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## General Council briefed on Spirit Mountain Casino

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

More than two years after the opening of the Cowlitz Tribe's Ilani Casino in April 2017, Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon's assessment to the Tribal membership remains consistent – Ilani, and the Oregon Lottery, are tough competitors but Spirit Mountain is no lightweight either.

Dillon and Spirit Mountain Casino Executive Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear gave the first presentation of the new General Council meeting cycle on Sunday, Sept. 8, in the Tribal Community Center.

Dillon said that although Ilani is getting more aggressive in comping high-roller players, Spirit Mountain is doing well, especially in the first seven months of 2019.

In 2018, the casino was 7.8 percent over budget and is matching budget projections so far this year.

Dillon said the challenges continuing to confront Spirit Mountain include a difficult hiring market in which the state unemployment rate is low and there are a reported 30,000 unfilled jobs in Oregon. In reaction, the casino is using gaming technology to make operations more efficient.

"Everyone is wanting help somewhere," Dillon said.

As far as gaming competition, Dillon pointed to the Oregon Lottery preparing to begin sports wagering

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal Council member Denise Harvey receives congratulation from Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon before the General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 8. Harvey received the most votes in the election with 696.**

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## 'Moving forward'

### Incumbents re-elected to Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Incumbents reigned during the 2019 Tribal Council election. Tribal voters returned incumbents Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. to

Tribal Council, according to official election results released on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Harvey received 696 votes and was elected to her third consecutive term. She received the most votes in 2013 and finished third

in 2016.

Harvey finished four votes shy of joining the "700 Club," which includes Tribal Council Chairwoman

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## Tribe blesses Blue Heron site in Oregon City

By Danielle Frost  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

OREGON CITY — With the backdrop of Willamette Falls shrouded in gray sky and the smell of sage hanging in the air, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde blessed its recently purchased land at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site.

By all accounts, it was an emotional day, marking the first time the Tribe has owned property at Willamette Falls since the area was ceded to the federal government in 1855. The blessing on Monday, Sept. 9, marked the close of one chapter and the beginning of the next.

Approximately 60 Tribal members, Elders, staff, family and other government officials attended the event held at the long-shuttered mill's waterfront.

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**Cultural Consultant and Tribal Elder Greg Archuleta welcomes Tribal members to the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City before a Tribal blessing ceremony held on Monday, Sept. 9. The Tribe purchased the 23-acre site on Aug. 15 for \$15.25 million.**

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez



# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

Tribal Community Center

**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Sept. 25.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 9.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 23.....	5 p.m.

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

# Powwow SEB ordering more T-shirts, hoodies

The Tribe’s Powwow Special Event Board is ordering more Contest Powwow T-shirts and hoodies.

“We sold out by 1 p.m. on Saturday,” said board member Angey Rideout.

Cost is \$20 for adult T-shirts and \$40 for adult hoodies and \$15 for youth T-shirts and \$30 for youth hoodies.

The deadline to order is 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, and all orders must be pre-paid with cash.

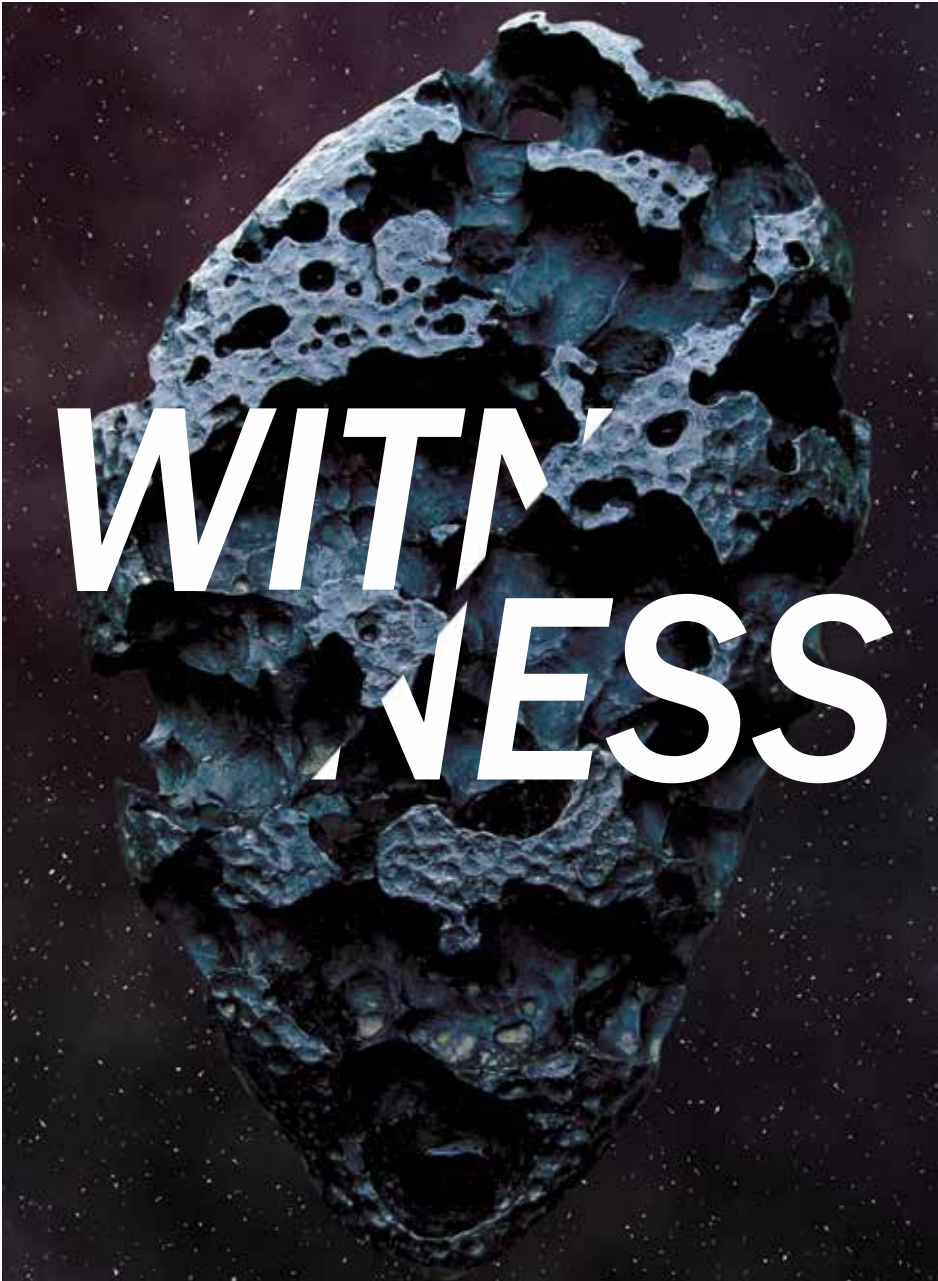
For more information, contact Rideout at 503-879-4533. ■

**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 be closed on Friday, Sept. 27, in observance of National Native American Day.



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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
Friday, Dec. 6 .....	Dec. 15

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- September**
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
  - Thursday, Sept. 26 – Back-to-School Powwow, 5 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-302-4955.
  - Friday, Sept. 27 – National Native American Day holiday. Tribal offices closed.
- October**
- Friday, Oct. 4 – Elders Fishing Trip, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Hebo Lake. 503-879-2233.
  - Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5 – Grand Ronde History & Culture Summit, Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.
  - 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.

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## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/)
- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRgov](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRgov)
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**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.

## 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. ■

## GOVERNMENTAL CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council has proposed an amendment to the Governmental Corporations Ordinance. The proposed amendment was given a First Reading at the Aug. 29, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendment would require Tribal corporations to include in their compensation packages a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (“COLA”) that is equal to any COLA paid to Tribal government employees.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendment to the Governmental Corporations Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendment, contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664 or [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org). Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

**Comments must be received by Oct. 15, 2019. ■**

# BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH POWWOW

### WHEN

**September 26th, 2019**

Dinner will be served at 5:00, Grand Entry to follow.

### WHERE

**Grand Ronde Tribal Gym**

This event is sponsored by Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health)

**For more information contact Brian Krehbiel at 503-302-4955**





# Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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

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

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

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The Food Bank 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@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

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

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11. 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. the first Monday of the month 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** – Tribal voters re-elected Chris Mercier and Reyn Leno in the Tribal Council election. First-time Tribal Council candidate Tonya Gleason-Shepek received the third most votes with 539. She ran on a slate with Leno and incumbent June Sherer. There were 3,606 votes cast in the election, the most since 2008.

**2009** – After working for the Tribe for 23 years, Margo Mercier resigned as Enrollment Program manager to embark on new adventures. Mercier, 54, had worked for the Tribe in various capacities and attended some of the first Restoration meetings. “My experience here at the Tribe has led me to following a dream to serve others in a different arena,” Mercier said. “Hopefully, continuing to serve the Elders. I am happy to move on, because I will have more of my personal time to pursue those dreams.”



2009 File photo

**2004** – Tribal member Joseph Hostler was named the 2004 Hatfield Fellow. At Humboldt State University, where he received his bachelor’s degree, Hostler worked with other Native American students to raise the issue of the university’s role in its Native American Studies program and faculty selection. Hostler also studied and advised about agency politics and procedures affecting 170 Tribes on the West Coast while an intern for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

**1999** – The Forest Service invited the Tribal Cultural Resources Department and several Grand Ronde Elders to visit parts of the Willamette National Forest to provide input on how to maintain areas of the forest that were culturally significant to Tribal people. Attendees included Elders Peachie Hamm and Beryl Contreras, Tribal member Christina Contreras, Cultural Resources Department Manager June Olson and Cultural Resources Specialist Lindy Trolan. During a visit to what was then called “Squaw Mountain,” members of the Forest Service asked if the Tribe would like the name changed. “Squaw is a very degrading word toward Native American women,” Hamm said. “I know our people find it offensive.”

**1994** – The Tribe was starting its third phase of a strategic planning process. Tribal members had the opportunity to participate in the process by completing a survey or attending a community meeting. Phase one began with an identification of key issues that could affect the Tribe’s future plans. Phase two directly involved Tribal members through participation in the survey and community meetings. Phase three, which was expected to run through November, was a time to further refine issues and strategies, leading to the draft and final strategic plans. Implementation of the plan would begin in early 1995.

**1989** – Tribal Accounting Supervisor Shelley Hanson was featured for her dedication to both job and family. Hanson, a Tribal member with a business degree, decided she wanted to work for the Tribe due to its expanding growth. Her duties included overseeing the fiscal operations and producing payroll checks. “Shelley is one of the most dedicated people I know,” said co-worker Pat Mercier. “She works very hard for her Tribe and for her new family. She really deserves this honor.”

**1984** – Tribal staff were looking into the possibility of pursuing a Johnson O’Malley contract. The program was for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade and funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and provided tutoring, cultural activities, special education activities and parenting classes.

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

### WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

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

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

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





# 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](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org)

# 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](mailto:court@grandronde.org) or 503-879-2303. ■

# ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Sept. 11, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments change the notice requirements for Restoration Roll applicants and affected members.

The proposed amendments do not modify or impact enrollment requirements.

Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org). Comments must be received by Oct. 31, 2019. ■

# 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. ■

# 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.

Must submit photos of progress when requested



Bid deadline:  
**Dec. 2, 2019**

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

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](mailto:chelsea.clark@grandronde.org)  
\*bids and designs can be sent to the above email address

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history and culture summit

# artisans

OCT 4

Day 1 | Artisans that practice the art form from around the Northwest are invited to gather at the Chachalu Museum to work collaboratively-carving together and engaging with peers and associates.

# community

OCT 5

Day 2 | Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center will be open for a special Saturday engagement. We invite the public to tour the museum, attend presentations scheduled throughout the day on topics related to the art style of this place and engage with the artisans as they work. We also will offer hands-on activities showcasing elements of the art style to spread knowledge and inspire creators of all ages.



# Tribal Council OKs contract to build new Procurement/IS office

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Tribal campus soon will have a new building.

During its Wednesday, Aug. 28 meeting, Tribal Council approved a design and build construction contract with Haworth Inc. of McMinnville to design and build the Procurement and Information Services Office building.

Two proposals to construct the building were received and after interviews were conducted, Haworth was selected.

The Tribe will pay Haworth \$148,000 to design the building and the approved budget to construct is \$2.4 million.

Both Procurement and Information Services are growing departments within the Finance Office.

“The Tribe determined it to be important and efficient to combine the departments into a new facility that can be constructed to accommodate offices, work spaces, shipping and receiving, and storage,” says a staff report.

The site of the 20,000-square-foot building has yet to be determined, said Public Works Director John Mercier.

Procurement staff currently work out of a portable building off Grand Ronde Road while the Information Services staff work out of a crowded office on the first floor of the Governance Center.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Sent a proposed amendment to the Governmental Corporations Ordinance out for a first reading that will require, if adopted, that all Tribal entities provide their employees with the same cost-of-living adjustment awarded to governmental employees. In the last couple of years, Tribal governmental employees have received 2.5 percent COLAs in 2019 and 2018 and a 1.7 percent COLA in 2017;
  - Approved an amendment extending the Tribe’s environmental services agreement with Industrial Economics, the Tribe’s technical consultant for the Portland Harbor cleanup, through Sept. 30, 2020;
  - Authorized a grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a \$208,032 Indian Community Development Block Grant to help fund the design and construction of the Early Childhood Education addition;

- Approved the Tribe’s annual application for \$118,845 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds from the Department of Health & Human Services to fund home energy assistance for lower income member households. Last year, the Tribe served 187 households with the monies;
  - Agreed to extend an agreement with four other Tribes in compiling information on the loss of natural resources contaminated in the Portland Harbor area through Jan. 10, 2020;
  - Appointed Benjamin Powley, Isabelle Grout, Madalyn Volz and Rihanna Many Hides to the Tribal Youth Council with terms expiring in March 2021;
  - Approved the agenda for the 11a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, General Council meeting that featured a report on Spirit Mountain Casino in the Tribal Community Center;
  - And approved a memorandum of agreement with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments regarding a development council to form a Continuum of Care governance structure for the Marion and Polk counties region. The Tribe’s obligation would be \$6,000 over two years.
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office Manager Briece Edwards discussed the Governor’s Task Force on Cultural Items as the cultural presentation to open the meeting. The task force is asking state departments to examine their holdings for any items of cultural significance to Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes.
- Also included in the Aug. 28 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that OK’d a \$20,000 contribution to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to help hire an event planner for the 2020 National Congress of American Indians Conference, authorized the Tribal Attorney’s Office and Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez to work with Tribal Council in exploring the establishment of a Constitutional Committee and authorized General Manager David Fullerton to approve Housing Drug Policy revisions and any future changes consistent with Tribal Council direction.
- The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## 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.

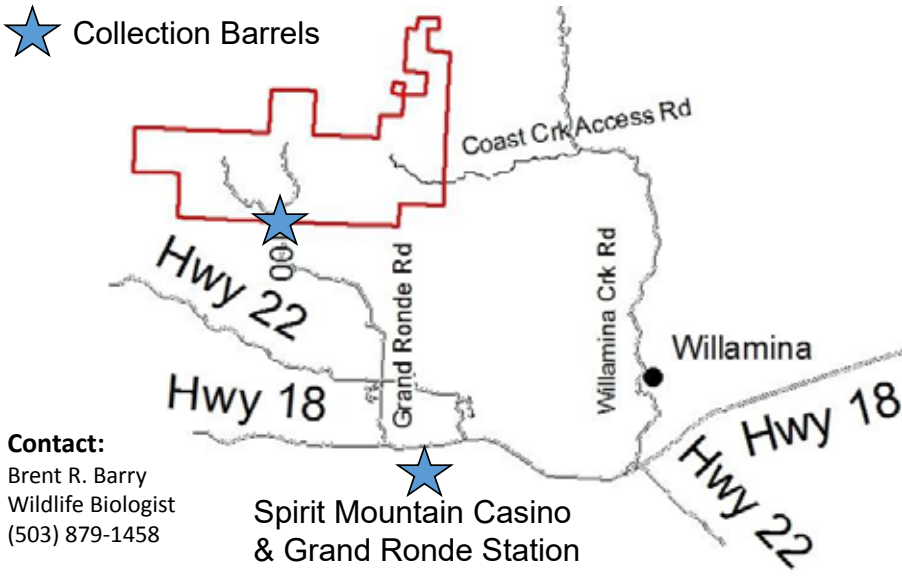
Tribal artists interested in submitting a logo proposal should send their drawing as a jpg to Editor Dean Rhodes at [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org). For more information, contact Rhodes at 503-879-1463. Submissions will be accepted until a logo is finally selected. ■

## Grouse and quail hunters asked to return wings, tails for research

The hunting season for forest grouse and quail in Western Oregon is open September 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife asks successful grouse and mountain quail hunters to donate a wing and tail of each bird for biological research. The wings and tails provide information on hatch date, recruitment, age and sex ratios of the populations to help set next year’s hunting seasons.

Blue collection barrels are located at Grand Ronde Station and the intersection of Agency Creek Road and Yoncalla Road on the Reservation near the 4 mile marker. An entire wing and whole tail including small rump feathers should be removed. Paper bags are provided in the collection barrels for the parts, and hunters should mark harvest date, county taken, and general location.

Refer to the Game Bird Regulations for specific grouse and quail identification tips. It is illegal to shoot spruce grouse in Oregon.





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# Tribal Council OKs acquiring 60-acre conservation property

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is acquiring another conservation property, this one north of Rickreall in Polk County, after Tribal Council approved a resolution during its Wednesday, Sept. 11, meeting.

Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach said the 60-acre property does not have any title or environmental concerns during the Tuesday, Sept. 3, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

The Ahsney property – “ahsney” means coyote in the central Kalapuyan language – is being purchased for \$528,000 through the Bonneville Power Administration’s Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program, which is designed to offset the negative effects of the dams on the Columbia River that produce the administration’s electricity.

Reibach said the acquisition now brings the Tribe’s conservation properties purchased through the BPA program using its funds to more than 1,800 acres.

The property contains native oak woodland and savanna habitat that support patches of Kincaid’s lupine, a federally listed plant, black-tailed deer, native grasses and other significant species.

The Ahsney property is less than a mile from the Basket Slough Wildlife Refuge north of Highway 22 between Grand Ronde and Salem.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the Tribe’s Historical Preservation Office conducting a Tribal Cultural Landscape study of the Santiam and McKenzie watersheds for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The two-year study will pay the Tribe \$110,527;
  - Approved amendments to the Election Ordinance that will outline procedures for constitutional election amendments proposed by Tribal Council and General Council;
  - Held a first reading on proposed

## Tribal conservation properties

Property	Acres	Acquired
Ahsney	60	2019
Chahalpam	338.52	2013
Chahalpam 2	91.44	2015
Chahalpam 3	30.86	2018
Chankawan	425.71	2016
Noble Oaks 1&2	667.5	2019
R/snake Butte 1&2	96.98	2012
R/snake Butte 3	172.47	2015

Source: Tribal Lands Department

amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance, which will give Tribal members an opportunity to comment on them before they return to Tribal Council for final adoption. The proposed amendments remove the certified mail requirements, among other items;

- Approved three agreements with the Oregon Health Authority that provide \$36,500 in Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness funds, as well as \$71,162 in Prevention and Education Funds regarding tobacco use and \$61,250 regarding alcohol and drug use.
- And approved one infant enrollment denial because the child did not meet the enrollment requirements under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Sept. 11 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that approved a \$1,000 per capita distribution for Friday, Sept. 13, and directed the Ceded Lands Department to pursue and organize a government-to-government meeting between Tribal Council and Bureau of Land Management to discuss concerns about potential adverse effects to Lower Table Rocks near Medford resulting from a proposed Pacific Power utility construction project.

Tribal Elder Tracie Meyer gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting, discussing her attendance at the Monday, Sept. 9, blessing of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City. “It was a good day,” she said.

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

# Briggs joins *Smoke Signals* as graphic design specialist

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Samuel F. Briggs III joined the staff of *Smoke Signals* on Tuesday, Sept. 10, as the graphic design specialist.

Briggs’ responsibilities for the Tribal newspaper will be helping to design ads, banners and fliers for *Smoke Signals* and other Tribal departments; designing the Tribal calendar, Resource Directory and Annual Report; and backing up the page designer when needed to help lay out and distribute *Smoke Signals*.

Briggs received degrees in multimedia design and computer animation from the Art Institute of Seattle. He also has a degree in trade and code from Clackamas Community College and is currently enrolled online at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, pursuing a bachelor’s of fine arts in illustration and graphic design.

Briggs previously worked for nine years for the city of Seattle as a senior graphic arts and multimedia designer for the Seattle Center. He helped market commercial and noncommercial events at the Seattle Center, including cultural festivals, concerts, family shows, art performances and sporting events at KeyArena.

He also has worked at several TV stations in the Seattle area, creating and updating graphic content for live television news broadcasts. He received a regional Emmy Award for best television open while working in Seattle.

Briggs is a 1992 graduate of Newberg High School and was raised in Yamhill County, giving him familiarity with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

He lives in McMinnville with his fiancée and one cat, Kitty. In his free time, he likes to ride dirt bikes and hike.

He can be reached at 503-879-1416 or via e-mail at [samuel.briggs@grandronde.org](mailto:samuel.briggs@grandronde.org). ■



Samuel F. Briggs III

# Reibach receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Jan Reibach

Multiple Native American Music Award recipient Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach received the 2019 One World Music Radio Lifetime Achievement Award on Tuesday, Sept. 3, from the No. 1 radio station in Europe that plays instrumental music.

Reibach was one of 20 artists nominated along with the likes of well-known new age artists Will Ackerman and David Arkenstone.

“Words cannot fully express the gratitude for this honor to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award by One World Music Radio,” Reibach said. “This is not an award where a person submits to be considered. There were 20 finalists that were selected. All of them have incredible accomplishments in music that represent a

broad spectrum of genres. Part of the process for this award was public voting. I cannot thank you all enough for the amazing support of this prestigious honor.

“I’ve been blessed to make music most of life and won’t take up your time with that long story here. Please just know that my heart is filled with love and appreciation.”

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. His most recent release is “Rising Moon,” a two-CD collection of contemporary Native American flute. His website is [www.lookingwolf.com](http://www.lookingwolf.com).

His name was added to the radio station’s Roll of Honor that also includes 2016 honoree Medwyn Goodall, 2017 honoree Miriam Stockley and 2018 honoree David Lanz. ■

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# Klamath member Cholena Wright named 2019-20 Hatfield Fellow

**Angela Sears**  
*Community Fund program coordinator*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Spirit Mountain Community Fund have selected Cholena Wright, 25, as the new Hatfield Fellow.

Wright is from Chiloquin in southern Oregon and is a member of the Klamath Tribes.

She is a graduate of the University of Oregon, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science with a minor in Native studies. She has a passion for education, Indigenous studies and building Tribal nations.

Wright is active in Indian Country with past work as the Native American Recruitment Coordinator and Native American Student Union Director at the University of Oregon, as well as serving on the board of the Oregon Indian Education Association.

Wright also interned in U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio’s district office in Eugene as the veterans’ affairs staff assistant in 2015-16.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a “living tribute” to honor his accomplishments, both as Oregon governor and U.S. senator.

Every year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow, who interns in a congressional office for an eight-month term. Placement of the Fellow traditionally rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Wright will begin her fellowship in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Incoming Hatfield Fellow C.C. Wright talks about what she hopes to accomplish during a meeting with Tribal Council on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Wright, 25, will be working with U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, who represents Oregon’s Fourth Congressional District.**

Science Association in Washington, D.C.

This is DeFazio’s second Hatfield Fellow.

“Congratulations to Cholena Wright,” he said. “We’re excited to welcome CC back to the team. (She) is a proven leader as demonstrated through her work in her community, as a student at the University of Oregon and most recently coordinator of Native American Recruitment. She was an asset to my veterans’ affairs casework team during her time in my Eugene office several years ago, and I’m glad she’s coming back to learn more about the legislative process in our D.C. office.”

“Her passion for public service, law and public policy will serve her well in this fellowship and will benefit the Fourth Congressional District as she works with us to respond to the

needs of my constituents. ... Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s Hatfield Fellowship is a distinguished program that has brought mutual benefit for years to fellows, Pacific Northwest Tribes and Oregonians.”

Wright said she looks forward to being a part of DeFazio’s team again to gain a deeper understanding of the government-to-government relationship between Tribal, state and federal governments, and to learn the practical experience needed to navigate Tribal politics and policies.

“I am excited by the prospect of working in a bipartisan environment and experiencing the challenges of working with those with whom I may disagree,” Wright said. “This experience will make me a more resilient leader. Adversity and struggle are some of the most effective teachers. I would love the opportunity to embrace political differences and advocate on behalf of the interests of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Indian Country in general.”

Wright’s plans include potentially earning a joint doctorate degree in Indigenous studies with a research emphasis on Indigenous governance and Klamath feminism, and American Indian law. She said she would like to work as a professor or policy analyst, with hopes to someday move back to her Tribal community and serve the Klamath people directly.

For more information, visit [www.thecommunityfund.com](http://www.thecommunityfund.com).

## Grand Ronde visit

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Wright and 2018-19 fellow Traven Joseph, 24, visited Grand Ronde, where they spent time with Community Fund staff, ate lunch at Spirit Mountain Casino and met with Tribal Council for an afternoon briefing.

Joseph spent his internship working in U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici’s office.

“Looking back over my experience, I have to say everything was incredible,” he said. “Bonamici and her staff were positive and helpful, and provided the opportunity to help me be successful.”

Wright said it will be interesting to see what the Capitol is like during an election year.

“I’m excited to learn by doing and really hit the ground running,” she said. “I’m especially excited to work for my home district.”

Wright is the 20th Hatfield Fellow since the program began in 1998.

“I believe these are life-changing opportunities,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “We’re very pleased to be able to offer this.” ■

*Contains information gathered by Smoke Signals staff writer Danielle Frost.*

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# ‘We are here once again’

**BLESSING continued**  
from front page

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Denise Harvey, Jack Giffen Jr., Lisa Leno and Michael Langley attended the blessing, along with General Manager David Fullerton, Lands Department Manager Jan Reibach, Finance Manager Chris Leno, Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson, Tribal Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez.

Tribal Elder and Cultural Consultant Greg Archuleta welcomed attendees in Chinuk Wawa and English.

“I’m very happy to be here today, as this is a very special time,” Archuleta said. “This land has been returned to the Tribe. We’re very grateful for the Tribal Council members who had this vision. There are many families who have ties here and we will all be able to fish here.”

Archuleta also thanked Natural Resources and Cultural Resources department employees for their contributions.

“Our ancestral lands go the entire length of the Willamette River,” Archuleta said. “It is important that the fish can continue to pass through here.”

He said that for many years the federal government tried to keep Tribal people away from Willamette Falls, but they continued to return. Entries in the U.S. Army’s passbook at Fort Yamhill show that Tribal members returned to the falls even after their removal to the Reservation.

“They wanted to make us farmers (on the Reservation), but the land wasn’t good for that, so our people would come here to fish and take it back to Grand Ronde,” Archuleta said.

After he spoke, Tribal drummers Jade Unger, Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier, Chris Rempel, Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards, Enrollment Officer Nick LaBonte and Jon A. George opened the ceremony with a drum song.

Kennedy, who is descended from the chiefs who controlled access to the falls, led the invocation. She asked for a blessing on the land and water, and gave thanks that a piece of the Tribe’s homelands had finally been reclaimed.

The site holds significant historical and cultural importance to the Tribe. It was once home to the Charcowah village of the Clowewalla (Willamette band of Tumwaters) and the Kosh-huk-shix village of

**Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, third from right, welcomes people to the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City before a Tribal blessing ceremony.**



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Cultural Resources Department Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, third from right, and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, second from right, during the Tribal blessing ceremony held at the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City on Monday, Sept. 9.**

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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 of 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 site in May and caught the first fish from the platform.

Tribal officials finalized the \$15.25 million purchase of the 23-acre Blue Heron site from Washington developer George Heidgerken in August. The developer and his family attended Monday’s blessing.

Bobby Mercier spoke in Chinuk Wawa, asking attendees to remember the villages and people who once lived where the site was located, gaining sustenance from Pacific lamprey and salmon caught at the falls.

“Now, we are bringing our words, laughter and songs to put everything back here,” Mercier said. “We are here once again asking for that teaching, to give each one of us the tools so that when we are gone and leave this to our children, we can pass on the knowledge to them. We



**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy shares a laugh with Tribal Council member Denise Harvey after a Tribal blessing held at the Blue Heron Paper Mill site.**

were taken away from here, but our hearts were not. We want our ancestors to know we have been doing things the best we know how.”

As it began to rain lightly, Mercier and other Tribal drummers closed with a song to honor their ancestors.

“Ancestors, please help us,” he said. “We thank you for everything. We don’t forget your struggles. And today, we have come full circle.”

Afterward, Jon A. George said a highlight of the morning was seeing everyone gathered at the

waterfront.

“We have returned to our lands here,” he said. “We will look to our ancestors as we develop this area. The gathering of the people today makes it so special. It’s a very emotional day and shows how important this is, caring for the land and the water here again.”

The Tribe has 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 proposed Riverwalk, a public walkway along the eastern shore of the Willamette River, would have a significant presence on the Blue Heron site.

Metro, the regional Portland area government, is sending a \$475 million bond measure to voters in November that would include \$20 million for the Riverwalk project.

A second property that Tribal Council approved purchasing in July is still in the closing stages and includes 1.5 miles of land bordering the Blue Heron site. ■





# Turnout of vote was 31.9 percent

ELECTION continued  
from front page

an Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council member Michael Langley as the only Tribal Council candidates ever to receive 700 or more votes in an election.

“I was pleasantly pleased to see the results,” Harvey said on Sunday, Sept. 8, before the first General Council meeting of the new cycle. “I was kind of hoping I would make the ‘700 Club,’ but that’s OK. I was happy with the results.”

Harvey said she thought her message of not going backward and stressing how well the current Tribal Council works together reached the membership.

“I think the message is that they (the membership) are recognizing the work that the council is doing,” she said. “My message in my campaign was to keep us moving forward and I think that the membership spoke on that. We want to keep moving forward in the direction we’re going.”

George received 685 votes and returned to Tribal Council for her second consecutive term. She was the top vote-getter in 2016 with 624 votes.

“I was so happy,” George said before the General Council meeting about seeing the election results. “I was just so pleased. I thought it was wonderful to hear the Tribal members say they want the work of this Tribal Council to keep going.

“I think this Tribal Council has faced a lot of hard issues in the last year and we’ve also created some amazing new opportunities for our people, so I think I was really just waiting to see what the response would be. Is this where they want their Tribal Council to be going or not? If there is anything that we can conclude, I think we’ve seen that they want this Tribal Council to keep going.”

Giffen, who ran on a slate with former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno and Peter “Boon” Grout, was the only one successful with 634 votes. He started serving his sixth term on Tribal Council on Wednesday, Sept. 11.

“I was very humbled and grateful that the membership re-elected me for a sixth term,” Giffen said outside of the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 8. “There’s not many Tribal members who have been on Tribal Council for six terms. It’s just very humbling to me.”

Giffen said that he was surprised that his fellow candidates on the slate, particularly Leno, did not fare as well.

“I thought that Reyn would be more competitive in the election process,” Giffen said. “It’s the member-

ship’s voice and you have to go with what they agree on and vote on.”

As in 2016, Giffen said this will be his last term on Tribal Council.

“It is definitely going to be my last term,” he said. “I still have that heartfelt feeling for the member-

ship. That will always be there, but I’m willing to go one more term and work hard for the membership.”

Leno, who previously served seven consecutive terms and was trying to return to Tribal Council after a two-year retirement, finished fourth with 619 votes.

Other challengers were Grout,

who received 394 votes; Lewis Younger, who also received 394 votes; and Victor Cureton, who received 382 votes.

Turnout of adult Tribal members eligible to vote was 31.9 percent with 1,350 ballots cast out of a potential 4,233 voters. Turnout was on par with recent years in the low 30-percent range.

In addition, the number of ballots mailed – 2,659 – was the lowest number since 2016.

Election Board Vice Chair Michael Mercier said during the Sept. 8 General Council meeting that two new ballot drop boxes garnered a cumulative use of 84 ballots.

Tribal Council members were sworn in Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center by Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble and their terms run through September 2022.

### Advisory questions

Tribal voters were asked seven nonbinding advisory questions on the ballot. Results were:

- About 30 percent of voters supported amending the Tribal Constitution to remove the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the Tribe’s election process. In 2015, a similar constitutional amendment proposal lost by a similar margin of 381-230.
- About 65 percent of voters supported the Tribe developing a program to provide small loans to Tribal members;
- Fifty-four percent of voters supported the Tribal evaluating a possible charter/private school for Grand Ronde youth;
- Almost 67 percent of voters supported the Tribe examining housing options for Tribal members outside of Grand Ronde, such as in Portland or Salem;
- More than 73 percent of voters supported the Tribe evaluating a partnership with other Oregon Tribes to establish a trade school, vocational school or Tribal college;
- Fifty-two percent of voters supported calling a constitutional amendment election that would ban disenrollments with the exception of fraud;
- And 49 percent of voters supported distributing minor trust payments in installments to Tribal youth when they reach 21 years of age.

To amend the Tribal Constitution, two-thirds of those voting must approved of an amendment. In 2018, 69.7 of those who responded to an advisory vote regarding resolving the split-sibling issue supported the idea. However, when the amendment was put up for an official constitutional vote earlier this year, only 63.5 percent of those voting favored the proposal. ■

## SEPT. 7, 2019, ELECTION RESULTS FOLLOWING RECOUNT

### CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

DENISE HARVEY	696
KATHLEEN FEEHAN GEORGE	685
JACK GIFFEN JR.	634
REYN LENO	619
LEWIS S. YOUNGER	394
PETER (BOON) GROUT JR.	394
VICTOR CURETON (HALLER)	382

### ADVISORY VOTE QUESTIONS

#### QUESTION # 1

SHOULD THE TRIBE AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO REMOVE THE BIA FROM OUR ELECTION PROCESS?

YES - 340 / 29.591% NO - 809 / 70.409%

#### QUESTION # 2

SHOULD THE TRIBE DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SMALL LOANS TO TRIBAL MEMBERS?

YES - 777 / 64.75% NO - 423 / 35.25%

#### QUESTION # 3

SHOULD THE TRIBE EVALUATE A CHARTER / PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR YOUTH IN GRAND RONDE?

YES - 643 / 53.943% NO - 549 / 46.057%

#### QUESTION # 4

SHOULD THE TRIBE LOOK AT HOUSING OPTIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF GRAND RONDE?

YES - 796 / 66.835% NO - 395 / 33.165%

#### QUESTION # 5

SHOULD THE TRIBE EVALUATE PARTNERING WITH OTHER OREGON TRIBES TO ESTABLISH A TRADE SCHOOL / VOCATIONAL SCHOOL / TRIBAL COLLEGE?

YES - 881 / 73.417% NO - 319 / 26.583%

#### QUESTION # 6

SHOULD THE TRIBE CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION ON BANNING DISENROLLMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRAUD?

YES - 608 / 52.504% NO - 550 / 47.496%

#### QUESTION # 7

DO YOU THINK MINOR TRUST FUND PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN INSTALLMENTS?

YES - 585 / 49.077% NO - 607 / 50.923%

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## Behavioral Health expansion begins

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Newly elected Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble during a swearing-in ceremony held in Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Giffen was elected to his sixth term on Tribal Council on Saturday, Sept. 7.



Newly elected Tribal Council member Denise Harvey takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble during a swearing-in ceremony held in Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Harvey was elected to her third consecutive term on Saturday, Sept. 7, and was the top vote-getter for the second time with 696 votes.

# Return of the incumbents

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Newly elected Tribal Council member Kathleen George takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble during a swearing-in ceremony held in Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center on Wednesday, Sept. 11. George was elected to her second consecutive term on Saturday, Sept. 7.

## Casino losses in customers remain below projections

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and Ilani opening its convention center and convenience store as additional amenities at its Ridgefield, Wash., gaming facility.

In reaction, renovation work continues on the lodge to ensure Spirit Mountain remains competitive. Lodge renovations will continue through September 2020 because large portions are not being shut down, he said.

The casino also recently purchased 191 new slot machines and 46 upgraded slot machines, which represent 13 percent of the slots on the casino floor. "Those newer machines produce about three times more than the older games, so it is really important for us to do that," Dillon said.

Dillon said Spirit Mountain is close to renegotiating its compact with the state of Oregon to allow it to offer sports wagering as well. Chinook Winds in Lincoln City started offering sports wagering in August.

Other new amenities to look forward to at Spirit Mountain will be a 60-spot recreational vehicle park that will include hookups and WiFi. A completion date has not been set, he added.

Ridgebear said that casino losses in customers remain below projections in 2019. For example, the casino was projected to lose 44.3 percent of its customers in Portland



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Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon said the challenges continuing to confront Spirit Mountain include a difficult hiring market in which the state unemployment rate is low and there are a reported 30,000 unfilled jobs in Oregon during the General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Sept. 8.



Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear gives an overview of various marketing campaigns, including the Tribe now having 16 billboards and six highway banners in the Portland and Salem metropolitan areas.

after Ilani opened and that number stands at 21.9 percent. Overall, she said, the projected 32.1 percent loss in customers is actually 8.4 percent in 2019.

"In marketing, our goal is to adjust, measure and win," she said.

Ridgebear also gave an overview of various marketing campaigns,

including the Tribe now having 16 billboards and six highway banners in the Portland and Salem metropolitan areas.

"You can't drive through Portland or Salem without seeing our messages," Ridgebear said.

She said that casino entertainment, which has featured several tribute shows recently, helps Spirit Mountain provide entertainment that can be offered at a reasonable price. Recent tribute bands have performed the music of The Eagles, Queen, Led Zeppelin and popular

female country singers.

Unlike Ilani, which can leverage its connection to the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut in booking big-name acts, Spirit Mountain cannot book expensive acts and still offer reasonably affordable ticket prices, she added.

Spirit Mountain also has agreed to co-sponsor with Toyota the Portland Trail Blazers' 50th anniversary season and is gearing up to celebrate the casino's 25th anniversary in 2020.

In other action, Election Board Vice Chair Michael Mercier delivered the Tribal Council election results from Saturday, Sept. 7, that saw all three incumbents – Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. – re-elected to three-year terms.

Iidavirre Mahto, Peter Grout and Earnest Norton won the \$100 door prizes and Tyrell Soderberg, Connie Bobb, Wayne Peters, Nancy Norton and Michelle Anderson won the \$50 door prizes. Bobb donated her winnings to the Veterans Special Event Board.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Tribal Community Center.

General Council opened with a cultural presentation of drumming and singing by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Tribal Council member Lisa Leno and Youth Council members.

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







Community Health Program

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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.

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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. ■

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# Manangan-Hanson

On Aug. 1, 2019, we are happy to announce that Jerry Manangan and Julie Hanson were married by the Honorable Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble at the Tribal Court. They have known each other since 1983. "It's about time," says everyone. They like to spend time at Spirit Mountain Casino, so good luck you two and have fun in all the years to come. Proud to mention that Rosetta LaBonte Manangan is Jerry's mother.

# 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](https://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. ■

Happy Birthday to my wonderful husband and partner in life! You are such a loving husband and caring father. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. Here is to another wonderful year! Love, Ramona and the Girls.





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Lined with plastic. Nearly impossible to separate the plastic from the paper fiber for recycling.	Clogs machinery at sorting facility. Therefore it needs to be collected separately.	No market for this low-grade plastic.	Made with a mixture of material - such as plastic and aluminum, making it very difficult to recycle.	Breaks into tiny pieces when compacted in recycle truck. Therefore it needs to be collected separately.	Food residue inside containers leads to mold and germs. Always rinse or wipe out containers before placing in the cart.	Paper fibers get shorter each time they are recycled. By the time they become a towel or tissue, the fibers are too short to be recycled again.
Where should it go?						
Place in your trash cart. Consider buying in bulk to reduce the number of pet food bags.	Take to a participating retail store. Consider using canvas or other reusable bags.	Place in your trash cart. Consider less prepackaged foods to reduce plastic clamshell waste.	Place in your trash cart. Consider using reusable snack bags.	Take to Recovery Zone at 2200 NE Orchard Ave. Fee may apply.	Rinse or wipe to remove food residue before recycling.	Put in your home compost system or in your trash cart. Reduce by using cloth towels.

For more information on recycling in McMinnville please go to [Recology.com](https://www.recology.com), call 503-472-3176 or email [rwinfo@recology.com](mailto:rwinfo@recology.com)



Walking On...

Ivan Lewis Langley Jr.

Oct. 27, 1929 – July 11, 2019

Tribal Elder Ivan Lewis Langley Jr. passed away on July 11, 2019. He was born on Oct. 27, 1929, to Ivan Langley Sr. and Grace LaChance in Grand Ronde, Ore. He was the eldest of six children.

Ivan was raised in the Grand Ronde area and graduated from Willamina High School. He served in the Korean War in the 1st Cavalry Division of the Army. When he left the service, he continued working in logging and in mills. He worked for Champion Lumber for more than 20 years. His final occupation was as custodian at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan.

Ivan worked hard and enjoyed his off time. He was an avid reader, enjoying science fiction and historical novels. He loved the Big Band era of music. He lived to fish and hunt, collecting many rods, reels and guns. Ivan will be remembered for his wit, charm and unfailing desire to help all he met.

Ivan is survived by his life partner, Ina Benuche; brother, John (Trish) LaChance; daughter, Sheila Langley; three stepchildren, Sheila McDonald, Susan (Patrick) O’Shea and George (Lesley) Pickar; six grandchildren, Amanda, Jocelyn, Teague (Jen), Keely (Mike), Connor and Joleen; four great-grandchildren, Langley, Elliott, Lucy and Isaiah; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 14, in the Grand Ronde gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



Mary Ford

April 5, 1935 – Aug. 22, 2019

Tribal Elder Mary Ford was born in Eugene, Ore., on April 5, 1935, to Irene (Cooper) and Russell Jeffers. She spent her early years on Wolf Creek with her parents and siblings.

Mary attended Crow High School, where she participated in many different activities and made numerous lifelong friends. While in school, she volunteered at the hospital where she was born.

After graduating from high school in 1953, she went on to complete business college in Eugene. Soon after, she began her professional life working in the accounting department at WT Grants. It was a chance encounter at a local diner in Eugene where Mary ran into her future husband and love of her life, Earl Ford. Within months, Mary and Earl were engaged and then married on July 3, 1956. They were blessed with their firstborn, Jeff, in 1957 followed by a brother, Timmy, in 1958. Sadly, Timmy passed away in 1961. Sisters Beth and Laurie joined the family in 1962 and 1963, respectively.

Earl established his career in the timber industry while Mary cared for the children and home. When their youngest child started grade school, Mary determined that staying home was not for her and made the decision to ask for a job at Crow Elementary School. At the time, the principal said there were no available jobs, but called Mary back the next day and asked if she was interested in doing playground duty. Mary said, “Of course,” and with whistle in hand she began a 25-year career that brought her immense joy, love and happiness. Some of her fondest memories were made working at Crow Elementary and it gave the opportunity to touch so many lives.

Mary was a master craftswoman at knitting and crocheting and shared this gift with many people in her life. Be it a graduation, wedding or new baby, Mary often marked the occasion with one of her handmade afghans. Mary was the hub that kept the family going, providing the wonderful holiday meals and picnics for hunting and road trips; she did it all.

Aside from her family and all of the children that touched her life, Mary’s greatest love and pastime was sports. Mary adored any and all sports. However, she particularly loved Crow Cougar sports. Mary was the ultimate fan and loved watching her own children participate, as well as every other child who participated at Crow sporting events. Mary was a girls’ volleyball official for many years, which kept her close to the action.

As Mary got older, she developed a love for the Oregon Ducks, the Seattle Mariners and the Golden State Warriors. She knew the statistics and each player better than most sports reporters (this is not an exaggeration). She dazzled those around her with her knowledge and genuine love of athletics.

After Mary and Earl retired in 1994, they spent their time traveling around the country, and began gambling at local casinos. They also spent precious time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In 2008, Mary was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer. Earl and the rest of her family were with her throughout the 11-year battle. Mary fought hard and while she did she had the unwavering support of her lifelong friends, her hairdressers, coffee girls and her family.

Mary is survived by daughters, Beth (Dave) Petrushkin and Laurie (Brian) Coggins; granddaughters, Lindsey (Dusty) Harrah, Kaci (Chris) Stanley, Christina Ford and Jessica Egli; grandsons, Kevin Petrushkin and Jeremy (Kallie) Egli; and great-grandchildren, Evelyn and Bennett Harrah and Wyatt and Hadley Stanley.

If friends should desire, contributions can be sent to the Crow High Athletic Fund, 25863 Crow Road, Eugene, OR 97402.

A service was held Saturday, Sept. 7, at Musgrove Family Center, 225 S. Danebo, Eugene, Ore., with a reception following at the same location. A private family burial followed the reception.



Betty Jane Lambert

Jan. 27, 1942 – Sept. 8, 2019

Tribal Elder Betty Jane Lambert, 77, a resident of Grand Ronde, died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 27, 1942, in McMinnville, Ore., the daughter of Tom and Agnes Porter Smith. She worked as a secretary for many years in the Natural Resources Department for the Grand Ronde Tribe.

She was an excellent quilter and gave many quilts away. She enjoyed sewing, embroidery, baking and visiting the casino. Betty always caught the biggest fish. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Grand Ronde and a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Sr., of Grand Ronde; daughters, Marcia of Mt. Vernon and Suzanne of Johnson City, Tenn.; sons, Gary of Elgin and Carl “Duane” Jr. of Grand Ronde; along with 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Carol, of Grand Ronde and brothers, Gary of Monmouth, Steven of Aloha, Ronny of Perrydale, Jim of Elgin and Jeff of La Grande. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma, and an infant son, Tommy.

A memorial service was held Friday, Sept. 13, in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym with a meal following in the Community Center. Private interment was in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Missionary Fund at the Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 85, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, go to [www.dallastribute.com](http://www.dallastribute.com).



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**Thursday, Aug. 15**

- Reported stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on a valid Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for probation violation and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Reported stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported fraud in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Two vehicle noninjury crash in the area of Salmon Way and Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Animal complaint received in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 29 on Salmon River Highway in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 26 on Salmon River Highway in Willamina.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26000 block of Yamhill River Road.

**Friday, Aug. 16**

- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 29000 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for domestic harassment and probation violation, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Reported hit-and-run (property damage) in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for failure to report as a sex offender and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a recovered stolen vehicle in Salem.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was issued a citation to appear on a valid Newberg Municipal Court and released.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of A.R. Ford and Newsome Drive. A male subject was arrested following a vehicle pursuit that resulted in a crash. The male subject was arrested for felony and misdemeanor elude, reckless driving, escape and interfering, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle pursuit in the area of milepost 12 on Highway 22. A male subject was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Saturday, Aug. 17**

- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Motorist assist performed in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist performed in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a recovered stolen vehicle in Salem.

**Sunday, Aug. 18**

- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the area of Southwest Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway. Two subjects were transported by West Valley Fire personnel to Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville to be evaluated for multiple bee stings.
- Assist outside agency with a reported suspicious vehicle in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22. Four subjects were arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of heroin, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of Southwest Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle injury crash in the 26000 block of Yamhill River Road. A male subject was transported to Salem Hospital by West Valley Fire personnel.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of Willamina Creek and Fort Hill Road in Willamina. A male subject was arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.

**Monday, Aug. 19**

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Agency Creek and Service Road 112. A male subject was arrested on two valid Polk County Circuit Court warrants and providing false information, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas. He also was issued citations to appear on two valid cite and release Municipal Court warrants.
- Assist outside agency with a reported criminal trespass in the 7500 block of Sawtell Road in Willamina.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**

- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County Circuit

- Court warrant and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Reported illegal dumping of trash in the area of Tyee and Grand Ronde roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was issued citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured, and his vehicle was impounded.

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**

- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was issued a citation for unlawful possession of marijuana under 21.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle pursuit in the area of milepost 27 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was taken into custody following a crash in the area of A.R. Ford Road and Ash Street. The male subject was arrested for felony and misdemeanor elude, reckless driving and unlawful possession of methamphetamine, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Thursday, Aug. 22**

- Reported hit-and-run (property damage) in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Motorist assist occurred in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of Salmon River Highway and Steel Bridge Road in Willamina.

**Friday, Aug. 23**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported shot fired in the 20000 block of Salmon River Highway in Sheridan.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female subject was arrested for providing false information, probation violation and unlawful possession of heroin, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Highway 22 and Red Prairie Road.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant arrest in the area of Salmon River Highway and Jahn Road. A male subject was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

- Suspicious activity in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway in McMinnville.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road. A male subject was arrested on a valid felony Josephine County Circuit Court warrant for assault in the second and third degree and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Sunday, Aug. 25**

- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle noninjury crash at Salmon River Highway and Southwest Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 24 on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 18 on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the area of Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle. A male subject was transported to Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville by West Valley Fire personnel.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Monday, Aug. 26**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Blacktail Drive and Eagle Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Tuesday, Aug. 27**

- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported domestic disturbance in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Wednesday, Aug. 28**

- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- Assist outside agency with a reported burglary at Amity High School.

**Thursday, Aug. 29**

- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle injury crash in the area of milepost 26 on Salmon River Highway.

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POLICE LOG  
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- Driving complaint received at milepost 26 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported dispute in the 26000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Animal complaint received in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 23 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for DUII (marijuana) and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Medical issue reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Aug. 30

- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Salmon River Highway. Three subjects were arrested for unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful delivery of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of heroin. All three subjects were transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Saturday, Aug. 31

- Driving complaint received at milepost 26 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 28 on Salmon River Highway. A female subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Sunday, Sept. 1

- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle injury crash in the area of milepost 16 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 28 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported missing person out of Pacific City in Tillamook County.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle rollover crash in the area of East Creek Road in Willamina.

Monday, Sept. 2

- Reported criminal trespass in the 27000 block of Andy Riggs Road. A male subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County detention warrant and lodged at the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Reported forgery in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for DUII (alcohol) after providing a breath sample of .26 percent blood alcohol content.
- Illegal camping in the day-use area near Blacktail Drive. A female subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear and a male subject was arrested after he was found to be in violation of a valid no contact release agreement involving the female subject. Both subjects were transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

- Assist outside agency with a reported hit-and-run (property damage) in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Assist outside agency with a suspicious subject in the 200 block of Lincoln Street in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle pursuit in the area of milepost 3 on Red Prairie Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 28 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist occurred in the area of milepost 20 on Salmon River Highway.
- Reported disturbance in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint in the area of milepost 18 eastbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Wind River Drive and Tyee Road.

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1214	Police Officer Trainee	10	9/6/2019	9/19/2019
1213	Social Media/Digital Journalist	9	9/6/2019	9/19/2019
1210	Behavioral Health Administrator	14	8/30/2019	9/12/2019
1209	Youth Prevention Grant Coordinator	11	8/30/2019	9/12/2019
1208	TERO Director	17	8/30/2019	9/26/2019
1207	Swing Shift Housekeeper	5	8/30/2019	9/12/2019
1181	Tribal Veterans Service Officer Part Time	10	8/30/2019	9/12/2019
1082	Physician	23	8/30/2019	9/26/2019
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](http://www.grandronde.org)

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

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

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

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of: ) Case No.: C-19-008

KAYLEE JENNESS - AGDT ) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

Applicant. ) [ADULT]

NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

the 14<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2019, requesting that Petitioner's name be

changed from KAYLEE DANIELLE JENNESS - AGDT to

KAYLEE J. HUDSEN

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

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

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

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

change of name.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2019.

Petitioner

KAYLEE D. JENNESS - AGDT (Print Name)

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





# Youth Prevention Corner

## Youth Prevention and Empowerment Corner

September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Among Native Americans, 40 percent of those who die by suicide are between the ages of 15 and 24. And among young adults ages 18 to 24, Native Americans have higher rates of suicide than any other ethnicity.

Our community has put an importance on healing and the Youth Prevention team supports healing through cultural activities and education, recreational activities, and group and family events, as well as individual and family support as needed.

We invite youth and families to join us in walking on Saturday, Sept. 28, in Salem at the Out of the Darkness Walk. You can contact our team to sign up or meet us at the event with your family and/or friends.

We want you to know that YOU ARE NOT ALONE and ALL LIVES ARE SACRED. If you are experiencing any suicidal thoughts, please reach out to a friend, teacher, family member, mental health professional or any safe person in your life.

You can also call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), chat online at [www.SuicidePreventionLifeLine.org](http://www.SuicidePreventionLifeLine.org) or text START to 741741 to chat via text.

If you want to speak to the Youth Prevention team or join us for any upcoming events, call 503-879-1471 or 503-879-1489.

Hayu masi ~ Your Youth Prevention team: Nicole, Shannon, Lindsey & Amber.

# 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. ■

# Adult Foster Program

## “A Place To Call Home”



The Tribe’s Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact Adult Foster Program Director Peggy Shaver at 503-879-1694. ■



# LIBRARY HOURS:

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

**“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.

**Requests:** The Tribal Library provides recommendation forms in order to provide patrons with an outlet to request book/media content we may not currently have.

**Book review:** “The Lemonade War” by Jacqueline Davis.  
Side effects from this book may include craving a cold glass of lemonade!

There are just a few days left of summer when “The Lemonade War” starts. Evan is going into the fourth grade and learns that his little sister Jessie, who is very smart for her age, is skipping a grade and will be joining him in the same class.


Jessie is very relieved and excited to be in the same class as her older brother. Evan, on the other hand, is embarrassed. Things take a turn for the worse when these two siblings have an argument, things are said, feelings are hurt and actions are misinterpreted by both of them.

Both angry with each other, they start a lemonade war to see who can make the most money selling lemonade. The winner will get the other’s earnings. These two siblings are smart, savvy and clever in their attempts to outsell the other. This book shows the siblings’ strengths, flaws, rivalry and points of view in this likable chapter book. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

**Donations:** A special thanks to Judith Hoy for contributing to the Tribal Library. We appreciate it.


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

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



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Health & Wellness Center closures

- Friday, Sept. 27 – National Native American Day
- Be sure to request your prescriptions early to cover closure days.*

## Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Pharmacy

### Please be advised for: Refill Requests

In order to best serve you, please note the following time requirements for your refill requests:

**(Valid) Refills remaining – Called in between 8:30 to 11 a.m., anticipated pickup/send out by 5 p.m. Called in after 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. next day pickup, excluding holidays and weekends.**

**NO refills remaining – up to 7 days\***

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

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

Thank you for allowing us to serve your prescriptions needs.

## 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**

## 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.

**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**

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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: Kandee Little 503-879-2089**

**Date: Thursday September 19th, 2019**

**Location: CTGR Clinic upper parking lot**

## 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 MəḥMəḥ-Haws
    - Free 3-5 minute massage's (while spots are available)
  - Blood Pressure Checks
  - Health Education Information
  - Dementia Information
- AND MUCH MORE!!!**





*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**

