January 1, 2004, all employees are subject to random drug and/or alcohol testing.

■ All pre-employment offers.

■ When there is reasonable suspicion.

■ Post accident.

For more information about job positions available, please visit the Tribe’s employment page at www.grandronde.org

www.grandronde.org

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, now has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.


Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackaging them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackaging them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
(Monday closed from noon – 1 P.M.)
Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Winter Reading Incentive Program: The Get Fired Up For Reading program was a success with a total of 266 books read! A big thank you to all those who contributed to the success of this program!

Oregon Battle of the Books 2018-19: Available for check out at the Tribal Library.

Book review: “My Life” by Louis Kenoyer.
“My Life” by Louis Kenoyer lets the reader fully submerge themselves in what the daily life of a 19th century Indian living in Grand Ronde felt like.
Taking place in the late 1800s, this book follows Kenoyer (Indian name: Bahawadas) through his early life on the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. First-person narratives of hunting Mount Hebo, life on the farm, traveling to neighboring towns and attending school are just pieces of what you will find in this reminiscence of a Grand Ronde childhood.
This book is highly recommended for not only those interested in a first-person look at life on a Pacific Northwest Indian Reservation, but particularly those who have a personal history with Grand Ronde. This book allows the reader to truly develop a look at what it felt like to be living in Grand Ronde during those times. People, places and references to what many people still see today is one great treasure that is given through reading this book. — *Reviewed by Harris Reibach*

Donations: A special thanks to Debbie Marrington, Kathleen George and Mercedes Jones for their donations to the Tribal Library’s collection. We truly appreciate your donations.

Reminder: Donated items must be clean and in good condition.

Inter-Library loan services: The Tribal Library partners with Oregon State Library to offer “library to library” inter-library loan services.

Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

Spring Break Kick-off Youth Pow Wow



When: March 22nd @ 5:00
Where: Grand Ronde Tribal Gym

Dinner is provided. All dancers and drummers are invited.

For more information contact:
Brian Krehbiel @ 503-302-4955 or Halona Butler @ 503-580-9865



SCHOOL IS COOL LOGO CONTEST

Sponsored by the CTGR Education Committee

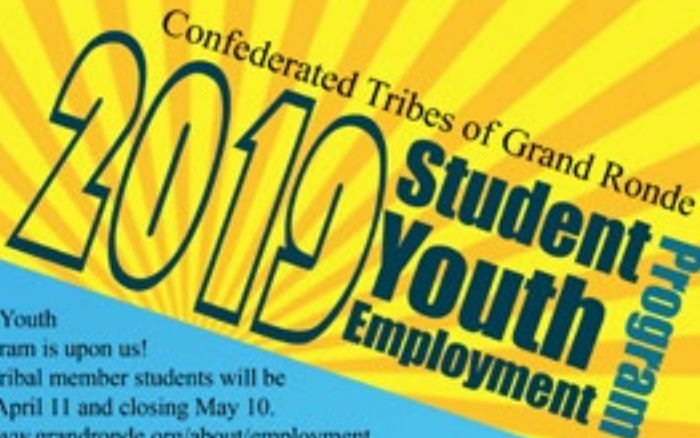
DESIGN OUR LOGO AND WIN!

- Contest open to students K - 12 who are enrolled in school.
- “School is Cool” must be used in logo design.
- Logo will be used on printed materials for School is Cool Dance Special at Contest Pow Wow in Grand Ronde.

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS APRIL 30, 2019

WINNING ARTIST PRIZE INCLUDES:
\$250 Amazon Gift Card
Akanum Saddle Blanket
Logo Sweatshirt & Backpack filled with School Supplies

Send entries and your contact info to: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Education Committee, Education Department
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
or email PDF to: deborah.bachman@grandronde.org



2019 Student Youth Employment Program

The 2019 Student Youth Employment Program is upon us! Applications for Tribal member students will be available starting April 11 and closing May 10. Apply online at www.grandronde.org/about/employment

Who is this program for: Tribal member youth between the ages of 14-18 within the current eighth grade through senior year in high school. Preference for position will be applied to juniors and seniors.

When does the SYE program start/end: June 3 - Aug. 18

Where are positions offered: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal campus, C-store, Chachalu Museum, Natural Resources, Spirit Mountain Casino and Marion/Polk Food Share


Professional development days: SYE employees will participate in four mandatory professional development presentations throughout the course of the summer program.

Topics include A) Financial Management
B) Human Resources: How to get a job/keep a job
C) College/Career Development
D) Culture/History

Key dates

Online Applications available	April 11	Need more information:
Last day to submit online application	May 10	Contact
Mock Interviews (Optional)	May 14	Misty Carl 503-879-1483
SYE Interviews	May 16	Tim Barry 503-879-2102
SYE program starts	June 3	
SYE program ends	Aug. 18	

Please note: Once the application has been received a follow up email will be sent with key information and next steps



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General Educational Development

START TODAY!

GET YOUR GED A LIFE CHANGING EVENT

Adult Education Building
GED Classroom

Earn your GED today!
Contact Tracy Biery for more information
503-879-1345 or tracy.biery@grandronde.org

We will help you every step of the way!

A GED Can
Help you get a job
Help you get into college
Increase your income
Provide you with a sense of accomplishment

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

We Want To Hear From You!

That's right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say. ■



Behavioral Health expansion to begin

Health and Wellness is pleased to announce that expansion of the Behavioral Health Department is scheduled to begin in mid-March. During the construction, entry to the Behavioral Health Department will be relocated near the main clinic entrance.

WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC.

JUST COME ON IN!

We will check your child's teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
Phone 503-879-2020
Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00–5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30



Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. The general population faces a lifetime risk for developing the disease of about 5 percent, while someone whose family has a history of colorectal cancer has a 10 to 15 percent chance of developing the disease. Approximately 140,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed and 56,000 people will die from the disease this year. Surpassing both breast cancer and prostate cancer in mortality, colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in numbers of deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer strikes men and women with almost equal frequency.

Colorectal cancer is often a silent disease, developing with no symptoms at all. When symptoms do occur they may include the following:

- Blood in or on the stool
- Change in bowel habits
- Stools that are narrower than usual
- General stomach discomfort (bloating, fullness, and/or cramps)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, constipation, or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely
- Frequent gas pains
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Rectal bleeding

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. All men and women aged 50 and older are at risk for developing colorectal cancer, and should be screened. Some people are at a higher risk and should be screened at an age younger than 50, including those with a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease; colorectal cancer or polyps; or ovarian, endometrial or breast cancer.

A low-fat diet, high in vegetable and fruit intake, and regular exercise can also lower your risk of developing colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer can be cured in up to 90 percent of people when it is discovered in its early stages. It is estimated that approximately 40,000 lives a year could be saved through widespread adoption of colorectal cancer screening and early treatment in men and women.

From the CDC and the American Society of Colon and rectal Surgeons

Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Pharmacy

Please be advised for: Refill Requests

In order to best serve you, please note the following time requirements for your refill requests:
(Valid) Refills remaining – Called in between 8:30 to 11 a.m., anticipated pickup/send out by 5 p.m. Called in after 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. next day pickup, excluding holidays and weekends.

NO refills remaining – up to 7 days*

*This allows us time to coordinate and correct any needs that may exist for your refill

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE OUT BEFORE THIS TIME FRAME ON A MAINTENANCE MEDICATION SO THAT WE CAN BEST ACCOMMODATE YOUR NEEDS.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your prescriptions needs.



Good news: We've finished mailing new Medicare cards across the country! You should've received your new card by now.

Here's what to do next:

- Carry and use your new Medicare card when you need care.
- Protect your Medicare Number and card, just like you would protect your credit card.
- Destroy your old Medicare card to help protect your identity.

Haven't gotten your new Medicare card yet? Sign in to your secure [MyMedicare.gov](#) account to see your Medicare Number and print your official card. If you don't have a MyMedicare account yet, sign up for free at [MyMedicare.gov](#) today!

Coming to the CTGR Portland Office Tribal Member and Colon Cancer Survivor, Amber Case!!



March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month and we bring you Amber Case.

Tuesday March 26th, 2019 10am to 1pm
4445 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland Or 97239



Amber will tell you her courageous story and there will be some good information on Colon Cancer prevention.

If you have questions please call 503-879-1881

Bus numbers 12, 64 and 92 all run by the Portland Office.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40.
For questions regarding scheduling, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■



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~ Salem ~

March 18: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.
March 19: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
March 20: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
March 21: Appointment only

~Siletz~

April 8: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April 9: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April 10: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April 11: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
April 12: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.



Free class-Make Parenting a Pleasure (MPAP)

WHEN- APRIL 9- MAY 21
5:00-7:30 P.M.

EVERY TUESDAY FOR 7 WEEKS

DINNER AT 5 P.M.

WHERE- GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY CENTER



Child Care provided to first 15 people to register!

Prizes & Great Information

Curriculum is based around ages 0-5
Topics- Discipline techniques, stress management, communication skills, self-care, child development and more!

Open classroom setting, lots of great discussions!

CALL 503-879-2041 TO REGISTER

FACILITATED BY: ALIEA FINNEY & STAFF



Native and Indigenous Student Union presents
17th Annual Social Powwow
Saturday March 16th, 2019
Sparks Athletic Center
1060 Mill St Se Salem, OR

Vendor Setup – Noon
Grand Entry-4pm
Ending – 10pm
Funding Guaranteed for first 10 drums



Master of Ceremonies: Bob Tom
Arena Director: David West
Host Drum: Star Horse
Dance Contest: Men's Traditional

Contact Office of Multicultural Affairs
503.370.6265 or gtoyama@willamette.edu

West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Name: _____ PH: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
DOB: _____ Gender: Male / Female (circle) CTGRTribal: Y / N (circle) IfTribal,roll# _____
DOE _____ Place of Entry _____
DOS: _____ Place of Separation _____
Rank: _____ Branch: _____ Honorable: Y / N (circle)
Deceased: Y / N (circle) DOD: _____ Place of Burial _____

*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to: Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please call Steve Bobb at 503-876-3118.

Deadline is March 15, 2019
Any applications received after March 15, 2019, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2020.