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General Council briefed on portfolio, 2020 projections

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

A representative from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. briefed the general membership on the Grand Ronde Tribe's burgeoning investment portfolio during the General Council meeting held Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Tribal Community Center.

The 20-minute session with Director Joe Hoon was held in open session instead of executive session with all in attendance permitted to hear the details.

"We had a phenomenal third quarter," Hoon said. "Our global portfolio is up to \$753 million. Even though we have downturns in the market, a fully diversified portfolio has worked very well."

Hoon said that two key factors – whether the country is headed toward a recession and if President Donald Trump will be impeached – will likely influence how 2020 looks regarding the economy.

"I'm going to try to give you some insight to how things stand today by looking at the market and other key aspects of the economy to answer those questions," he said.

Hoon said that there are concerns over recent dips in the manufacturing sector, but manufacturing only makes up 10 percent of the economy. Seventy percent of the U.S. economy is consumer-driven, and with the Federal Reserve indicating that there is at least one interest rate cut coming before the end of the year, it should have a positive effect.

"When the Fed lowers rates, it stimulates growth," Hoon said. "We are a consumer-driven economy."

At the moment, Baird consultants believe that there will not be a recession in 2020, but that warning signs are starting to become more prominent.

"The expectation is with the impending impeachment, it is adding a degree of uncertainty," Hoon said. "It will probably add a lot of choppi-ness as the year unfolds. ... Watch the consumer sentiment, which is key."

Finance Officer Chris Leno fielded one question from the audience after the presentation. He also noted how the Tribe's investment funds have increased over the years.

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How big can Grand Ronde be?

Housing Department encouraging incremental growth in area

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe's Strategic Plan states as a goal that it wants to "attract new Tribal members, diversify and grow the population, and promote a healthier, sustainable community."

If the Tribe is successful in accomplishing that goal, where is the growing population going to live?

The Tribe currently has 225 potential places where Tribal members can live in the Grand Ronde area, ranging from leased

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of Smoke Signals stories in 2019 that examine the infrastructure of Grand Ronde and how many Tribal members could conceivably return to live in the community safely and comfortably. The first two stories examined the area's water supply and transportation needs.)

mobile home sites to Elder housing to low-income and market rate homes to apartments.

And there is consistently a waiting list for every conceivable housing option. Occupancy rates in 2018 were between 94 percent and 100 percent for all Tribal housing, according to the Housing

Department's annual report.

"Our biggest waiting list is one bedrooms," says Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno, citing more than 20 people waiting on that particular Tribal housing

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3

Tribal Gym

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 23.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 6.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 20.....	4 p.m.

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

Correction

A story in the Oct. 1 edition of *Smoke Signals* incorrectly stated that Tribal Elder Carol Logan participated in the 1969-71 occupation of Alcatraz Island. Logan actually visited the island in San Francisco Bay in 1978 as part of a peaceful Native American ceremony. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error

Letters welcome

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

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Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Nov. 22, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day. Offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and closed Thursday through Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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ACHAF HAMMI CELEBRATES 10

Join us
Achaf-hammi's 10th birthday celebration
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October 26th
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4pm - Doors open
5:30pm - Meal
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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE
Monday, Oct. 21	Nov. 1
Monday, Nov. 4.....	Nov. 15
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Dec. 1
Friday, Dec. 6	Dec. 15
Friday, Dec. 20	Jan. 1, 2020

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- October**
- Thursday, Oct. 17 – 2033 Planning Session, 6 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2112.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Friday, Oct. 25 – Halloween Party, 5:30 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2034.
 - Saturday, Oct. 26 – achaf-hammi 10th Birthday Celebration, 4 p.m., Tribal plankhouse adjacent to úyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2076.
- November**
- Sunday, Nov. 3 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Monday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day. Tribal offices closed.
 - Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Friday, Nov. 22 – 36th anniversary of Restoration. Tribal offices closed.
 - Friday, Nov. 22 – 36th Restoration Celebration. 10 a.m. Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1418.
 - Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29 – Thanksgiving holiday. Tribal offices closed.

Veterans meal set for Friday, Nov. 8

The annual Veterans meal put on by the Tribe’s Veterans Special Event Board will be held starting at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The meal is for all veterans and their family members.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with a meal being served at 6.

In addition to the meal, there will be a drawing for prizes.

For more information, contact Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. at 503-876-3118. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- *Smoke Signals*: www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- *The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde*: www.facebook.com/CT-GRgov
- *Spirit Mountain Community Fund*: www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- *Grand Ronde Health & Wellness*: www.facebook.com/GRHWC
- *Grand Ronde Station*: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- *Grand Ronde Royalty*: www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty
- *Grand Ronde Education Programs*: www.facebook.com/CTGREducation/
- *Grand Ronde Community Garden*: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- *Grand Ronde Food Bank*: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- *Grand Ronde Youth Council*: www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- *Grand Ronde Social Services Department*: www.facebook.com/CT-GRSocialservices/
- *Grand Ronde Children & Family Services*: www.facebook.com/CT-GRCFS/
- *Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department*: www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
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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

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. ■

On October 17th the Shawash-iliʔi 2033 planning team is hosting a community discussion and listening session.

Your involvement will help planners understand the needs of Tribal members and the community.

Your participation is important!

Shawash-iliʔi 2033- nsayka kʰapa atʰqi – (Grand Ronde 2033 – Our Future)

October 17, 2019
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Grand Ronde Community Center

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SALMON DINNER!

Halloween Party

October 25, 2019
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Tribal gymnasium

- Costume Contest - 6:30 P.M.
- Family Activities
- Bounce House
- Snacks Provided
- Lots of Halloween Fun

Ad & illustration by Samuel Briggs III

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, Oct 16;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

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, Nov. 15. 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: TBD.

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



2014 – The Tribe was seeking community help in catching the person or persons responsible for flooding the Early Childhood Education building with a garden hose, causing an estimated \$40,000 in damage. Tribal Council was offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. “There is an ongoing investigation and any leads that come in will be followed up on by officers from the department,” said Grand Ronde Police Chief Al LaChance.

2009 – The Tribe retained its ceremonial hunting rights after the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission unanimously readopted a rule granting ceremonial hunting rights across the Trask Hunting Unit. The rule was first adopted by the state on April 18, 2008.



2009

File photo

2004 – Tribal Youth Spencer Olson, 14, was awarded a scholarship to attend a creative writing workshop at Kalamazoo College in Michigan. “The main goal of the workshop is to have students write about who they are, where they come from and where their imagination can take them,” Olson said. “The most important thing that happened was my discovery that I loved writing poetry. I’ve always liked to write stories and comedy, but never (have) been too interested in poetry. All of that changed while I was at Kalamazoo.” Olson was one of two Native youths from Oregon to be selected for the program, and the youngest from all those across the United States who were selected to attend.

1999 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund, a philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, gifted the Oregon Garden in Silverton a \$266,000 grant. The Community Fund’s gift was to be used to preserve the trees for future generations, create nondestructive trails and educational signage. “Our people believe that all living things are related,” Tribal Council Chair and Community Fund Trustee Kathryn Harrison said. “The Tribe is deeply honored to be able to protect these ancient trees and restore this portion of the Grand Ronde homeland to the way it looked to Native Americans for centuries.”

1994 – The Grand Ronde Tribal Youth Crew assisted rangers with the Willamette National Forest in working on a trail at the Yukwah campground located east of Sweet Home. Crew members included Meadow Wilds, Jake McKnight, Dustin Leno, Joe Hostler, Jason Mercier, Chris Bailey and Stephanie Ussing. Bill Moreland served as crew leader and Karen Larsen as chaperone.

1989 – The membership of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde increased to 2,496 members. To be enrolled at the Tribe, applicants were required to furnish birth documentation and, if approved, were eligible to receive Tribal benefits such as health services. Eligibility requirements included being descended from a Grand Ronde Tribal member, possessing 1/16th or more Indian blood from a federally recognized Tribe and not already be enrolled in another Tribe.

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



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

We are looking for volunteers!

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

Qualifications:

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

For more information, contact Tribal Court Programs Coordinator Ramona Quenelle at CourtPrograms@grandronde.org or call 503-879-4623.

2033 planning meeting slated for Oct. 17

When Tribal members gather in 2033 for the Tribe’s 50th Restoration celebration, what will the community look like? This is a question the Tribe is exploring with Tribal members from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

The Shawash-ili?i 2033 planning team will be hosting a community listening session at the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. The session will focus on health care, social services, education and employment needs in the Grand Ronde community and will help planners understand the needs of Tribal members. A salmon dinner will be served.

The Tribe launched the 16-month community development planning process in May to help guide the decision making and priority setting and build on the progress the Tribe has made since 1983’s Restoration.

For more information on the meeting or the community development planning process, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org, send an e-mail to grandronde2033@grandronde.org or call Planning Director Rick George at 503-879-2112. ■

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. ■

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. 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.

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



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

- Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy
- TERO Comission – 1 vacancy

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

Tribe receives three-year, \$546,505 grant

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received a three-year, \$546,505 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant will enhance the operations of the Tribe’s Drug Recovery and Re-entry programs including project-related staff time at the men’s and women’s transitional living centers, supplies, training and funds for treatment as well. The grant will also help the Tribe start drug and veterans wellness courts.

The grant will run from Oct. 1, 2019, through Sept. 30, 2022. ■

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.

Comments must be received by Oct. 31, 2019. ■

TRIBAL COUNCIL ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Sept. 25, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed changes include (1) amending Subsection (h)(1) to provide that regular Tribal Council meetings will generally be held at 4 p.m. throughout the year; (2) amending Subsection (m)(6)(B) to remove set times to take roll call; and (3) amending Subsection (s)(2) to provide that Tribal credit cards may be used to cover conference registration fees. Amendments may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting and typographical) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please 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.

Comments must be received by Oct. 31, 2019. ■

Tribal Court is now open during the lunch hour

As of Monday, Aug. 5, the Tribal Court office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the lunch hour. Tribal Court also provides notary services. However, to obtain notary services please arrive before 4:30 p.m.

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

Attention All Artisans

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

Submit full design that includes:

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



Bid deadline:

Dec. 2, 2019

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

Must submit photos of progress when requested

Mail bids and designs to:

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

Questions: Call Chelsea at 503-879-1418 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

*bids and designs can be sent to the above email address

Tribal Council approves numerous ordinance amendments

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Amendments to ordinances that regulate the Tribe’s committees and special event boards, public records and independent Tribal press were approved by Tribal Council during its Wednesday, Oct. 9, meeting.

The amendments will go into effect in 21 days.

Amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance have been in the works since March and received much input from Tribal members and Tribal Council members, said Tribal Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland during the Tuesday, Oct. 8, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

The amendments call for committees and special event boards to meet at least quarterly; attend annual meetings with Tribal Council; provide a written annual summary of activities; have between five to seven voting members; allow the existence of honorary members; and allow members to cast votes remotely by either phone or video conferencing. A code of conduct also remains in the amended ordinance.

Amendments to the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance, which was first adopted in December 2016, provide employment protection for Tribal journalists who accurately report Tribal news. “No *Smoke Signals* journalist may be fired or

suspended solely because of the content of his or her reporting,” the amended ordinance states.

The amendments also clarify that the Tribal Attorney’s Office will represent *Smoke Signals* employees should they ever be sued for their reporting.

Amendments to the Public Records Ordinance also bolster the Tribe’s independent press, which is one of only four in the United States. The amendments give *Smoke Signals* staff, when acting in their official capacity, the same access to Tribal records as Tribal members. Before being amended, the Public Records Ordinance only granted access to “enrolled Tribal members.”

Only one set of comments was received regarding the amendments to the Independent Tribal Press and Public Records ordinances and it came from the five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board in unanimous support of the amendments. The Editorial Board, appointed by Tribal Council, oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* and is charged with ensuring the newspaper is free from undue political influence while reporting Tribal news.

“The Editorial Board feels it is essential to provide protection to Tribal news media employees who are reporting accurate information about the Tribe and its

government,” states the Editorial Board comments. “We have seen elsewhere in Indian Country how Native journalists have been forced to resign their jobs or been fired because of political fallout from accurate and factual reporting of Tribal news. We hope this travesty never occurs in Grand Ronde. Factual reporting should be the ultimate shield for a reporter or editor to keep their jobs.”

Regarding amendments to the Public Records Ordinance, the Editorial Board said that Tribal media employees could be technically prohibited from obtaining public records from the Tribe because they are not enrolled Tribal members.

“This has the potential of severely limiting the ability of the independent Tribal press from doing its job about informing the membership about its Tribal government’s past, present and future actions,” the Editorial Board stated.

In other action, Tribal Council:
• Held first readings on amendments to the Elders’ Retirement and SSI Program Ordinance and a draft of a new General Welfare Ordinance. The amendments make benefits under the Elders’

and SSI programs available on a tax-free basis and the new ordinance affirms the Tribe’s inherent sovereign right to promote the general welfare of the Tribe and provide qualifying assistance and program benefits on a tax-free basis to the fullest extent permitted by law. Both will be advertised in *Smoke Signals* to allow for member comments before returning to Tribal Council for possible adoption;

- Approved the 2020 Indian Housing Plan that must be submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development’s Office of Native American Programs;
- Approved the enrollment of 19 noninfants and five infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution, and denied enrollment to one infant for not meeting those requirements.

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

‘I am looking forward to the day when we are above \$1 billion’



Photo by Danielle Frost

Robert W. Baird & Co. Director Joseph Hoon discusses the Tribe’s financial investment performance during the General Council meeting held on Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Tribal Community Center.

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“I remember two years ago, the Tribe’s portfolio was \$695,000 or so,” he said. “I think sometimes we forget how blessed we are to have the resources that we do. I want to thank the original Tribal Council members for their wisdom. I am looking forward to the day when we are above \$1 billion.”

By ordinance, the Tribe annually diverts 10 percent of the funds transferred from Spirit Mountain Casino into investment accounts that help fund health care, government operations, cultural and educational programs and Elders benefits.

After the portfolio presentation, everyone in attendance sang “Happy Birthday” to former Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, who turned 69. Leno also addressed General Council regarding his concerns about the lack of state statistics on suicide by veterans. Leno serves as vice chair of the Oregon Veterans’ Affairs Advisory Committee.

“The problem is that these deaths are not getting reported as a veteran who (died by suicide),” he said. “It’s hard to get money to help with this without the numbers. I am hoping we can create some kind of form to submit to the state about veteran suicides.”

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, in the Tribal gym and will provide an overview of the proposed 2020 Tribal budget.

Joanna Brisbois, Maxine Clements and Dan Stroebel won the \$100 door prizes. Stroebel donated his winnings to the Veterans Special Event Board. Tracie Meyer, Nina Portwood Shields, Ed Larsen, Nancy Norton and Kamiah Koch won the \$50 door prizes.

Reyn Leno and Dorothy Leno won beaded necklaces and Linda LaChance, Louise Coulson and Debi Anderson won insulated fish/clamming bags that were donated by Tribal Elder Victor Lomboy.

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

Name changes in court

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

Ready for some hoops



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Nolen Criss-Lawson, left, 8, joins other first- through fourth-graders in taking part in a drill during the Portland Trail Blazers Youth Basketball Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Saturday, Oct. 5. The clinic was open to Tribal members, descendants and community members ages 5 to 18 and was sponsored by the Tribe’s Recreation Department and Spirit Mountain Casino.

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Tribal members, descendants and community members gather for a group photo before the start of the Portland Trail Blazers Youth Basketball Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Saturday, Oct. 5.

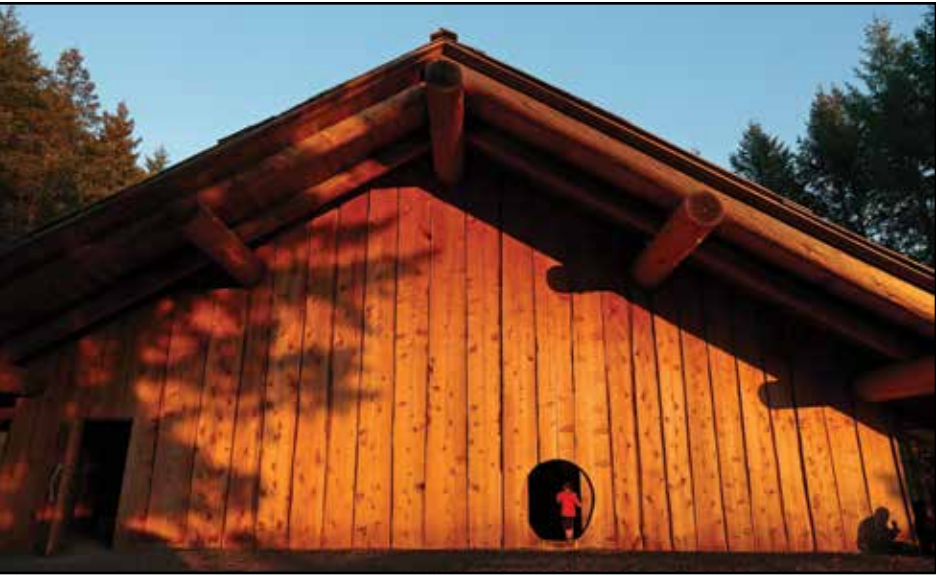


Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The 10th birthday celebration of achaf-hammi will be held Saturday, Oct. 26.

Tribe celebrating achaf-hammi’s 10th birthday

The Tribe’s plankhouse, achaf-hammi, will be celebrated for its 10th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. with a meal to be served at 5:30.

achaf-hammi, which is adjacent to Uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road, saw a substantial amount of its building completed in 2009 thanks to the efforts of former Tribal Council member and contractor Jan Reibach and his Tribal construction crew. The plankhouse first hosted portions of the 26th Restoration event in November 2009 even though it was not totally complete.

The official grand opening of the plankhouse occurred on Sept. 17, 2010.

The huge cedar posts anchoring the plankhouse were negotiated by and brought to the Tribe from the Willamette National Forest through the efforts of Tribal Elder Don Day and former Tribal Historian David Lewis.

The posts came from an area where a 1913 wildfire scarred the wood and the poles came from thinnings carried out in the 1930s.

For more information about the birthday event, contact Cultural Resources Department Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076 or via e-mail at bobby.mercier@grandronde.org. ■

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. ■

Surveying satisfaction



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Human Resources Senior Executive Administrative Assistant Danielle Dickey talks with Library Aide Crystal Bigelow while handing out snacks to encourage employees to fill out their Employee Satisfaction Survey on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Tribal governmental employees with at least six months on the job are being asked their opinions about working for the Tribe, their benefits and their interactions with Tribal Council, among other items.

Elders fishing trip



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Natural Resources Firefighter/Forestry Technician Waylon Rich helps Elder Renee Norcross get ready to take part in the Elders Fishing Trip to Hebo Lake on Friday, Oct. 4. Norcross is fishing for the first time in 54 years. The free event is sponsored by the Natural Resources Department and hosted by the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee.

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Elder Nancy Norton casts her line during the Elders Fishing Trip to Hebo Lake on Friday, Oct. 4.



The annual Veterans Meal

- ★ 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8
- ★ Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with a meal being served at 6 p.m.
- ★ Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road
- ★ All veterans and their family members welcome
- ★ Brought to you by the Tribe’s Veterans Special Event Board
- ★ Drawing for prizes
- ★ Guest Speaker: Retired Army Colonel Gale Sears

For more information, contact Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. at 503-876-3118 or Rich Van Atta at 541-730-1947

First housing project opened in 1997

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option to open up. “Our Elder wait list is about the same. ... It is really hard to forecast the turnover. Our oldest one-bedroom application is a person who applied in 2016. It can take a while.”

Current housing

The first Tribal housing project, Grand Meadows, opened in 1997. It is a 36-lot manufactured home subdivision on Tribal property at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads that is available to Tribal members. Although the mobile homes are privately owned, residents pay a monthly land lease fee to the Tribe that is placed into an account to fund future infrastructure maintenance.

Elders housing (Ilip Tilixam) opened in August 2000 and now includes 61 units that include two-bedroom, one-bath units arranged in duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. There also are three three-bedroom units specifically designed for grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

Chxi Musam Illihi opened in June 2003 and now includes 108 units



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno talks about the future of Tribal housing in the Grand Ronde area on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

for mixed-income Tribal families and consists of one- to five-bedroom units. It consists of both low-income and market rate units. Low-income units, controlled by federal funding restrictions, are more basic housing while market rate units have higher-end materials, such as nicer flooring or countertops.

Chxi Musam Illihi apartments

opened in May 2015 and features 20 units designed for single Tribal members.

In all, the estimated resident count in Tribal housing is approximately 500 people, Leno says.

Upcoming housing projects include a currently under-construction second phase of the apartment complex that will add eight more units in two separate buildings. In addition, the southwest corner at the intersection of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads will be the location of more Elder housing. The site will house 24 more units and may be open for occupation by late 2021 or early 2022.

The new apartments and additional Elder housing will increase the number of Tribal housing options to 257.

Housing Department Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger says that the Tribe has applied for a \$5 million federal grant that, if received, would allow the Housing Department to build out the planned 48 apartment unit complex on the north side of Tyee Road with 20 more apartments – five more buildings that include four apartments each.

“We have a decent chance at that,” Dugger says.

Land availability plentiful

The Grand Ronde Housing Department is in an enviable “Field of Dreams” scenario: If they build it, Tribal members will come.

Land availability is not an issue, says Leno, who easily lists properties in Grand Ronde owned by the Tribe that could be used to build

The interior of the units under construction in one of the two new apartment complex buildings in Tribal Housing. The new buildings will bring the number of apartments in Grand Ronde to 28.

housing.

Sites include the 86.48-acre Rink property east of Grand Meadows, the eight-acre Windsor property south of Grand Meadows and east of the Grand Ronde Fire Station, and several smaller lots along Grand Ronde Road that are big enough for two or three lots.

“They are all close depending on how big of a neighborhood you want to build initially,” Leno says. “We’ve looked at doing a pilot one initially to kind of show that we can do it here in Grand Ronde and that it will work.”

Leno says that home ownership would fill a housing void in the area.

“If you look at the overall spectrum of housing, we have what I consider introductory housing. So a person could get in the introductory low-income housing. As they move up the (income) scale, they could actually rent a market rate unit and then there is kind of a void where a person does not have the opportunity for home ownership, but then we also have Elder housing on the other end,” Leno says. “So the void we have is in the home ownership piece where a person could buy their own homes and move out of a rental.”

Leno says a recent survey of Tribal members and employees is currently being analyzed to determine how many people are prepared to buy a home in Grand Ronde. Since the homes would be built on trust land, the Tribe would extend 99-year leases to homeowners, which would help them acquire traditional mortgages. The Tribe is also currently awaiting approval of its Tribal Leasing Ordinance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs that would allow the Tribe to write and

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Construction continues on two new apartment complex buildings in Tribal Housing on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Artisanal summit

Muckleshoot Tribal members Keith Stevenson and Tyson Simmons work on ceremonial boards in the Southern Salish style during the seventh annual History and Cultural Summit held at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center on Saturday, Oct. 5. The summit focused on Columbia River Chinookan Art and those who continue its practice. The summit took on a new format this year and instead of having lectures it concentrated on hands-on activities and interacting with the artisans. Attendees also could tour the museum and engage with the artisans as they worked.

Cultural Center Specialist Rachelle Kellogg works on separating a reed while making a basket during the seventh annual History and Cultural Summit.

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Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez



Tribal member Stephanie Craig works on a traditional twisted tule matt in the Upper Columbia River style.

Home ownership will be next phase in Grand Ronde

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approve leases locally instead of sending each and every lease away for federal approval.

Home ownership also could help retain professionals who work at the Health & Wellness Clinic who would like to move to Grand Ronde and not commute 20 or more miles, but currently can't find any place to live.

"Home ownership is our next phase of opportunity in Grand Ronde where people can own their own homes," Leno says.

Dugger adds that Tribal Council has made home ownership a priority. "All this survey information we are doing will result in developing a preliminary recommendation to council on how many and what we exactly think would be most likely for us to build," she says.

How it would work is still to be determined, but once a piece of Tribal land is identified for home development, the Tribe could contract with a home builder who would construct the homes for prospective buyers who would select their own floor plans and home options.

Lure of coming home

The lure of moving back to Grand Ronde is a highly individual decision, but Leno and Dugger say that reconnecting with culture and community are the biggest draws.

"People want to be part of something bigger than themselves," Leno says, adding that the distance from a large city and the pastoral



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Housing Department Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger talks about the future of Tribal housing in the Grand Ronde area on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

setting are quickly morphing from being a detriment to an asset. "People are trying to get away from a busy life."

Elders like the proximity of the Health & Wellness Center, the Wellness Program regularly checking on them if they request it and the social and activity options offered by the Elders Activity Center.

Another nonissue is sewage disposal. Although the public sewage system is at capacity and has been since 2003, the two Tribally-owned sewage treatment plants located in Elder housing and Chxi Musam Illi-hi are at approximately 65 percent capacity, giving the Tribe room to grow, says Engineering & Public Works Manager Jesse White.

"They were built for expansion. We forecasted that Grand Ronde was going to grow and we built them accordingly," Leno says.

As reported in this series' first story, water is plentiful. Grand Ronde Community Water Association Manager Karl Ekstrom estimates that the association, which currently serves 960 members, could serve as many as 1,900 connections based on its engineer's estimates.

The challenges, Leno says, are not surprisingly connected with the federal government and its funding. Housing & Urban Development funding to maintain Tribal housing units has not received a cost-of-living increase recently while maintenance and repair costs increase.

Add to that an increasingly expensive number of units that are contaminated by drug usage and must be rehabilitated before they can be rented out and you have a situation where the Housing Department might have to curtail building because the funds are not available to maintain more units.

"The more you build, obviously the more you have to take care of," Leno says. "But they are not giving you dollars to do that. We can build, build, build, but we're going to eventually run out of money to maintain it."

Another big drawback is the lack of a nearby grocery store. Stores such as a Safeway or Albertson's are more than 20 miles away in Mc-Minnville, Dallas or Lincoln City.

"Maybe when we get enough

units and enough people here, that will be something we can support fully," Dugger says. "Right now we don't have the number of people who can sustain a grocery store. We're not there yet."

"As far as looking at starting a community, we have everything but that," Leno says. "We have fire. We have police. We have a lot of essential medical care close by. So that is like the one piece for people that is not here."

Despite any drawbacks, however, Tribal members are still interested in returning to their homeland and reversing the effects of the federal government's relocation efforts instituted following Termination in the 1950s.

Is there a maximum population for Grand Ronde?

"I have lived my whole life here," Leno says. "If you would have told me as a kid that you're going to have 500 people live out here right in this local area, everybody would have looked at you and said, 'Wow.' You can't really predict what it would look like. We have 500 people here and it seems like we're making it work."

"So if you added another 500, I'm sure you'd have those folks who'd say it's too crowded ... but they would have said the same thing before we built any of this also. I think leadership does a good job of expanding where we need to expand based on our population increases. If it comes in increments and doesn't come in as an overall flood, I think we'll be just fine." ■



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

A 26-inch women’s Kent Bayside Shimano steel frame gold cruiser bicycle has been chained to a steel guardrail along the north side of Highway 18 for the past three months. The owner was arrested in August and told by a Polk County deputy he could chain his bike to the guardrail so it wouldn’t be stolen, according to Grand Ronde Police Chief Jake McKnight.

Abandoned bicycle owner was arrested

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

The mystery of why there is a women’s gold bike locked up along the north side of Highway 18 near the South Yamhill River sign has been solved. Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said on Wednesday, Oct. 2, that further investigation by his staff revealed that the owner was arrested by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office on Aug. 23. “The deputy told him he could lock his bicycle to the guardrail so that no one would steal it,” McKnight said. The owner has not been able to make it back to Grand Ronde to retrieve his bicycle since then. McKnight said he would contact the Oregon Department of Transportation to see what they would like done with the bicycle. The bike came to the attention of the Grand Ronde community after Tribal member Angelica Martin recently posted fliers through the Tribal campus seeking help in identifying the bike’s owner. The man was described as approximately 6 feet tall, with tan skin, black shoulder-length hair and weighing approximately 140 pounds. He was his late 30s or early 40s and it is not known if he is a Grand Ronde Tribal member or not. The bike is a women’s gold-colored, 26-inch Kent Bayside Cruiser. Martin said that items found on the bike indicate the man was possibly homeless. ■

Highway 22 to be closed for one more weekend

DOLPH JUNCTION – Highway 22 between Hebo and Grand Ronde will be closed for one more weekend in October as work on a culvert replacement project at Sourgrass Creek continues. Highway 22 will be closed Oct. 25-28 from 7 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Monday. The project, which started in May, is replacing the failing culvert with a bridge near mile point 11.3, which is about three-quarters of mile east of Dolph Junction. The full weekend closures will allow the project to be completed by Oct. 31. The closures are complete closures and no through traffic will be allowed to use the road. Traffic will be detoured to U.S. 101 and Highway 18. The work is weather dependent, meaning the closures would be rescheduled to other weekends dependent on weather conditions. For updates, go to www.TripCheck.com or call 511. ■

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 Oct. 15. Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Walking On...

Judy E. Shaw

July 20, 1955 – Sept. 16, 2019

On Monday, Sept. 16, 2019, Tribal spouse Judy Elaine Shaw of Astoria, Ore., loving wife and mother of three children, walked on at age 64 in Grand Ronde, Ore. Judy was born on July 20, 1955, in San Diego, Calif., to Charles and Elaine (Carter) Barber. She grew up on Whidbey Island in Washington before moving to Astoria in 1973 to attend Tongue Point Job Corp Center. She married Kenneth Shaw in 1975 and raised one daughter, Norma, and two sons, Charles and Michael. When her children were old enough, she worked in the local canneries and hotels. She was the first to open up her home to help friends and family in need. Judy had a wonderfully oddball sense of humor that was balanced by an equally wonderful ornery side that came out when you misbehaved. In her jobs, she was a woman who had a keen work ethic. She loved to read and do word search puzzles as well as baking and crocheting. Judy is preceded in death by her mother, Elaine; her father, Charles; and her brother, Charles. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth; three children and their significant others, Norma and Mark Reed of Grand Ronde, Charles Shaw of Astoria and Michael Shaw and Amanda Leitch of Grand Ronde; two grandsons, Dominic and Spencer Shaw of Grand Ronde; siblings and their significant others, Penny and Duane Wells of Astoria and Tracy Temple of Anacortes, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial meal was held on Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at 11 a.m. in Grand Ronde, Ore. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



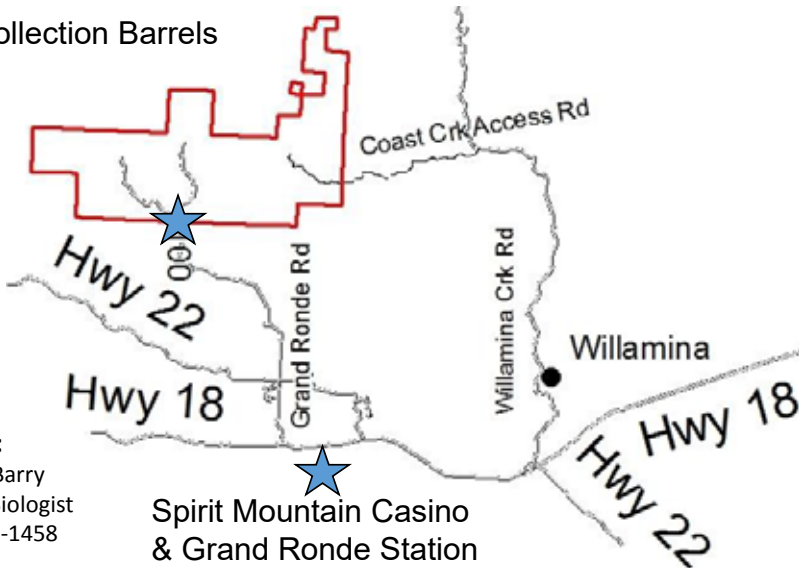
Need something notarized?

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. ■

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.

★ Collection Barrels



Contact:
Brent R. Barry
Wildlife Biologist
(503) 879-1458

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FORM 2

IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of:) Case No.: C-19-013

Leticia L Tinoco))

Applicant.) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

) [ADULT]

NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

the 20 day of August, 2019, requesting that Petitioner's name be

changed from Leticia Lynn Tinoco to

Leticia Lynn Ross.

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 purposed

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 2 day of October, 2019.

Leticia Lynn

Petitioner

Leticia Lynn Tinoco [Print Name]

Declan Lee Ryan

Born Sept. 12, 2019

Parents Abigail (Bobb)

Ryan & Patrick Ryan

Grandparents Billy & Shawn Bobb

Great-grandparents

Steve & Connie Bobb

Zeppelin Michael Bobb

Born July 31, 2019

Parents Wilson & Taylor Bobb

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FORM 1

IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of:) Case No.: C-19-014

Leneisha Elizabeth Olsen))

Applicant.) PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

) [ADULT]

I, the undersigned Petitioner, without full representation of an attorney, petition the Tribal

Court for a change of my name and declare that the following facts are true on the date that this

Petition is filed with the Court:

1. I am over 18 years of age.

2. I was born in the County of Marion, State of Oregon.

3. I currently live in the County of Polk, State of Oregon.

4. My present name is: Leneisha Elizabeth Olsen

5. I am requesting the Court issue a Decree changing my name to:

First Name: Leneisha Middle Name: Elizabeth

Last Name: Whitefeather

6. The reason for the proposed change of name is (Please circle all that apply.):

a. My name is difficult to pronounce and spell and is therefore a hardship in social

and business dealings.

b. Through regular use, I have become known by my proposed name.

c. I have gone through a naming ceremony and wish to be known by my ceremonial

name.

d. Other reason(s): I want my original birth name back

7. Tribal Member.

☒ I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community

of Oregon, Roll No.: 4735.

8. I have not been granted a name change by the Tribal Court within the last twelve months.

9. I am further requesting the Court issue an Order for the issuance of a new Birth

Certificate, reflecting my changed name, for filing with the Enrollment Office of the

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and with the State Records

Agency, in lieu of the original record of my birth.

DATED, this 3 day of September, 2019.

Leneisha Olsen

Petitioner's Signature

Leneisha Olsen

Print Name

9679 Tilixam Circle

Mailing Address

Grand Ronde, OR 97397

City, State, Zip Code

971-533-0833

Telephone or Contact Telephone Number

Polk

County of

Oregon

State of

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of September

2019, by Leneisha Olsen

Notary Public for CTGR Tribal Court

My Commission Expires: 8/14/21

Join us for a free community meal!

Tue. November 5th

6:00-7:30 pm

Confederated Tribes

of Grand Ronde

Community Service Center

The West Valley Visioning Project is hosting a community dinner. Your thoughts, comments and new ideas are welcomed while you enjoy a free meal with other members of our community.

If you'd like to read more about the previous dinners held in Sheridan and Willamina, visit our website at: <https://www.wvvproject.org/news>

West Valley Visioning Project

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CHINUK FAMILY NIGHT

Please join us for Chinuk Family Night!

It will be a fun and language-filled evening with dinner, a book reading in Chinuk Wawa and related activities.

Each participating family will get to take home a translated copy of the story.

Everyone is welcome and no prior language experience is needed.

Please RSVP to Ali Holsclaw at: ali.holsclaw@grandronde.org or 503-879-1490

OCTOBER 16TH, 2019

5:30PM

COMMUNITY CENTER



Friday, Sept. 20

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the area of milepost 22 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a two-vehicle noninjury crash on Salmon River Highway at Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a civil complaint in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road. A male subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Community Corrections warrant for probation violation and unlawful possession of methamphetamine. He was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Yamhill River and Gold Creek roads.

Sunday, Sept. 22

- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the area of milepost 16 on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported theft in the 29000 block of Newsome Drive.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female subject was issued a citation to appear on the criminal charge of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of psilocybin mushrooms.

Monday, Sept. 23

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on a valid Washington County Circuit Court warrant of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of psilocybin mushrooms. He was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Northwest Hills Street in Sheridan.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Criminal trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- Assist outside agency with an industrial accident in the area of milepost 2 on Forest Service Road 2280. A female subject was transported to Spirit Mountain Casino by West Valley Fire personnel and airlifted to Salem Health Hospital by Life Flight Network.
- Animal complaint received in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Trespass complaint received in the 9600 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle injury crash in the area of milepost 18 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was transported to Salem Health Hospital by West Valley Fire personnel.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was issued a citation to appear on DUII (alcohol).
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 28000 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 27000 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22 in Willamina. A male subject was arrested for failure to carry/present a license and possession of a forged document. He was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Reported disturbance in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Sept. 27

- Driving complaint received in the area of Southwest Hebo Road and Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle noninjury crash in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22 in Willamina.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 25 westbound on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 1 westbound on Highway 22 in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on a valid Polk County Circuit Court warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

Saturday, Sept. 28

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a trespass/illegal hunting complaint in the 8300 block of Rowell Creek Road.
- Reported harassment in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 54000 block of Southwest Hebo Road.

Sunday, Sept. 29

- Assist outside agency with an animal complaint in the area of A.R. Ford Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was issued a citation to appear on the criminal charge of identity theft.
- Assist outside agency with two male subjects who were arrested on felony warrants and various criminal charges and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Sept. 30

- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle noninjury crash in the area of milepost 15 on Southwest Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the 500 block of Bridge Street in Sheridan.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Service Road 208 Agency Creek.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Oct. 2

- Reported hit-and-run (property damage) in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on a valid Yamhill County detention warrant and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 2 westbound on Highway 22.
- Assist outside agency with suspicious activity in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.

Thursday, Oct. 3

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported burglary and criminal mischief of a building located at the Blue Heron property located in Oregon City.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

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

Student Spotlights

Summer LaBonte

Grade: Fourth grade at Willamina Elementary.

Reason: She has a good attitude at school and at K-5. She is helpful and very focused on academics.

What teachers say: Summer’s teacher Tim Overholser said, “Summer is an incredibly hard worker and truly cares about others. She has a servant’s heart and a bright future.”

“Summer is such a fun, loving, helpful and empathetic girl. Being her K-5 teacher since she was young and watching her grow into this beautiful, strong, and independent girl makes my heart happy,” K-5 teacher Kyla Evenson stated.

Activities: CTGR Youth Education K-5 Program, swimming, roller skating, jumping on big trampolines and playing on her electronics. Playing volleyball, basketball and track.

Favorite subject in school: She loves math, especially her multiplication facts and the fives. She likes to read as long as it’s not a chapter book.

Plans when she grows up: Summer would like to be a head chef at a delicious restaurant.

Summer’s favorites: She loves to cook. She especially loves to cook apple pie. It is her grandpa’s favorite. She loves to go fishing, spend time with her grandpa Myron, eat out at restaurants, go shopping and go to fun places. She also absolutely loves riding on grandpa’s dirt bike.

Culture: She loves learning about her Tribe, the Chinuk Wawa language and going to the plankhouse. She especially loves the powwows, dancing and making ribbon skirts.

Animals: She has a dog named Uncle Jr. LaBonte and a cat named Snoopy. She also loves iguanas and chinchillas.

Change: If Summer could change one thing in the world she would want to let everyone make good choices and be happy.



Summer LaBonte

Tara Thorsgard

Youth Education wants to welcome back Tara Thorsgard as she heads into her senior year at Willamina High School.

She has had a wonderful start to her school year and has jumped right into her academics and college preparation.

Tara has been a great addition to the Guided Study classroom at the high school. “You can tell Tara is a diligent, dedicated student who is always using her time in class with a smile on her face,” says Lead High School Tutor Kaylee Oakes.

Tara has spent her high school career involved in various activities like Future Farmers of America, showing at fairs, dancing in powwows and ceremonies, playing guitar and bass in a band, and much more.

After high school, she plans to attend Chemeketa Community College for a year or two and then transfer to Oregon State University.

If Tara was to give academic advice to her peers, she would tell them to “not procrastinate and it is better to try something than to not do it at all.” A Henry David Thoreau quote that Tara uses for inspiration is, “We are born to succeed, not to fail.” – *By Lead High School Tutor/Guided Study Teacher Kaylee Oakes*



Tara Thorsgard

Summer Townsend

The student chosen for middle school Student Spotlight is Summer Townsend because of her academic excellence and efforts in the classroom.

When she’s older, Summer wants to attend Harvard and become a lawyer. When asked about what helps her in school, she says, “Focusing and not talking to people. I’m really trying to get my grades up so I can play sports.”

Summer’s advice to anybody struggling in school is “don’t talk to your friends. Try to focus as much as possible and if you don’t understand the class, ask questions so you can understand the class.” – *By Youth Education 6-12 Tutor/Adviser Vincent Chargualaf*



Summer Townsend



Domestic violence is not a Native American tradition.

Does your partner ever...

- Call you names or criticize you?
- Isolate you from family or friends?
- Threaten to hurt you or your children?
- Push, slap, kick or strangle you?
- Refuse to give you money for food, gas or medicine?



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

Get free, confidential help by calling
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483),
available every day from
5 a.m. to 8 p.m. PT.

Callers reaching out after hours may connect
with the National Domestic Violence Hotline
by selecting option 1.

Trust. Speak. Heal. Together. | strongheartshelpline.org



Distribution of this document is funded by an Indian Health Service grant
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Portland Area Indian Health Board's Response Circles project.

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. ■

Respect yourself. Protect yourself.
Get yourself tested.

Polk County Public Health services:

Reproductive Health Clinic

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

Other Services:

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



POLK COUNTY
182 SW Academy St., Suite 302
Dallas, OR 97338

Details at: www.co.polk.or.us • Call for appointment: 503-623-8175

Willamina School Board to meet in Grand Ronde

The Willamina School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The meeting will be the first of two meetings during the 2019-20 school year to be held in Grand Ronde. The second will be held Monday, Feb. 10.

The Willamina School District is comprised of about 40 percent Native American students, with many of them being Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Job #	Position Title	Pay Grade	Date Posted	Closing Date
1220	Employment Assistant	8	10/4/2019	10/17/2019
1227	Jr. IT Administrator/Shasta Admin Services		10/4/2019	10/10/2019
1082	Physician	23	10/4/2019	12/05/2019
1224	Secretary	6	10/4/2019	10/17/2019
1225	Tribal Council Coordinator	10	10/4/2019	10/17/2019
1226	Tribal Court Administrator	15	10/4/2019	10/17/2019
1223	Clinic System Coordinator	13	09/27/2019	10/10/2019
1217	Optometrist	17	9/20/2019	10/24/2019
1200	Radiology Lab Technician - On Call	8	8/02/2019	10/31/2019
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	5/24/2019	11/21/2019
1040	Temporary Pool	2	4/16/2018	12/31/2019

Application materials must be received in Human Resources by 5pm on the closing date.

All positions are located in the greater Grand Ronde area unless specifically noted otherwise.

If you have questions or need more info, please call: 1-800-422-0232 x-2109

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

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

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

Fee assistance

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

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Volunteers

What is a CASA volunteer?

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) volunteer to advocate for an abused or neglected child in their local community. The specially trained volunteers are appointed by local courts to advocate for the best interests of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers add a layer of stability to children’s lives. CASAs can stay with their client through the duration of their dependency case adding a sense of certainty for children when nothing else in their life is certain. The first CASA program was created in 1976 because a judge needed an advocate who could see the situation from the eyes of the child and make recommendations with an adult perspective. CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of their child. They also pay attention to the child’s interests, their lives and are there with their child every step of the way.

What are the benefits for children who have a CASA?

Children do better in school, they spend less time in foster care and they reach stability and permanency faster.

What do I have to do?

CASA volunteers receive about 40 hours of in-depth training and are sworn in by a judge before being assigned a case. To ensure the integrity of the CASA program, the volunteer goes through a background check, personal interview and reference checks. The average case assignment is around two years. The number of hours per month ranges from 10 to 15 hours for writing reports, investigating and meeting with their client.

Who can apply?

- At least 21 years of age
- Successfully complete an application and pass a screening process
- Demonstrate the capability to effectively advocate for a child or children
- Have not been convicted of a felony and have no criminal or civil record or history with child protective services
- Demonstrate knowledge of Tribal history, culture and awareness of Tribal events, ceremonies and celebrations
- Successfully complete 40 hours of initial training

Who do I contact for more information or an application?

Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Court Programs coordinator

Located at Tribal Court
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Phone: 503-879-4623
E-mail: CourtPrograms@grandronde.org



ONABEN PRESENTS:

ARTIST-ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT KICKOFF EVENT

Date: OCTOBER 15TH, 2019
Time: 11AM - 1PM
Location: 9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Employment Services Building
CTraining Room B
Grand Ronde, Oregon

NO COST TO ATTEND

We suggest you bring laptop, tablet or smartphone
notepad and business cards for networking

Please RSVP by EMAIL:
Jen@ONABEN.org



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TRIBAL COURT PROGRAMS

Volunteers Wanted

Do you want to contribute to making our Tribal Children’s lives better?

We are seeking volunteers for two of our volunteer programs:

If you would like to volunteer 1) mark one of the boxes below 2) fill out the information 3) send into Court Programs

Tribal Court Programs will contact you about your interest in volunteering!

Court Appointed Special Advocate ☐

(open to all community members)

Tribal Member Review Board ☐

(must be a CTGR Tribal Member)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Street/PO Box City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Return to:

Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

Attn: Ramona Quenelle

Tribal Court

9615 Grand Ronde Rd.

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

(503) 879-4623

CourtPrograms@grandronde.org

Visit our website for more information and the qualifications for each program:

<https://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-court/court-programs/>



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Health & Wellness Center closures

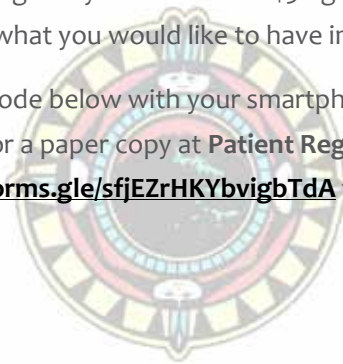
- Monday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Friday, Nov. 22 — Restoration Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 27 — Closing at Noon
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29 — Thanksgiving

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

It’s time for the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Annual Patient Satisfaction Survey!

Tell us how we’re doing and you could win a \$50 gift card! It’s your turn to tell us what you would like to have improved!

Just scan the QR code below with your smartphone, log onto our Facebook page, ask for a paper copy at Patient Registration, or go on to the website <https://forms.gle/sfjEZrHKYbvigbTdA> to fill out the survey.



- Know when to quit
- Don't chase your losses

Prevention, harm reduction, treatment and safe gambling



We can help with responsible gambling

Are you having problems with gambling?

Please meet Sergio Gutierrez, CADC-I, CGAC-I Chemical Dependency and Gambling Addiction Counselor. Sergio works at the CTGR Behavioral Health Department for one day a week on Tuesday’s from 8:00-5:00pm. Sergio has been practicing since 1997 and is versatile in his knowledge pertaining to gambling addiction. He is ready and eager to help our members in any way he can.

The odds can be in YOUR favor!!

Call now to make your appointment:
503-879-2026

Gambling Hotline:
1-877-MY-Limit (1-877-695-4648)
or Text 503-713-6000
www.oprg.org



Diabetes Awareness Event — World Diabetes Day Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Atrium

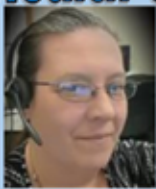
**Thursday, November 14, 2019
11a-1pm**

Our diabetes nursing team and primary care provider teams want to see you in the clinic to ensure that you ring in next year in the best health possible.

Schedule an appointment today!

** Patients seen in October—December with their primary care provider for a diabetes office visit will receive a gift*

Do You Have Questions About Your Health Care Coverage?



Visit the Health & Wellness Clinic & Talk To Our Application Assister: Cassandra (C.J.) Rhamy

She can assist with: Oregon Health Plan
Some Medicare Information
Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace Plans

CTGR Members & Employees: Updating Shasta
CTGR Members: Reinstating Skookum/SHAP

Available Mon-Friday – Ask for her at Patient Check In
Phone: 503-879-1359
Email: cassandra.rhamy@grandronde.org

***** Reminder for CTGR Members: Have you reported your Health Care Coverage information to Shasta for 2019?**

Guess what's new at the Pharmacy?

Did they call my name? I didn't hear them? I have to run out to my car, I hope I don't miss my name? No need to ask yourself these questions anymore. The Grand Ronde Pharmacy now has pagers for you. You will receive a pager if you are currently waiting for a prescription to be filled. The Pharmacy will activate your pager when your prescription is ready and the pager will vibrate until you pick up your prescription. For questions, please call 503-879-2342.





36TH ANNUAL RESTORATION CELEBRATION 2019

FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 2019
TRIBAL GYMNASIUM

- CANOE FAMILY AND PROGRAM AT 10 A.M.
- MEAL AT NOON
- BREAK AT 2 P.M.
- POWWOW AT 3 P.M.
- ALL DANCERS WELCOME
- MARGARET PROVOST GIVEAWAY
- “VISIONARIES” SPECIAL

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