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# Second summit

## Grand Ronde delegation attends Portland's Tribal Nations event

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

**P**ORTLAND — Tribal officials from across the Pacific Northwest traveled to Portland for the city's second annual Tribal Nations Summit held on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7-8. The event date was chosen in conjunction with November being Native American Heritage Month.

The goal of the summit is to build partnerships, strengthen collaborations and enhance diplomacy between Tribal nations and the city of Portland. It included tours of watershed restoration project sites, a First Foods luncheon, discussions on how to best strengthen government-to-government relations, a formal acknowledgement of Tribal leaders during a City Council meeting and a day of training for city officials to learn best practices when working with area Tribes.

"Our newly established Tribal Relations Program is doing an exemplary job of connecting the city of Portland with our Tribal government partners," Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said. "This summit continues our commitment to nurturing and deepening that connection, so we can listen and learn from Tribal leaders about how we can more effectively work together."

The event, coordinated by the city's Tribal Relations Director Laura John (Blackfeet/Seneca), marks the second time in the United States that a city government has engaged with its neighboring Tribes to establish local partnerships.

During the opening ceremony held at the



Photo by Dean Rhodes

**Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council member Denise Harvey talk with Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler before the start of the second annual Tribal Nations Summit held on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Leftbank Annex near the Moda Center in Portland.**

Leftbank Annex near the Moda Center that drew more than 200 people, Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed attendees to the Tribe's ancestral homelands and introduced fellow council members and staff in attendance. These included Vice Chair Chris

Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George, Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Michael Langley. Staff included Cultural Policy Analyst Greg

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## Tribal Council approves compact amendment to allow sports wagering

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

**S**pirit Mountain Casino is one step closer to offering sports wagering.

During a special meeting held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, Tribal Council approved a compact amendment with the state that will allow the casino to offer betting on sporting events.

In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a 1992 federal law that banned sports betting in most states. In October, the Oregon Lottery started offering sports

betting and the Siletz Tribe's Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City started offering it in late August.

Tribal staff have been negotiating with the state of Oregon on an amendment to the Tribe's gaming compact for about a year. Tribal Attorney Rob Greene thanked Tribal Council members, Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon, Grand Ronde Gaming Commission Executive Director Michael Boyce and Tribal

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## Local school districts prepare to implement Senate Bill 13

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

**A**fter an almost three-year process, school districts across the state are preparing to implement curriculum based on the Native American experience of Oregon history.

In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 13, now known as Tribal History/Shared History. It required the Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the Tribal experience in Oregon,



Mercedes Jones

and to provide training to educators in the areas of Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events.

Tribal Curriculum Specialist Mercedes Jones and her staff have

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# General Council meeting

10 a.m. Sunday, Dec 1  
Tribal Community Center

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE TIME  
Wednesday, Nov. 20.....4 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.*

## Tribe hires new tax preparer

Angel Bookkeeping of Willamina has been selected as the tax preparer for Elders and foster youth.

Owner Karen Case has lived in the area for more than 25 years and has 23 years of experience in the tax field. She has expertise as a licensed tax preparer, enrolled agent and notary public. She also has experience working with Tribal members of all ages.

Some new services that will be offered in 2020 include electronic filing and direct deposit.

She can be contacted at 971-237-1230 or at angelbookkeepingllc@gmail.com. ■

## Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center is pleased to add additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings. The clinic will be scheduling patients at 8 a.m. every Thursday preceding or following a holiday closure. Urgent care also will be available during this time. ■

## Tribal Court is now open during the lunch hour

As of 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. ■

## 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 Nov. 19.

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

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

## Letters welcome

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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 Friday, Nov. 22, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day. Offices will be closing at noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, and closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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### DEADLINE DATE ISSUE DATE

Wednesday, Nov. 20 ..... Dec. 1

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

Friday, Dec. 20 ..... Jan. 1, 2020

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**November**

- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 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 & Friday, Nov. 28-29 – Thanksgiving holiday. Tribal offices closed.

**December**

- Sunday, Dec. 1 – General Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Dec. 1 – Tribal Council Christmas Party, 10 a.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

**January**

- Wednesday, Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Sunday, Jan. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

## 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. ■

## 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. ■

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** [www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/](http://www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/)
- **The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRgov](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRgov)
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- **Grand Ronde Cultural Education:** [www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education](http://www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education)



### Notice to all Tribal members on the Tribal Supplemental Security & Disability Income & Medicare Part “B” Reimbursement Programs:

It’s getting to be that time of year again. Time to submit a copy of your 2020 benefit award letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) so that we can update your file and confirm your eligibility status in our programs. If you haven’t received your 2020 benefit award status letter from the SSA, you can request a copy by calling the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

Your current award benefit statement must be received in our office by **Wednesday, Jan. 15, by 5 p.m.** to avoid any future delays in your benefits.

*Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments or Medicare Part “B” reimbursements.*

Please mail copies of your benefit award statement to:

CTGR Member Services  
ATTN: Shannon A. Simi  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
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You also may fax your copy to 503-879-2480 or e-mail them to [Shannon.simi@grandronde.org](mailto:Shannon.simi@grandronde.org)

If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Shannon A. Simi at 503-879-1358 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1358. ■



### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

**Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy**

**TERO Commission – 1 vacancy**

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
FOLLOWING THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

**TRIBAL GYMNASIUM**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**VISIT WITH SANTA**  
**10 AM - 12 PM**

Caroling & Gifts  
Meal Provided  
Door Prizes



## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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

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

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

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 (holiday box giveaway).

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit [211info.org](http://211info.org).

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

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

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/*iskam məkʰmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Editorial.Board@grandronde.org).
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** 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: Bryan Langley.
- **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 Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **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](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).

## Honoring veterans



Photos courtesy of the Reynolds School District

From left, Grand Ronde Honor Guard members Al Miller, Anthony Teixeira, Rich VanAtta, Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. and Alton Butler participated in the ninth annual Living History Day celebration held at Reynolds High School in Troutdale on Thursday, Nov. 7. Bobb said during the Tuesday, Nov. 12, Legislative Action Committee hearing that hundreds of veterans attended the event, including a 37-year Air Force veteran.



Grand Ronde Honor Guard member Alton Butler carries the eagle staff during the ninth annual Living History Day held at Reynolds High School in Troutdale on Thursday, Nov. 7.

## SOCKtoberfest



# 2019

Accepting donations  
through Nov. 20

**SOCKtoberfest is a youth service project to assist the Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet**

**Bring your donations to the Youth Education Building, Health & Wellness Center, the Elders Activity Center or Governance Building**

**The G.R. Clothes Closet is in need of new socks for all seasons.**

**For kids, teens and adults, work socks, dress socks, all sizes, styles and colors would be greatly appreciated.**

**Only new items, please.**





**2014** – The local food bank, operated by the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center, was planning to move to a new building closer to Tribal housing. Marion-Polk Food Share was to partner with the Tribe and operate the facility. Under Tribal Council direction, Food Share was to bring a new outlook with input from the community and experts in the field to meet local and ongoing emergency food needs. “We’re looking forward to having Food Share’s wealth of expertise as we open this state-of-the-art food pantry,” said Rick George, Tribal interim general manager.



**2014** File photo

**2009** – Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy traveled to Washington, D.C., for the White House Tribal Nations Conference. The event, held at the U.S. Department of Interior, included a range of issues in Indian Country discussed by President Barack Obama, most of his Cabinet members and 400 representatives of the nation’s 564 federally recognized Tribes. The meeting with President Obama was one of a whirlwind of endless meetings, Kennedy said, starting Monday night and running daily through Friday.

**2004** – Housing Director Carina Kistler Ginter teamed with several volunteers in the construction of the new playground area in the family housing development, Chxi Musam Illihi. The project took four hours to complete and provided children in the area with a safe place to play.

**1999** – The Tribe’s new permanent cultural site west of the powwow grounds was complete. Elders and Tribal Council members hoped the area would be home to circle talks, drumming, naming ceremonies, language teaching, storytelling, field trips and sweat lodge ceremonies. The 1.5 acre site included barbecue pits, a covered area for drummers, two fire pits and two sweat lodges. Tribal member Jan Reibach, who spearheaded the project, said the site was a valuable part of the community. “I’m thankful to Tribal Council for taking leadership in the area of Tribal culture,” he said.

**1994** – The Tribe reached an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management regarding a survey error made in 1871 that neglected to add 84 acres near the Reservation called the “Thompson Strip.” For several months Tribal leaders negotiated for another 240 acres of timber land in exchange for the monetary losses the Tribe endured. In exchange, the Tribe agreed to relinquish its claim for the timberland, adjacent to the northeast corner of the Reservation.

**1989** – Wilmadene Butler, Bob Mercier and Rick McKnight were new faces on the Tribal Council. The three were introduced to the community in a feature article in *Smoke Signals*. “For the future I would soon like to see some housing go in for our people and would also like to see a rec room built for the teenagers and maybe that might help solve some of the drug and alcohol problems that we have these days,” Butler said.

**1984** – Tribal members were invited to attend the second regional meeting of the Commission on Indian Services at St. Michael’s cafeteria in Grand Ronde. The purpose of the meeting was to define and report activities, identify key issues and concerns, and to report on a human resources assessment. The Commission on Indian Services had recently decided to include the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in its membership.

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

## Amended compact submitted to Secretary of Interior for approval

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attorneys Kim D’Aquila and Deleen Aubertin Keller for their work on the negotiations.

The amended compact will now be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for approval.

Dillon said after the Tribal Council vote that Spirit Mountain Casino has narrowed its list of possible sports betting vendors to one company and a contract is currently

being reviewed.

While the Tribe awaits the federal government’s approval, Spirit Mountain will start discussing where to locate sports wagering within the casino and begin issuing requests for proposals regarding any design and construction work that will be necessary.

Dillon said he is hoping that Spirit Mountain Casino will start offering sports wagering in the spring or, hopefully, no later than in the summer of 2020. ■

## Veterans meal



Photos by Kamiah Koch

**With a little assistance, Tribal member Ulali Quenelle, 4, helps serve dinner with other Tribal youth during the annual Veterans Meal held on Friday, Nov. 8, in the Tribal Community Center. The Veterans Meal is hosted by the Tribe’s Veterans Special Events Board to recognize and honor Tribal veterans and their families.**



**Tribal member Herman Hudson receives a standing ovation after introducing himself as a World War II veteran during the introductions portion of the annual Veterans Meal.**

## Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!

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



## Tribal Council approves more efficient multi-year federal funding agreement

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a multi-year funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior during its Wednesday, Nov. 6, meeting.

Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach said during the Tuesday, Nov. 5, Legislative Action Committee hearing that moving to a multi-year agreement instead of an annual agreement will be more efficient for the Tribe and that the Tribe will not be locked into the initial level of self-governance funding throughout the life of the five-year agreement.

Reibach said the Tribe will only have to approve amendments annually instead of negotiating all of the terms and conditions with the federal government every year.

The Tribe is scheduled to receive almost \$2.8 million in federal self-governance funding in fiscal year 2020.

In other action, Tribal Council also approved a five-year cooperative agreement between the Tribe and the Oregon Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Commission for the Blind that will allow the Tribe's Vocational Rehabilitation staff to continue providing services to Tribal members residing within the six-county service area.

In addition, Tribal Council approved a memorandum of understanding regarding the Willamette Valley System Environmental Impact Statement that addresses the 13 dams built within the Willamette River Basin.

The Tribe was invited by the Army Corps of Engineers to be a cooperating agency regarding the statement and in doing so gives the

Tribe early opportunities to review and provide input on drafts before materials are released for public examination. The Tribe's points of contact are Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh and Historical Preservation Manager Briece Edwards.

Tribal Council also approved the enrollment of six minors into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Finally, Tribal Council approved an approximately \$1 million capital contribution to the Chemawa Station first phase development in Keizer from the Economic Development Fund. The Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes are partners in the development.

Also included in the Nov. 6 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that instructs Natural Resources Department staff members to form a task force to address and resolve issues with the Willamette Basin Biological Opinion and Willamette River Total Maximum Daily Loads, and provide actionable recommendations to Tribal Council regarding salmon sustainability, salmon recovery and water quality improvements.

A TMDL is a federal regulatory term that identifies the maximum amount of a particular pollutant that a body of water can receive while still meeting water quality standards.

The entire meeting, which commenced the winter tradition of starting at 4 p.m., 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. ■

## Award winner



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Phillip Cureton, owner of Big C Construction, received an Employer Partner Award during the State Rehabilitation Council quarterly meeting held at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center on Thursday, Nov. 1. Joining Cureton in the presentation are, from left, Youth Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout and State Rehabilitation Council Business Committee member Lynn Wiles.

## State seeks veterans for advisory committee

SALEM – Gov. Kate Brown and the director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs are seeking interested veterans to serve as members of the Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee.

The committee, established in 1945, advocates for veterans issues and shares insight on veterans concerns with the ODVA director and staff. Meetings are held throughout the state on the first Wednesday in March, June and December, and the second week in September.

Recruitment for qualified veteran applicants is open and ongoing. All veterans are welcome to apply.

For more information and an application, go to [www.oregon.gov/odva/Connect/Pages/Advisory-Committee.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odva/Connect/Pages/Advisory-Committee.aspx). ■

### Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

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

### Flynn to receive Medal of Valor Award



James "J.J." Flynn

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer James "J.J." Flynn will receive the Oregon Peace Officers Association Medal of Valor at the association's awards banquet that will be held on Friday, Nov. 15, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Flynn is receiving the award for his involvement in a hostage situation that occurred on May 20 in Sheridan. The awards banquet will be held following the association's annual training conference.

Flynn helped Yamhill County deputies who were engaged in an armed standoff with a subject who was allegedly using methamphetamine and behaving in an extremely hostile manner.

Flynn found a wheelchair in the home's hallway and entered the room where the subject was located and lifted an elderly victim from a bed into the wheelchair and out of danger.

After the victim was evacuated, Flynn remained on the scene for several hours to help police establish a secure perimeter around the home and stayed until the SWAT team from Oregon State Police arrived.

Flynn is a 2010 Willamina High School graduate who has worked for the Tribal Police Department since 2018.

To hear Flynn and Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight discuss the award, go to [www.spreaker.com](http://www.spreaker.com) and search for "Smoke Signals podcasts." ■

## 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](mailto:chelsea.clark@grandronde.org)

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





Photo by Dean Rhodes

**Finance Officer Chris Leno makes a presentation regarding the 2020 draft budget during the Nov. 3 General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.**

## General Council briefed on 2020 draft budget

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for 2020 during the Sunday, Nov. 3, General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym.

The meeting was held partially in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the details.

Before the meeting went into executive session, Leno said that one of the main reasons the 2020 budget is increasing by 16.5 percent is the more than \$10 million budgeted at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center for a new program that will implement medication assisted treatment for patients dependent on opioids. He also cited the new expense of rehabilitating the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City that the Tribe purchased in August.

After Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. raised concerns about live streaming the meeting because it would review confidential Tribal financial information, the membership voted to move into executive session and end the live streaming.

Leno's draft budget presentation ran 45 minutes and after lunch, which was served by Youth Council members, he fielded five questions

and comments regarding next year's Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining a compact disc of Leno's presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org) or 503-879-2304.

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2020 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, to submit written comments to Leno.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in the Tribal Community Center. The presentation will be from the Education Department and Education Committee.

The early start time on Dec. 1 will accommodate the Tribal Council Christmas Party, which also starts at 10 a.m. in the Tribal gym.

Val Alexander, Dan Stroebel and Shasta Simmons won the \$100 door prizes and Julie Duncan, Joanna Brisbois, Tracie Meyer, Peter Grout and Kelly Lindgren won the \$50 door prizes.

The portions of the meeting held outside of executive session 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. ■

## Teaching program recruiting for Class of 2021

EUGENE – The šapsikʷalá Teacher Education Program and the UOTeach Program are looking for Native American and Alaska Native students who have a desire and passion to become elementary or middle/high school teachers.

Applications for the 2020-21 academic year are due Jan. 15, 2020.

The šapsikʷalá Teacher Education Program offers full financial assistance to eligible Native American/Alaska Native students. The program is 12 months long, beginning in June and participants graduate with a master's degree and teacher licensure in June 2021. It is fully funded by a federal grant with a total support package of approximately \$50,000 per student.

The program requires students to live in Eugene while completing classes at the University of Oregon and Tribal placements for student teaching will be considered and encouraged.

Prospective students must have completed their undergraduate education and apply through the admissions process of UOTeach.

To apply and review the admission requirements, visit the UOTeach website at [education.uoregon.edu](http://education.uoregon.edu).

For help through the application process, send an e-mail to [sapsikwala@uoregon.edu](mailto:sapsikwala@uoregon.edu) or call 541-346-2454.

## Grand Ronde Editorial Board position openings

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") of overseeing its independent Tribal press (*Smoke Signals*), invites applications to serve on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board. There are two open board positions occurring in March 2020.

The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will 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 be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council. Terms run for three years.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

**Submission deadline: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020**

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

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# A hotly contested cook-off

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Tribe's Housing Department staff members are known for their love of cooking and food. It isn't unusual to see them gathered together during various holidays and special occasions to enjoy goodies.

On Oct. 31, the department took it up a notch by hosting a chili cook-off with five Tribal employees contributing recipes. They were Housing Maintenance Coordinator Lonnie Leno, Housing Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger, Home Improvement Coordinator Don Coon, Police Officer James Flynn and Maintenance Technician Edward Denim.

Dugger came up with the idea for a friendly competition among staff.

"I wanted to do something different to celebrate Halloween this year," she said. "All I had to do was ask, and they signed up eagerly."

Other Tribal staff members served as judges. Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno

recused himself.

"I'm not a true chili eater," he confessed. "I'm more of a chili out of the can guy, definitely not a connoisseur. ... We have some really good cooks employed here so I'm eager to see who wins."

No chili cook-off would be complete without sides, so attendees also enjoyed pizza, cornbread, Fritos and an array of desserts. To accompany the dining, Stephen King's "It" played on a TV in the background.

Chili cooks could be heard discussing their creations, which ranged from "out of the box," "a secret ingredient" and "experimental."

Planning Director Rick George was one of the first taste testers in line followed by Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight.

The different chili creations were simply numbered one through five to prevent testers from being swayed by who created it.

"Number two was definitely the best," George said. "It was hot and spicy, with a lot of afterburn."

Officer Clint Cardwell preferred the more mild flair of chili number five.

"It had some good heat to it, but wasn't burning my mouth," he said.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Housing Department Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer and Housing Department Secretary Myranda Bradshaw taste samples during a chili contest held at the Tribal Housing office on Thursday, Oct. 31.**

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"There was good flavor. I'm a picky eater, so if I like it, then it must be good."

The winners were announced after 15 minutes of taste testing. First place was awarded to Coon with his bacon and cheese chili, marked number three.

"I just threw something together to take part," he said. "But the secret is the bacon. It makes everything

taste better."

Flynn earned second place with spicy elk chili, marked number two.

"I wouldn't have entered if I didn't think I would win," he said.

Both Flynn and Coon received Visa gift cards for their efforts, which can be spent anywhere, including the grocery store if they want to cook more chili. ■

## State Education Department created 45 lessons

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been working with nearby districts before and after the passage of Senate Bill 13.

In 2014, the Tribe developed fourth-grade curriculum using grant funds from the Administration for Native Americans. Eighth-grade curriculum was completed in 2016.

"We partnered with Willamina elementary and middle school to gather teacher input on lesson plans," Jones says. "Teachers then piloted the lesson plans for us and gave feedback. I actually was in my last term of grad school and was doing my student teaching placement in a fourth-grade class at Willamina Elementary and piloted some of the lessons. It was neat to be able to be part of that process."

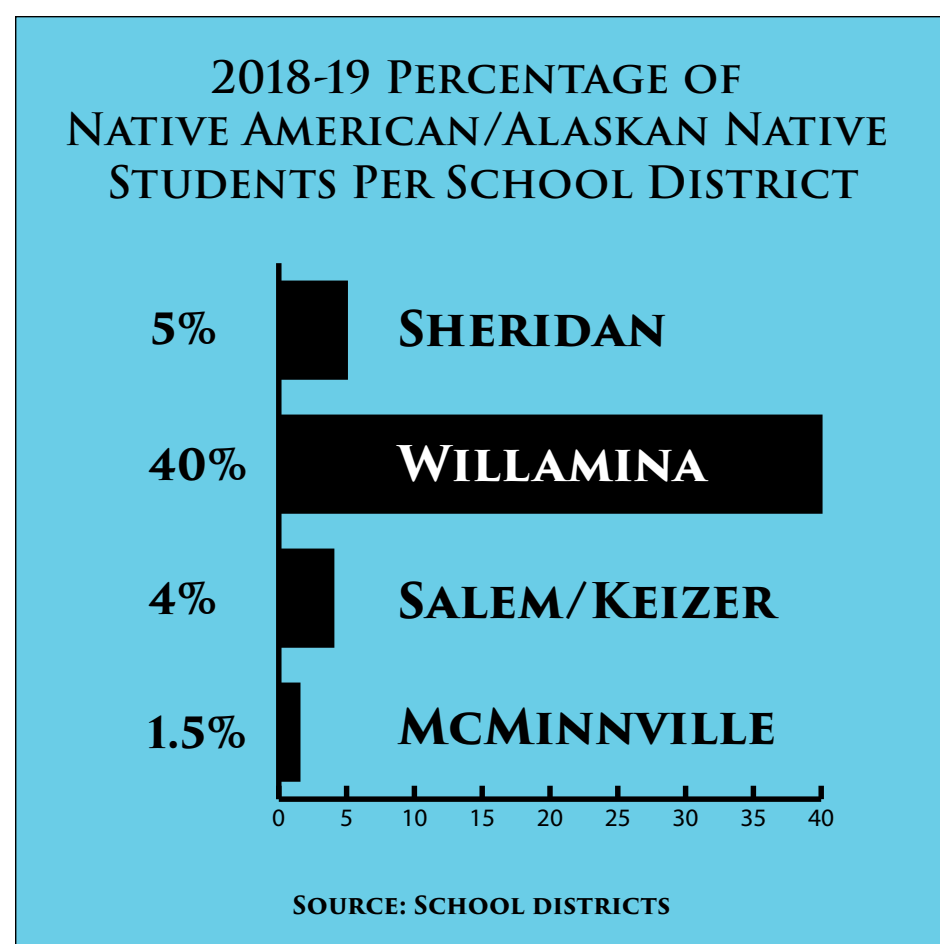
Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick agrees.

"We are very pleased that Senate Bill 13 passed and providing Tribal history, particularly our local history, is now required," Zimbrick says.

Tribal History/Shared History curriculum was developed by a committee and will be implemented in school districts across the state for required teaching starting in January to students in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades. The state Education Department has created 45 lessons.

The committee included 18 representatives from Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, led by Portland-based Education Northwest Consultants, a nonprofit organization that worked with the Department of Education to support implementation of Senate Bill 13.

The groundwork for the law



Graph created by Samuel Briggs III

began when the Department of Education adopted the Native American/Alaska Native Education State Plan, which required teaching about Native Americans as a part of social studies state standards. The Tribal History/Shared History curriculum will expand those requirements across multiple subject areas that include English, math, science, social studies and physical education/health classes.

Currently, the department has 45 lessons available to districts for fourth-, eighth- and 10th-grade students. Districts will choose one lesson per grade in each content area and teach a minimum of 15 lessons. Eventually, the department plans

to create lessons for all students from preschool to high school.

The Sheridan School District has worked over the past two years to build stronger relationships with the Tribe, says Superintendent Steven Sugg.

Teachers and administrators meet several times a year to discuss student progress and how to best support each student.

"As superintendent, I have attended conferences and meetings where Senate Bill 13 was a topic of discussion and I have reviewed the material on the Oregon Department of Education website," Sugg says. "Our middle school

social studies teacher Tim Hart has taught lessons around Tribal history for years and his students create models of Native American villages each year. He works closely with the Tribe and the models are often displayed in Grand Ronde."

The district is also planning to have training around Senate Bill 13 as part of its in-service this year.

"We look forward to incorporating the lesson plans into our school curriculum," Sugg says. "This curriculum will help these students with a sense of belonging and a sense of their history being honored."

The Tribe also has partnered with Salem-Keizer School District teachers and a math teacher from Chemawa Indian School.

"Because Senate Bill 13 is a statewide initiative, we wanted to get as much teacher buy-in that we could, which was helpful if we partnered with a larger school district," Jones said.

Recently, the Tribe also hosted Willamina staff at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center for a professional development training on Senate Bill 13 after the district reached out to the Tribe. There are four more sessions planned to dive deeper into lesson content and material.

"Looking to improve our practice and embed more local history is always welcome and encouraged," Zimbrick says.

A spokesperson for the McMinnville School District said it had upcoming trainings planned to prepare educators to implement Senate Bill 13, and that administrators, including Superintendent Maryalice Russell, had met with Department of Education staff to discuss curriculum. ■



# 'We were terminated from this area and relocated'

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Archuleta, Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and Deputy Press Secretary Sara Thompson.

"When we look at the lay of the land, many travesties and traumatic events have happened," Kennedy said. "We were terminated from this area and relocated. We were stripped of our culture and sustenance. ... Today, we are here among our Tribal people and we recognize and respect each other. We are a spiritual people and it's only because of our creator that we are here today."

Archuleta, Jon A. George, Harrelson and Harvey opened the summit with a prayer song.

"We are happy to be here today with you," Archuleta said. "We are happy the city wants to meet with us and work with us."

Other Tribal officials in attendance included those from Cowlitz, Nez Perce, Siletz, Umatilla, Warm Springs and Yakama.

Wheeler told attendees that last year's summit made good on a long overdue promise to collaborate with Tribal nations.

"This year's summit will deepen our commitment to work together and give us a greater appreciation and advocacy for Tribal nations," he said. "We will meet together, socialize, engage and hope to sharpen our understanding of how to best work together."

Wheeler noted that more than 200 city employees attended the training.

"It is also our hope that this summit will nourish the seeds we put in last year," he said.

Portland Commissioner Chloe Eudaly welcomed Tribal delegates and recalled how she was able to paddle in a canoe to the opening ceremony last year.



Photos by Dean Rhodes

**Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier talks during a Portland City Council meeting as a Native American Heritage Month proclamation was on the agenda on Thursday, Nov. 7. The proclamation coincided with the city's second annual Tribal Nations Summit held at the Leftbank Annex near the Moda Center in Portland. Thursday was the first day of the two-day event.**



**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy addresses more than 200 Portland city employees during the opening ceremony.**

provides important rearing and refuge areas for juvenile salmon, according to the city. In 2017, the creek was designated as Portland's first official "Salmon Sanctuary."

Judy Bluehorse Skelton (Nez Perce/Cherokee), a Portland State University Indigenous Nations Studies Program professor, herbalist and author, has been involved with the efforts at Crystal Springs since the beginning. During a recent Salmon Ceremony held at nearby Johnson Creek Park, Bluehorse Skelton noted that salmon had been seen spawning.

"It was almost as if they were just waiting to come back," she said.

So far, half the length of Crystal Springs has been restored so that salmon can find colder water, shelter and food.

"This is the only unimpeded

"This summit is an opportunity for us to learn more from one another," she said.

After the opening ceremony concluded, employees headed to different trainings. Several delegates, including Harvey and Jon A. George, boarded a shuttle bus to tour watershed restoration sites at Oaks Bottom Park, Crystal Springs Creek at Westmoreland Park and Tryon Creek.

Crystal Springs Creek is 2.4 miles long and offers "significant habitat" for salmon, lamprey, birds and other wildlife. The naturally cool and steady year-round flow in the creek

salmon run in the city," Bluehorse Skelton said.

Attendees then went on a short walking tour of the restored creek area, which included views of a beaver lodge, native plants and other wildlife.

Following the tour, delegates headed back to the annex building where they were joined by city employees for a First Foods luncheon of salmon, buffalo stew, green salad, cornbread, wheat berry salad with beets, feta and pumpkin seeds, and yellow cake with wild blueberries. More than 260 people attended, double from the previous year.

"Let's remember that these foods are highly vulnerable to climate change," Wheeler said. "Some are now at serious risk and we need to commit to not having that happen. We can't allow climate change to endanger these First Foods."

After an invocation, delegates from each of the Tribes spoke. Chris Mercier told attendees who had never experienced First Foods that they were in for a treat.

"It's a part of our culture that has been revived," he said. "There are a lot of things you can experience now through technology, but food is not one of them. It's a good thing you get to experience this today. ... Native people being able to turn back to their traditional foods is a real victory. It really is making a comeback."

After lunch ended, delegates were ferried to City Hall to attend a council meeting during which Wheeler formally acknowledged the Tribal elected officials in attendance and gave each an opportunity to speak, which was televised. He also read a Native American Heritage Month proclamation.

Mercier spoke to Portland elected officials about the Tribe's long history in the Portland area, which was ceded to the federal government in the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

"It was an important trading area and in Grand Ronde we trace our lineage to more than 27 different Tribes," he said. "Outside of Grand Ronde, our greatest concentrations of Tribal members live in Portland. Seeing what's going on today means quite a bit to us. There are not many other city governments that have put in this kind of effort. We continue to try to cultivate and foster relationships here."

Thursday concluded with a city, state and federal legislative overview and a reception at Portland's Brunish Theater.

Friday included several focused discussions between Tribal and city leadership regarding housing, public safety, trust responsibility, cultural resource protection, climate action planning, First Foods, land acknowledgements and inadvertent discovery.

A closing ceremony was held in the late afternoon with remarks from city and Tribal officials, and a gift exchange.

For those who wanted to get some exercise, a Native American Heritage Month 5k Run and Walk was held at Nike World Headquarters in Beaverton on Saturday. ■



**Tribal Council member Denise Harvey and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George listen to Portland Environmental Services Capital Projects Manager Ronda Fast discuss the Crystal Springs Watershed Restoration Project at Westmoreland Park in Portland.**



# Scary staff

Lands Department Manager Jan Reibach, dressed for Day of the Dead, pretends to kiss Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., dressed as Mrs. Doubtfire, during the annual Employee Halloween Costume Contest held in the Atrium of the Governance Center on Thursday, Oct. 31.

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Tribal Reality Specialist Amanda Wilson, center, won first place for her Day of the Dead costume in the annual Employee Halloween Costume Contest. Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Michael Cherry, left, dressed as Bat Girl, and Lands Department Project Administrator Brandy Humphreys, right, also dressed in a Day of the Dead costume. Second place went to Cultural Resources Specialist Chris Bailey dressed as Dr. Mario and Network Administrator Alec Mercier took third dressed as Vegeta, the Prince of all Saiyans.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez



Help Desk Technician Spencer Olson dressed as a Software Wizard.

# THE GRAND RONDE TOWN HISTORY PROJECT

The Chachalu Collections and Archives Team is looking for photographs, documents or film/video that show Grand Ronde homes, buildings, roads, places or events. These are the areas with the largest gaps in the visual record of the Cultural Archives.

The Grand Ronde Town History Project will help in reconstructing a collective story-map of the Grand Ronde Community across the decades that can be preserved and shared with future generations. The story can only come from you.

If you have old film, negatives, video or home-movies that you would like preserved in the archives, please come by or reach out to the Chachalu Museum and speak with our Collections Team. We can make digital copies for long term preservation.

Please stop by the Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center with family as a part of your Restoration Celebration weekend. The Museum will be open on Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-4pm but will be closed in honor of Restoration on Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 Phone | 503.879.2226



*Walking On...*

**David Emery Riggs**

May 19, 1955 – Oct. 22, 2019

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder David Emery Riggs, 64, a resident of Monmouth and formerly of Salem, died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019.

He was born on May 19, 1955, in Dallas, Ore., the son of Lewis Leo and Doris Jane LaRose Riggs. He lived for a short time in Grand Ronde, but did most of his growing up in the Salem area. He graduated from North Salem High School. He worked for Spirit Mountain Casino as a buffet attendant and also as a slot machine attendant.

He enjoyed keeping a journal, writing stories, reading and collecting record albums.

He is survived by three sisters, Louise Coulson of Grand Ronde, Georgene Gray of Salem and Una Birchum of Salem, along with many nieces of nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 4, in the Grand Ronde Cemetery sanctuary building. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

**Eloise Marian Kisor**

Sept. 7, 1931 – Nov. 5, 2019

Eloise Kisor was born Eloise Marian Low on Sept. 7, 1931, to Floyd “Bud” Tillson Low (Cherokee-Choctaw) and Rose May Tyler (Grand Ronde) in Corvallis, Ore. She was the second child born to Bud and Rose.

Older siblings included older half-sisters Irene (Henkleman) Imhof and Genevieve (Henkleman) Johnson and sister Petrova “Pat” Mae King, and younger siblings Benjamin “Uncle Buddy” Floyd Low, Elizabeth “Betty” Thelma Nissen, Alene June Knowlton, Albert “Uncle Albie” Tillson Low, Colleen Maxine Garcia, Leonard “Uncle Lenny” Edward Low and Lottie Lavinias Child. All but Leonard have predeceased Eloise, who was a proud member of the federally recognized Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.



Eloise and her siblings grew up in the woods outside of Philomath, learning to fish and hunt as a way of survival and as sport in later years. The Depression era was a hard time during which to grow up, but they always had food on their table and helped their father in the woods by logging. Having a large extended family with aunts and uncles, they learned to horseback ride, dance and have fun. Eloise stayed with many of her aunts, uncles and grandparents and had many fond memories of this. In her later years, she took care of some of her cousins and enjoyed those times.

Eloise married Ray Walter Kisor in Stevenson, Wash., on Feb. 7, 1948, and they had five children: Judy Rae Kisor, Dallas Floyd Kisor, Vicky Lynne Kisor, Robin Faye Kisor and Tina Ramona Kisor. Her son Dallas predeceased her in death in February 2019. From this union her life legacy is the following grandchildren: Jeffrey Ray Kizer, Holly Rae Kisor Leonard, Marylee Kizer Kane, Heather Kisor, Jordan Justen, Janelle Justen Savage, Gregory Ray Kisor and Raylene IdaRose Kisor; and great-grandchildren Savannah Justen, Gabriella Justen, Joseph Kizer, Melissa Kane, Debra Kane, Daniel Kane, Zephan Kizer Love, Trystan Kizer, Caleb Kizer, Kisor Savage, Tyce Allan Kidwell, Presley Savage, Malachi Savage and Gerrell Figg. Her final legacy is a great-great-grandchild Ethan Anorok of Anchorage, Alaska.

She was fortunate to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was insistent on paying them for helping her walk the dogs, etc., but always with saying one half for your pocket and one half for your college savings. She believed in education and one of her misgivings was she would have loved to have been a teacher, but lived in times when most women married and raised children.

She was an incredible cook and many of her life memories were recounted with the food memories related to events. She could sew, hunt and fish, and had a passionate love of dolls and restoration of them. She collected memorabilia and was always intrigued with clothes and fashion. She never went to the store without full make-up and jewelry on. Her children were quick to tease that she loved her dogs more than them, but she loved raising and caring for them and in her later years they were her constant companions. She was a Christian and loved recounting passages she read in the Bible. Her favorite singing artist was Daniel O’Conner and his Christian songs.

The union between Eloise and Ray ended in the 1960s and she later married Otto Ingram from Albany, Ore. Some of her best memories were of living in Washington with Otto and near some of her family members who had relocated there. That union was not to last and Eloise enjoyed her last relationship with companion Joseph Standard. She loved to travel during these times. She often told us in these past few months that she had a good life and had done all she wanted to do. She passed peacefully and quietly on Nov. 5, 2019.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, in the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery sanctuary followed by a remembrance gathering at Elders Activity Center. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, please go to [www.dallastrIBUTE.com](http://www.dallastrIBUTE.com)

**Portland-area voters approve \$475 million Metro bond**

Portland-area voters approved a \$475 million Metro bond that will help provide public access to Willamette Falls by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

The bond includes \$20 million that will help work on the Riverwalk in Oregon City. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which purchased the shuttered Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City in August, is working with the regional government and other partners to rehabilitate the site and provide public access to the Willamette Falls area.

The measure was leading by wide margins in each of the three counties that lie largely inside the regional government’s boundaries. ■

**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

Spirit Mountain Casino & Grand Ronde Station

**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. ■





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Shelly Nichols

## ‘Women at War’ receives NAMMY award

“Women At War: Warrior Songs Vol. 2” won the Best Pop Recording award during the Native American Music Awards held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Seneca Niagara Hotel & Casino in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The compact disc includes the song “Warrior Wings,” written by Tribal member Shelly Nichols with music by Anna Wang.

Nichols, a Navy veteran, wrote “Warrior Wings” with Garrett Stahl about her experiences serving in the U.S. Navy during which she experienced military sexual trauma.

The lyrics were sent to classically trained pianist Wang, who recorded the song in June 2018 with Nichols providing backing vocals on the track.

“Warrior Songs Vol. 2” was released on Nov. 10, 2018. To listen to Nichols’ song, visit [warriorsongs.org/track/1564075/warrior-wings](http://warriorsongs.org/track/1564075/warrior-wings). ■

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To hear Nichols discuss her journey and song, visit [www.spreaker.com/user/smokesignals/ss-podcast-32-shelly-nichols](http://www.spreaker.com/user/smokesignals/ss-podcast-32-shelly-nichols)

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# HEY KIDS!

School Is Out & Youth Ed 6-12 Programming Is In!

**November 25**

**Activity: Statesman Journal Trip / Aquatics Center Swim**

Youth will explore media and journalism careers with a trip to the Statesman Journal in Salem. Students will learn how news articles are made from beginning to finish. Youth will enjoy lunch and a trip to the Dallas Aquatics Center for a swim in the afternoon. Students who sign up must bring their swim trunks / swim suit. Students will arrive back to YED no later than 5pm.

**November 26**

**Activity: Ford v. Ferrari Movie**

Youth will have the opportunity to see the movie Ford v. Ferrari (PG13). This movie tells the story of an American automotive designer and a race car driver who interface the laws of physics to build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Company. There will be an afternoon activity on site at Youth Education and lunch will be provided. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

All activities require a permission slip and the current 2019-20 YED Application must be complete and on file in order for youth to attend.

Please note that Tribal preference will be given via handbook policy.

For more information and to sign up, Contact YED: 503-879-2101

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**Friday, Oct. 25**

- Report of a dog locked in a vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Illegal dumping of household trash reported in the area of 12400 block of Diekman Lane in Aumsville
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 20 on Salmon River Highway. A female driver arrested for DUII (alcohol), reckless driving and reckless endangering, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported driving complaint in the area of milepost 26 on Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported at milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the area of milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the area of milepost 21 on Salmon River Highway.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of 9600 Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Mills Street in Sheridan.
- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Salmon River Highway.
- Reported forgery in the area of 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for possession of a forged instrument and identity theft, and was transported to Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in Willamina.

**Monday, Oct. 28**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 400 block of C Street in Willamina. A male subject was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 4 on Highway 22. A male subject was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Missing person reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway. A female subject was later located
- Report of harassment in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Public assist occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 7 on Highway 22.
- Assist outside agency with debris removal in the area of milepost 20 on Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a hit-and-run crash in the area of milepost 7 on Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, Oct. 29**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 5 on Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested on valid detainer and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**

- Assist outside agency with a vehicle crash in the area of highways 18B and 22.
- Reported criminal mischief in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female subject was issued a citation and released.

**Thursday, Oct. 31**

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male subject was arrested for possession of heroin and methamphetamines. He was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Clint Cardwell**

# Grand Ronde Housing Department



## Board seeks community input

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

1 **FORM 2**

2 **IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES**

3 **OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON**

4 **In The Matter of:** ) Case No.: C-19-023

5 Joannic Anne Jones ) )

6 Applicant. ) **NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

7 ) **[ADULT]**

8 **NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:**

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

11 the 25 day of October, 2019, requesting that Petitioner's name be

12 changed from Joannic Anne Jones to

13 Joannie Anne Jones.

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

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

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

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

19 change of name.

20 DATED this 12 day of November, 2019.

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22 Joannic Anne Jones

23 Petitioner

24 Joannie Anne Jones [Print Name]

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# LISTEN TO SMOKE SIGNALS 53 PODCASTS



## JAMES FLYNN TO RECEIVE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

To hear Flynn and Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight discuss the award, go to [www.spreaker.com](http://www.spreaker.com) and search for "Smoke Signals podcasts."



For more information contact Kamiah Koch at (503) 879-1461 or [kamiah.koch@grandronde.org](mailto:kamiah.koch@grandronde.org)





## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Job #	Position Title	Pay Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Date Posted	Closing Date
1232	Police Officer	11	\$24.20/hr.	\$26.95/hr.	10/25/19	11/21/19
1223	Clinic Systems Coordinator	13	\$29.28/hr.	\$32.61/hr.	10/25/19	11/21/16
1200	Radiology Lab Technician - On Call	8	\$18.18/hr.	\$20.25/hr.	8/02/19	11/28/19
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	\$112,165.91/yr.	\$128,883.48/yr.	5/24/19	11/21/19
1082	Physician	23	\$143,437.84/yr.	\$168,636.38/yr.	10/4/19	12/05/19
1040	Temporary Pool	2	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.54/hr.	4/16/18	12/31/19

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.
  - (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>

### PROPOSED GENERAL WELFARE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed adopting a General Welfare Ordinance. The proposed ordinance was given a first reading at the Oct. 9, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance: 1) memorializes the procedures used by the Tribe to determine what services or programs are needed to promote the general welfare of the Tribe; and 2) establishes basic guidelines and procedures for programs to follow ensuring compliance with the general welfare doctrine and Internal Revenue Code Section 139E incorporating the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act.

For a copy of the proposed General Welfare Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed ordinance.

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 Nov. 30, 2019.**

### PROPOSED ELDERS' RETIREMENT SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Elders' Retirement Supplemental Security Income Program Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the Oct. 9, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments 1) rename the Ordinance the "Elders' General Welfare Assistance Retirement, Supplemental Security Income and Disability Income Programs Ordinance"; 2) add provisions for General Welfare Program designation; and 3) include minor technical (i.e., formatting and typographical) modifications.

For a copy of the proposed Elders' Retirement Supplemental Security Income Program Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments.

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 Nov. 30, 2019.**



## 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. Please remember that you cannot return your library items to the Little Library locations. Library materials that have been checked out must be returned in person or dropped off via the book return located on the left side of the Library entrance.

**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.

**New DVD arrivals:** "Toy Story 4," "Spiderman: Far From Home," "The Secret Life of Pets 2," "Aladdin," "The Wizard of Lies," "Driving Miss Daisy" and more!

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

**Book Review:** "An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones.

This is a story about love, marriage and circumstance. Celestial and Roy are a newly married couple who have their lives torn apart when Roy is accused and convicted of a horrible crime he didn't commit.

While I sympathized with the characters in this story, they weren't very relatable. They had me shaking my head at a lot of the decisions and choices they made. I felt like these characters went back and forth being way over dramatic or not being dramatic enough about things that they should be.

The ending was my favorite part, not because it was over but because one of the characters actually made a sensible decision; a decision that was for the better and a decision that made sense. Maybe I am being too critical? There are quite a few people on Goodreads who would disagree with me. Check it out and let me know what you think. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

**Donations:** A special thank you to the Chinuk class, the Cultural Resources Department, Kathleen George, Martina Gilbert and Dennis Hemeon for their contributions to the Tribal Library. We appreciate it.

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

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

## St. Michael's offers brunch

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

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



### Claudia's Frybread & Leonette's Chili

**Indian Taco/Chili Fundraiser  
w/ Silent Auction & Raffle Tables  
For Iskam Mek<sup>h</sup>Mek-Haws**

**Monday, November 18, 2019  
Grand Ronde Community Center  
11 am to 1:30 pm**

\$7 Indian Taco / \$3 Frybread / \$3 Chili





# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Health & Wellness Center closures

- 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.*

## Are you prepared for the Holidays?



- ~~Monday 11/11/2019 Closed All Day~~
- Friday 11/22/2019 Closed All Day
- Wednesday 11/27/2019 (Open 8:30am-12pm) Closed 1-5pm
- Thursday 11/28/2019 Closed All Day
- Friday 11/29/2019 Closed All Day
- Monday 12/9/2019 Closed All Day
- Thursday 12/19/2019 (Open 8:30am-11am) Closed 11-5pm
- Tuesday 12/24/2019 (Open 8:30am-12pm) Closed 1-5pm
- Wednesday 12/25/2019 Closed All Day
- Tuesday 12/31/2019 (Open 8:30am-12pm) Closed 1-5pm

## Free Holiday Pictures!!!

Friday December 6th, 2019 1pm-2:30pm

Come have your picture with The Grinch and/or Olaf  
Polaroid pictures so you can take them with you!!!

Friday December 13th, 2019 1pm-2:30pm

Pictures with Rudolph and/or The Elf

Friday December 20th, 2019 1pm-3pm

Pictures with all the characters and Santa!!!

Call 503-879-2078 for questions



## Survey results

### Greetings Tilixam,

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is happy to announce the results of the annual 2018 Patient Satisfaction Survey. The survey was conducted beginning in June and ended in October with 300 surveys completed. We want to thank each of you for your feedback as this will help us provide better services for you and your loved ones.

We initiated a committee to construct the survey, using the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey as our base model. The overall average satisfaction rating of the clinic out of 300 responses was 80 percent with more than 70 percent of the responses remarking that they were happy with the clinic. We also were able to calculate that the patient satisfaction with overall access to care through the clinic was 80 percent with more than 70 percent of the responses stating that they were pleased with their access to current services.

Each of the departments was represented in the survey as patients were able to select the services that they were utilizing that day with the results mainly being Medical and Pharmacy services. We also included within the survey four narrative questions that allowed patients to comment on the types of services that they would like to see added, expanded or improved, and also included the opportunity to give feedback about our current providers.

Overall we received more than 300 comments and presented these to our Quality Improvement Committee. Each department was tasked with the goal of finding different ways in which they could improve their areas of specialty and provide better services to our patients based on what our patients requested or commented on. Each of the departments have provided the following action plan items:

- Pharmacy: Wait time improvement was the most commented on issue from our patients. Our pharmacy heard our patients' concerns and in efforts to improve this they have vetted a new tracking company and have recently implemented a pager system to give patients a worry-free option when picking up their prescriptions.

- Medical: Patients primarily requested in this area a reduction in the time it took to book appointments and also requested medication-assisted treatment options, as well as pediatric services. In response to all three of these needs, the Medical Department has met each of these challenges by reducing the appointment time slots to make room for additional appointments, introducing a medication-assisted treatment program, and has also brought on a Tribal member pediatrician.

- Quality: The goal of quality was to decrease the amount of patient complaints and we have by 40 percent from 2018-19 through each of the departments taking an active stance in strategizing how to resolve patient concerns. Quality also achieved reaccreditation for the clinic through the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Quality also has made valiant strides at communicating with patients better through the access, usage and education of our Patient Portal system. Patients had commented on the clinic maintaining the longevity of our medical providers within the clinic and we are happy to report that all of our medical providers have remained within the clinic for two years.

- Lab/X-ray: Patients commented on wanting to have radiology services fully functioning again and this has been accomplished through creating a new contract in 2018. Since then we have been able to provide radiology services and have reduced the amount of external referrals for these services. We also have provided an opportunity for an on-call radiology technician position to open so that our patients will be able to receive services consistently.

- Community Health: Our patients requested more services focused on maternal/child health services as well as home visits and we've been able to increase those services significantly by bringing on additional staff, taking on new grants and providing more family-focused events.

- Dental: Patients requested that we have more pediatric dental services provided at the clinic and we've been able to assist with that through bringing on additional techniques and materials focused on pediatric care, thus reducing the need for as many external pediatric referrals.

- Behavioral Health: Our patients requested quite a few services to be expanded and added in this department, and as a result we have helped this through improving and expanding services in child and adolescent therapy, psychiatry, as well as gambling services. This is being accomplished through our current building expansion as well as hiring several new team members. The department also achieved recertification through the state of Oregon for the Behavioral Health Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program.

In the end, there were 15 different Tribes represented in this survey and we are happy to know that we serve such amazing patients. We thank you for your feedback and ask that you would continue to provide us with it as we conduct future surveys. Your feedback makes it possible for us to provide better services for you and your loved ones.

hayu-masi (much thanks)  
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center





# 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
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