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Tribal Council: *Audit 'cannot be relied on'* *regarding blood quantum*

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

A 2012 enrollment audit that became the foundation for a divisive era of disenrollment proceedings within the Grand Ronde Tribe "cannot be relied on to confirm whether an individual's blood quantum in the Tribe's system is actually correct," according to a July 24 Tribal Council memorandum.

The enrollment audit, conducted by New Mexico-based accounting firm Anuskewicz & McCabe, was declassified by Tribal Council in an Aug. 6 authorization to proceed. Six Tribal Council members approved the declassification and three Tribal Council members did not vote on the issue.

A copy of the enrollment audit and Tribal Council memorandum were provided to *Smoke Signals* on Monday, Aug. 19.

According to the Tribal Council memorandum addressed to Tribal members that accompanies the declassified enrollment audit, the Tribe's 2010 Strategic Plan directed the Member Services Department to perform an audit of enrollment files. Member Services personnel reported back that there were numerous inconsistencies between enrollment files and not all files contained complete documentation.

An outside auditing firm, the now defunct Anuskewicz & McCabe, was subsequently hired to examine the enrollment files and found a plethora of problems, from missing documents in many files to blood quantum and lineal descent issues.

Among the items that Anuskewicz & McCabe was tasked with examining were determining whether all required documents are in each file and identifying deficiencies, recalculating blood quantum for each Tribal member using documentation available in the Tribe's enrollment records and determining whether each Tribal member met all enrollment requirements in effect at the time of his or her enrollment.

Almost seven years after the audit was submit-

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Tribe closes on Blue Heron purchase

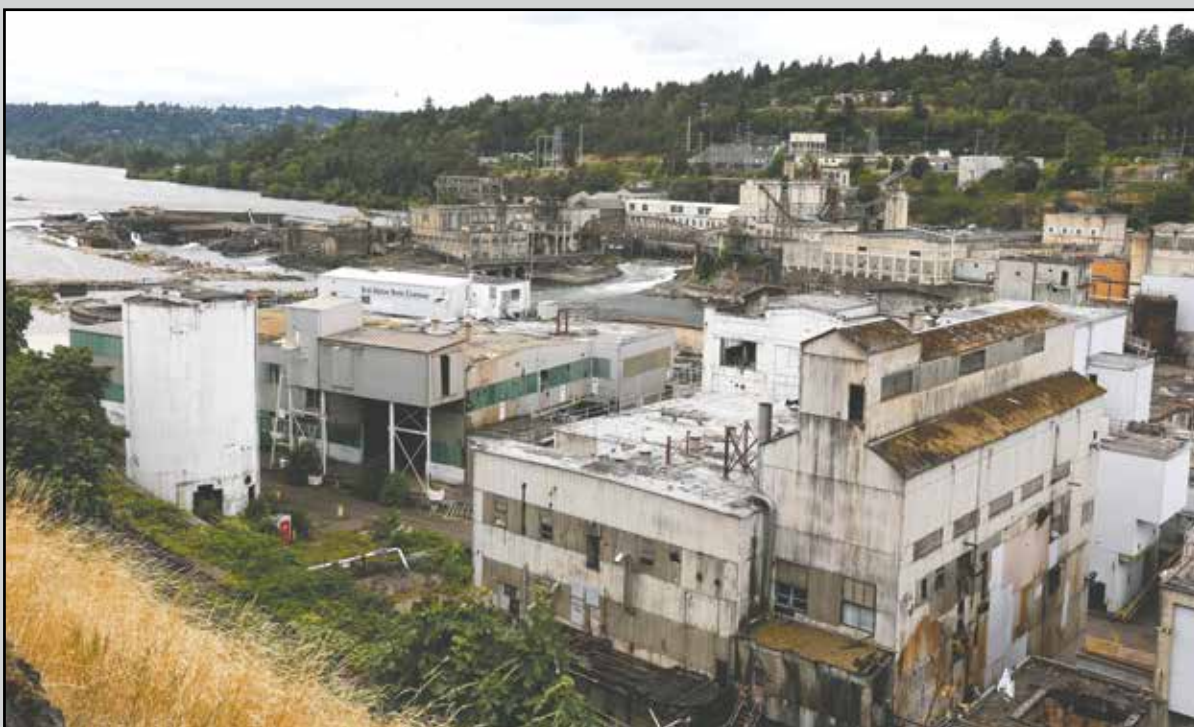


Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde completed its \$15.25 million purchase of the 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City on Thursday, Aug. 15. It is the first time in 164 years that the Tribe has officially owned land near Willamette Falls.

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

OREGON CITY — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde once again owns land at Willamette Falls for the first time since its antecedent Tribes ceded the area to the federal government in the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

On Thursday, Aug. 15, the Tribe finalized its purchase of the 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site from Washington developer George Heidgerken.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Council voted to purchase two properties in Clackamas County, including the Blue Heron Paper Mill site,

on July 10 and approved a supplemental budget of \$17 million to acquire both properties. The Tribe purchased the Blue Heron site for \$15.25 million, according to the Clackamas County Recording Office.

A second property, which includes 1.5 miles of land that borders the site and Willamette River, was scheduled to close at the end of August.

The Blue Heron property is within the Tribe's ancestral homelands and holds significant historical and cultural importance

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New chief judge takes over



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble has succeeded David D. Shaw on the Tribal Court, where she will preside over name changes, divorces, small claims, housing appeals, personal injury

lawsuits, ethics complaints, election appeals and more.

Noble took over as chief judge on July 1 and her term runs through June 2021. Shaw served the Tribe as

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New Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble, right, shakes hands with Employee Relations Specialist Sean Barton as Employee Relations Coordinator Linda Warren looks on during a meet and greet held in Tribal Court on Friday, Aug. 16.



**Special 12-page Grand
Ronde annual Contest
Powwow pullout**

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8
Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Sept. 11.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 25.....	5 p.m.

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

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

It is nearing a year since my grandmother, Margaret Provost, has walked on. The family has mourned her loss and experience heartache each time we reach for the phone to call her and remember she is now with the Creator. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and auntie to her family and Tribe ... a leader, pathfinder and inspiration to us and so many more. She gave us love, strength and might; a stronger person would be hard to find and we miss her dearly.

Her legacy is that she believed in the impossible and lived her life striving for what she believed was right for a nation of our Tribal people.

We would like to thank the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the tribute statue of her, her brother, Marvin Kimsey, and their good friend, Merle Holmes. It serves as a reminder of their collective vision for the welfare of our Tribe.

On behalf of the family, we wish to thank everyone who attended her service, helped officiate, provided the opening ceremonies, drummed, sang and gave tributes, as well as all of the flowers, plants, cards and sentiments that were sent.

The family will be honoring her memory with a giveaway at the 2019 Restoration Celebration in November. Everyone is welcome.

Most sincerely,
Camille Mercier & the family of Margaret Provost
Roll #1982

Dear Smoke Signals:

On Aug. 15, I picked up the annual distribution of salmon for our family. We get three portions because of the three Tribal members in our house and we are thankful to the Tribe for the salmon.

My family loves salmon and I have been smoking about half of it most years. But this year our salmon was white, not pink. The last time this happened was two years ago and the salmon was terrible tasting. I tried to cook it and none of the meat had any consistency; it was like eating paste. We ended up throwing most of it out. This had happened before, too. In 2014, the salmon we got was very pale, white and pasty and I tried to smoke it. The smoked salmon turned out inedible and I had to throw it out.

Studying up on this, it turns out that when salmon spawn, they travel far and use all of their energy. The closer to the spawning ground the salmon is caught, the worse tasting they are as they are losing their nutrients. The meat turns white and they will die soon. Historically, Native people did eat these salmon, but only when they were starving or poor.

I wondered if anyone else had the same feelings about their salmon distribution. A poll on Facebook revealed that many other people have problems with the white, tasteless and pasty salmon and that some people now no longer pick up their salmon because this has happened so often.

I question the mission and policies of the salmon distribution program if people are not actually able to eat the salmon they are getting. We appreciate the fish, when it is edible, but I feel a little put off when the fish is inedible, and I am not alone. I wonder if there is a policy that ensures the quality of the salmon and, if so, how do we make sure that policy is being followed? Unless changes occur, I will no longer be taking advantage of the salmon distribution program.

I know a lot of Tribal members who feel the same way. I urge Tribal Council and the administrative staff to make changes to ensure there is effective oversight to ensure that Tribal members get quality services at all times.

David Gene Lewis
Roll #2741

Sewing class participants wanted

The sewing classes that have been held at the Elders Activity Center have been canceled due to lack of participation. Classes could resume if at least six people commit to attending. To commit or find out more information, contact Elders Activity Assistant Virginia Kimsey-Roof at 503-879-2233. ■

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Sept. 27, in observance of National Native American Day.

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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Friday, Sept. 6	Sept. 15
Friday, Sept. 20	Oct. 1
Friday, Oct. 4	Oct. 15
Monday, Oct. 21	Nov. 1
Monday, Nov. 4.....	Nov. 15
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Dec. 1

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- September**
- Monday, Sept. 2 – Labor Day holiday. Tribal offices closed.
 - Sunday, Sept. 8 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council Swearing-In ceremony, 11 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

- October**
- Friday, Oct. 4 – Elders Fishing Trip, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Hebo Lake. 503-879-2233.
 - Sunday, Oct. 6 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

Attention Tribal members!

The Member Services Department is offering a pickup option for the September per capita distribution and hosting a Tribal department/programs informational fair with light snacks and refreshments.

When: Friday, Sept. 13
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Tribal Community Center,
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Tribal IDs will be available.

**All checks not picked up by 4 p.m.
will be mailed out that day.**

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 Sept. 17.

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

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

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
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- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
- **Grand Ronde Cultural Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



National Indian Health Board to honor Kennedy

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy will receive an Outstanding Service Award from the National Indian Health Board during its annual Heroes in Health Awards gala to be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Temecula, Calif.

The award honors an individual or organization whose work has had an effect on American Indian/Alaska Native health care.



Cheryle A. Kennedy

“Chairwoman Kennedy’s commitment as co-chair of the Oregon Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee resulted in approval of Senate Bill 973, which includes recommendations designed to include support for Tribal nations to develop stronger community-based continuum of care to improve health and criminal justice outcomes for Tribal people cycling in and out of Oregon’s jails and hospitals,” states her nomination form.

“(She) has incessantly advocated for equitable health care in Indian Country. Her career as a health administrator working with Tribes spans several decades. She has served several terms on her Tribal Council, on many local state and national committees and boards, and provided expert testimony focused on improving the health and wellness of Indian people.”

Kennedy was the Tribe’s first health administrator, starting the Health & Wellness Department shortly after 1983’s Restoration. She also has served on Tribal Council for 21 years, most of them as Tribal Council chair.

In addition, she served as executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and is the Tribe’s longtime representative on the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services. ■

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy

Please send completed applications to
Stacia Hernandez, 9615 Grand Ronde Road,
Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

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

Clothes Closet open Friday mornings

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to **smok signalz**.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer’s name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period.

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Send letters via e-mail to 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.

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:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18;
- And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The Food Bank will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day and will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10. It also will have a food preservation class from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, regarding beans.

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

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marion-polkfoodshare.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, Sept. 6. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: 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.



2014 – Six grants brought in more than \$573,000 for phase II work on the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. The museum, long a dream of the Tribe, received a jump-start in the summer of 2011 when the Tribe purchased the former Grand Ronde Middle School site from the Willamina School District. After almost three years of renovation work, phase 1 was complete.



2014

File photo

2009 – The Tribe’s longstanding effort to be recognized by the federal government as a Columbia River Tribe received a significant boost when U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader introduced House Resolution 3514, which would amend the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act to include the Grand Ronde. “I was approached by Tribal Chair Cheryle Kennedy and other members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, who asked for my support of their effort to be recognized as a Tribe with historic ties to the Columbia River,” Schrader said.

2004 – The Tribe opened a new Portland satellite office to better assist the membership by providing several on-site services. These included vocational rehabilitation, employment and training, education services, behavioral health counseling and cultural classes. A \$95,913 Administration for Native Americans grant was awarded to the Tribe for its satellite offices in both Portland and Eugene. The new offices included a classroom, small conference room and computer lab.

1999 – The three-day second annual Chinook Language Conference was held in Grant Ronde, and attracted 30 participants ranging in age from preschoolers to Elders, and included both Tribal members and outside academics. Elder and Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison recalled that her father often spoke Chinook at home. “Some of those stories I remember are still dear to me,” she said. “Then I went to boarding school and you know what happens there, they don’t allow you to speak Indian. Maybe, I tell my grandchildren I will study it when I retire.”

1994 – Tribal Council adopted three changes to the Elections Ordinance, two of which would take effect that year. The changes were that in the event of a tie between third and fourth place for a Tribal Council seat, the two candidates would have a runoff election, which would take place in November. Also, names on the ballot would no longer be in alphabetical order if there was more than one person with the same last name. The third change would be that walk-in voters were no longer required to register. Only a Tribal identification card would be required.

1989 – Several Tribal youth participated in a “Survival Hike,” which left from Hebo Lake and included an eight-mile trek. Tribal Operations Manager Greg Archuleta offered advice to the young hikers. The group went fishing after reaching South Lake, and Fish and Wildlife Committee member Rick McKnight took time to teach youth about hunting safety.

1984 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde held its first annual Powwow. Rudy Clements served as emcee. Matilda Mitchell, Sylvia Wallulatum and Minty Showaway from Warm Springs gave the invocation. “Thanks also goes out to all of the dancers in the Grand Entry and throughout the celebration,” *Smoke Signals* Editor Pat Gray said. “You all did your best and we succeeded in pulling off the greatest powwow yet.”

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

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Tribal Council OKs \$5.2 million to complete lodge remodel project

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved moving \$5.2 million from the Tribe’s line of credit to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. to pay for the second phase of the Spirit Mountain Lodge remodel project at its Wednesday, Aug. 14, meeting.

In early February, Tribal Council allocated \$15.5 million from the Tribe’s line of credit to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. that funded construction for the first phase of lodge interior remodeling.

The lodge’s interior remodel included adding more high-demand suites, updating older lodge rooms, and redesigning and updating the entrance way and Hall of Legends connecting the lodge to Spirit Mountain Casino. Tribal Council approved \$1.1 million to fund the remodel’s design phase in March 2018.

The first phase updated 156 rooms, turning 14 into suites and eight into mini-premium suites.

The additional \$5.2 million will pay to update the remaining 98 rooms at the lodge, bringing the total re-investment in the lodge to almost \$21 million.

The additional funds were approved by Tribal Council in a July 29 authorization to proceed.

Revamping of the 254-room lodge, which opened with 100 rooms in 1998, follows the Tribe’s \$13 million investment to remodel the casino in 2016. Both remodels were in reaction to the opening of the Cowlitz casino in Ridgefield, Wash., in April 2017 and are an effort to keep the Grand Ronde Tribe’s gaming facility competitive and current.

The Grand Ronde Tribe is in the enviable financial position of having the resources that it can loan Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. the necessary funds for remodeling both the casino and lodge and then Spirit Mountain Gaming pays the loan back to the Tribe with interest.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved 101 Restoration Roll corrections involving seven families and asked the Secretary of the Interior to approve the corrections. The approvals bring the number of names added to the Restoration Roll in 2019 to 158;

- Approved using up to \$5.1 million from the Tribe’s line of credit to help purchase the 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City;
- Approved Friday, Sept. 13, as the next per capita distribution date;
- Approved a \$225,000 contract with Scholten Construction of Willamina to build a playground shelter at Early Childhood Education, which will allow children to play on the structure year-round;
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, Tillamook County, Washington County Visitor’s Association and Port of Tillamook Bay regarding the 84-mile Salm-onberry Trail;
- Approved a relinquishment of membership requested by one Tribal member;
- Approved the Kali Logging Unit as presented by Natural Resources Department staff that will bring the Tribe an estimated \$630,000 in net return;
- And approved the annual O’Link agreement between 11 Tribes that will bring the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Housing Department an additional \$117,000 in Indian Housing Block Grant funding.

Also included in the Aug. 14 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that appointed Tribal Council member Michael Langley to the Tillamook Forest Heritage Board of Directors, declassified the 2012 Anuskewicz & McCabe enrollment audit report and directed Historic Preservation Office Manager Briece Edwards to negotiate a new five-year inter-governmental agreement with the state Department of Transportation regarding project consultation and recovery of cultural resources work undertaken by the Tribe.

Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier opened the meeting by drumming and singing for the cultural presentation.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government icon and then Videos. ■

Tribal Court is now open during the lunch hour

As of Monday, Aug. 5, the Tribal Court office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the lunch hour.

Tribal Court also provides notary services. However, to obtain notary services please arrive before 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Tribal Court and the services available, contact the court at court@grandronde.org or 503-879-2303. ■

Willamina High All-Class Reunion set

The Willamina High School All-Class Reunion will be held starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the home of Marilyn Rosenbalm, 385 S.W. Hill Drive.

There will be a potluck meal and attendees are encouraged to bring chairs. Coffee, water and soft drinks will be furnished. If you’d like something else to drink, bring your own.

For more information, call 503-876-6773 or e-mail Ming1R@hotmail.com. ■

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Help is available for Tribal members contemplating suicide

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Suicide or thoughts of harming oneself can be a taboo topic to discuss openly. Some people worry they will be thought of as crazy, others don't believe anyone cares, or they struggle with fears of being a burden to loved ones.

Each year, more than 41,000 people die by suicide, leaving behind families to try to answer the often unanswerable: Why?

In Tribal communities, suicide is the second leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Natives between the ages of 15 and 24, according to the Indian Health Service, and the adjusted suicide rate for AI/AN individuals between those ages is four times higher when compared to all-race rate statistics across the United States.

Additionally, suicide rates peak during adolescence and young adulthood in AI/AN communities and then decline. This is a different pattern than for the general population, where suicide peaks in mid-life, with individuals in the 45- to 54-year-old age group at highest risk.

With September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center wants Tribal members to know there is help available locally for those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, with emphasis placed on being culturally sensitive and integrating Tribal spirituality into the range of services. These services are available to all Grand Ronde Tribal members, descendants and other Natives for outpatient services.

"We encourage all eligible individuals to come in or call us for services," Quality Improvement Manager Dawn Doar says. "The Behavioral Health staff is available to help with assessing, intervention or preventive mental health and alcohol and drug services."

Although the Tribal health center doesn't have crisis intervention services, it's something that is being considered.

"It takes lots of planning to see what we need to do to best serve our people," says Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe. "Right now, we do screenings for signs of depression fairly regularly. This (crisis services) is something that is on the radar, something that we know we need to have."

Resources

Grand Ronde Behavioral Health Department
503-879-2026
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays.

Polk County Behavioral Health
503-623-9289 (weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays)
503-581-5535 or 1-800-560-5535 (after-hours line)

Yamhill County Crisis Services
1-844-842-8200 (emergency contact number). Emergency evaluations and crisis intervention are provided at local hospital emergency rooms
Onsite services: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 627 N. Evans St., McMinnville, 503-434-7523

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-8255, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Indian Country often has its own risk factors with suicide when compared to the population at large. Those communities with high suicide rates often have limited local health care resources. Also, youth have experienced historical trauma and often live in areas that lack economic opportunity and have high poverty, according to a study conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Although the Grand Ronde Tribe has its own health care center and Behavioral Health, Youth Prevention and Social Services departments available for those who need help, seeking it can be another matter entirely.

"In small communities like this, it is (sometimes) a challenge because if you go in the door of Behavioral Health for services, people know," says Youth Prevention Manager Nicole Hewitt. "And if you live farther away and don't have a car, you may not be able to make it to access services at all."

Hewitt also notes that although Native American suicide rates are high, it is important to remember that some Tribes' rates are a lot higher, which raises the overall number for all Native Americans.

"Those with higher rates are usually located on Reservations with extreme poverty and limited resources," Hewitt said. "But we all get grouped as a whole."

That being said, Hewitt says that intergenerational trauma seminars that the Grand Ronde Tribe has had in recent years have helped develop a framework of guidance.

"You have adults with trauma and as Native Americans, we have increased risk for all health issues. ... If that is the community and family environment, your thoughts of suicide and depression may be higher. We need to not only focus on the youth, but look at the family as well."

Hewitt says she is fortunate to work in Grand Ronde, which offers a number of preventive services for families before there is a full-blown crisis.

"Our community has drug and alcohol treatment, Tribal-based practices, parenting classes, Youth Education, Youth Prevention and cultural classes," she says. "These look at not just the youth, but the family as well. We can't just say, 'Why that kid?' We need to look at what is going on in the family. We view culture and recreational opportunities as prevention and want to engage all youth."

Youth Prevention will be taking several students to participate in Salem's "Out of the Darkness" walk on Saturday, Sept. 28, and is also working at bringing a speaker out to the Tribal campus.

Native American Suicide Prevention Act
The higher rate of suicide among Native Americans has not gone unnoticed by federal legislators. Earlier this year, Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Lisa Murkowski

(R-Alaska), along with Reps. Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) and Tom Cole (R-Okla.), re-introduced the bipartisan Native American Suicide Prevention Act.

The legislation requires collaboration among states and Tribal governments in the design and implementation of statewide suicide intervention and prevention strategies. It is still in the committee review stage.

Several Native American-related organizations wrote letters of support for lawmakers' efforts, including the National Indian Health Board, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and National Council of Urban Indian Health.

"Suicidality is often in combination with other behavioral and mental health issues, including depression, feelings of hopelessness, trauma, substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse and other negative social issues," National Indian Health Board Chair Vinton Hawley says. "By requiring states to collaborate with Tribes, Tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations, it ensures that these factors will be addressed in a comprehensive way. Too often, Tribes are left out of critical funding and programming decisions, which further exacerbates the health disparities experienced in many Tribal communities."

The Center for American Indian Health notes that a community-based approach has shown improved outcomes, including increased connections to mental health care, as well as decreased suicide attempts and deaths.

"Tribes are eager to partner on community-based, participatory efforts to reduce suicide," Associate Director Mary Cwik says. "A bill that holds states receiving funding accountable to include Tribal partners is consistent with critical needs and concerns." ■

(Editor's note: Smoke Signals is joining with other Oregon media outlets to highlight the problem of suicide in the state and recognize Sept. 8-14 as National Suicide Prevention Week. More than 800 people killed themselves last year in Oregon.)



**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 or call 503-879-4623.

Community Health Program

Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.



Smoke Signals seeking logo submissions

Smoke Signals is seeking logo entries from Grand Ronde Tribal artists that represent the newspaper’s mission of communicating with the membership.

Culturally, blue jay is a fitting character in Tribal stories that is a teller and conveyor of information and logo suggestions that incorporate the bird will be considered.

Logos will be used in the newspaper, on the newspaper website and on any swag that is eventually created to help promote the newspaper at future events, such powwows, General Council meetings and conferences.

Tribal artists interested in submitting a logo proposal should send their drawing as a jpg to Editor Dean Rhodes at dean.rhodes@grandronde.org. For more information, contact Rhodes at 503-879-1463. Submissions will be accepted until a logo is finally selected. ■

Noble has worked in the legal field for 27 years

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chief judge for five years, beginning as interim chief judge in May 2014.

Noble says her judicial philosophy is to provide firm and clear guidance from the bench, as well as to provide accountability.

“The court needs to continue its tradition of professionalism, courtesy and dignity, while creating an environment in which every voice is heard with caring and understanding,” she said in a statement. “A judge needs to act wisely and with the full understanding of the facts and the application of law, so that public confidence in the judiciary and the juridical system is preserved.”

Noble, of McMinnville, has worked in the legal field for 27 years. In addition to her job as Tribal Court chief judge, she also serves as a part-time McMinnville Municipal Court judge and has a private family law practice.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from New York’s Syracuse University in 1981 and a doctor of

law degree from Willamette University in Salem in 1992. Noble was admitted to the Oregon State Bar the same year she earned her law degree.

Her work in municipal court has included presiding over most misdemeanors, traffic violations, minor in possession violations and city ordinance violations.

“(I am) dedicated to finding peaceful resolutions that strengthen the community,” Noble says. “(I have) a passion to right wrongs and help others.”

In addition to being a member of the Oregon State Bar, she is also a member of the Yamhill County Bar Association, Yamhill Justice Center, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Oregon Municipal Judges’ Association and Oregon Association of Collaborative Professionals.

Noble and her husband, Rick, have two grown children and two malamutes. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with music and art endeavors in the local community. ■

Sifuentez case still not set for trial

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

SALEM – Former longtime Tribal Security employee Juan Jose Sifuentez, 55, remains out of jail on bail while awaiting trial on first-degree sexual abuse charges.

A trial date has not been set by Marion County Circuit Court.

Sifuentez, 55, was arrested by the Salem Police Department on Thursday, Feb. 7, and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual abuse. He remained in the Marion County Jail until mid-April when he posted the \$8,300 security release.

Sifuentez worked for the Tribe as Security Supervisor in the Engineering & Public Works Department. Before that, he served as an employee of two previous contracted security firms, ProStar and Advance.

According to amended charging documents on file with Marion

County Circuit Court, Sifuentez is accused of two incidents of alleged inappropriate touching of a girl younger than 14. The alleged incidents occurred in August 2014.

He is being represented by Salem attorney Martin Habekost, who did not return a phone call or e-mail requesting comment on the case.

According to Oregon law, first-degree sexual abuse occurs if the victim is younger than 14 and is subjected to force or is incapable of consent because he or she is mentally defective or incapacitated or physically helpless. It is a class B felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison with a mandatory minimum of 6 years and 3 months.

Marion County District Attorney Ashley R. Cadotte is prosecuting the case.

Sifuentez’s next court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25. ■

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Director’s Position Openings

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (“SMGI”), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (“Grand Ronde”), operates Spirit Mountain Casino – the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas-style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest’s premier casinos. Grand Ronde invites applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There are two open board positions.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. The Board oversees strategic planning, overall fiscal accountability, budgets and operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The SMGI Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, which are held at Spirit Mountain Casino – although participation by telephone will occasionally be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position, and a solid understanding of the Portland-metro and Salem area economies. Experience in the following areas is also preferred: gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources, and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is required.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission deadline: Friday, Sept. 20, 2019

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:

Stacia Hernandez, Chief of Staff
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347
Phone: 503-879-2304
E-mail: stacia.martin@grandronde.org


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‘Our enrollment files are a mess’

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ted to the Tribe in December 2012, its findings, which were used to begin disenrolling Tribal members for dual enrollment and lineal descent issues, are being questioned.

“The scope of A&M’s work ... did not include looking at how an error or change in the blood quantum of one individual affected his or her family,” states Tribal Council’s July 24 memo. “As a result, A&M’s report cannot be relied on to confirm whether an individual’s blood quantum in the Tribe’s system is actually correct.

“In retrospect, the Tribal Council believes the A&M audit should have had a broader scope of work. As the audit was designed, it did not address many blood quantum errors that have existed since before Termination.”

The audit examined 6,108 enrollment files:

- 1,101 files of Tribal members on the Restoration Roll;
- 1,314 files of Tribal members enrolled between July 1984 and January 1989;
- 809 files of Tribal members enrolled between February 1989 and December 1993;
- 879 files of Tribal members enrolled between January 1994 and March 1997;
- 824 files of Tribal members enrolled between April 1997 and November 1999;
- 136 files of Tribal members enrolled between December 1999 and November 2000;
- 327 files of Tribal members enrolled between January 2001 and March 2004;
- 352 files of Tribal members enrolled between April 2004 and February 2008;
- and 364 files of Tribal members enrolled between March 2008 and August 2012.

Numerous problems were found, including almost 1,200 files with lineal descent issues and concerns, according to a tabulation performed

by *Smoke Signals*.

“Although the files of 1,200 or more members may be noted as having lineal descent concerns, that does not mean there is a problem with the member’s lineal descent,” said Deputy Press Secretary Sara Thompson in response to e-mailed questions from *Smoke Signals* about the enrollment audit. “These cases could have been flagged for missing documentation, inaccurate information or any number of other issues.”

According to the audit, among the 1,101 files of Tribal members on the Restoration Roll, 24.7 percent – 272 – did not have anything in the file supporting the person’s blood quantum other than a “possible” copy of the Restoration Roll and sheet that gave roll number and quantum.

Also among Restoration Roll files, 17.5 percent – 193 – had differences between the blood quantum listed in Member Services’ database, the enrollment file and/or the Restoration Roll that were not supported by documentation.

In another time period examined, for the 1,314 people enrolled between July 1984 and January 1989, 31.9 percent – 419 – did not have “definitive evidence” for blood quantum amount listed in the database and/or did not have support for blood quantum changes or differences that are present in the file and/or database. “They may also be the descendants of persons whose blood quantum amounts are in question,” the audit states.

In more recent times, among the 364 files examined between March 2008 and August 2012, 30.4 percent – 111 – might have incorrect blood quantum listed because of discrepancies with an ancestor’s blood quantum.

“Throughout the review of the files, the applications had many errors,” the audit’s general findings state. “A major issue not discussed elsewhere was that the application at times failed to ask for information required by the ordinance of name and address, aliases, date of birth, name of parents, ancestral descendant, if under 18 or incom-

petent the name of person doing the application, and certification the information is true.”

The audit’s recommendation states that the “major areas of concern” identified within the enrollment files were deficient supporting documents relating to establishing linear descent and blood quantum amounts, as well as a general lack of supporting documentation.

“Due to the nature of enrollment and the dependency on the information of one generation affecting the enrollment of future generations, the critical nature of the documentation is exposed,” the audit states. “A missing document for an ancestor may lead to all of their descendants missing the critical link to the Tribe.”

Among Anuskewicz & McCabe’s recommendations was that blood quantum calculation errors within the line of descent be reviewed and recalculated to ensure all changes are supported and reflected in all of the files that are affected.

Audit reassessment

Individual enrollment issues are protected by confidentiality, but the enrollment audit’s findings do not identify individuals and are, instead, cumulative in nature.

Cracks in the quality of the 2012 enrollment audit started showing last year when Tribal Council member Michael Langley criticized it during a Sept. 26, 2018, Tribal Council meeting.

Langley, who was not on Tribal Council when the audit was authorized and performed, expressed concerns about what might have been missed in the auditing process in an effort to save money.

According to Thompson, one of the enrollment audit proposals initially received was priced at more than \$300,000. During a second request for proposals process, four firms responded and were interviewed. In the end, Anuskewicz & McCabe was selected because it was 51 percent Indian-owned and less expensive at \$90,000.

“When I personally look at the audit, the original bid for that audit came in at like \$300,000 and some, and we didn’t like that price tag,” Langley said. “But if you think about it, to do a thorough audit of our enrollment files would take an incredible amount of hours. That is essentially what we are doing right now. We are auditing all of those enrollment files in a way that it should have been done.

“At that time, because of that high price tag, and I don’t think everybody recognizes this but they will tonight, we negotiated those audit procedures down, which means lessening the amount of work that was going to be involved. ... And you have to think to yourself, ‘What was missed?’ If we’re going to change our whole audit process and change our procedures of what we’re going to look at, change the scope of what we’re going to look at ... and now that I’m on council, we missed a lot. And our enrollment files are a mess. It’s going to take a big fix.”

In February 2018, the top two em-

ployees in the Member Services Department were removed from their positions and a subsequent press release from Tribal Council stated that enrollment audit findings were not properly inputted into Tribal member enrollment files.

Enrollment files have subsequently been re-examined by the Tribe’s Member Services staff members and Legal Department personnel in Room 204 of the Governance Center.

“Issues surrounding enrollment can be traced back to the earliest rolls and census records,” Thompson said. “Additional issues came to light just after the 2012 audit. Since then, Tribal Council as well as Legal and Enrollment staff have been working to understand the magnitude of these issues.”

Tribal Council issued a special edition of *Tilixam Wawa* in August that addressed enrollment and the Tribe’s enrollment records, as well as the enrollment audit.

In response, an advisory vote has been placed on the Sept. 7 Tribal Council ballot asking the membership their opinion on banning disenrollments unless they are based on fraud by the individual.

Disenrollments started in August 2013 when 13 Tribal members were initially disenrolled for violating the dual enrollment clause in the Tribal Constitution, meaning they were a member of another Native American Tribe when they enrolled in the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Few Tribal members can forget the divisiveness caused by the enrollment audit and the subsequent disenrollment proceedings, particularly those regarding descendants of Cascades Chief Tumulth, a signer of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

The Tumulth descendants were provisionally disenrolled in July 2014 pending the outcome of legal proceedings, which they finally won in August 2016 when the Tribal Court of Appeals ruled that the Tribe had waited too long to disenroll them. The Enrollment Board reinstated them as Tribal members in October 2016.

Chief Tumulth descendants were identified for disenrollment because of lineal descent issues – they did not have an ancestor who appeared on an official roll or record of Tribal membership compiled by the federal government because Tumulth was executed by the U.S. Army before reaching the Grand Ronde Reservation. Tribal Council never made a decision if a treaty attains the status of an official roll or record of Tribal membership.

Tribal members wanting a copy of the enrollment audit should fill out a Public Records Request Form that is available at www.grandronde.org/services/records-center/ or at the Central Phones in the Governance Center. The completed form can be submitted to kim.mueller@grandronde.org or dropped off at the Central Phones.

“Tribal members are still requesting copies of their files,” Thompson said. “The content of those files and whether or not they contained errors remains confidential.” ■

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DEQ OKs agreement

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to the Tribe.

“This is a historic day for the Grand Ronde Tribe and our people,” said Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy in a press release. “Since 1855, the government has worked to disconnect our people from our homelands. Today, we’re reclaiming a piece of those lands and resurrecting our role as caretakers to Willamette Falls – a responsibility left to us by our ancestors.”

The site was once home to the Charcowah village of the Clowewalla (Willamette band of Tumwaters) and the Kosh-huk-shix village of Clackamas people, who were both forcibly removed from Willamette Falls and relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the 1850s.

The purchase is a continuation the Tribe’s reconnection with the falls. In October 2018, the Tribe built a removable platform at the falls, which allows Tribal members to traditionally fish using dipnets. Tribal fishermen returned to the falls in May and caught the first fish from the platform.

Tribal members also return to the falls annually to harvest by hand Pacific lamprey, a traditional first food.

The Grand Ronde Tribe has been working with various local, regional and state partners throughout the sale process to shape the future of the property, said Deputy Press Secretary Sara Thompson in a press release.

The Tribe has worked with regional government Metro and the Willamette Falls Trust on the Willamette Falls Riverwalk Project and established a cleanup plan with the



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde completed its \$15.25 million purchase of the 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City on Thursday, Aug. 15. It is the first time in 164 years that the Tribe has officially owned land near Willamette Falls.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

On Wednesday, Aug. 21, the Tribal Canoe Family paddled štankiya on the Willamette River near the falls and were joined by Gov. Kate Brown to commemorate the purchase of the property.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said that the Tribe has initially committed \$3 million to clean up the property, which has been used for numerous industrial purposes since the 19th century and includes more than 50 buildings.

The Tribe placed the property under a purchase and sale agreement in May and the Aug. 15 closing concludes a three-month purchase and due diligence process.

DEQ OKs agreement
The state Department of Environmental Quality signed a prospec-

tive purchaser agreement with the Grand Ronde Tribe in early August regarding the Blue Heron Paper Mill site after holding a public meeting in mid-July at the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City.

A prospective purchaser agreement releases the Grand Ronde Tribe from liability regarding pre-acquisition hazardous substance releases at or from the property.

The July 17 public meeting was attended by approximately 30 people with about half of the audience being either Department of Environmental Quality or Tribal government staff members. Three public and two written comments were accepted at and after the meeting.

Mark Pugh, project manager with the Department of Environmental Quality, said environmental concerns at the site range from asbestos and lead-based paints in the buildings to mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls in the soil. However, Pugh said, intermittent flooding of the property over the years has kept soil contamination lower than one might expect.

According to a Scope of Work 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 with tailrace sediment and leaking underground storage tanks.

Now that the consent order with DEQ has been signed, the Tribe has 60 days to prepare an initial summary report, 90 days to begin evaluation and implementation of site stabilization efforts, 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.

Low priority items will be remediated as redevelopment of the property occurs.

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

When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am
Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Who: Parents and Caregivers of children under 5 years.
Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!

Up to \$5,000 is being offered for information that leads to solving a missing person case. Heather Cameron was last seen Aug. 18, 2012, with Daniel Lusby, heading to Keswick Dam, a remote area approx. 20 minutes outside Redding, Calif. in Shasta County. She placed multiple calls to 911 from that area from Lusby’s cell phone and has not been heard from since.

Call or text the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department tip line with any information: 541-921-2927

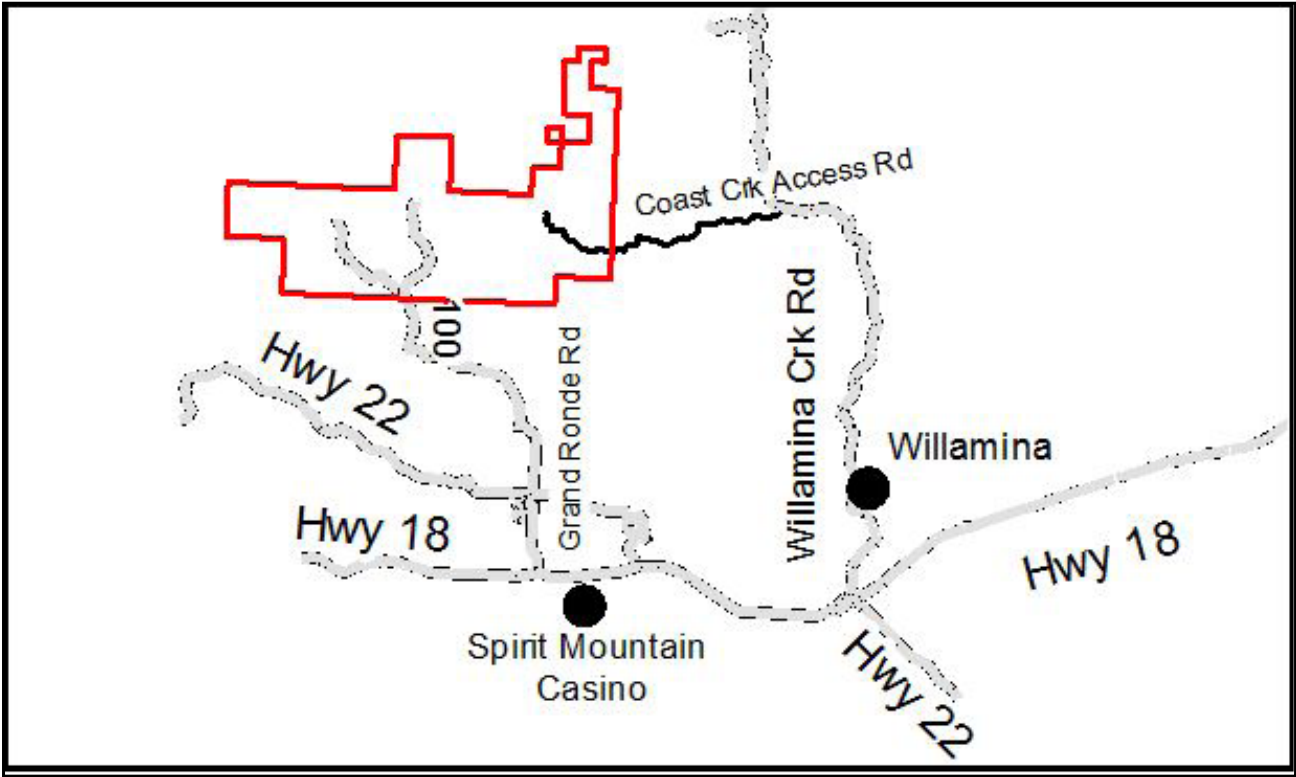
The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Reward Policy sets forth procedures for reward availability, eligibility, and payments. Contact the police department for more information or to obtain a copy of the policy.

To listen to the podcast regarding Heather Cameron go to www.spreaker.com and then search for “Smoke Signals podcasts.”

2019 Tribal hunting tag

As previously announced, on Sept. 5, 2014, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. The approval delegated authority to the Tribe, regaining sovereignty over natural resources on the Tribal Reservation and trust lands. An administrative rule was developed as part of the approval process, which provides additional hunting tags to the Tribe outside of the state-issued regular and ceremonial hunting tags already allocated to the membership. The new tags will be valid on the Reservation only as identified by the red line in the figure below.

The Fish & Wildlife Department will hold the **tag drawing** for these new Tribal Tags (black-tailed deer and Roosevelt elk) on **5:15 p.m. Friday Sept. 13** at the Natural Resources Department facility, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.



APPLICATION RULES:

- Tribal hunting licenses are required before submitting applications with the exception that Tribal members 11 years of age may apply. **However, they must turn 12 and have their Hunter’s Safety Certificate submitted to the Natural Resources Department before a tag will be issued. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the Hunter’s Safety Certificate on file. If a license is not obtained before the submitted application, all applications will be voided.**
- Incomplete or duplicate applications will be voided. Applications must be legible and signed in all designated spaces
- Tribal members 17 and under must possess a valid Hunter’s Safety Certificate.
- Tags are non-transferable.
- **TUTORIAL:** Tribal members must successfully complete a one-time **mandatory educational tutorial** discussing tag rules, regulations, applications and reporting as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. Hunters drawn for tags will be notified of tutorial course dates and times. If you have previously completed the tutorial, you will not have to attend one in 2019. Please contact Tribal Wildlife Biologist Brent Barry at 503-879-1458 for more information. **Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having completed said tutorial.**

TRIBAL LICENSES are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment to obtain your license. Tribal Enrollment Cards are required at the time of licensing and in addition, Hunter’s Safety Certificates are required for youth 17 and under.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER CATEGORY! Multiple applications will result in ALL APPLICATIONS being voided for that hunter. Categories are as follows:

- o DEER
 - **BOW ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both deer and elk bow hunts).
 - Bow Season Coast Buck: Sept. 23 to Sept. 27.
 - **FIREARM ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both hunts).
 - Centerfire Firearm Season Coast Buck: Nov. 2 to Nov. 8.
 - Muzzleloader Rifle Season Any Deer (Hair Tag): Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.
- o ELK (**ELK HUNTERS may not apply for multiple Seasons and must choose one Season to apply; Bow, First, OR Second Season**)
 - **BOW ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both deer and elk bow hunts).
 - Bow Season Bull Elk: Sept. 23 to Sept. 27.
 - **FIREARM ONLY**
 - First Season Centerfire Firearm Bull: Nov. 13 to Nov. 15.
 - Second Season Centerfire Firearm Any Elk (Hair Tag): Nov. 23 to Nov. 27.
 - Muzzleloader Rifle Season Any Elk (Hair Tag): Dec. 3 to Dec. 17.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Monday Sept. 9, 2019

Applications may be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand-delivered to one of the following:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde	Office: 503-879-2424
Delivered: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road	Fax: 503-879-5622
Mailed: 9615 Grand Ronde Road	E-mail: NRD@grandronde.org
Grand Ronde, OR 97347	

All tags will be available for issue on Wednesday Sept. 18, 2019.

A Grand Ronde Tribal Hunting and Fishing License will be required to be shown at time of tag pickup. Tags will not be allowed to be picked up for other hunters. No exceptions to either of these rules.

- **Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation.**
- **Lost tags will not be replaced.** It is the hunter’s responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.

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2019 Powwow Special section



Tribal member Ty George participates in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at Uiyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

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Contest Powwow is biggest in years

New dancers register for 28 categories and contest drum prizes increase



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Tribal member Nacoma Liebelt competes in the Boys Traditional division on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Maybe it was the increase in the drum contest prize monies, the mild weather or the Grand Ronde Tribe's reputation for being good hosts, but the 2019 Contest Powwow was the biggest one in years.

The powwow attracted 392 registered dancers during the weekend of Friday, Aug. 16, through Sunday, Aug. 18, to úyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road, an increase of 55 from 2018 and 103 from 2017. This included 34 Grand Ronde Tribal member dancers.

Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam said that there was an increase in contest drum groups, which usually translates into more dancers. Add that to an increase in competition dance specials and the result was a steady uptick of registered dancers who competed in the 28 categories. Dancers ranged in age from 6 to older than 65.

"This is just great," Ainam said. "It's such a fun time to see people and always exciting when they come back year after year. To be able to coordinate all of this well feels rewarding."

Friday evening's 7 p.m. Grand Entry took more than 30 minutes to complete as dancers completely filled the Powwow Grounds Arbor.

Three Grand Ronde dancers won a total of \$850 in prizes, led by Leah Villa who took second place in the Junior Adult Womens Traditional and Nacoma Liebelt who took second place in the Junior Boys Traditional categories. Matisse Sohappay was awarded fourth place in the Junior Girls Jingle. Overall, more than \$52,000 was awarded in the dance categories.

Royalty Pageant

Contest Powwow activities began at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16, with the Royalty Pageant held at the Governance Center Atrium.

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A.



Austen Miller (Warm Springs), 2, participates in the School is Cool special dance on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

George was the master of ceremonies and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gave the invocation.

This year’s Royalty Pageant judges were Tribal Elder Jackie Many Hides, Tribal member Leah Villa and Tammy Fisher.

Little Miss Grand Ronde contestants were Aubrey Campbell, Kalea Liebelt, Marie Quenelle, Taylor Ruggles and Sophia Grout.

Senior Miss Grand Ronde had two contestants, reigning Queen Isabelle Grout and Iyana Holmes. Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi was unopposed. Tiny Tot, an honorary position, had two participants — Grace Macon and Leloo Quenelle.

That evening, Iyana Holmes was crowned Senior Miss Grand Ronde, Kaleigha Simi was crowned Junior Miss Grand Ronde and Sophia Grout was crowned Little Miss Grand Ronde at uyxat Powwow Grounds’ Arbor after outgoing Royalty for 2018-19 gave speeches and held giveaways in appreciation for those who had helped them during the past year. Outgoing Royalty were Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi and Little Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout, and Tiny Tots Jameson Turner, Aubrey Campbell, Grace Macon and Kalea Liebelt.

Outgoing Royalty members and their families did one last walk around the arbor while host drum Indian Hill performed an honor song. Incoming Royalty did the same following the coronation.

Friday Grand Entry

Powwow began with the various contest drum groups – Indian Hill, Blackstone, Stronghold, Black Lodge, Young Boys, The Cree, Bad Soul, Young Bear and Buckshot – each taking turns to play before



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Gary Greene (Nez Perce) competes in the Senior Golden Age Mens division on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Grand Entry. Drummers were competing for a combined \$30,000 in prize money.

Blackstone was awarded \$10,000; The Cree, \$8,000; Young Bear,

\$6,000, Stronghold, \$4,000; and Black Lodge, \$2,000.

Friday’s Grand Entry was led by Tribal Elder Alton Butler and Wayne Chulik (Tlingit) carrying in

eagle staffs.

As Indian Hill pounded out an honor song, Grand Ronde Honor Guard members and Tribal Elders Raymond Petite and Butler, Tribal spouse Richard Vanatta, Tribal spouse Anthony Texeira and Al Miller posted the colors. They were followed by other veterans, including past Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno and past Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi. Next came Tribal Council members, Tribal Royalty from various Tribes and Contest Powwow contestants. It took more than 30 minutes for everyone to fill the arbor.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Jack Giffen Jr., Kathleen George, Michael Langley and Lisa Leno attended Friday’s Grand Entry.

Jon George offered the invocation and Kennedy welcomed attendees who packed the bleachers and filled all of the chairs set up around the arbor, which meant standing room only for later arrivals.

“I’m thankful all of you are able to come here and celebrate with us,” she said. “I want to thank you for being a blessing.”

Kennedy also encouraged attendees to make use of the many recycling containers that were set up throughout the powwow grounds.

“The water is sacred and it is here for us to drink,” Kennedy said. “It gives us life. Do what you can to clean up and recycle. We were the caretakers of this land before and we need to do it again.”

Grand Entry closed with Royalty members of various Tribes introducing themselves and shaking hands with other Royalty mem-

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Dancers participate in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Allenroy Pay-Kwin (Jicarilla Apache) competes in the Senior Golden Age Mens division on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

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bers. Then, it was interTribal time, where dancers of all ages and styles came together in the arbor. Afterward, competitions for Tiny Tots, Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Outgoing Royalty/Teen Girls Special, Teen Girls Contest, Teen Boys Contest, Golden Age Women and Men, Junior and Senior Adult Mens, and Junior and Senior Adult Womens exhibitions were held.

Saturday Grand Entry

Saturday afternoon's Grand Entry attendance also filled the arbor stands to capacity, as well as rows of extra chairs and bleachers that had been set up. Following the previous evening's protocol, the Grand Ronde Honor Guard posted the colors. They were followed by veterans, Tribal Council members, Royalty from various Tribes and contest dancers. Grand Entry took approximately 20 minutes to complete. Dancers frequently waved to friends and family, and some attendees used their phone's video chat function to live stream the action for those unable to attend.

Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier led the invocation in Chinuk Wawa and then Indian Hill performed a victory song to honor veterans. Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier welcomed Saturday contestants and attendees. "I thought last night's Grand Entry was awesome, but looking around and seeing all of this today, I am at a loss for words," he said. "We want you to have the time of your lives. We're trying to be good stewards of our land so if you can, please recycle. In addition to Mercier, Tribal Council members Jack Giffen Jr., Jon A. George, Kathleen George, Michael Langley, Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno participated in Saturday's Grand Entry. Kennedy was overseeing a beadwork booth and Steve Bobb Sr. was unable to attend. During Grand Entry, veterans also were acknowledged and introduced themselves. After interTribal dances were held, the contest portion of the powwow was in full swing. First up were the Tiny Tots, followed by Senior Golden Age Women, Senior Golden Age Men, Junior Golden



Elvin Miller (Klamath/Modoc), center, participates in the Grand Entry on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Friday, Aug. 16.

Age Women and Junior Golden Age Men. Also held were the Junior Girls Finals in Traditional, Jingle and Fancy, followed by Junior Boys, Teen Girls and Teens Boys finals, all in the same categories. Newly crowned Senior Miss Grand Ronde Iyana Holmes competed in the Junior Girls Jingle category. "I hope to do well," she said. "I have been coming to powwow my whole life. It's a part of me. I just love it here." Denelle Stanley of Seattle (Ute/Navajo/Shawnee Creek) has competed at Grand Ronde's powwow twice before in the Womens Fancy category.

"I like the challenge," she said. "You really have to keep in shape and have your stamina up in order to remain competitive." This year, she was joined by her 6-year-old son Dravus Coin, who was competing for the first time. "He is pretty excited about it," she said. New this year were cultural demonstrations by Tribal member Brian Krehbiel as a part of the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) initiative to strengthen families through culturally focused and traditional parenting support activities. Surveys and other information were available to families as well. Next to Krehbiel was a small canoe he built and sailed during this year's Paddle to Lummi Canoe Journey. It proved to be a hit with younger Tribal members, who kept climbing in and out.

"I'm trying to engage families and see what they want, that's why I brought all of my goodies," he said, pointing to a blanket filled with Native baskets, carvings, pine nuts and more. "Anything that people want to learn about, I want to help them." Also new to powwow was a booth sponsored by Western Oregon University, the first ever higher education institution invited to a Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. All Native American students who applied during the powwow had the \$60 application fee waived and also are eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship if they ultimately enroll in fall 2019 or fall 2020. Representatives from several departments, including admissions, financial aid and academic advising were onsite to answer any questions parents or potential students might have about navigating the sometimes complex world of the college admissions process. As of Saturday afternoon, 13 students had applied for admission. "It's great we can offer these resources onsite," said Admissions Counselor Itsel Venegas-Trujillo. "We want students to know we are here and available to help. We understand their circumstances and come from similar backgrounds." Tribal Education Committee Chair Tammy Cook said she was "elated" to have Western Oregon representatives at powwow. "We hope this opportunity will help those who attend the event

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A jingle dress dancer participates in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



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Taylor Ruggles competes for the title of Little Miss Grand Ronde during the Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the atrium of the Governance Center on Friday, Aug. 16. Ten dancers competed for the titles of Senior Miss, Junior Miss and Little Miss Grand Ronde, and Tiny Tots.



Sophia Grout competes for the title of Little Miss Grand Ronde.



Kaleigha Simi competes for the title of Junior Miss Grand Ronde.

Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant



Marie Quenelle competes for the title of Little Miss Grand Ronde.



Kalea Liebelt competes for the title of Little Miss Grand Ronde.



Iyana Holmes competes for the title of Senior Miss Grand Ronde.



Tiny Tots Leloo Quenelle, left, and Grace Macon perform during the Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant.



At left, Aubrey Campbell competes for the title of Little Miss Grand Ronde.



Isabelle Grout competes for the title of Senior Miss Grand Ronde.



Dancers during an interTribal in a photograph taken with a four-second exposure on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxa



Richard Parker (Omaha) competes in the Senior Golden Age Mens division during the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held Saturday, Aug. 17.

2019 Grand Contest Pow



Keeli Littleleaf (Warm Springs/Wasco) participates in a Junior and Senior all category exhibition dance on Saturday, Aug. 17.



t Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.



Tribal member Sharon Wattier competes in the Senior Golden Age Womens division on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Ronde WWOW



Wayne Chulik (Tlingit) carries an eagle staff as he helps lead the Veterans Honor Guard at the beginning of the Grand Entry on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16

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and inspire greater collaboration between Tribes and local colleges to make not only their presence felt in Tribal communities. By working together, we can erase some of the invisibility associated with indigenous peoples in higher education.”

Powwow attendees had plenty of food and beverage choices to keep them going, including Indian tacos, yakisoba noodles, fry bread, Mexican food, fresh fruit cups, curly fries, smoothies, espresso, hot dogs, barbecue ribs and tropical ice.

Other vendors sold jewelry, purses, backpacks, hats, garden art, shirts with novel sayings, Native-themed athletic attire, regalia, suitcases, boots, carvings and jerky.

Jackie Dillman (Yakama) of Shawl Lady Crafts has been coming to powwow to sell shawls and regalia for 15 years.

“I have family up here and it is so pretty,” she said. “I spend all year making things to be sure I have stock available for powwows.”

Contest Powwow staff included master of ceremonies Tyson Eaglevoice Shay (Shoshone-Bannock), arena director Fred Ike Jr. (Yakama), head dance judge Charles Tailfeathers (Cree/Blackfeet) and head drum judge Chase Sayer from Saskatchewan, Canada.

Specials included the Women’s All-Around sponsored by the Native Wellness Institute, Crystal Starr and the Tailfeather family with prize money totaling \$5,600, plus jackets for first- through third-place; Men’s Northern Traditional and Round Bustle sponsored by the Tom family with \$2,000 in prize money; School is Cool for all kindergarten through 12th-grade dancers sponsored by the Education Committee; Best Friends sponsored by Grand Ronde Royalty; Round Bustle/Chicken Dance with \$800 in prize money; Women’s Red Dress Special with \$800 in prize money; and Junior and Teen Girls sponsored by outgoing Grand Ronde Royalty.

Audio Visual Network Technician Wendell Olson and Senior Help Desk Technician Mark Donahoo were on hand throughout the event to ensure the sound system worked properly during the four grand entries.

Saturday’s activities also featured the annual Powwow Parade at 8 a.m. that began at Fort Yamhill State Park and ended at uyxat Powwow Grounds. Newly crowned



Above, dancers participate in the Grand Entry on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.

Dancers wait to enter the arena and take part in Saturday afternoon’s Grand Entry on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Grand Ronde Royalty and Veterans Royalty waved to crowds from festively decorated vehicles.

A somber moment came when the Women’s Red Dress Special was held Saturday evening, which honored missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Women from age 18 to Elders participated. The family of missing Tribal member Heather Cameron Haller sponsored prize money for the dance and the color red represents the missing and murdered.

Elder and past Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, Elder and past Tribal Council member Candy Robertson, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and

Tribal Elder Carol Gleason served as judges for the dance special.

3-on-3 basketball tournament

The Contest Powwow included the Recreation Department’s 3-on-3 Native Youth Basketball Tournament, returning for the second year in a row.

There were four teams in each bracket for middle school and high school teams. Approximately 75 friends, family and coaches attended.

“In the middle school bracket the championship game came down to the wire,” Recreation Coordinator Leo Ayala said. “It was competitive games

between Little Caesars (The Dalles) against Grand Ronde’s WDL.”

Little Caesars clinched the win 35-32 in overtime. The players were Henry Begay, Andre Niko, Skytus Smith and Trevor Lewis.

“In the high school bracket, we had some competitive games as well,” Ayala said. “The championship game came down to two local Grand Ronde teams: Wasted Potential vs. Red Roses.”

Wasted Potential came out with the victory by a very slim margin, 29-28. The players were Nick Colton, Austin Watkins, Conrad Farmer and Keyondre Kelley.

First-place teams received championship hoodies and \$50 Visa gift cards. Second-place teams received tournament runner-up shirts with \$25 Visa gift cards.

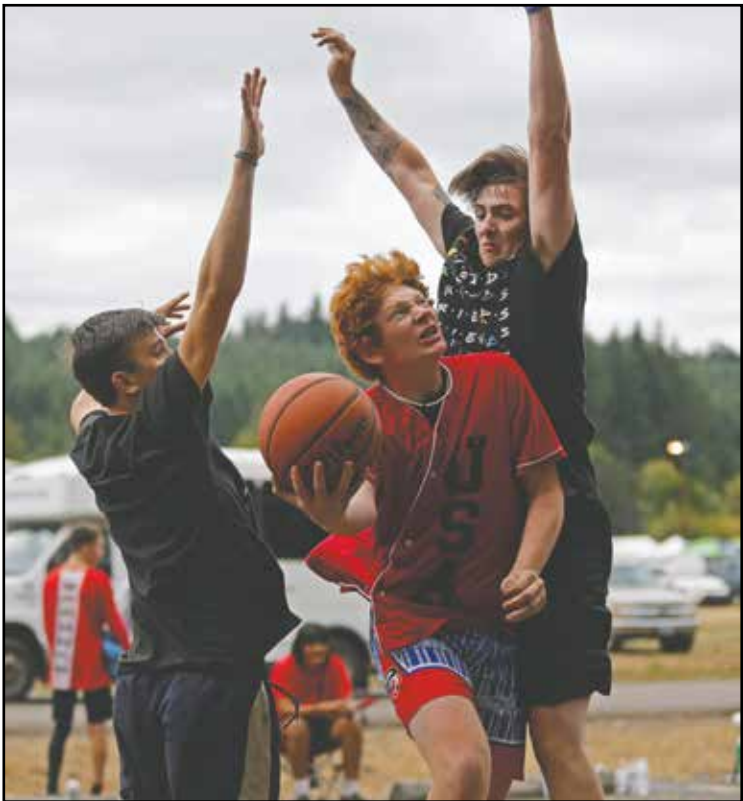
Freddy Ayala won the three-point contest, making 12 of his 15 shots for a \$30 Nike gift card.

The Contest Powwow continued with grand entries at 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. ■

Dancers enter the arena to participate in the Grand Entry on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.

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Red Roses’ Dominik Briant, center, gets to the basket past Wasted Potential’s Conrad Farmer, left, and Nick Colton during the Native Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament high school championship game held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17. Wasted Potential won the championship. The tournament was sponsored by the Tribe’s Recreation Department.

Native Youth Hoops



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Above, Wasted Potential’s Nick Colton drives to the basket past Red Roses’ Dominik Briant and Isaiah Holmes.

Red Roses’ Isaiah Holmes has the ball tipped away by Wasted Potential’s Conrad Farmer.

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2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow winners

Girls Jingle: Dinaye Sayer, Dine/Cree, first; Davianne Madera, Colville, second; Kaylie Tailfeathers, Blackfeet/Navajo, third; **Matisse Sohappy, Grand Ronde/Yakama**, fourth; and Maria Sanchez, Bad River Chippewa, fifth.

Girls Fancy: Shandiin Shebala, Blackfeet/Navajo, first; Claudia Suarez, Pit River, second; Cree Sayer, Dine/Cree, third; Keira Onepennee, Washington, fourth; and Sandra Paskemin, Cree, fifth.

Girls Traditional: Makli BrownEagle, Spokane Flathead, first; Askewin Tom, Warm Springs, second; Candace Whiteplume, Nez Perce/Warm Springs, third; Athena Reed, Yakama, fourth; and Zids Arrow-White, Shoshone, fifth.

Boys Grass: Luka Montgomery Gomez, Washoe/Chukchansi, first; E.J. Denny, Warm Springs, second; Sisnce BrownEagle, Kalispell, third; Ivy Brien, Puyallup/Crow, fourth; and Waylon Harmon, Eastern Shoshone, fifth.

Boys Fancy: Travis Brien, Puyullap/Crow, first; Apollo Jonhson, Wasco/Paiute, second; Mykael Sam, Warm Springs, third; Conan Foltz, Yakama, fourth; and Joe Petty-Jarrell, Penderelle Salish, fifth.

Boys Traditional: Nabahe Shebala, Blackfeet/Navajo, first; **Nacoma Liebelt, Grand Ronde/Klamath**, second; Dravus Coin, Ute/Navajo/Shawnee/Hopi, third; Arthur Miller Jr., Warm Springs, fourth; and Hawk Squetimkin, Colville, fifth.

Teen Girls Jingle: Elise Phillips, Omaha/Shoshone/Navajo, first; Analynn Olney, Yakama, second; Whisper LittleOwl, Aaniiih, third; Laurie Paskemin, Cree, fourth; and Zizi Scabbyrobe, Blackfeet, fifth.

Teen Girls Fancy: Macyquinn Johnson, Warm Springs, first; Kee’ala Walsey, Dine/Warm Springs, second; Keenas Limon, Madesi Band Pit River, third; Carissa Jackson, Klamath/Modoc, fourth; and Tymseila Washburn, Chehalis, fifth.

Teen Girls Traditional: Jovena Scabbyrobe, Yakama, first; Jordan Heemsah, Yakama, second; Tia Butler, Siletz/Yurok/Northern Cheyenne, third; Kaylee Johnson, Paiute/Haida, fourth; and Amelia Andy, Yakama, fifth.

Teen Boys Grass: Devin BrownEagle, Spokane, first; Garen Growing Thunder, Nez Perce/Nakoda, second; Josiah Barney, Navajo, third; Sabine BrownEagle, Spokane, fourth; and Nikolai Moccasin, Ministikwan Cree Nation, fifth;

Teen Boys Fancy: Keaven Brown, Dine/Diegueno, first; Daven Madera, Colville, second; Sunhawk Barney, Navajo, third; Iitnakapi Scabbyrobe, Yakama, fourth; and Colby White Jr., Kalispell, fifth.

Teen Boys Traditional: Dion Crazybull, Standing Rock Sioux, first; Hershel William, Nez Perce, second; Leland Whiteplume, Arapaho/Cheyenne/Nez Perce, third; Jayden Esquiro, Warm Springs, fourth; and River Buck, Wanapum/Yakama, fifth.

Junior Womens Jingle: Celeste McGurk, Navajo, first; Antonetta Prairiebear, Spokane, second; Ontaria Arrow-White, Shoshone, third; Noralene Scalplock, Siksika/Navajo, fourth; and Nanabah Kadenehi, Dine, fifth.

Junior Womens Fancy: Denelle Stanley, Ute/Navajo/Shawnee Creek, first; Valerie Adrian, Coeur d’Alene, second; Tessia First Rider, Siksika

Nation, third; Darci Haywahe, Fort Peck Assiniboiné, fourth; and Autumn Sky, Warm Springs, fifth.

Junior Womens Traditional: Julianne Scabbyrobe, Blackfeet/Yakama, first; **Leah Villa, Grand Ronde**, second; Verlina Whiteman, Blackfeet/Blackfoot, third; Jishon Reed, Yakama, fourth; and Destiny Buck, Wanapum/Yakama, fifth.

Junior Mens Grass: Kelsey Haywahe, Wasco/Assiniboiné, first; Morris Crookedneck, Plains Cree, second; Manny Hawley, Chippewa Cree, third; Dakota Madera, Colville, fourth; and Gary M. Villa, Warm Springs, fifth.

Junior Mens Fancy: Daniel Scholfield, Potawatomi, first; Gary Olney, Yakama, second; Quanah Henry, Navajo, third; Jared Jackson, Klamath/Modoc, fourth; and Davey Madera, Blackfeet/Colville, fifth.

Junior Mens Traditional: Teminah Greene, Nez Perce, first; Hahots Shebala, Nez Perce, second; Theron Olney, Yakama/Dine, third; Saul Jurado, Siletz/Tolowa, fourth; and Tommy Lee Whiteplume, Nez Perce, fifth.

Senior Womens Jingle: Paula Shebala, Blackfeet, first; Brisa Paskimin, Nahua/Mexika, second; Alyssa Buck, Wibwe/Odawa, third; Henrietta McGurk, Navajo/Apache, fourth; and Candice Chief Scabbyrobe, Cree, fifth.

Senior Womens Fancy: Laverna Benally, Navajo, first; Roseanne Greene, Nez Perce/Salish, second; Shawna Tom, Shoshone/Dine, third; Sherri ThunderHawk, Lakota, fourth; and Michelle Kipp, Shoshone Bannock, fifth.

Senior Womens Traditional: Lena Tewawina, Salish/Blackfeet, first; Violet Olney, Yakama, second; Leah McGurk, Dine/Mescalero, third; Davonica BrownEagle, Spokane, fourth; and Joset Melting Tallow, Siksika, fifth.

Senior Mens Grass: Ron Kicking Women Sr., Blackfeet, first; Darrell Paskimin, Plains Cree, second; Theodore Olney, Yakama, third; Walden Tewawina, Hopi/Apache, fourth; and David T. Madera, Colville, fifth.

Senior Mens Fancy: Perry Thompson, Navajo, first; Jerrold Benally, Navajo, second; Larry Buck, Wanapum Yakama, third; and Plummie Wright, Klamath, fourth.

Senior Mens Traditional: Wendall Powless, Dakota/Ojibwe, first; Sheldon Shebala, Navajo, second; Brando Jack, Dine, third; Justus Creek Sr., Cree, fourth; and Ian Gallagher, Klatmath/Modoc, fifth.

Junior Golden Age Womens: Shirley Hill, Siksika, first; Wilma Buck, Yakama, second; Audrey Olney, Yakama, third; Sandra Plentywounds, Shoshone, fourth; and Arkena Thompson, Dine, fifth.

Junior Golden Age Mens: Luke Whiteman, Blackfeet/Blood, first; Peter Jo Olney, Yakama, second; Terry Heemsah Sr., Yakama, third; Fred Hill Sr., Umatilla, fourth; and Lonnie Sammaripo Sr., Paiute/Colville, fifth.

Senior Golden Age Womens: Wilma Wahsise, Yakama, first; Janet George, Yakama, second; Pearl Sammaripo, Colville, third; Ruth Jim, Yakama, fourth; and Sophie George Hunt, Yakama, fifth.

Senior Golden Age Mens: Allenroy Pay-Kwin, Jicarilla Apache, first; Stan Greene, Niimiipuu/Salish, second; Dave BrownEagle, Spokane/Ho-Chunk, third; Gary Greene, Niimiipuu (Nez Perce), fourth; and Gary L. Villa Sr., Yakama, fifth.

Drums: Blackstone, first; The Cree, second; Young Bear, third; Stronghold, fourth; and Black Lodge, fifth. ■



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Iyana Holmes reacts after it was announced that she was the 2019-20 Senior Miss Grand Ronde on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16. Outgoing 2018-19 Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout looks on.

2019-20 Grand Ronde Royalty



Kaleigha Simi is crowned as the 2019-20 Junior Miss Grand Ronde on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Friday, Aug. 16.



Wearing blankets to honor their year of service, 2018-19 Little Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout, 2018-19 Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi and 2018-19 Senior Miss Grand Ronde Isabelle Grout walk around the arena on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.



Sophia Grout is crowned 2019-20 Little Miss Grand Ronde on Friday, Aug. 16. Joining Sophia in the Little Miss Grand Ronde court are, from second left, Marie Quenelle, Aubrey Campbell, Kalea Liebelt and Taylor Ruggles.





Newly crowned 2019-20 Junior Miss Grand Ronde Kaleigha Simi, center, and Senior Miss Grand Iyana Holmes receive congratulations while walking around the arena on the first day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.

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Tribal member Kailiyah Krehbiel competes in the Teen Girl Jingle division on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Shirley Hill (Siksika Nation) competes in the Junior Golden Age Womens division during the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



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Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear participates in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Tribal descendant Lyliana Rideout competes in the Girls Fancy category on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow.



Jared Jackson (Klamath/Modoc) participates in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Dancers participates in the Saturday afternoon Grand Entry on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow.



Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier joins host drum Indian Hill in performing on the second day of the 2019 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

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BOW BULL

SEP 23 - SEP 27, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

COAST BUCK

NOV 2 - NOV 8, 2019

NAME: _____

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

MUZZLELOADER DEER (ANY)

NOV 28 - DEC 2, 2019

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ADDRESS: _____

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1ST SEASON ELK

BULL ONLY

NOV 13 - NOV 15, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

2ND SEASON ELK

ANY ELK

NOV 23 - NOV 27, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

MUZZLELOADER ELK (ANY)

DEC 3 - DEC 17, 2019

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Spirit Mountain still negotiating sports betting

Spirit Mountain Casino will not be the first casino in Oregon to offer sports betting. That honor went to the Siletz Tribe’s Chinook Winds, which started accepting betting on sporting events on Tuesday, Aug. 27. “Spirit Mountain Casino will soon offer sports betting,” said casino General Manager Stan Dillon in a press release on Friday, Aug. 23. “We are currently in the process of compact negotiations to finalize the details. Each Tribal compact (with the state of Oregon) is separate and has to be addressed as such. We look forward to offering this exciting new amenity to our guests and will announce our plans in the near future.” The Oregon State Lottery also will be starting up its own sports betting games, but not in time for the opening of the National Football League season in September. The state will offer an app that allows customers to play anywhere while Chinook Winds will only offer sports betting at the casino. In addition, the state has decided not to allow betting on college games while Chinook Winds will allow it. Chinook Winds set up a sports wagering lounge equipped with 15 televisions so players can watch the games they bet on. ■

Family & Friends Reunion

Petite, Brandon, Irving, Trudel, Welch, Schultz
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8
Tribal park past the Elders Activity Center on
Blacktail Drive in Grand Ronde
Bring your favorite dish



Smoke Signals posts seven candidate podcasts

Still unsure about who you will vote for in the Sept. 7 Tribal Council election? *Smoke Signals* can help you decide! Seven Tribal Council interviews have been posted at www.speakr.com, *Smoke Signals*’ podcasting host website. The interviews can be found by searching for “Smoke Signals podcasts” or by clicking on the links added to the newspaper’s Facebook page. Tribal incumbents Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Jack Giffen Jr. and challengers Reyn Leno, Peter Grout, Victor Cureton and Lewis Younger sat down with *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes and former Social Media/Digital Journalist Jennifer Clark for interviews. Candidates discussed such issues as economic development, a Tribal free press and how much of a voice the general membership should have in Tribal Council decision-making. For more information, contact Rhodes at dean.rhodes@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1418. ■

Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Royalty is seeking bids for our 2020 - 21 crowns and medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo (including feathers)
- Court Year: 2020 - 21
- Titles:
 - Little Miss Grand Ronde
 - Junior Miss Grand Ronde
 - Senior Miss Grand Ronde
- Crowns and medallions must be completed and delivered by May 14, 2020.



Bid deadline:

Dec. 2, 2019

(deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Must submit photos of progress when requested

Mail bids and designs to:

CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs
9615 Grand Ronde Rd
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Chelsea at 503-879-1418 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org
*bids and designs can be sent to the above email address

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde offers generous benefits and competitive pay.

Job #	Position Title	Pay Grade	Date Posted	Closing Date
1206	Tribal Security Officer	5	8/23/2019	9/5/2019
1205	Senior Administrative Assistant, Cultural Resources	9	8/16/2019	8/29/2019
1204	Early Childhood Ed. Instructional Assistant	6	8/16/2019	8/29/2019
1203	Web Specialist	10	8/16/2019	8/29/2019
1200	Radiology Lab Technician - On Call	8	8/02/2019	10/31/2019
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	5/24/2019	11/21/2019
1040	Temporary Pool	2	4/16/2018	12/31/2019

Application materials must be received in Human Resources by 5pm on the closing date.
All positions are located in the greater Grand Ronde area unless specifically noted otherwise.
If you have questions or need more info, please call: 1-800-422-0232 x-2109

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

- Grand Ronde Tribal members.
 - Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
- Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.

For additional Career Opportunities with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, please visit: <https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>

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. ■

Foundation seeking artist fellowship applicants

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation, a regional individual artist project, is offering a fellowship open to eligible, established American Indian and Alaska Native artists of 10 years or more who want to mentor an emerging American Indian or Alaska Native artist apprentice in either traditional or contemporary visual arts for 15 months beginning April 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

Mentor Artist Fellowship is a \$30,000 award distributed to the mentor with \$20,000 for the mentor, \$5,000 for a joint art project and \$5,000 to fund the apprentice’s participation.

Deadline to apply for the fellowship is Sept. 30, 2019.

Apply at bit.ly/nacf-2019mentor or contact the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation at 360-314-2421 in Vancouver, Wash. ■

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. ■

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Reibach up for Lifetime Achievement Award


Multiple Native American Music Award recipient Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach has been nominated for the 2019 One World Music Radio Lifetime Achievement Award by the No. 1 radio station in Europe that plays instrumental music.

Reibach is one of 20 artists nominated along with the likes of new age artists Will Ackerman and David Arkenstone.

To vote, send an e-mail with Reibach’s name to vote@oneworldmusic.co.uk.

“This is not something that a person submits or asks for,” he said. “However, it is a huge honor. If selected, we (he and his wife, Rhonda) are going to dedicate the award to both our moms who just passed on this year, especially my mother-in-law Cathie, who really supported my music medicine journey. Voting is part of this and open through the end of August.”

Reibach, who also works as the Tribe’s Lands Department manager, has received almost 70 awards for his Native America flute music over the last two decades, including six NAMAs in 32 nominations. ■



Jan Reibach

Fee assistance

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

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. ■

DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR NATIVE SPIRITUALITY WITH OTHERS?

Volunteer with Oregon Department of Corrections’ Religious Services!



We are looking for sweat lodge and spiritual leaders. The need for volunteers is great at ALL FACILITIES – especially for tribal members.

Access the application at www.oregon.gov/doc/omr/docs/pdf/volunteer_intern.pdf

For QUESTIONS or ASSISTANCE

Please contact Anita Espino (CTSI Tribal Member, Niece to Aggie Pilgrim)
Call or text at (503) 983-5783, or e-mail Anita.L.Espino@doc.state.or.us

Our elders fought to have Native religion honored in U.S. prisons, but we are currently lacking volunteers to provide those services.

CHANGE LIVES, MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Grange holding food bank fundraiser

SHERIDAN — The Buell Grange will be holding a fundraiser breakfast for the Grand-Sherimina Food Bank from 8 to 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, at the grange, 5970 Mill Creek Road.



Cost is \$7 for either pancakes or French toast, or eggs and potatoes. There may be a surprise menu item as well and all the coffee you can drink.


September is National Hunger Awareness Month and people are encouraged to bring cans of food, cash donations and an awareness for those who are hungry.

“It is also Grandparents Day, by the way, so bring your grandparents for breakfast,” said Buell Grange Secretary Beth Crowe. ■

Kick the Habit.

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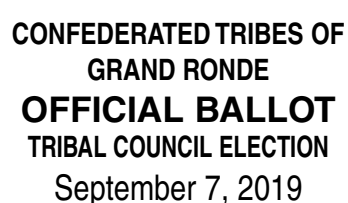




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Vote for no more than Three (3)



VOTE BOTH SIDES



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QUESTION #1

Should the Tribe amend the Constitution to remove the BIA from our election process?

YES

NO

QUESTION #2

Should the Tribe develop a program to provide small loans to Tribal members?

YES

NO

QUESTION #3

Should the Tribe evaluate a charter / private school for youth in Grand Ronde?

YES

NO

QUESTION #4

Should the Tribe look at housing options for Tribal members outside of Grand Ronde (i.e. Salem, Portland)?

YES

NO

QUESTION #5

Should the Tribe evaluate partnering with other Oregon tribes to establish a trade school / vocational school / tribal college?

YES

NO

QUESTION #6

Should the Tribe call a Constitutional amendment election on banning disenrollment with the exception of fraud?

YES

NO

QUESTION #7

Do you think minor trust fund payments should be distributed in installments?

YES

NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES

Return to school

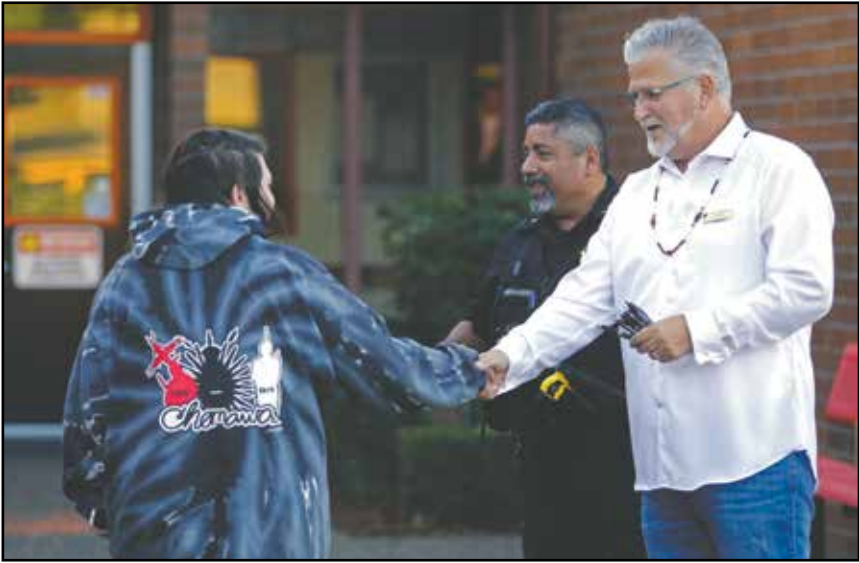


Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Lt. Tim Hernandez greeted students returning to Willamina High School on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Hernandez and Police Chief Jake McKnight handed out Tribal Police pens that listed the department’s text number of 541-921-2927 on them. Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Lisa Leno also welcomed returning students back to class at Willamina and then went on to do the same at Sheridan schools. Approximately 40 percent of Willamina School District students identify as Native American with most of them being from the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Public Notice Open For Comment

This is a Public Notice for Comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe’s application for 2020 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Funding. The Grand Ronde Tribe obtained a LIHEAP grant last year from the Division of Energy Assistance within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant program assists income-eligible Tribal members with energy assistance (utility bills, firewood, etc.), cooling assistance, crisis energy assistance, and weatherization (e.g. furnace repair, caulking, insulation).

The Tribe’s LIHEAP service area includes Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook and Clackamas counties. If you are interested in obtaining services from the current program, please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 for energy assistance and Tribal Housing at 503-879-2405 for weatherization.

The Tribe is taking public comment on the 2020 LIHEAP application and plan and the associated policies, which are to be submitted by Sept. 3, 2018. You may call the Planning & Grants Development at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan. ■

Youth Ribbon Skirt Making Class

For the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

Who: Tribal or Tribal Descendent Youth ages 10-18

What: We will be making Ribbon skirts to be worn by our youth for the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk to represent the Native American teens that are effected by suicide each day. Native American youth have the highest incidence of teen suicide than any other racial or ethnic group.

*Where & When: Class 1- Youth Education 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7
Class 2-Community Center 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 11*

**Please note that by attending the class and making a ribbon skirt you are committing to attend the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk with Youth Prevention in Salem on Sept. 28. (Details for the walk to be announced)*

**Limit of 15 participating youth, so please call 503-879-2149 or 503-879-1471 to reserve your space for the walk (open to Tribal and Tribal Descendent Youth) and to R.S.V.P. for the class.*



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

New items to our collection: “Apollo 11,” “Dumbo,” “Mary Pop-pins,” “Guardians of The Galaxy Vol. 2,” “Toy Story 3,” “The Founder” and more available on DVD and Blu-ray.

Books: “Have You Thought of Leonard Peltier Lately,” “A Little War of Destiny: The Yakima/Walla Walla Indian War of 1855/1856,” “Jurassic Park” and more.

“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 ever-growing movie collection, with more than 1,800 DVDs/Blu-ray formats to choose from.

Book Review: “Everything, Everything” by Nicola Yoon.

“Everything, Everything” is about a young woman, Madeline Whit-tier, who has a rare genetic disorder, commonly known as “bubble boy disease” or Severe Combined Immunodeficiency. She’s allergic to everything and doesn’t leave her house. The only people she has contact with are her mother and her nurse, Carla. Everything changes for Maddy when a boy moves in next door.

The book follows the typical teenage romance storyline. They meet, they fall in love and then some conflict changes everything. That storyline is not necessarily a bad thing though. I thought both main characters were very likable. They are witty and a little too smart for their age. I found it to be an overall enjoyable book. For those who liked “The Fault in Our Stars” or “Eleanor & Park,” they also will enjoy “Everything, Everything” by Nicola Yoon.


“Everything, Everything” also was made into a movie in 2017. It features young Amandla Stenberg, star of “The Hate U Give,” and Nick Robinson, star of “Love, Simon.” I also enjoyed the movie. Was it exactly like the book? No, but the acting was good and some of the scenes were really creative. The two characters communicate mostly through e-mails and texts in the book, but the movie puts a creative spin on those scenes that I thought helped push the story along. So, as far as movies based on books, this one was entertaining and en-joyable. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

Donations: A special thanks to Chris Mercier, Kathleen George and Sam George for their contributions to the Tribal Library. We appreciate it.

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
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Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar



Thursday, Aug. 8

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Tyee Road and Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Trespass complaint received in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a recovered stolen vehicle in the 21000 block of Savage Road in Sheridan.

Friday, Aug. 9

- Reported theft in the 27100 block Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Southwest Mill Street in Sheridan.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 29 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint received on Highway 22 westbound from milepost 10 in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported dispute in the 8100 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Northwest Blair Street in Sheridan.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Northeast Main Street in Willamina.

Saturday, Aug. 10

- Driving complaint received at milepost 4 eastbound on Salmon River Highway. The involved vehicle was located in the area of milepost 21. The male operator was issued a citation to appear for driving while suspended (misdemeanor).
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Pacific Heights in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle injury crash in the area of milepost 10 on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 22000 block of Gooseneck Road in Sheridan.

- Traffic stop in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway. A female subject was issued a citation to appear for DUII (marijuana) and released.

Sunday, Aug. 11

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 5 eastbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 15 eastbound on Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Aug. 12

- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Main Street in Sheridan.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 2500 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported disturbance in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported disturbance in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Traffic stop in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for DUII (alcohol), reckless driving and reckless endangering, and lodged at the Polk County Jail in Dallas after providing a breath sample of .25 percent blood alcohol content.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

- Animal complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Alarm went off in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

- Reported fraud in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported criminal trespass in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Verbal dispute reported in the area of Tyee Road and Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle noninjury crash in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a restraining order violation in the 19000 block of Rock Creek Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of Highway 18B and Houser Road in Sheridan.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Sgt. Rod McAllister.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING



Non-Emergency Text Number:
541-921-2927

Potential reasons to use the text line:
Bullying/On-line harassment • Domestic violence questions
Suspicious persons • Tips for ongoing police cases
Depression • Legal age to consent questions

IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Drop box installed

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

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

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

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

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

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

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 Tyee Road. Its chair is Kristy Criss-Lawson. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Health & Wellness Center closures

- Monday, Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Friday, Sept. 27 – National Native American Day

Be sure to request your prescriptions early to cover closure days.

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.

Pharmacy pricing

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.

Health & Wellness Center Entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

**Thank you,
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration**

CTGR HWC HEALTH FAIR

Come check out our 3rd Annual Health & Wellness Health Fair!!

Location:
CTGR Health & Wellness Center Clinic Atrium

Time: 10AM-2PM
Date: 10/04/2019

Guest Vendors

- Dragon's Stone Massage
- BAM Massage
- Shasta Administrative Services
- Telecommunication Devices Access Program (T-Dap)
- Iskam MəḵMəḵ-Haws
 - Free 3-5 minute massage's (while spots are available)
 - Blood Pressure Checks
 - Health Education Information
 - Dementia Information

AND MUCH MORE!!!

Do you need a Dental Screening, toothbrush cleaning or a fluoride varnish?



Come check out Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer at our CTGR Portland Office
4445 SW Barbur Blvd Portland, OR 97239
Tuesday September 24th, 2019
10am to 1pm
Call 503-879-1881 for more information

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 September 19th, 2019

Location: CTGR Clinic upper parking lot

Tribal Campus Chinuk Wawa Classes

Come check out our new learning material at the Chinuk Wawa class. This class takes a pressure free and activity based teaching approach for fun and useful language learning. It is open to tribal employees and Chinuk program parents. No prior language experience required to come and enjoy the class.



Class will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 at Adult Education in room 207 beginning September 3rd. Education Leave is available and based on supervisor approval.

2019 FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE ELDERS FISHING TRIP

Oct. 4, 2019
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The F& W Committee extends an invitation to ALL TRIBAL ELDERS AND SPOUSES to join in for a day filled with fun and fishing! Event held at Hebo Lake.
YOUR TRIBAL FISHING LICENSE IS REQUIRED!
No state fishing license is needed, but you will need a Tribal fishing license to fish
No fee to attend and the opportunity to fish from both land and boat will be available

NEED YOUR TRIBAL FISHING LICENSE?
Contact: Natural Resources Division 503-879-2424

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT! DRESS APPROPRIATELY

- A picnic lunch will be provided by the committee
- The trip is limited to the first 25 Tribal Elders and spouses who sign up at the Elders Activity Center or by calling 503-879-2233
- We encourage those riding in the vans to please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to load the vans and leave at 8 a.m.
- Join us even if you don't fish but would like to attend to enjoy the view and outing.

Sign up sheet at the Elders Activity Center 503-879-2233

