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## Election season officially begins

Seven candidates  
vying for Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Three incumbents and four challengers were nominated to run for Tribal Council during the General Council meeting held Sunday, June 30, in the Tribal Community Center.

Incumbents Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Jack Giffen Jr. are running to retain their seats while former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno is seeking to rejoin council after a two-year break in service.

Tribal members Peter Grout, Lewis Younger and Victor Cureton are all seeking their first terms on Tribal Council.

George, 47, is running for her second term after leading the pack in 2016 with 624 votes. She was nominated by fellow Tribal Council member Michael Langley.

Harvey, 57, is seeking her third term on Tribal Council. In 2013, she was the top vote-getter with 444 votes and was re-elected in 2016 with 557 votes. She was nominated by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

Giffen, 67, is seeking his sixth term on Tribal Council, having served from 2003 to '09 and then from 2010 to present. During his last run for office, he received 565 votes, finishing second behind George. He was nominated by Les Houck.

Leno, 68, retired from Tribal Council service in 2017 after serving 21 consecutive years. Five of those years he was Tribal Council chair.

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Salem Signs fabricator Mychal Pond and Parks Bronze owner Steve Parks prepare the “Visionaries” statue honoring Restoration figures Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes to be lifted by a crane for its installation in front of the Governance Center on Tuesday, July 2.**

## ‘Visionaries’ unveiled

Bronze sculpture honors three Restoration leaders

By Danielle Frost  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Three Restoration leaders will forever stand outside the Tribal Governance Center, overseeing what their years of hard work on Restoration has created.

On Tuesday, July 2, under a misty Oregon sky, the life-sized bronze sculpture of Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes, titled “Visionaries,” was unveiled before a crowd of Tribal members, employees, family and friends.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy couldn't contain her emotions as she recalled the trials and tribulations to restore the Grand Ronde Tribe.

“All that we see today goes back to the visionary leadership we had in the 1970s,” she said. “We want to celebrate and commemorate that. (Kimsey, Provost and Holmes) put themselves into very un-

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## DEQ slates Blue Heron public comment meeting

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

OREGON CITY – The state Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public meeting regarding the Grand Ronde Tribe's proposed purchase of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City on Wednesday, July 17.

The meeting, which will include a short presentation about the proposal and the chance to comment in person, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Drive.

The department is seeking comments on its proposed consent order for a Prospective Purchaser

**If you go**  
**Blue Heron Paper Mill consent order hearing**  
**When:** 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17  
**Where:** Museum of the Oregon Territory, 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City  
**More info:** 503-504-7906

Agreement with the Tribe concerning acquisition of the site.  
DEQ enters into such agreements at the re-

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quest of purchasers to expedite the cleanup of contaminated property and encourage property transactions that would otherwise not likely occur because of liabilities associated with purchasing a contaminated site.

Until its closure in 2011, the 23-acre site was

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**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 17.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, July 31.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 14.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 28.....	5 p.m.

*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

## Letters

**Dear Smoke Signals:**

My name is Joshua D. Haller. I've been searching my heart to find the words to relay my message to each one of you.

Charles D. Haller, aka Tar Tar, is my uncle, friend and very dear to my heart. He was by my side through the births of my two daughters, making sure they were all right. He has achieved the status of a hero in my heart as well as my children's and many others.

By his willingness to put his life in danger in order to protect the home of my children against destructive forces of nature created by a car fire, he did for my children and family what I could not due to my incarceration. And I will forever be in debt to him.

Charlie, I love you Browski.

And I can feel your pain every time I open a *Smoke Signals* and see a \$5,000 reward for information regarding Heather Cameron (Haller). I feel like I should do something and I've decided to reach out to the Tribe and donate \$1,000 of my money to raise her reward.

And I ask that each and every member capable of donating to this cause to do whatever they can. I am of limited resources due to my circumstances. But I believe Tonya Gleason-Shepek has been closely involved with this matter. Hopefully, she can contact me and we can start a GoFundMe page or something of that nature.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Contact info is Joshua D. Haller, No. BA0383, HDSP, Z-F-169, P.O. Box 3030, Susanville, CA 96127.

**Joshua Haller**

Roll #1994

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Send letters via e-mail to [news@grandronde.org](mailto:news@grandronde.org), or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to **smok signalz**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.

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Friday, Aug. 16, 2019 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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**Pre-registration is required BEFORE Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, at 4 p.m.**

Please contact Lisa Archuleta to preregister for pick up 503-879-1881

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No early or late pickups  
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**July**

- Wednesday, July 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 31 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 31 – Tribal Council Candidates Forum, 6 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

**August**

- Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Family Night Out, 4:30 p.m., Tribal campus, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2034.
- Thursday, Aug. 8 – Vocational Rehabilitation Culture Day, 10 a.m., Employment & Services Building Rooms 118 A & B, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-4535.
- Wednesday, Aug. 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Aug. 16-Sunday, Aug. 18 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at úyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road.
- Wednesday, Aug. 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

## Elders Marketplace scheduled

The Elders Marketplace will be held at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 18.

For more information, contact Julie Little at 503-689-5005 or Penny DeLoe at 971-241-0864. ■

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

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## Election Office opens July 22

The Election Board office has a new schedule for 2019. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from July 22 through Aug. 30. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

For convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver's license, member ID card, passport, etc.) attached need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 24. Tribal members may submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept your ballots on Saturday, Sept. 7.

For our members' convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day we will have a box in the Community Center where completed ballots can be cast. We will have ballots available, as we have done in the past, for those members who want to come in and vote in person.

It is the voters' responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day – be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 7. ■

## 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. ■

# Public hearing to be held July 17

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home to flour, saw and woolen mills, tannery operations, foundries, city waterworks and a power plant.

“Numerous environmental investigations performed on the property documented concentrations of polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum hydrocarbons and their byproducts, dioxins and metals present in site soil above human screening levels,” states a request for comments released by the department on Monday, July 1.

If the purchase goes through, the Tribe will be liable for initial and continuing obligations.

Initial obligations would include site stabilization, high priority cleanup actions, cleanup of soil through removal or capping, and preparation of a work plan and public outreach.

Continuing obligations would include ongoing cleanup activities as redevelopment occurs, such as abating hazardous building materials, handling contaminated materials properly and providing DEQ staff access to monitor cleanup efforts.

“(The Tribe) plans to redevelop the 23-acre property through place-making and redevelopment into a culturally accountable and economically viable benefit for the region,” the request for comments states, including a Riverwalk that would provide access for the public to view Willamette Falls.

The Tribe held a \$17 million supplemental budget hearing during

the Wednesday, July 10, Tribal Council meeting regarding its possible purchase of two properties in Clackamas County, including the Blue Heron Paper Mill site.

According to a Scope of Work also released by DEQ on July 1, the Tribe “intends to conduct investigation and remediation utilizing cleanup standards most applicable to the type of development, and in a phased approach over the course of the property's future redevelopment and reuse.”

High priority remedial actions include cleaning up a waste pile beneath a bleach plant, two catch basins and a leaking underground storage tank.

After signing a consent order with DEQ, the Tribe will have 60 days to prepare an initial summary report, a year to create an “overarching” work plan, 18 months to start work on the high priority remedial actions and two years to start working on other potential remedial actions.

The order of consent lists Tribal Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White as the project manager.

After the July 17 public hearing, DEQ will consider public comments before making a final decision as to whether it will enter into a proposed consent order with the Tribe.

For more information regarding the project, visit <https://www.deq.state.or.us/Webdocs/Forms/Output/FPController.aspx?SourceId=4811&SourceIdType=11>.

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Cheryl Grabham at 503-504-7906. ■



## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmək haws* – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“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:

- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 26.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit [211info.org](http://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](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## 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, July 19. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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: Debi Anderson.
- **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.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 5, in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **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.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).



**2014** – Tribal Elder and Navy veteran Gene LaBonte was honored during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at uyxat Powwow Grounds. During the Vietnam War, LaBonte served in Stockton, Calif., for three years, 11 months and 29 days. “I never went to sea,” he said. “I was a dry land sailor. It takes 100 nonfighting personnel to support one soldier.” He was active in veteran’s affairs and participated in many capacities for many years at the Tribe.

**2009** – Tribal Elder Steve Rife was in the midst of making his third commemorative walk from Table Rock to Grand Ronde. He walked up Interstate 5, approximating the actual route of the Applegate Trail, better known among Tribal members as the Trail of Tears. It brought several Tribes and Bands from southern Oregon’s Umpqua Basin and Rogue River Valley together for a 33-day, 263-mile march in 1856 to what became the Grand Ronde Reservation.



2009

File photo

**2004** – Oregon State University’s Native American Collaborative Institute sent student interns to work in Tribal communities as a part of its focused effort to serve Tribes. One student, Danielle Fournier, who was majoring in Ethnic Studies, served as a *Smoke Signals* intern for three months in the spring.

**1999** – The Tribe’s \$225,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund helped bring a new exhibit to the Oregon Historical Society. Called “Willamette Valley: Visions of Eden,” the new exhibit included several interactive, hands-on components ranging from video stations with archival footage showing “history in motion” to a recorded Native American story telling how Turkey Buzzard lost his feathers.

**1994** – Tribal member Clyde Stryker was featured as entrepreneur of the month. The Sherwood resident had owned Spirit Communications since 1993 with his wife, Gretchen. Spirit Communications was a voice and data insulation company. The Strykers installed and maintained the systems for commercial and private use. Their customer base included Tektronix, the city of Eugene, Valley Insurance and all Payless stores in Oregon.

**1989** – The Education Department reported that the 1988-89 school year had been a very successful one. During that time, 20 percent of the students had graduated and 70 percent were still pursuing degrees. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was also on the increase and a majority of students enrolled were on track to graduate.

**1984** – The Health Committee met with Interim Tribal Council to discuss the Equitable Fund Contract proposal for the Tribe to administer health care services in Grand Ronde. Employees were to include a health director, nurse, two nursing assistants and four temporary outreach workers, and a clerk. The purpose of the proposal was for the staff to work with the membership to help improve general health in addition to having services at Chemawa Clinic and contract care.

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

## Lamprey harvesting season ends July 31

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife set the lamprey harvest season at Willamette Falls from Saturday, June 1, through Wednesday, July 31.

Harvesting is allowed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Mondays. Harvesting is prohibited Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Harvesting is restricted to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the Horseshoe Area at the peak of the falls. Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only.

A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit. In addition, Tribal members can harvest for distribution to other Tribal members. However, the distribution must be done without charge.

Harvests must be recorded on an ODFW harvest card available from the Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW Office, 17330 S.E. Evelyn St., Clackamas. Harvest cards must be filed by Aug. 31.

People planning on harvesting lamprey should stop by the Natural Resources office off Hebo Road and pick up an information packet.

For more information, call 503-879-2376. ■



# Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don’t want adults thinking that they can’t use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

# Voter is responsible to make sure ballot arrives by Sept. 7

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He currently is a member of the Tribe’s Timber Committee and was nominated by Lonnie Leno.

Grout, 44, ran for Tribal Council in 2018, but dropped out of the race before the annual Candidates Forum was held. He works as a surveillance technician at Spirit Mountain Casino. He was nominated by Giffen.

Cureton, 67, also ran for Tribal Council in 2018, finishing fifth out of eight remaining candidates with 383 votes. He works for the Tribe as a Community Health driver and serves on the Tribe’s Election Board. He will be replaced by an alternate during the election season and was nominated by Ed Larsen.

Younger, 66, is making his first “and only” run for elected Tribal office. He has worked as the maintenance supervisor at Spirit Mountain Casino, as well as Public Works director for the Tribe. He also has served on the Board of Directors for Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. and on the Tribal Employment Rights Office Commission. He was nominated by Cassandra Scott.

**Election office opens July 22**

The Election Board office has a new schedule for 2019. It will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from July 22 through Aug. 30. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

For convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature attached — (driver’s license, member ID card, passport, etc.) — need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 24. Tribal members may submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 7.

For members’ convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a ballot box in the Community Center where completed ballots can be cast. Ballots will be available, as has been the practice in the past, for those members who want to come in and vote in person.

It is the voters’ responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day – be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 7.

Candidate statements were due to the Publications office by 5 p.m. Friday, July 12, and will be featured in the next edition of *Tilixam Wawa*, scheduled to be mailed out the following week.

Candidates were limited to 600-word statements and candidates had to submit their statements via e-mail to dean.rhodes@grandronde.org or on a compact disk or memory drive. Hand-written statements were not allowed to avoid transcription errors and late statements were not be accepted for any reason.

Candidate statements run “as is,” meaning the Tribe’s Publications staff does not edit the submissions in any way other than to ensure they do not exceed 600 words in length.

2019 marks the third year in a row that political ads will be allowed in *Smoke Signals*. Candidates can buy up to a cumulative full page of advertising in the July 15 through Sept. 1 editions of the Tribe’s independent newspaper with the largest permissible ad restricted to a half-page in any one issue.

A Candidates Forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, in the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. Questions for Tribal Council candidates may be e-mailed to candidatequestion@grandronde.org. Please include your name and roll number.

Ballots will be counted at the Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 7, and election results will be posted that evening on the Community Center’s front doors.

At the end of the special General Council meeting, Maxine Rock, Earnest Norton and Barbara Feehan won \$100 door prizes and Bud White, Rick George, Laura Gleason, Cassandra Scott and Lewis Younger won the \$50 door prizes. ■

# 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. ■

**Notice of planned ICDBG application & Community Development statement Early Childhood Education Building Addition Project**

The Grand Ronde Tribal Council collected comments and suggestions from the Tribal community regarding recent, current and proposed ICDBG projects, including at the June 12, 2019, Community Input meeting. Tribal staff are proposing an ICDBG project that provides: 1) an 850-square-foot classroom addition to the ECE Building for the K-2 after school program; 2) a renovated classroom on the adjacent wall to the addition as a new Early Head Start (EHS) classroom (707 square feet); 3) renovation providing bathrooms and storage space for both these classrooms, 4) a 270-square-foot addition to the kitchen and 83 square feet of kitchen renovation for the Early Head Start & Head Start programs; and 5) a 146-square-foot HS/EHS office area addition. The project funding includes \$208,032 from this HUD ICDBG request, \$167,000 in local IHBG matching funds, \$79,750 in Spirit Mountain Community Fund monies, \$124,080 in Early Head Start funding and \$76,138 in Tribal funds. The Grand Ronde Housing Department included this general project in the Tribe’s Indian Housing Plan.

The Tribe has received expanded Early Head Start funding to cover the operating cost for this additional EHS classroom. The added building space will increase facility operation and maintenance costs by an estimated \$18,000 a year.

To comment on this application, contact Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants manager, at 503-879-2250, kim.rogers@grandronde, or mail them to him at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Comments should be provided by 8:30 a.m. July 23, 2019. Tribal Council also will collect comments by their July 23, 2019, Legislative Action Committee meeting and at their July 24, 2019, Tribal Council meeting where they will consider authorizing this application. The resulting application will be available for review. ■

*NOTE: This ICDBG application is an amendment to the Tribe’s 2015 grant award when the Tribe applied to add preschool classroom and kitchen space to the ECE Building to benefit the EHS program. The Tribe would like to swap rooms so that the added classroom (larger) is used by the K-2 program and the renovated (smaller) classroom is used by EHS (which has class-staff ratio limits) and so that all the EHS rooms would be co-located while K-2 would be on the wall nearest Youth Education where the rest of the After School Program operates. The HUD review /approval process for this change requires resubmittal of the Tribe’s application in the way of requesting an amendment. [This proposed amendment was specifically included in the materials (fliers, banners, and PowerPoint presentation) at the June 12, 2019, Community Input meeting.]*

**Competitive Supplemental Indian Housing Block Grant Application for low-income housing: 5 Fourplex Apartment buildings & 3 Elder Duplexes**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is soliciting for grant proposals up to \$5 million with scoring favoring construction of new low-income housing units. The Tribal Housing Department is recommending applying for \$4,766,250 from this new IHBG competitive funding to construct the three low-income Elder duplexes now under design (north of the current Elder duplexes) and five additional fourplex apartment buildings which will be just north of the two currently under construction and which are already designed. The grant requires the Tribe to provide a 25 percent cost share and the Tribe plans to use as match \$983,075 from Tribal Housing’s formula IHBG funds, \$525,000 in new BIA road construction funds and \$80,000 from the value of the land to be used in this construction.

This project is proposed due to the waiting list of Tribal family households needing affordable housing in Grand Ronde. The project will provide 26 housing units much faster than had been planned and than otherwise could be afforded.

To comment on this application, please contact Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants manager, at 503-879-2250, kim.rogers@grandronde, or mail them to him at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Comments should be provided by 8:30 a.m. July 23, 2019. Tribal Council also will collect comments by their July 23, 2019, Legislative Action Committee meeting and at their July 24, 2019, Council meeting where they will consider authorizing this application.

Upon completion of this project (if selected for funding), the waiting list for the next phases of Tribal housing will greatly be reduced. Please contact Leon Ramos at 503-879-1310 if you want to be added to the waiting list of eligible families. ■



# Tribal Council moves forward with Blue Heron Paper Mill purchase

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is another step closer to owning land near Willamette Falls for the first time in more than 160 years after a series of 4-3 votes on Wednesday, July 10, that instructed the Lands Department to move forward with purchase and sale agreements on two properties that include the shuttered 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site.

In addition, Tribal Council approved a more than \$17 million supplemental budget for 2019 to fund the purchase of the two properties.

The properties include the Blue Heron site and approximately 1.5 miles of land that borders the site and Willamette River and features a potential boat dock. The two properties are owned by different people.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Mercier and Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr. and Jack Giffen Jr. dissented. Tribal Council member Lisa Leno was absent.

Finance Officer Chris Leno said he received 26 written comments regarding the proposed purchases from the membership and they were all supportive.

During the supplemental budget hearing, former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno called the purchase “one of the worst decisions the Tribe will ever make.” He also asked why the Tribe is not investing the money in Grand Ronde for Elders, education and veterans.

Tribal Elder Les Houck also said he was “totally against” the purchase. “I don’t think it’s a blessing for the Tribe, but a curse,” he said.

Tribal Elder Maxine Rock, however, called the site “sacred” and said the Tribe needs to purchase the property.

Tribal Elder Debi Anderson said she supports the purchase, calling it a “marvelous” opportunity for the Tribe to open Willamette Falls to the public.

According to a four-page frequently asked questions sheet distributed by Tribal Council before the meeting, “The Blue Heron property is a significant purchase that provides us with long-term investment opportunities while being a cultural site with significant cultural and historical connections for our Tribe and our Tribal community.

“An initial highest and best use analysis identified a mixed-use development, but the Tribe is in the process of doing a full highest and best use study for the site.”

Funds for the purchase will come from the Gaming Dividend Fund, which will be replenished with the future sale of the Multnomah Greyhound Park site in Wood Village. The Tribe purchased the Wood Village site for approximately \$10 million in December 2015 and cleared the site of the dilapidated racetrack stands.

Vice Chair Chris Mercier said he voted against the purchases because of “sticker shock” while other Tribal

Council members, such as Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Michael Langley, praised the long-term investment that they think will likely make money for the Tribe, as well as the cultural component of regaining ownership of the land.

Tribal Council approval occurred one week before the state Department of Environmental Quality will hold a July 17 public comment meeting in Oregon City regarding a Prospective Purchaser Agreement that would shield the Tribe from legal liability while it works to clean up any environmental damage found at the Blue Heron site, which has a long history of industrial usage.

“The reinvestment of the Grand Ronde Tribe is a reinvestment into the environment. It’s a reinvestment into improving water quality, rebuilding lamprey populations and restoring habitat,” the frequently asked questions sheet stated.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a resolution that supports the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board to “identify area-wide functions currently performed by the Indian Health Service, or that are not being performed, that could and/or should be performed by the board on behalf of the Tribes and to negotiate within the scope of work and budget of the contract so identified”;
- Approved a lease with Spirit Mountain Casino that will allow the casino to pave an almost one-acre piece of property that used to house the Tribal police station and use it for parking;
- And approved the enrollment of 13 noninfants and six infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the July 10 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed that increased the Tribe’s minimum wage to \$11.25 per hour to match rates offered by the state of Oregon. The Tribal minimum wage will increase to \$12 an hour on July 1, 2020; \$12.75 an hour on July 1, 2021; and \$13.50 an hour on July 1, 2022.

Acting Cultural Resources Department Manager Briece Edwards gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting about the Tribe’s historical connection to the Willamette Falls area and the archaeological finds that have been discovered at the Blue Heron site, including the original woolen mill foundation.

“Our people were the resident Tribes of the area,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy said. “They were the safeguarders of the falls.”

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s official website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

# Mooney chosen as first Junior Hatfield Fellow

By Danielle Frost

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

In an effort to build recognition and awareness of the Hatfield Fellowship program among Tribal youth, a Junior Hatfield internship was recently developed to help them learn about the political process at the Tribal and state levels.

“The program is designed to give youth a glimpse of what a career in public service would entail and hopefully prep them for a future Hatfield Fellowship in Washington, D.C.,” said Angela Sears, Spirit Mountain Community Fund program coordinator.

The Community Fund oversees the fellowship.

After an application and interview process, Willamina High School junior Amaryssa Mooney was named the 2019 Junior Hatfield Fellow.

She began her internship in late June, working with Tribal Council staff to learn more about the day-to-day responsibilities of Tribal Council members. In a few weeks, Mooney will transition to Salem to intern in a yet-to-be named state representative’s office and will work there through late August.

Mooney, 16, applied for the fellowship so she could learn more about Tribal government.

“I’ve always had an interest in politics and want to find out more about how it works,” she said. “I like getting to know the people here and I want to improve on my public speaking ability.”

So far, Mooney has spent most of her time assisting Tribal Council staff and attending meetings.

The junior fellow program is open to Tribal youth who are at least a sophomore in high school through a senior in college.

“The idea is to give them an opportunity to experience working with local government agencies and our Tribal government to determine if this is something they’d like to explore more in the future,” Sears said. “They’re able to make valuable connections with staff members, ask questions and get firsthand information about what it takes to pursue this type of career. This experience can help



**Amaryssa Mooney**

them determine what path they want to take in college and beyond.”

Sears added that Mooney was selected because she showed “great potential.”

“She had an interest in the Hatfield Fellowship and was eager to learn about the political process at the state and Tribal level,” she said.

During her internship, Mooney said her main objective is to learn more about politics and to be selected for the Hatfield Fellowship program in Washington, D.C.

“I was excited to be selected for this and have enjoyed getting to know council members and see what they do on a daily basis,” she said.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a living tribute to the late senator. The internship lasts for nine months as fellows learn the inner workings of the federal government and serve as advisers on Native American issues.

Past fellows have served in several congressional offices over the years, including the offices of senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith, and representatives Darlene Hooley, Earl Blumenauer, Greg Walden, Kurt Schrader, David Wu and Suzanne Bonamici.

Some notable Grand Ronde Hatfield Fellows include current Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Regional Director Bryan Mercier and Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose.

Mooney is the daughter of Daniel Mooney and Katherine Madoris.

In her spare time, she enjoys playing summer league softball. At school, Mooney is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a softball and volleyball player. She hopes to attend Western Oregon University and become a math teacher. ■

## WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be July 16.

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

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



# ‘It will forever memorialize these three’

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comfortable situations – in front of TV cameras, legislators, Indian organizations and the local community – to gather support for Restoration. We’re here to show that we love what is happening and to be a part of this is the one of the most excellent things we can do.”

The event opened with an invocation by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, who referred to Kimsey, Holmes and Provost as “unsung heroes.”

A long line of Tribal drummers and singers, including children from the Chinuk Immersion Preschool, performed a song as the audience joined in.

All Tribal Council members attended the unveiling event. Tribal Council member and artist Steve Bobb Sr. designed the memorial and spent months coordinating details with Portland’s Form 3-D Foundry and Parks Bronze in Enterprise, Ore., which created the final version of the sculpture.

“It’s always a journey to go from idea to concept to finished product,” he said. “I am so honored and thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to contribute to this meaningful recognition. It will forever memorialize these three who had a vision that the indigenous people of the Willamette Valley could be recognized for who they are. They put into motion which at the time seemed to be an insurmountable task.”

In the early 1970s, Provost, Kimsey and Holmes began efforts to reverse 1954’s Termination and undertook the arduous task of seeking Restoration as a federally recognized Tribe. After more than a decade of work, the Grand Ronde Restoration Act was signed on Nov. 22, 1983, by President Ronald Reagan.

Provost and Kimsey walked on in 2018 and Holmes walked on in 2004. Their children, Tribal members Jackie Many Hides, Duke Kimsey and Jim Holmes, served as stand-ins for their parents during the 3-D scanning process to create the sculptures.

Bobb’s creation is his second to be



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal Council member and designer Steve Bobb Sr. and Parks Bronze owner Steve Parks talk about the installation of the “Visionaries” statue honoring Restoration figures Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes in front of the Governance Center on Tuesday, July 2.**

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installed on the Tribal campus. The Vietnam War veteran created the West Valley Veterans Memorial, which features a man and woman dressed in traditional regalia reaching toward the sky surrounded by four black pillars represent the four branches of the armed forces – Marine Corps, Army, Navy and Air Force.

Kennedy recalled that she first began thinking of how to memorialize the three Restoration figures a few years ago.

“I thought, we have to remember as Grand Ronde people what it took for us to be a sovereign nation,” she said. “We know the idea and thought was, ‘Never again will this (Termination) happen.’”

Four Tribal Elders stepped forward to encourage Kennedy to pursue the idea further. They were Ed Larsen, Bobb, Wink Soderberg and Kennedy’s mother, Cordelia Kneeland.

“Steve Bobb said, ‘Let’s do this,’” Kennedy said. “Then, Tribal Council agreed to move forward.”

Bobb said that due to the work of the three visionaries, everyone gathered at the event had benefited in some way.

“Now, these three will forever stand here and look each day at

what they would not have possibly imagined could happen,” he said. “Let us never take for granted the blessing these three have brought to you.”

As a light rain began to fall, Tribal member Ann Lewis walked somberly toward the newly unveiled statue and placed a colorful bouquet of flowers beside it while the notes of a closing drum song hung in the air.

Attendees then went inside the Governance Center to partake of light refreshments. ■



**Tribal members gather to have their photos taken with the “Visionaries” statue honoring Restoration figures.**

From left, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy poses for a photo with, from left, Karen Kimsey, Virginia Roof-Kimsey, Duke Kimsey and aunt Myrna Brandon in front of the “Visionaries” statue.



**Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, center, and Brian Krehbiel led drummers and singers during the unveiling of the “Visionaries” statue.**





# Traditional food, contemporary style

## First Foods Celebration at achaf-hammi attracts 100

By Danielle Frost  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

A child gazed upon the array of choices at the First Foods Celebration and made a quick decision: The fish heads were an emphatic “no,” but the fresh salmon a definite “yes.”

“I’d like the yummy part, please,” he said.

Being exposed to new foods, even if there was some hesitancy to try all of them, is a big part of Grand Ronde’s annual celebration of Native foods. Held in the cooking area outside Tribal plankhouse achaf-hammi on Saturday, June 29, conversation, cooking and laughter were in abundance.

“I loved it,” Culture Committee Chair Francene Ambrose said. “We had so many new dishes and new attendees.”

Ambrose said that events featuring food and fun are easy ways to connect people in a nonintimidating environment. She cooked venison chili and bear spaghetti, and also brought canned salmon and chokecherries to share. Chokecherries have a bitter aftertaste, but help to cleanse the palate after heavy meals, she said.

Although salmon is always a popular choice, venison stew, venison meatloaf, fry bread sliders, elk chili, walnut flour chocolate chip cookies and spaghetti with bear meatballs were also top choices among attendees.

The celebration of First Foods aims to build a connection between the community and the Tribe’s traditional foods and medicines, as well as bridge the gap between the grocery store and where the food comes from, and tell youth the story behind the food and why it is important to continue traditions.

Approximately 100 Tribal members, friends and community members attended the celebration. Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Michael Langley served food to hungry attendees.

“I really love showcasing our Native foods,” Jon A. George, who



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**Tribal member Jade Unger prepares salmon, including some that were caught from the fishing platform at Willamette Falls, at the First Foods Celebration held at achaf-hammi on Saturday, June 29. The event honors traditional cooking and contemporary cooking with traditional foods.**

**At left, Tribal Elder Debi Anderson stirs venison and barley soup during the First Foods Celebration.**

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serves as council liaison to the committee, said. “And the celebration of people coming together.”

His contribution to First Foods included elk heart, clam chowder and a blackberry cobbler.

“The clam chowder is definitely my favorite,” he said. “I cooked it all day for this.”

Tribal fisherman Jade Unger prepared wild salmon that he had caught from the fishing platform at Willamette Falls, while Culture Committee members Ambrose, Eric

Bernando, Joanna Brisbois, Logan Kneeland, Shayla Murphy, Sarah Ross and Faye Smith prepared various meat dishes, soups, stews and salads, with the help of Elder advisers Debi Anderson and Tracie Meyer.

Anderson made the venison and barley soup.

“There are some really good feelings at the plankhouse today,” she said. “It’s a fabulous day of sharing our culture.”

Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby

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**Tribal and community members enjoy appetizers during the First Foods Celebration held at achaf-hammi on Saturday, June 29.**



**Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George transfers bear meatballs to a container for Culture Committee member Shayla Murphy.**



# Summer hoops



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Austin Carrasco, 11, tips the ball during a drill in the Grand Ronde basketball clinic held in the Tribal gym on Monday, July 1. The goal of the clinic is to provide children in the Youth Education Summer program with knowledge of nutrition, health and fitness.**



**Temporary Recreational Coordinator Leo Ayala leads participants in stretching exercises at the start of the Grand Ronde basketball clinic held in the Tribal gym on Monday, July 1.**



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal member and New York City resident Charlotte Weiss, right, was joined by fellow New Yorker Mary Forman, left, and Chicago native Anne Marie Puma at the First Foods Celebration held at achaf-hammi on Saturday, June 29.**



## ‘Helping out with cooking the food is my favorite’

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Mercier led a drum song to begin the event, assisted by Unger, Jon A. George, Tribal member Brian Krehbiel, Kathleen George and Ross.

Jon A. George welcomed everyone to the plankhouse.

“What a wonderful group of people we have here today and a wonderful group of Tribal members and Elders to work with,” he said. “This is a great committee.”

George recognized 95-year-old Elder and key Restoration figure Kathryn Harrison, who came to the plankhouse for the celebration.

“We are so blessed,” he said.

After a giveaway of ribbon shirts and skirts to Culture Committee members, lunch began with deer jerky, berries and nuts, followed by tables laden with food.

Tribal youth Tasina Bluehorse, 12, and Mabel Brisbois, 16, helped serve wild grains, bear meatballs and venison meatloaf. Bluehorse also helped Smith prepare the fry bread.

“Helping out with cooking the food is my favorite,” she said.

“I like getting to see the reaction

on people’s faces when they try new things,” Brisbois said. “The biscuit root is my favorite. It’s my candy.”

Ross prepared a variety of teas for the First Foods medicine table. Each had a singular purpose, from helping with relaxation to combating seasonal allergies.

“It’s impossible to say which one is my favorite because they all have roles to play,” she said. “Each plant has its own life cycle and with climate change, you really need to learn to listen to them.”

After lunch, those in attendance headed to the plankhouse to hear Ross recite a story and give a demonstration of how to traditionally cook acorn soup.

“It warms my heart to see everyone making the time to come and learn about our foods,” she said.

The soup was cooked over a fire in the plankhouse using hot stones and a variety of cooking utensils.

“There is lots of training and planning that goes into this,” Ross said.

Holding up a spruce root basket she had been gifted, Ross added, “The most important piece is the cooking basket. These can take years to create.” ■

## Grand Ronde Housing Department



### Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Board is inviting Tribal members and Tribal housing residents to provide input to assist its members in carrying out its advisory role to the Housing Department and Tribal Council regarding policy guidance. The Housing Board meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tye Road. Its chair is Kristy Criss-Lawson. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■



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# Kratom use prompts concerns in Grand Ronde

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Kratom is like the plant it is derived from in Southeast Asia: the drug seems to be springing up everywhere, from small corner stores to specialty shops and online retailers.

Depending on the amount ingested, effects can range from that of a stimulant no stronger than coffee to one as potent as an opioid.

Proponents say kratom, marketed in the United States as a supplement, can help with withdrawal from opiates, anxiety, insomnia, low energy and a host of other health conditions.

However, those in addiction medicine are concerned about teen use and the potential for the drug to be used in conjunction with other medicines, with potentially fatal consequences.

Who can buy it and from where varies by state, county and even city. Kratom is considered a supplement and is not regulated by the federal government. Therefore, states and individual cities are left to make their own regulations. It is sold in forms ranging from liquid extracts to chocolate.

In Grand Ronde, Sunstone Organics kratom products are for sale at American Market, a corner store at the intersection of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.

Store Owner Rupal Patel said the location has been offering kratom for two years due to customer demand.

“Our customers were telling us it is sold all over and wanted to be able to buy it here,” she said.

The most popular kratom products at the Grand Ronde store are those containing what is known as “white vein” and “red vein.” The red leaves are said to produce calming effects while the white leaves act as a stimulant.

Patel said kratom only accounts for a small percentage of the store’s overall sales, with seven or eight transactions per day. Most of the customers are older than 30, she added.

Currently, the drug is legal in all states except Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Tennessee, Vermont and Wisconsin, although some individual cities and counties across the country have instituted stricter regulations or banned the substance completely.

In Oregon, kratom is sold as a dietary supplement and is legal for anyone to purchase, no matter their age. Earlier this year, Oregon lawmakers were considering a bill that would have regulated the production, testing and labeling of kratom and limited sales to customers 21 years of age and older. However, the bill didn’t make it out of committee. Lawmakers have said they ran out of time and are hoping to address kratom in the next legislative session.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**A Kratom-for-sale sign stands outside of the American Market on Grand Ronde Road.**

Although restrictions on kratom are currently left to individual states and cities, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use it.

The FDA is concerned that kratom, which it says affects the same opioid brain receptors as morphine, appears to leave users at risk of addiction, abuse and dependence. There are currently no FDA-approved uses for the drug and the agency continues to receive “concerning reports” about its safety, according to its website.

Grand Ronde Tribal Chemical Dependency Counselor Joe Martineau said he has seen more and more people seeking treatment for kratom addiction.

“It does have positives and negatives, but it is highly addictive,” he said. “People in treatment programs for other drugs have become dependent on it. Just like any addictive drug, the more often you take it, the more you need. Some started using it to help for withdrawal from opiates, then became addicted to both. Unlike a medicated detox, there is no professional intervention or regulated plan.”

The American Kratom Association, founded in 2014, states that more than 5 million Americans utilize kratom as a nutritional supplement and that it is a “safe, natural supplement more akin to coffee and tea than any other substances.”

Martineau said he thinks otherwise based on his experience with kratom-addicted clients.

“It is just as addictive as any mood altering substance,” he said. “The teens especially are thinking of it just like any supplement. The impression they have is that since it isn’t illegal, it must be OK. Even if they couldn’t buy it here, they could just get it online.”

At least 12 people in recovery programs have talked to Martineau about the drug and how potent it is.

“That is my main concern,” he said. “It is also very easy to find and is amazing to me how much we don’t know that is out there and un-

regulated. And when it comes into a community like Grand Ronde, most don’t know what it is or what it does. Using kratom to withdraw from opiates is like downing a bottle of NyQuil to get off booze.”

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said his officers haven’t fielded many calls about kratom.

“We believe a youth overdosed on kratom, but we haven’t had a ton of issues overall,” he said. “The real scary part of it is that it is imported from another country and not regulated, so who knows what is added to it?”

According to recent laboratory testing results released in April by the FDA in which 30 different kratom products from a variety of sources were examined, significant levels of lead and nickel were detected.

“Based on reported kratom usage patterns, heavy kratom users may be exposed to levels of lead and nickel many times greater than the safe daily exposure. ... Based on these test results, the typical long-term kratom user could potentially develop heavy metal poisoning, which could include nervous system or kidney damage, anemia, high blood pressure, and/or increased risk of certain cancers,” the report stated.

The American Kratom Association said it supports “appropriate” FDA regulations to ensure the safety of kratom products.

“AKA is committed to work with the FDA to share information and collaborate in the development of regulations that will protect consumers from adulteration and contaminations of kratom products,” it states.

Tribal Youth Prevention Manager Nicole Hewitt said that while no local individual cases had been brought to her attention, concern is there.

“There is no age restrictions and it can lead to high risk of problems with prescribed medications that teens might be taking,” she said. “We are concerned.” ■

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

## Tribal Council

**2019 CANDIDATES FORUM**

**Location: Tribal Community Center**  
**Date: Wednesday, July 31, 2019**  
**Time: 6 - 8 p.m.**

Come and meet your Tribal Council candidates and hear their views on topics that are important to you!

Tribal members may submit questions for candidates ahead of time by emailing [CandidateQuestions@grandronde.org](mailto:CandidateQuestions@grandronde.org) (please include name and roll number).

**Dinner provided**

For more information, contact Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304



# Behavioral Health hires new employees

**By Danielle Frost**  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Behavioral Health is adding more than new building space to assist the Grand Ronde community. The department also has hired two new therapists to better serve the membership.

Sergio Gutierrez is a contracted employee who will work in Grand Ronde one day a week as a chemical dependency counselor. He also is certified in treating gambling addictions.

Jeff Versaw is a full-time child and adolescent therapist, specializing in helping children ages birth to 17.

**Sergio Gutierrez**

Gutierrez, 56, was born and raised in Mexico, immigrating to the United States after high school. He found work in a Pasadena, Calif., hospital, which spurred an interest in a social work career.



**Sergio Gutierrez**

“Being in a hospital, working with patients gave me the interest,” he said.

In 1997, he was hired to work

in addiction services and given the opportunity to also become certified as a chemical dependency counselor through a program offered by the state of Oregon. As a bilingual speaker, his services were in demand.

“New Step Behavioral Health hired me as a full-time counselor because the state had a need for multicultural counselors,” he said.

After more than two years of on-the-job training and classes, Gutierrez earned his degree.

“After that I started working more and getting focused on providing services,” Gutierrez said.

He worked for Catholic Community Services-based New Step treatment center until 2008. Then Gutierrez began working for Polk County, where he is still employed today. He contracts one day a week with the Tribe.

“I work four 10-hour shifts at my job and have three days off every week,” he said “I always have been interested in working with the Native community so this was a good fit. I also really enjoy being in rural areas.”

At his Polk County job, Gutierrez primarily works with Hispanic clients from Mexico who have been cited for driving under the influence.

“My vision was to work more with medication-assisted detox, which Grand Ronde is pursuing,” he said. “I totally agree that addiction is a disease and along with other diseases that people get medication for, we need to view it the same and get rid of the stigma.”

Gutierrez is also certified in treating gambling addictions.

Health & Wellness Quality Improvement Manager Dawn Doar said including problem gambling services to Behavioral Health is an opportunity to help the membership in another capacity.

“This service will combine prevention, harm reduction and multiple levels of treatment focusing on quality-of-life issues for gamblers, their families and the community,” she said. “Sergio is versatile in his knowledge and is ready to help in any way.”

Gutierrez’s said his goal these first few months is to learn more about the culture in Grand Ronde and become a part of the community.

“I don’t plan to quit,” Gutierrez said. “This is a great opportunity and I feel blessed.”

**Jeff Versaw**

Versaw, 63, is no stranger to working with Tribal people. He spent 19 years employed in behavioral health for the Jicarilla Apache Nation in Dulce, N.M. After his



**Jeff Versaw**

wife Nancy retired from her job with the Nation, the couple decided to move to Oregon to be closer to

their adult daughter, Claire.

They settled in West Salem as going from a town of 3,000 with no stoplights to the hustle and bustle of Portland was a bit overwhelming, Versaw added.

“When my wife retired from the Tribe, we had to move out of housing so packing up and heading here was an easy decision,” he said.

Versaw began working full-time for Grand Ronde on June 24. Since he spent the last three years of his career as a Behavioral Health Department administrator, he is happy to return to his primary field of interest — infant and child mental health.

“I do parent psychotherapy with families with children ages birth to 5, and I also see kids up to 17 years old,” he said. “I love working with people and the ability to help them find a voice and make the changes they want to make.”

Living in West Salem instead of on the Reservation is a change for Versaw, but he is hoping to attend different community events in Grand Ronde and make connections.

“It really helps to build rapport,” he said. “You’re not just coming in to work during the day Monday to Friday.”

Doar said Versaw’s skills will strengthen Tribal services to help children and adolescents.

“Jeff has the experience and the skills to continue with moving us forward with being able to provide the methods and techniques that will help our youth thrive,” she said. “We are looking forward to helping this service grow and Jeff is excited to get started.” ■

## 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. ■

## ★ Softball Camps ★



This softball camp will have instruction on all the basic fundamentals of softball.

- Hitting
- Fielding
- Throwing

Open to any girls who would like to have fun sharpening your skills and learn more about the game of softball!

**July 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>**

Ages 8-12 10-11:30 a.m.

Ages 13-17 1:30-3 p.m.

Grand Ronde softball field

Sponsored by Youth Prevention  
Contact Dana Ainam for any questions at  
503-879-2037



# MISSING

Missing And Taken Indigenous People

## Leneisha "Eko" Whitefeather

### Portland OR

### Missing 7-8-19



**Age 21**

**Brown Hair**  
**Brown Eyes**  
**5' 2" Tall**  
**150 lbs**



**Large birthmark on left hand**  
**Grand Ronde Tribal Member**

**Leneisha has no vehicle. She had previously been living in the downtown Olympia WA area**

**If seen, or you know where she might be, call Portland PD (503) 823-3333. Case# 19-229596**  
**or make an anonymous tip to Oregon Crime Stoppers (503) 823-4357**  
**or the toll free national line 1-800-222-8477**

Source: Portland PD

(7-8-19)





GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

**HELP US DECIDE WHAT NEW HOMES TO BUILD IN GRAND RONDE!**

At the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Department we are honored and excited to help to lead the way to new community development!

The Tribe's new community development plan *shawash-llh7i 2033- nsayka k'npa atqi (Grand Ronde 2033 - Our Future)* has officially kicked-off.

Please help by filling out this survey. Copy this link into your computer browser  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTGR-2019Housing-Survey\\_SRRLWSG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTGR-2019Housing-Survey_SRRLWSG)

Or pick up a paper survey at the Housing Dept., the Education Dept., and Elders Activity Center or at central phones in the Governance Building. Please return surveys to any of these locations or mail to the address on the survey. One survey per 18 year or older adult person. Survey is for all Tribal members, all Tribal Government and Spirit Mtn. Casino employees and community members. **SURVEY DEADLINE IS JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>, 5:00 PM.**

# Literacy outreach



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Front from left, Prommisse Thornly, 16, Dominic Shaw, 11, and Tribal pediatrician Dr. Allison Empey paint small rocks during a Literacy Outreach Event held in Tribal housing on Tuesday, July 9. Along with painting, children enjoyed a story and were given gift bags. The event was organized by the Service Organizers, Health & Wellness, the Tribal Library and the Willamina Free Lunch Program.

Vanessa Hernandez-Chavez, 2, paints her hand instead of small rocks during a Literacy Outreach Event held in Tribal housing.



## THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBER REVIEW BOARD (TMRB)

We are looking for volunteers!

As a Tribal Member Review Board member, you will review cases assigned by the Tribal Court involving children who are wards of the Tribal Court. You will review the case file; hear from all parties at the review including caseworkers, attorneys and children over 12 years of age, parents, foster parents and providers. The Board makes findings and recommendations to the Court regarding the case.

**Qualifications:**

- ✦ Tribal member
- ✦ At least 21 years of age
- ✦ Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and
- ✦ Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following:
  - Parenting or foster care taking; Tribal customs, traditions; Juvenile Law; Health Care; Mental Health Care; Social work; or Education.

For more information, contact Tribal Court Programs Coordinator Ramona Quenelle at [CourtPrograms@grandronde.org](mailto:CourtPrograms@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-4623.

# Coming Soon 2019 Tribal Hunting Tags: Reservation Only

Deer \* Elk \* Rifle \* Bow \* Muzzleloader



- Applications in Aug. 1, Aug. 15, and Sept. 1 Smoke Signals Issues
- Due by Sept. 9!

**Contact:**  
 Brent Barry  
 Tribal Wildlife Biologist  
 503-879-1458





# 2019-20 Elementary K-5 Afterschool Program

**Applications available:** Monday, July 8, at Youth Education.

**Sign-Up Week:** Monday, July 29: 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the CTGR Community Center (orientations will be offered)  
 Monday, July 29: 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Youth Education Building  
 Tuesday, July 30, to Friday, Aug. 2: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Youth Education Building

**Eligibility:** Youth who are entering kindergarten through fifth grade this school year in Willamina or Sheridan (FCS and/or SJS)

**Priority Tier List:** #1 - CTGR enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members  
 #2- CTGR direct descendants (parent or grandparent enrolled in the Grand Ronde Tribe)  
 #3 - Enrolled members of other federally recognized Native American Tribes  
 #4 - Non-Native sibling member of a Native family

Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-served basis using the Priority Tier List (completed applications will be date/time stamped). There are 60 spots available (K-2nd has 30 spots and 3rd-5th has 30 spots)

If there are open spots at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, those spots will be filled with youth in the #2, #3 and #4 tiers in descending order. Any Tribal member youth turning in an application after Sign-Up Week closes will be placed at the top of the waiting list.

Applications will not be accepted before Sign-Up Week begins.

Submitted applications must be completely filled out and include a copy of the child's Tribal ID or C.I.B.

If the child is a CTGR direct descendant, a copy of their parent's Tribal ID or C.I.B. will need to be included

Attending the K5 Orientation is mandatory before a child can begin participating in the upcoming K5 Afterschool Program. Orientations will be offered on Monday, July 29, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Community Center. They also will be offered on the following dates and times in August at the Youth Education Building:

12:05 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9; 5:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19; 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20; 5:05 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27;  
 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28; and 5:05 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29.

For more information, contact Youth Education: Devin Boekhoff at 503-879-2101 or Matt Bucknell 503-879-2224.

Additional program details:

- Transportation provided from Willamina Elementary School, Faulconer-Chapman School and Sheridan Japanese School to CTGR
- Daily healthy snacks are offered
- Full-day programming is offered on several "No School" days during the school year

## Your health insurance could be free.



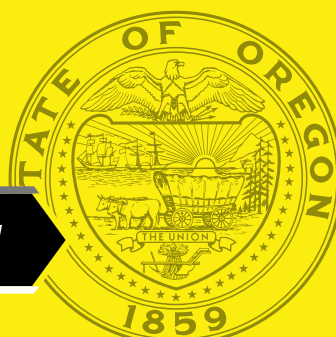
Health insurance can expand your options for getting the care you need. It covers a wide variety of providers and services. If you're a member of a federally recognized tribe, you can sign up anytime, year-round. If you qualify, your insurance may even be free.

### Do you qualify?

Find out if you're eligible for free insurance or payment assistance to lower your costs:

- Apply online at **OregonHealthCare.Gov**.
- Get **free help** at your tribal headquarters.
- Or call the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at **1-855-268-3767** and ask for free, local help. Calls are toll free.

**Sign up now | OregonHealthCare.Gov**



Happy birthday

**Bonnie'lee Mathews**

## USDA Distribution

### ~ Salem ~

July 15: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 July 16: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 July 17: Appointment only

### ~ Siletz ~

Aug. 1: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Aug. 2: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Aug. 5: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Aug. 6: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Aug. 7: 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.*



## 70th Jeffers Family Reunion

Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, at Wildcat covered bridge, Highway 126 and Siuslaw River Road (the old homestead of Ira Jeffers).

From Eugene, take Highway 126 west toward Mapleton. At approximately mile marker 27.5, turn left on Siuslaw River Road.

From Mapleton to Eugene, turn right at approximately mile marker 26.5 on Siuslaw River Road. Look for signs with balloons for your turnoff.

Bring lawn chairs and favorite food dish to share.

Eat around noon.

Call Evelyn Seidel at 503-831-4955 or Lori at 541-543-6117 for more information.



Congratulations to Tribal member Leland Hofenbredl for getting all-around logger at the Fourth of July Logging Show. Leland, we are proud of you and your accomplishment; keep up the good work. Photographed with his son, Matt.

**Love, your family and the entire Hofenbredl Logging team.**

## Spam calls inundate Governance Center phones

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Tribe's Governance Center became a target of robo calls on Wednesday, July 10, as the central phones operators fielded more than 1,800 calls from a single phone number.

According to General Manager's Office Executive Assistant Barbara Branson, the calls originated from the phone number 240-351-4448. An Internet search found the number listed on [www.shouldianswer.com](http://www.shouldianswer.com) as a nuisance call, Social Security scam and spammer from India, among other references.

"IT staff is working with our phone provider to try to resolve the issue," Branson said. "Unfortunately, we are losing legitimate callers and we are turning the phones off periodically as the volume is great. We have posted an alert on the Tribe's Facebook page to let members know that there is a problem."

One Tribal employee who received a call from the phone number on their direct line said the caller was offering loans with a 2- to 4-percent interest rate and spoke with an accent.

The phone number was eventually blocked from reaching the Tribe's system, Senior Telecommunications Technician Mark Scheelar announced via e-mail. ■



*Smoke Signals file photo*

**Former *Smoke Signals* photojournalist Michelle Alaimo received a first-place award in Best Sports Photo from the Native American Journalists Association for this photograph of Willamina High School junior Jordan Reyes hugging his brother Michael Reyes after Jordan won the Class 3A 106-pound weight class state title during the OSAA Wrestling State Championships held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland in February 2018.**

## Smoke Signals wins five NAJA awards

The Grand Ronde Tribal newspaper *Smoke Signals* won five awards, including three first places, in the 2019 Native American Journalists Association Native Media Awards for work published in 2018.

The winners were announced via e-mail on Wednesday, July 10, and the awards will be given out during a banquet to be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minn., during the annual National Native Media Awards Conference.

Editor Dean Rhodes received a first-place award in the Best News Story category for "The New Normal," which examined the effect of the Cowlitz Tribe's Ilani casino on Spirit Mountain Casino one year after opening. The story appeared in the May 1, 2018, edition.

Staff writer Danielle Frost took second place in the Best News Story category for "Meteorite Impact," which detailed the Tribe's 2018 visit to Tomanowos at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. The story appeared in the July 1, 2018, edition.

Former *Smoke Signals* photojournalist Michelle Alaimo took first place in Best Sports Photo for her photograph of Tribal member Jordan Reyes winning the 3A state wrestling title for Willamina High School in February 2018. The photo appeared in the March 1, 2018, edition. Alaimo left *Smoke Signals* in September 2018 to move to South Carolina.

Frost took second place in the Best Sports Story category for "Spikers," which was about two Grand Ronde Tribal members who were playing community college volleyball. The story appeared in the Nov. 1, 2018, edition.

For the second consecutive year, Frost also received a first-place award in the Best Coverage of Native America category for her story "A Cultural Milestone," which reported on the Grand Ronde Tribe's successful return to Willamette Falls to traditionally fish for salmon off a removable platform in October 2018. The story appeared in the Nov. 1, 2018, edition and marked the third straight year that *Smoke Signals* has won the top award in this category.

*Smoke Signals'* awards were in the Associate category for nonTribal members who work for Tribal publications that have a circulation of between 5,000 and 10,000 copies.

The five awards mark the 54th time *Smoke Signals* has been honored by NAJA since 2008. ■



July 2019 - September 2019 • Featuring **The Drift** by Garrick Imatani  
Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center



**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**INTERNAL OPENINGS**

■ **Powwow Worker**  
Job #1185  
Powwow  
Grade: 2  
Closing date: Aug. 2

**INTERNAL/EXTERNAL**

■ **Forester**  
Job #121-18  
Natural Resources  
Grade: 12  
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

**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

■ **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist**  
Job #124-18  
Behavioral Health  
Grade: 12  
Open until filled

■ **Behavioral Health Coordinator**  
Job #002-19  
Behavioral Health  
Grade: 12  
Open until filled

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.

**For more information about job positions available, please visit the Tribe's employment page at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)**

[www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

# POLK COUNTY WIC

for more information please call  
**503-623-8175 Ext 2297**

Nutricion para usted y su familia  
La Clinica de WIC a llegado a Grand Ronde  
Para mas informacion favor de llamar al  
**503-623-8175 Ext 2297**

## Human Resources is NOW Recruiting for Powwow Employees

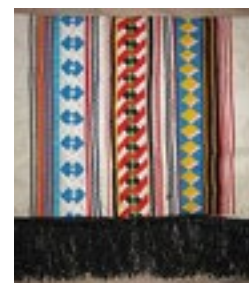
Accepting Contest Powwow applications until Aug. 2

Interested candidates can apply online at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)  
just click on the employment page

Smoke Signals ad



## Vocational Rehabilitation Culture Day



### Drum & Shawl Making

Come join the VR Program for our Culture Days! We will be teaching how to make a drum or shawl. Please RSVP with VR Program, due to limited spaces. Lunch will be provided.

~~July 11<sup>th</sup> - Portland Office 10am-3:00pm.~~

~~For the Portland office please contact Lisa at 503-879-1881.~~

**August 8<sup>th</sup> - Grand Ronde Office 10am-3:00pm.**

For the Grand Ronde office please contact Amber at 503-879-4535.



HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

### NEW SIGN AT THE HWC

THE DESIGNATED AREA IN FRONT OF THE CLINIC IS FOR **LOADING AND UNLOADING ONLY.**



**PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ONLY**

**NO PARKING**









# LIBRARY HOURS:

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

**Tribal Housing Literacy event:** An event aimed to help spread awareness of the importance literacy plays in our youth’s development was held Tuesday, July 9, at the Tribal Housing basketball court.

**Local Grand Ronde reading material:** The Tribal Library has a great selection of Grand Ronde reading material from census roles and treaties to books written by Grand Ronde Tribal members. Come in and learn more about your Tribe and community.

**Requests:** If there is a book, DVD or Blu-ray item you would like to see in our collection, please feel free to reach out and inform the Tribal Library of this request.

**“Little Library” locations:** The Tribal Library oversees the 14 Little Library locations in and around Grand Ronde. Feel free to stop by any of these locations and grab a book for free.

**DVD selection:** Come check out the Tribal Library’s newly organized movie collection, with more than 1,800 DVDs/Blu-rays to choose from.

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

**Book Review:** “My Thirteenth Winter,” a memoir by Samantha Abeel for ages 10 and older.

“My Thirteenth Winter” is about author Samantha Abeel’s journey with dyscalculia and how she struggles with academic, social and emotional challenges.

Dyscalculia is difficulty in learning or comprehending arithmetic, such as difficulty in understanding numbers, learning how to manipulate numbers, performing mathematical calculations and learning facts in mathematics. It is generally seen as the mathematical equivalent to dyslexia.

Samantha may not be able to comprehend math, but she is a great writer and poet. She does a wonderful job conveying her thoughts, experiences and emotions.

“My Thirteenth Winter” isn’t a long book, with just 203 pages, but it’s an interesting and enlightening look at the challenges faced by those with a disability. The author is telling a very important story that parents and educators of children with and without learning disabilities should read. It’s important for people to gain a little understanding of the everyday struggles people with disabilities go through. Pick this book up and gain a little knowledge and understanding. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

**Donations:** A special thank you to Khani Schultz and Amber Yates for their contributions 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.

*For any questions or comments, feel free to contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1499 or e-mail [crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org](mailto:crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org)*

## District offering free summer meals

Willamina School District will provide free meals to children during the summer as it has for the last 22 years. Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Anyone aged 1 to 18 can eat for free with no income requirements or registration required.

The schedule will be:

- 11 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Thursday at Willamina Elementary School through July 25;
- Noon to 12:30 p.m. at Tina Miller Park through Aug. 9;
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Raven Loop Park in Grand Ronde through Aug. 9.

To find other summer meal sites, visit [SummerFoodOregon.org](http://SummerFoodOregon.org) or call 211. For more information, visit [www.willamina.k12.or.us](http://www.willamina.k12.or.us) or call 503-876-2702. ■

## 2019 CLOTHING & School Supply Distribution

**“It’s Back to School Time!”**  
**Social Services 2019 School Clothing Program**  
**Program opens July 1, 2019.**  
 This is a first-come, first-served program.  
 Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.  
 Child must be of school age and enrolled in school (Elementary, Middle or High School.)  
 Income criteria applies.  
 Please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for application.  
 Deadline for all applications is Sept. 13, 2019.

**Youth Education 2019 School Supply Distribution Program**  
**Program opens July 1, 2019.**  
 ■ Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.  
 ■ Must be enrolled K-12 (2019-20 senior year)  
 ■ School Supply Distribution Form and Cover Letter will be mailed on July 1, 2019, to all eligible Tribal member households.

**School supply amount**  
 ■ \$100 per CTGR Tribal member student  
 ■ Checks can be picked up 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 5 at Social Services. Remaining checks will be mailed Aug. 6.

Please contact Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 for information regarding forms & check distribution.  
 Deadline to apply for the School Supply Distribution program is Sept. 13, 2019.

## 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. ■

Respect yourself. Protect yourself.  
**Get yourself tested.**

**Polk County Public Health services:**

**Reproductive Health Clinic**

- Personalized birth control options based on your needs
- Annual exams
- Pap and breast exams
- Pregnancy planning and testing

**Other Services:**

- STD screening, testing and treatment
- Immunizations
- Home visiting program for children
- HIV Case management

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 Dallas, OR 97338

Details at: [www.co.polk.or.us](http://www.co.polk.or.us) • Call for appointment: 503-623-8175

# A Universe of Movies

**Tribal Library**  
**Popcorn Provided**  
**Saturdays at noon**

~~June 22  
“Planet 51”~~

~~June 29  
“E.T.”~~

~~July 6  
“Space Jam”~~

~~July 12  
“Lilo & Stitch”~~

July 20  
“HOME”

July 27  
“Wall-E”





#### **Thursday, June 20**

- Reported dispute in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with suspicious conditions in the 500 block of West Main Street in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### **Friday, June 21**

- Assist outside agency with an animal complaint in the area of milepost 26 on Salmon River Highway in Willamina.
- Recovered stolen property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 29000 block of Edson Drive.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway in Willamina. A male subject was arrested for violating a conditional release agreement and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

#### **Saturday, June 22**

- Assist outside agency with a reported stolen vehicle in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road in Willamina.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a public assist in the 23000 block of Yamhill River Road in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with recovered stolen mail in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a recovered stolen vehicle in the 9700 block of Fort Hill Road in Willamina.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a drug investigation in the area of Southeast Jefferson and Southeast Academy streets in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic dispute in the 25000 block of Salmon River Highway in Willamina. A female subject was arrested for assault in the fourth degree and harassment, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Reported theft in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### **Sunday, June 23**

- Animal complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle pursuit in the area of Salmon River Highway and Red Prairie Road in Sheridan.
- Reported hit-and-run (property damage) in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of Grand Ronde and Southwest Hebo roads. A male subject was arrested for DUII (alcohol) and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Assist outside agency with a reported runaway juvenile in the area of Grand Ronde and Southwest Hebo roads. A male juvenile was taken into protective custody and released to Department of Health Services' Child Welfare.
- Assist outside agency with a driving complaint in the area of milepost 22 eastbound on Salmon River Highway. The vehicle was located in the area of milepost 29 in Sheridan and a traffic stop was conducted. The male operator was arrested for DUII (controlled substances) and unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

#### **Monday, June 24**

- Reported trespass in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road. Several juveniles were contacted and warned for trespass.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant arrest in the 100 block of Southwest Hill Drive in Willamina. A male subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Reported trespass in the day use area at the end of Blacktail Drive. A male subject was contacted and warned for illegal camping.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic dispute in the 14000 block of Ballston Road in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle noninjury crash in the area of milepost 28 on Salmon River Highway in Sheridan.

#### **Tuesday, June 25**

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the area of milepost 3 on Salmon River Highway in Otis.

#### **Wednesday, June 26**

- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 400 block of

Third Street in Willamina.

- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road in Willamina.

#### **Thursday, June 27**

- Assist outside agency with a search warrant in the 100 block of First Street in Willamina.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 8000 block of Alvord Alley. A male subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Circuit Court warrant for probation violation and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a runaway juvenile in the 800 block of Main Street in Willamina. The juvenile was taken into protective custody and transported to the Yamhill County Juvenile Detention Center in McMinnville.
- Assist outside agency with a reported dispute in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Noise complaint received in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

#### **Friday, June 28**

- Assist outside agency with a recovered stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon Way.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for DUII (alcohol) and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas after providing a breath sample of .13 percent blood alcohol content.

#### **Saturday, June 29**

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 28 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a found dog in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway. The dog was transported to the Polk County Animal Shelter in Rickreall.
- Reported dispute in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway. A female subject was arrested on a valid Multnomah County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 23000 block of Southwest Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 17 eastbound on Salmon River Highway.

#### **Sunday, June 30**

- Assist outside agency in the area of Adams and Lincoln streets in Willamina. A female subject was arrested for violating a no contact order and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 42000 block of Fort Hill Road in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the area of highways 22 and 18B in Willamina.

#### **Monday, July 1**

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 500 block of Southwest Hill Drive in Willamina.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported domestic dispute in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Northwest First Street in Willamina.

#### **Tuesday, July 2**

- Assist outside agency with a domestic dispute in the 600 block of Sherman Street in Sheridan.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male subject was arrested on a valid Oregon State Parole Board warrant for parole violation and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road. A female subject was arrested for violating a no contact order and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Noise complaint received in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

#### **Wednesday, July 3**

- Assist outside agency with a reported dispute in the 27000 block of Jahn Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A female subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 100 block of East Main Street in Sheridan.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 22 eastbound on Salmon River Highway.

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Pharmacy pricing

Starting July 1, the Grand Ronde Pharmacy will be making several adjustments to drug pricing to better align with regulatory rules of the drug subsidies used in the Pharmacy. The change will only affect patients who are seen in the clinic and are on the Tribal spouse or employee plan. Other Natives and those without insurance seen in clinic also will see a change. The expected change on a 90-day supply of a generic medication is about \$4. In cases where a generic is not available, Pharmacy staff is trained to help identify less expensive alternatives or use manufacturer's coupons to help patients keep their drug costs down as much as possible. Please plan ahead and if you are likely to be affected. Contact Pharmacy staff to explore ways to keep your costs down.

## Appointments available in Optometry at the Health & Wellness Center

- Comprehensive eye exams
  - Diabetic eye exams
  - Red eye treatment
  - Excellent selection of frames
- Call 503-879-2097 for an appointment. ■

## Afterhours health line

Tribal members can contact the Afterhours Health Line for questions about health care concerns you may have when the clinic is not open.

You can reach the Afterhours Health Line by calling 503-879-2002 and follow the prompts.

The Afterhours Health Line will coordinate care and communicate with Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center providers.



## Mobile Mammography

*Convenience • Privacy • Certified women technologists State-of-the-art equipment • ACR- & FDA-accredited*

The Mobile Mammography unit travels by appointment to businesses, health fairs, senior centers, even private gatherings—wherever there are at least 10 women interested in receiving a mammogram. We will be in your area soon.

To schedule an appointment please call: Kande Little 503-879-2089

Date: Thursday Sept. 19, 2019

Location: CTGR Clinic upper parking lot

**CTGR Community Health**  
Invites you

**3rd Annual Family Picnic**  
Saturday, July 27th  
1pm  
Day Use Area  
Behind Clothes Closet

Come enjoy Hamburgers & Hotdogs and all the picnic fixin's along with games, door prizes, great food and even greater company!

**Now Available**  
**Diabetic Foot Care**  
by trained nursing staff

Call Medical today to schedule an appointment  
503-879-2002

Smoke Signals ad

**Do you need a sports physical?**

**BACK TO SCHOOL PHYSICAL**  
*Make sure your athlete is fit to play!*

We are ready for you!! Grand Ronde Medical has set aside appointments just for you. July 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 is the day. Please call our front desk at 503-879-2002 to schedule a visit today. Our team is on standby. Prizes will be given to all those who have a visit.



# Contest Powwow

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

August 16-18, 2019

Grand Ronde, Oregon



Uyxat Powwow Grounds  
next to Ft. Yamhill State Park

Friday, Aug. 16 - Grand Entry 7 p.m. | Saturday, Aug. 17 - Grand Entry 1 and 7 p.m. | Sunday, Aug. 18 - Grand Entry 1 p.m.

## Head Staff

Emcee  
**Tyson Shay**

Arena Director  
**Fred Ike Jr.**

Head Dance Judge  
**Charles Tailfeathers**

Head Drum Judge  
**Chase Sayer**

## Host Drum Indian Hill

### Specials

#### Women's 18+ All Around

Sponsored by Native Wellness/  
Crystal Star/Tailfeather family

- 1st \$2,100 & Jacket
- 2nd \$1,600 & Jacket
- 3rd \$1,000 & Jacket
- 4th \$800
- 5th \$600
- 6th \$500

#### Men's Northern Traditional & Round Bustle

Sponsored by the Tom Family  
18+ - in honor of Robert P. Tom

- 1st \$800    2nd \$600
- 3rd \$400    4th \$200

Consolation Prizes

#### School is Cool Dance Special

sponsored by the CTGR Education Committee

K-12 dancers

#### Best Friend Special, ages 13-18

Winners (3) sets of (2)

sponsored by the CTGR Royalties

**12 & under coed**  
(7) winners

#### Round Bustle/Chicken Dance

\$800 first place  
4 consolation prizes

#### Junior & Teen Girls (all categories)

Sponsored by CTGR outgoing Royalty Queens

3 winners

#### Women's Red Dress Special 18+

\$800 first place  
4 consolation prizes

**Royalty Pageant**  
Friday, Aug. 16  
10 a.m. @ CTGR Gov. building  
**Crowning of 2019-2020**  
**Royalty Court**  
& outgoing Giveaways  
5 p.m. @ powwow grounds

### Drum Contest

1st.....	\$10,000
2nd.....	\$8,000
3rd.....	\$6,000
4th.....	\$4,000
5th.....	\$2,000

### Dance Contest

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Jr (6-12)	\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$25
Teen (13-17)	\$600	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$100
Jr Adult (18-35)	\$1000	\$700	\$500	\$300	\$200
Sr Adult (36-54)	\$1000	\$700	\$500	\$300	\$200
Jr Golden Age (55-64)	\$1000	\$700	\$500	\$300	\$200
Sr Golden Age (65+)	\$1000	\$700	\$500	\$300	\$200

## CONTEST DRUMS ONLY

Drums must have 7 singers; there will be no day-pay  
Camping available - \$5 w/parking open Wednesday  
Parking \$1/day or canned food – Weekend passes available for \$3  
Shuttle available from Spirit Mountain Casino to the powwow grounds  
Spirit Mountain Casino (800) 760-7977

For Information call 503-879-2037

Public Welcome

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde's Tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.