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Grand Ronde members back Chinook Nation recognition effort

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

TACOMA, Wash. – Three members of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council attended a rally held at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington in Tacoma on Monday, Jan. 6, that supported the Chinook Indian Nation’s continuing fight for federal recognition.

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno attended the event. In addition, employees from the Cultural Resources Department, including Greg Archuleta, Travis Stewart, Jordan Mercier and David Harrelson, attended along with other Grand Ronde Tribal members and government employees.

The rally was held in connection with a hearing for summary judgment in the Chinook Indian Nation’s 2017 civil lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Interior and represents the latest development in the Chinook Indian Nation’s ongoing battle for federal acknowledgment.

Judge Ronald Bruce Leighton, the judge presiding over the lawsuit, granted the Tribe a hearing for summary judgment motions.

The rally started at 1 p.m. and the hearing on summary judgment and a drum and prayer circle were held at 3 p.m. The Grand Ronde drum stayed throughout the proceedings, drumming outside the courthouse in the rain.

The hearing was to determine whether the Tribe can seek recognition from the federal government after its recognition was revoked in 2001 by the George W. Bush administration. Tribes that have applied for recognition and been denied can be prevented from re-applying.

In August 2017, the Chinook Indian Nation sued the federal government in the Ninth Circuit of the U.S. District Court for its right to re-apply as well as asking for funds guaranteed to the Tribe in 1970 that have never been paid.

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Prepping for the count

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Housing Department Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger talks about the Tribe’s plan for the upcoming census on Monday, Jan. 6. Dugger stressed the importance of an accurate count and talked about employment opportunities that will become available.

Housing’s Joan Dugger heading up Tribal census efforts

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Native Americans have often been historically underrepresented when it comes to U.S. census numbers.

In the 2010 census, Native Americans and Alaska Natives living on Reservations were undercounted by 4.9 percent, according to Census Bureau data.

Grand Ronde Housing Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger is hoping to change that trend by serving as a liaison for the Tribe to ensure accurate counts.

“It’s really important because Tribal people

For more information on becoming a census taker, contact Joan Dugger at 503-879-1804 or e-mail joan.dugger@grandronde.org. To learn more about the census, visit www.grandronde.org/census-2020/

have historically been underserved,” she says. “It is sad. We have been undercounted for the duration of the census. It is critical to me that

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Reshaping the Native filmmaking narrative



Contributed photo

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s ancestral homelands, culture and lifeways will be featured at the international Sundance Film Festival later this month.

The full-length feature film, “ma’ni – towards the ocean, towards the shore,” follows Sweet-

water Sahme and Tribal member Jordan Mercier’s travels through each of their worlds as they wander through and contemplate birth, death and what is in between it all. Narrated mostly in Chinuk Wawa, their stories evolve from the Chi-

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A scene from “ma’ni – towards the ocean, towards the shore,” a film by Sky Hopinka that features Grand Ronde culture and is narrated in Chinuk Wawa that will be showing at the Sundance Film Festival later this month.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2

Monarch Hotel & Conference Center,
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Jan. 22.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5.....	4 p.m.

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

Comments Requested on Plans for Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial Improvements

The Grand Ronde Tribe's Veterans Memorial was built in 2001 and a couple of the four service branch pillars are running out of space. The Tribe is planning on acquiring two more pillars and incorporating them into the current memorial in a complementary manner. If you would like to comment on this planned project, please contact Tribal Council. You may e-mail them through Shannon.Ham-Teixeira@grandronde.org. You may also call Tribal Council staff at 503-879-2301. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department has a Veterans and War Memorial Grant program. The Tribe is considering applying for funding to help afford the cost of the needed expansion. ■

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed adopting a Government Administration Ordinance. The proposed ordinance was given a first reading at the Dec. 31, 2019, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance combines and updates selected provisions from two older Tribal ordinances which have been in effect since 1993, but which have not been updated since 1994, and will better reflect the current structure of the Tribal government. If the proposed Government Administration Ordinance is adopted, the following ordinances would be rescinded:

- Tribal Government Purpose Ordinance
- Tribal Government Organization and Procedures Ordinance

For a copy of the proposed Government Administration 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.

Comments must be received by Feb. 15, 2020. ■

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. ■

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.

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

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Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Offices also will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day.

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January

- Monday, Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

February

- Sunday, Feb. 2 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Monarch Hotel & Conference Center, 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Feb. 17 – Tribal Chiefs' Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

Journey set to arrive in Grand Ronde on June 3

The 2020 Peace and Dignity Journey will begin on April 14 when spiritual runners will start carrying sacred staffs from Chickaloon, Alaska, and the tip of South of America.

After eight months, the runners will meet on Dec. 14 in the middle of the Earth – Quito, Ecuador.

Peace and Dignity Journeys have been held every four years since 1992 with the purpose of fulfilling an ancient prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor coming together. The joining represents the unification of indigenous peoples from North and South America after centuries of colonization. The 2020 journey will feature a special prayer for Sacred Fire.

A few core runners are still needed to make the commitment to do all or most of the run. Purification ceremonies for core runners are usually held in California.

For more information, contact Al Gonzalez at atl@peaceanddignity.org or Anobel Gutierrez at pdjyolotlie_2008@yahoo.com.

The Peace and Dignity Journey is scheduled to go through Oregon in early June with a tentative June 3 visit to Grand Ronde. ■

Optometry hours

- 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday
- Please call to schedule your appointment at 503-879-2097 or 800-775-0095. ■

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- **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
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- **Grand Ronde Social Services Department:** www.facebook.com/CT-GRSocialservices/
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- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
- **Grand Ronde Cultural Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



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 Court is now open during the lunch hour

The Tribal Court office is 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. ■

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.

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



HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

NEW SIGN AT THE HWC

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



PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ONLY

NO PARKING



SAVE THE DATE

Agency Creek Round Dance
April 3-4, 2020

grandronde.org



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, Jan. 15;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24;
- And 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

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.

The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in the Employment Services Building conference room. 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 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: Rich VanAtta.

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



2015 – The Grand Ronde Tribe closed on the purchase of a 91-acre parcel at the Chahalpam property fronting the North Santiam River in Marion County, bringing the total acreage to more than 429 that the Tribe would manage for conservation purposes. The 91 acres were worth more than \$900,000 and the purchase was funded entirely by the Bonneville Power Administration’s Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program. The transaction included more than \$140,000 in operation and maintenance costs, which also were funded by BPA.

2010 – A powwow originally organized to remind Oregonians that Native peoples inhabited the Pacific Northwest long before statehood is on its way to becoming an annual event. The second annual Gathering of Oregon’s First Nations Powwow was set for Jan. 30 at the Oregon State



File photo

Fair & Expo Center’s Salem Pavilion. The late January event date was picked to symbolically occur before Oregon’s official 150th birthday in 2009, commemorating Native history that occurred before statehood, which occurred on Feb. 14, 1859.

2005 – The Tribe donated \$10,000 to the Red Cross to aid victims of the Thailand tsunami, which killed more than 200,000 people. “I think it shows that we are trying to do our part,” Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno said. “Although our main focus is the well-being of our people and our community, we have compassion. This is about the big picture.”

2000 – Tribal Council members Ed Larsen and Earl LaBonte were appointed to serve on the Yamhill County Transportation Advisory Committee to help with a public transportation study in the county, along with safety issues along highways 99, 18 and 22. The group also was exploring how to best help those who were “transportation disadvantaged,” such as the elderly, those with disabilities and youth.

1995 – Tribal Council adopted the 1995 budget, which included funding to establish an Elder pension program, economic development fund and a cultural board, and provided additional funding for education and training scholarships. Tribal Council also directed that new housing repairs and improvements be funded with Tribal dollars rather than BIA funds to allow the Tribe greater flexibility in how the money was used.

1990 – No January edition available.

1985 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announced its first post-Restoration election would be held in March to select a new Tribal Council in accordance with the Restoration Act, which stated that an election must be held within 120 days of when the Secretary of the Interior signed the Tribal Constitution. The election was to be conducted by a yet-to-be-selected committee of Tribal members.

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

Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



Children & Family SERVICES

Family Building Blocks
Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

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!

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.

Your current award benefit statement must be received in our office by **5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15**, 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
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347

You also may fax your copy to 503-879-2480 or e-mail them to 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. ■

2020 Contest Powwow date changes to Aug. 14-16

The 2020 Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 and not the following weekend as tentatively listed in the recently released Tribal calendar.

Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam said the Powwow SEB had been working to confirm the dates of the Siletz Tribe's annual powwow due to Aug. 1 falling on a weekend. Ainam received confirmation after the calendar was sent to be printed by the Publications Department. The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 instead of the originally estimated date.

In addition, the annual Agency Creek Round Dance is now scheduled for the weekend of April 3-4.

Tribal members are encouraged to check *Smoke Signals* for any events listed as "tentative" in the 2020 Tribal calendar as the event date approaches, said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.

"Since we have to work so far ahead when creating the calendar, some event dates were still tentative when we had to send the document to our contractor," Rhodes said.

For more information on the 2020 Contest Powwow, contact Ainam at 503-879-2037 or dana.leno@grandronde.org. ■

WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

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

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

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
 Phone 503-879-2020

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00-5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30



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 text NATIVE to 24587

Please encourage young people in your community to sign up.

Topics include:

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- Wellness and Life Balance
- Family Relationships
- Mental Health
- Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol
- Violence and Bullying
- Peer Pressure
- Sexual Health
- Healthy Relationships
- School Pressures
- Getting Help
- Quizzes, polls, and discussions
- Scholarships, conferences, internships

*Standard rates apply. It's just like texting your friends and family.

In 2012, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will launch a companion website: www.weRnative.org. The site is being designed for Native youth, by Native youth, to encourage healthy behaviors, share youth-friendly media and current events, increase cultural identity and pride, and share the positive impacts Native youth are having on their communities.

Funded by the National IHS HIV Program

For more information, please contact

Jessica Leston: jeston@npihb.org or visit us at: <http://www.npihb.org/epi/center/project/projectredtail>



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CTGR TERO Announcement
Traffic Control Flagger
Training Certification



When:
 Thursday, February 13th, 2020

Where:
 Employment Services
 Center in Training
 Rooms A & B

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration is limited to 25

No cost for enrolled Tribal members from federally recognized Tribes and \$90 for non-Tribal members

Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2188 or

Email - TERO@grandronde.org

Love this newsletter. Nice pictures and great stories!

Great Tribal representation, keep up the good work, Masii!

Great Tribal newspaper. Have always loved reading front to back and back to front.

THE news source for news of NW Oregon's Indian Country!

Great information, a great paper on Tribal Life.

Haven't missed a issue in over 25 years. Keep up the great work of reporting Tribal news for the next 100 years!!!

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Grand Ronde Tribal land holdings grew at a 5 percent clip in 2019, according to statistics shared by Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach during the Sunday, Jan. 5, General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

In 2019, the Tribe added 755.42 acres to its portfolio that included two conservation properties and the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City, bringing the total to 15,864 acres.

The largest addition to the Tribe's land holdings is also the closest – the 670-acre Noble Oaks property located between Sheridan and Grand Ronde. The property was donated to the Grand Ronde Tribe by The Nature Conservancy, which also gave the Tribe about \$1 million in stewardship funding.

The Tribe also received another conservation property, the 64.85-acre Ahsney property near Rickreall worth more than \$500,000. Its acquisition was funded by the Bonneville Power Administration's Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program, which also provides approximately \$100,000 in stewardship funding.

Perhaps the most important acquisition in 2019 was the Blue Heron Paper Mill site adjacent to Willamette Falls in Oregon City. The Tribe purchased the 23-acre site for \$15.25 million in August.

"Without our land, we don't really have our identity as a people," Reibach said. "Our land gives us that opportunity, that Mother Earth connection. It ties us to our history and brings us into the present."

Tribal land holdings in Oregon now stretch from the former Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village to Kilchis Point on Tillamook Bay to Rattlesnake Butte northwest of Junction City to Chankawan southeast of Stayton.

"What is represented on this map is a wide variety of lands," Reibach said. "Conservation lands, timber lands, forest lands and some development and commercial real estate."

Since the return of 9,811 acres with the passage of the Grand



Photo by Dean Rhodes

Lands Department Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach briefed the membership on Tribal land holdings during the Sunday, Jan. 5, General Council meeting held in the Community Center.

Ronde Reservation Act in 1988, the Tribe has added 6,053 acres to its land holdings. It now possesses about 25 percent of the land total granted as the original Reservation in 1857.

Reibach also gave an overview of his department, which only includes four people including himself.

After his approximately 18-minute presentation, Reibach fielded three questions from the audience.

In other action, it was announced that the 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, General Council meeting will be held at the Monarch Hotel, 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas, off of Interstate 205.

Door prize winners were Tracie Meyer, Raymond Petite, Kathie Levine, Robert Parazoo and Cherie Butler, \$50 each; and Mae Townsend, Bob Duncan and Corina Limon, \$100 each. In addition, Youth Council member Benjamin Powley won a fishing pole donated by Tribal Elder Victor Lomboy.

It also was announced that Julie Duncan, Cherie Butler, Virginia Kimsey-Roof and Serena Layman were elected to the four open seats on the Elders Committee.

Reibach also opened the meeting with cultural drumming and singing.

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

Tribal Council approves program agreements for conservation properties

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved 10-year agreements with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Partners Program that will help the Tribe manage four of its conservation properties along the banks of the North Santiam River during its Wednesday, Jan. 8, meeting.

The agreements affect the Chahpam 1, 2 and 3 properties, which are a combined 462 acres, and the 425-acre Chankawan property.

Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said during the Tuesday, Jan. 7, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the Partners Program provides mostly technical assistance and requires that the Tribe keep properties in their current habitat state after receiving federal assistance for 10 years or run the risk having to repay the federal government for its work.

"Since we are managing these properties in perpetuity, that shouldn't be a problem," Dirksen said.

Dirksen added the Tribe's conservation property in Lane County – the 289.5-acre Rattlesnake Butte site – has benefitted from being in the Partners Program.

The program works with landowners to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats. In the Willamette Val-

ley, it focuses on restoring oak woodland, savanna, grassland, riparian areas, wetlands and wet prairie habitats. The Tribe's four conservation properties are within the program's Willamette Valley Focus Area.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Appointed Marine Corps veteran Cecil Donahue to the Veterans Special Event Board with a term that will expire in March 2021;
- Appointed Elder Tracie Meyer to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission with a term that will expire in March 2022;
- Re-appointed Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors with a term that will expire in September 2022 or until he is no longer serving on Tribal Council, and amended the recent appointments of Tribal Council members Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. to the board to have their terms expire in September 2021;
- And re-approved the enrollment of five applicants and approved 20 new applicants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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



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A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be Jan. 21.

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

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

Tribal Council re-appoints four to be Community Fund trustees

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

In its final meeting of 2019 held at the unusual time of 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, because Christmas and New Year's Day fell on Wednesdays, Tribal Council re-appointed four members to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees.

The board oversees the Tribe's philanthropic entity, which has awarded almost \$83 million in charitable grants since it was started in 1997.

Tribal Council re-appointed Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Jack Giffen Jr. to the board, as well as Spirit Mountain Casino Facilities Manager Ron Reibach.

The terms run through September 2021. George is a former director of the Community Fund, which is now managed by Tribal member Michael Cherry.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the agenda for the Sunday, Jan. 5, General Council meeting held in the Community Center. The Lands Department made the program report and Elders Committee election results were announced;
- Approved applying for an Oregon Youth Corps grant not to exceed \$13,000. The Tribe has received the grant for more than 20 years to help fund the summer youth crew program

at Natural Resources;

- Approved a first reading of the new Government Administration Ordinance, which would update and replace the Government Purpose, Government Organization and Procedures and Program Authorization and Evaluation ordinances. The three ordinances have not been updated since 1994;
- Approved a confidentiality agreement between the Tribes that are represented on the Portland Harbor Trustee Council;
- And approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Dec. 31 Tribal Council packet was an approved staff directive allowing Tribal Council staff to help with administrative work for the Salmonberry Trail Intergovernmental Agreement and board. The in-kind contribution will reduce the Tribe's \$3,000 annual funding commitment and not exceed 85 hours a year.

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

Conservation District seeking West Valley input

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation District and the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District are holding two Local Work Group meetings in February and March to bring together farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, and agriculture and conservation organizations to have a roundtable discussion to determine natural resource priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Yamhill County.

"I'm really trying to reach out to local Tribal members and west Yamhill County landowners who have agricultural or forestry operations and solicit input from them," said District Conservationist Thomas Hoskins.

The meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Miller Woods, 15580 N.W. Orchard View Road, McMinnville, and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the West Valley Fire District, 825 N.E. Main St., Willamina.

The local Conservation District office oversees Farm Bill grants to perform irrigation improvements, plant cover crops and do forest health and wildfire prevention, among other projects.

For more information, contact Hoskins at 503-376-7605. ■

About 60 people attended Chinook rally in Tacoma



Contributed photo

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George were part of the Grand Ronde Tribal contingent that traveled to Tacoma, Wash., on Monday, Jan. 6, in support of the Tribe's bid to re-apply for federal recognition.

whether the Department of the Interior can ban Tribes from re-petitioning for recognition and whether the department erred when it said that the Tribe had to be federally recognized to be beneficiaries of funds awarded to Chinook descendants for the land taken from the Tribe in the 19th century.

About 60 people attended the rally and represented, in addition to Grand Ronde, the Duwamish and Cowlitz Tribes as well.

Leighton said that he is retiring from the federal bench in August and wants to resolve some of the issues in the case before a new judge takes over.

No decision was handed down during the Jan. 6 hearing. ■

Includes information from the Chinook Observer.

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On Nov. 26, the Tribe asked Leighton to rule on the case. In a post on its Facebook page, the Tribe asked people to bring drums, prayers and voices to support the Tribe's cause.

"It is extremely important that Judge Leighton sees that our case has support behind it and the decisions he makes affect people," the post said.

Leighton was asked to rule on

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

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'I've always known who I was'

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Beginning Thursday, Jan. 23, and running through Sunday, Feb. 2, in Park City, Utah, the Sundance Film Festival attracts filmmakers from all over the world and includes full-length features and short films; series and episodes; and showcases emerging media forms. Since 1978, hundreds of films featured at the festival have gained critical acclaim.

"mañi" is produced by Sky Hopinka, 35, a language teacher and video artist who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia. He collaborated with Mercier, the Tribe's Cultural Resources specialist, for the past three years. Scenes were filmed during Canoe Journey 2018, as well as at different areas in Grand Ronde and the Tribe's ancestral homelands, the Oregon Coast, and on the Washington and Oregon sides of the Columbia River.

"This is an experimental film and there are many aspects I'm hoping the audience will take away," Hopinka says. "I'm hoping they take a different look at Native culture and the relationship of myth and language. It's our way

of opening up the possibilities of what Indigenous art and cinema can look like."

Hopinka, a Ho-Chunk National and descendant of the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians, is a fluent Chinuk Wawa speaker who helped teach Mercier the language while a student at Portland State University 10 years ago. He grew up in Ferndale, Wash., and spent several years living in the Portland area.

"I've always known who I was," Hopinka said in an interview with *Filmmaker* magazine. "It's always been a part of my life."

Hopinka's early films feature the reawakening of and interest in Indigenous language and filmmaking. He undertook the projects to "feel like we had control over what we were doing and the films we were making."

Hopinka works as an associate professor of film, video and animation at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, and his video work centers around "personal positions of homeland and landscape, designs of language and facets of culture continued within, and the play between the accessibility of the known and unknowable," according to his website.



Sky Hopinka

As a 2018-19 Radcliffe-Harvard Film Study Center Fellow, Hopinka worked on post-production for the film. He has had a number of shorter films featured

at Sundance, ImagineNATIVE Media + Arts Festival, Projections at the New York Film Festival, Toronto International Film Festival's Wavelengths and others.

This isn't Hopinka or Mercier's first collaboration. Several years ago, they worked together on a short film called "huyi huyi," which means "trade" in Chinuk Wawa.

"This is a follow-up to that," Mercier says. "I'm really excited about it. This isn't something I ever thought I would be a part of. It's really cool how he is changing the narrative in Native film and telling our story in a different way. He is on the leading edge of Native cinema."

During a screening of the film in Grand Ronde three months ago, Mercier said that even those who

were not well versed in Tribal culture, language and storytelling had positive responses after seeing it.

"People had a lot to say about this," Mercier says. "It gets at the heart of our people's identity by putting it into visual form. It is modern myth telling. If our ancestors had access to this technology, they probably would have used it to tell a story."

Native Americans have a long history of being exploited and stereotyped when it comes to filmmaking, but that is changing.

"This is good exposure for our community," Mercier says. "We're a positive example to many Tribes with our progressiveness, and this is another aspect that fits into that."

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey will attend the Film Festival to represent the Tribe at the screening.

Hopinka isn't sure if the film will be released for distribution, but he plans on holding screenings in Portland and Grand Ronde in the future.

To watch a trailer for the 80-minute documentary or check a calendar of upcoming screenings, visit www.skyhopinka.com. ■

TABLE GAMES DEALER SCHOOL

WHAT:

Learn to deal Blackjack and several other games. A commitment of six weeks* is needed to potentially become a Part-Time Black Jack Dealer. Additional five-week commitment immediately following to learn additional games to maintain employment.

WHO:

Preference will be provided to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; although all applicants are welcome to apply for consideration.

WHEN:

Deadline to apply is Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. Training begins on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020 and ends April 30, 2020. (11 weeks total, 6 weeks Blackjack, 5 weeks additional games) Class Times: Monday - Thursday. Class times will be decided based on availability of the majority of students.

WHERE:

Training is held in the Table Games Training Room at Spirit Mountain Casino

HOW:

On-line Application Instructions:

1. Go to www.spiritmountain.com/careers
2. Select View Current Positions for external applicants (current SMGI employees will log into Ultipro and then select Menu, Myself, My Company, View Opportunities)
3. Select Dealer School Student. Please read information about the school.
4. Select Apply Now at top right hand corner of the screen.
5. Select Sign-in if you already have an account or fill in registration information to create a new account.

All training is unpaid time and should not interfere with your current work schedule.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Applicant selection will be based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Tribal Member preference will apply

(ONE CLASS OFFERED, MINIMUM OF 12 STUDENTS)

- Seniority with the company and must be in good standing for current employees
- External applicants must demonstrate good work history
- Passing score for basic math entrance exam
- Ability to obtain High Security Class III Gaming License

Upon successful completion of the school, students will be required to pass a dealing audition.

Dealer positions are not guaranteed. Open positions will be posted and filled using the regular employment process as business needs arise.

All students should be prepared to work at part-time status if offered a Dealer position.

*After completion of six weeks of school, students must complete additional Five-week training in Three Card Poker, Let It Ride, Ultimate Texas Hold'em & blackjack variants to maintain employment. Students will not be eligible for full-time positions

without knowledge of these additional games.

Once a student is hired as a Dealer, mandatory classes for Pai Gow Poker and Pitch Blackjack will be required in order to maintain employment.

For more information or assistance, please contact employmentteam@spiritmtn.com,

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Early Head Start Program Family Educator Barbara Mackey participates in an agility exercise.



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member and Cultural Resources Senior Administrative Assistant Tauni McCammon tries out her newly learned boxing punches with Combat Sports Center owner Daniel Priebe during the Fitness & Self Defense seminar held in the Tribal gym on Monday, Jan 6. The free event, sponsored by the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, had three sessions throughout the day that focused on senior fitness and fall prevention, bully proofing children and adult self-defense.

Visit Smoke Signals' [facebook](#) page to see more photos

Every Tribal response worth approximately \$3,200

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we get these numbers up. I've made it a personal goal of mine."

Dugger has been working since the summer to streamline the process. She formed a committee with representatives from different Tribal government departments who meet monthly. The group recently had the daunting task of sending out census reminder fliers to 3,750 Grand Ronde Tribal families living in the United States. With the help of census employees in Salem and Grand Ronde TERO workers, they were able to accomplish the task in just one day.

"One of the challenging parts is the funding," Dugger says. "Thankfully, we have had different Tribal departments give out funds and resources to get this done. Tribal Council is 100 percent behind the effort as well."

Another avenue Dugger is utilizing to increase awareness is "lobby stands," which will be located in different areas on the Tribal campus, and will include snippets of information about the upcoming census. She's also created a Facebook page and website with census details.

The next task is to recruit Native American census takers who are known in the community.

"During the 2010 census, there were no recognizable people from our community to take the information, so when the workers showed up at people's homes, they were pretty much stonewalled," Dugger says. "Another thing we want to do is let people in housing know that the information they provide



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Housing Department Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger talks about the Tribe's plan for the upcoming census on Monday, Jan. 6. Dugger stressed the importance of an accurate count and talked about employment opportunities that will become available.

will be completely confidential. So if they are worried that someone who is not on the lease will get them in trouble, there is no concern because we are forbidden to have that information. It is a firewall we cannot breach."

Tribal residents living in the Grand Ronde or Portland areas who are interested in becoming census takers are encouraged to contact Dugger. She notes that the job is a good fit for many because employees set their own hours, pay begins at \$18 per hour, and the money they earn will not be counted toward any assistance they currently receive.

"It is basically a free pass and

really helpful if you need extra income," Dugger says. "There are some who may be intimidated by the federal background check, but that should not be a deterrent because as long as applicants are honest about their history, they will likely give you a pass in many circumstances."

She adds that census taker jobs do require the applicant have a driver's license, but the government reimburses for mileage at the federal rate of 57 cents per mile.

For those who do not want to receive a knock on their door by a census taker, there are other ways to respond. For the first time, the

census will be available online. Other options are to call or use mail delivery to return the questionnaire. Residents can begin this process when the census starts on Wednesday, April 1.

"It is very important to participate in the census," Dugger says. "Many programs the Tribe has are grant funded and these are developed off census numbers. Every Tribal response we get is worth approximately \$3,200. That makes a huge difference and funds our grant-driven programs."

To help ensure participation is at the highest levels, Education Manager Angela Fasana applied for and received a \$2,000 grant through United Way to purchase laptops and iPads to help encourage census participation online for those who lack home computer access.

Grand Ronde was one of 25 Tribal applicants out of 500 that received the grant. The laptops and iPad will be available at the Tribal Library later this year for anyone who needs to research information.

"We'll be working through the summer to gather accurate data and we're hoping it will go smoothly," Dugger says. "We're here and willing to help anyone with a need. We're really invested in this going well."

The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government conduct a census every 10 years to determine how many people are living in the United States and a controversial Trump administration proposal to include a citizenship question on this year's census form was struck down by a federal court ruling. ■

Afterhours health line

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

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

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

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Reibach to be featured on 'Oregon Art Beat'

Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach, a Grand Ronde Tribal member of Kalapuyan descent and world-renowned Native American flutist, will be featured on Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Oregon Art Beat" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, and 1 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2.

The episode is titled "Circles of Life" and profiles Looking Wolf, who is a "master of Native American flute." ■

Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather.

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January 24th / 12-1PM

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Seating is limited to 40. Guests are welcome to bring a lunch while catching a glimpse into the past.



Walking On...

Yvonne Rosalie Pauline Grout

July 31, 1941 – Jan. 1, 2020

Vonnie passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2020, at the age of 78 at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville surrounded by her family.



Vonnie was born on July 31, 1941, in Salem, Ore., to Harvey and Hattie (Riggs) Ducharme, who both preceded her in death. Vonnie had four sisters: Violet (Richard) Zimbrick, Joann Empey, Joyce (Gene) Carson and Judy (Dave) Nelson. She was preceded in death by her brother, Dennis Ducharme, who died at the age of 18.

As a child, Vonnie grew up in Grand Ronde, where she lived until her death. She attended grade school at St. Michael's Catholic Church and graduated from Willamina High School. Vonnie enjoyed playing volleyball and lettered in that sport.

Vonnie married Harvey Grout on Aug. 18, 1960, in Gold Beach, Ore., and they were married until his death in May 2018. They also renewed their vows in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. They had two children, Tina Grout of Willamina and Rick (Barb) Grout of McMinnville. They also had four grandchildren: Tiffany Clark, Danny Clark, Jennifer Clark and Jacob Grout; and five great-grandchildren: Nekoda Bowers, Seth and Jade Rhodes, and Aliya and Hayden Johnson.

Some of Vonnie's passions were her Catholic religion, her children and grandchildren, her various dogs she had over the years and Elvis Presley. She also was very proud of her Native American heritage and loved to ride in hotrod cars.

Vonnie will be missed by all who knew her. Services for Vonnie will be held at St. Michael's in Grand Ronde at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, and a reception will follow at the Tribal Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. To leave condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

Betty Gail Scott

July 7, 1950 – Jan. 2, 2020

Betty Gail Scott was born to John William Lee and Florence Faye Lasiter on July 7, 1950.



She graduated in 1968 from Eureka High School in California and moved to Oregon in 1970. In 1978, Gail met and married George Scott and in 1982 they moved their family to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they attended Nazarene Bible College, graduating in 1987.

Gail and George spent 35 years in ministry, serving communities in Oregon, Delaware and Colorado. George pastored at the Grand Ronde Church of the Nazarene from 1997 to 2005 and has been pastoring there for the last two years as well. Betty was an educational assistant at Grand Ronde Elementary School from 1998 to 2005.

Gail had a deep love for humanity, claiming that her hobbies in life were taking care of her home and loving her family.

She is survived by her husband, George, and nine children: Donna Bray of San Antonio, Texas, Don Anderson of Warrenton, Ore., Tina Winpigler of Scio, Ore., Janet Anderson of Wheeler, Ore., Sarah Scott of Beaverton, Ore., George Scott Jr. of Naselle, Wash., Amanda Haselden of Beaverton, Kelly Monk of Albany, Ore., and Corinna Campbell of Monmouth, Ore. She also is survived by 19 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one sister, Glenda of Oklahoma.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Cornerstone Church of God in Independence.

Contributions may be donated to the National Cancer Institute or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Farnstrom Mortuary is caring for the family. Memories and condolences may be shared at FarnstromMortuary.com.

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1258	Substance Use Disorder Therapist	10	\$47,054.96/yr.	\$52,395.55	01/10/2020	01/23/2020
1257	Quality Improvement Manager	17	\$90,009.12/yr.	\$112,511.41/yr.	01/10/2020	01/23/2020
1256	Staff Accountant	11	\$24.88/hr.	\$30.53/hr.	01/10/2020	01/23/2020
1255	Adult Foster Care Caregiver On-Call	6	\$15.77/hr.	\$18.96/hr.	1/10/2020	1/23/2020
1253	Meth & Opioid Coordinator	9	\$20.57/hr.	\$25.23/hr.	1/3/20	1/16/2020
1252	Radiology Lab Technician On-Call	8	\$18.70/hr.	\$22.94/hr.	1/3/20	1/16/2020
1232	Police Officer	11	\$24.88/hr.	\$30.53/hr.	10/25/2019	01/16/2020
1223	Clinic Systems Coordinator	13	\$30.11/hr.	\$36.95/hr.	10/25/2019	01/16/2020
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	\$115,309.56/yr.	\$149,752.68/yr.	5/24/2019	01/16/2020
1082	Physician	23	\$147,497.41/yr.	\$199,320.82/yr.	10/4/2019	01/16/2020
1040	Temporary Pool	2	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.77/hr.	4/16/2018	4/02/2020

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:
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Friday, Dec. 20

- Assist outside agency with a report of a crash in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18. Report was unfounded.
- Assist outside agency with a report of child abuse in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 28600 Salmon River Highway. A person was walking in the roadway.

Saturday, Dec. 21

- Counterfeit bill reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported harassment in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a citizen contact in the Sheridan area.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Highway 18B and Hill Drive.

Sunday, Dec. 22

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was cited and released for previous counterfeit bill.

Monday, Dec. 23

- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was locked out of his vehicle.
- Assist outside agency with a medical response in the 8800 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Reported criminal mischief in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up call in the Sheridan area.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

- Reported trespass in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. No suspects were located.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the Sheridan area.
- Assist outside agency with a suicidal person in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road. The person of interest was contacted and the report was unfounded.
- Assist outside agency with shots heard in the 7900 block of Rowell Creek. A male was arrested by Polk County deputies for animal abuse.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

- Trespassing reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with an unattended death in the 8200 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Assist outside agency with loose horses in the area of milepost 20 on Hebo Highway.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle crash involving deer in the area of Highway 22 and Sawtell Road.

Thursday, Dec. 26

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A stolen cell phone was recovered to be returned to owners.
- Assist outside agency with an unattended death in the 8300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Report of a single vehicle crash involving a deer in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

Friday, Dec. 27

- Reported theft in the 8300 block of Rowell Creek Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was issued a citation for second-degree criminal trespass and released.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the 55700 block of Hebo Road.
- Traffic assist occurred in the area of Hebo Road and Highway 18.

Saturday, Dec. 28

- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of AR Ford and Rock Creek roads.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 4 on Highway 22.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for criminal trespass and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a reported theft in the 23800 block of Yamhill River Road.

Sunday, Dec. 29

- Reported theft in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a reportedly emotionally disturbed person in the Willamina area.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the Willamina area. The vehicle was reported stolen.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request for a traffic stop that occurred in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.

Monday, Dec. 30

- Missing person reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. The missing person was later found.
- Assist outside agency with a reportedly emotionally disturbed person in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported trespass in the area of Big Buck Campground. A female was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of methamphetamine. A male was arrested for possession of methamphetamine.
- Report of a dog bite in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for delivery and possession of methamphetamine and a female was cited for possession of methamphetamine.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 25000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle. A male was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18. A male was walking in the roadway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18. A female was arrested for possession of heroin.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Jan. 1

- Single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18. A male was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver and reckless driving.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18. A female was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and recklessly endangering another person.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.

Thursday, Jan. 2

- Traffic stop occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road. A male was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Recovered stolen vehicle in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 2 on Highway 18B. A runaway juvenile was located and returned home.

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

Grand Ronde Royalty

If you are interested in participating in the 2020–21 Grand Ronde Royalty please take the following steps:

- 1) Come in, write, or e-mail — Give your name and address so we can send you the application.
 - a. CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs, 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 - b. publicaffairs@grandronde.org — chelsea.clark@grandronde.org
- 2) Complete the application with a parent and/or sponsor and return before Friday, March 27, 2020.

GRAND RONDE ROYALTY

Participating in Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol, and public speaking. Participants represent the Tribe by attending various community events and powwows where we also work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB) Royalty participants.

Serving on Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities: organizational meetings, powwows, parades, fundraisers and more. We encourage all Tribal youth ages 4 – 18 to join.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020:

- Warriors: 4 – 18 years of age**
- Tiny Tot (Honorary): 4 – 6 years of age**
- Little Miss Grand Ronde: 7 – 10 years of age**
- Junior Miss Grand Ronde: 11 – 13 years of age**
- Senior Miss Grand Ronde: 14 – 18 years of age**

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be drug, alcohol and tobacco free
3. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
4. Must be single with no dependents
5. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

We Want To Hear From You!

That's right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say. ■



Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 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 July 1, 2020



Must submit photos of progress when requested

Bid Deadline is Jan. 31, 2020 (deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to:
CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs
9615 Grand Ronde Road
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.

Public Notice

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program Community Development Statement Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Grand Ronde Community Service Center Addition Project

The Tribe held a 2019 Tribal community input meeting in June and many Tribal programs were displayed at open house tables, including Social Services and the Domestic Violence program, and comments and suggestions for the Housing and Urban Development - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program were taken. Following HUD's Notice of Funding Availability in November, the Tribe solicited for ICDBG project suggestions from all Tribal managers. This was followed by discussions and updates with the General Manager and Tribal Council. Council reviewed several eligible ICDBG project suggestions and construction of an addition to the Community Service Center in support of the Domestic Violence program received the most support.

ICDBG is a competitive grant program whose funds are intended to meet an essential community development need and to benefit the neediest segment of the population. The proposed construction of this addition to the Community Service Center will primarily serve women and children from low-moderate income households.

The Tribe's Community Service Center was initially built in 1991 and was added on to for the Children Family Services Program in 2010. Client needs have continued to grow with domestic violence among the most recent additions. The proposed project will construct a 2,000-square-foot building addition with staff offices, small meeting rooms for client services, and associated site work. The proposed development cost in support of the Domestic Violence program is \$1 million and would be covered by \$750,000 from this ICDBG grant and \$250,000 from eligible local matching funds. Building operation and maintenance costs are estimated at \$18,000 a year.

To comment on the proposed application, please contact Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Development manager, at 503-879-2250 or send your comments to him at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Written comments should be provided by 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020.

Council will review comments collected to date at its Jan. 21, 2020, Legislative Action Committee meeting and again at its Jan. 22, 2020, Council meeting at which time Council will consider authorizing this application. Council also will consider comments provided by Grand Ronde community members in determining whether to make any modifications to the application. The resulting application will be available for review.

The ICDBG grant application is due on Feb. 3, 2020.



DONATIONS REQUESTED Grand Ronde Language Education Building Project

Funding obtained to date:	HUD ICDBG	\$500,000
	HUD IHBG	\$167,000
	BIA	\$70,000
		<u>\$737,000</u>

The Tribe is pursuing a new language building on the Tribal campus. While our current grant funding is for K-4, a larger building could serve both younger and older children. The new building would allow the Tribe to move the Lilo preschool class out of the rented modular classroom and give them room for more children.



The Tribe is reaching out to different foundations to help fund this endeavor. Foundations may contribute to the project but they want to see local community participation before they do. The Tribe would love to show these foundations how much the tribal community supports this effort through its willingness to donate. Please consider donating \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help give our students the space and the classrooms that they need. While a dollar here and there adds up, it also gives us a list of people who have donated and helps demonstrate our community support for the project.

Donations can be made by sending a check to the Tribe's Finance Department. The check should be made out to the "Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribe" with "for Language Bldg" specified on the notes line. Donations can be mailed to the Finance Department, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. For more information please call Angela Fasana, Education Department manager, at 503-879-2284.



Ag Department accepting Tribal Scholars applications

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking applications for its 2020 Tribal Scholars scholarship program.

The program was established in 2008 and provides full tuition, fees, books and workforce training to students pursuing degrees in agriculture, food, natural resources sciences and related academic disciplines. When a student has completed the academic and summer work requirements for the scholarship, the department may convert the student to a permanent employee without further competition.

The program is available to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college and current freshmen, sophomores or juniors. General requirements include a GPA of 3.0 or higher and acceptance to or currently attending Tribal college or university. The scholarship is renewable each year and is contingent on satisfactory academic performance and progress toward an associate or bachelor's degree.

Application materials must be postmarked by Feb. 9. For more information, send an e-mail to 1994@usda.gov.

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. ■

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. ■

GET FIRED UP FOR READING

Winter Reading Program
Jan. 25 - Feb. 24, 2020



We will be building a Library Dragon again this year!

For All Ages

- For each book read we will add a dragon scale with the reader's name and title of the book on it.
- Reading may include independent reading and children being read to.

Keep track of the books you read so we can add your books to help build our dragon.

Last year's dragon had more than 266 scales; that's 266 books read! Our goal this year is to read 300 books.

Come by and pick up a reading log, you can also e-mail in your finished book titles to crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Winter Reading Program "Get Fired Up For Reading" begins Jan. 25 and runs through Feb. 24: This program is open to all ages. We will be building a dragon again this year! For each book read we will add a dragon scale with the reader's name and title of the book on it. Last year's dragon had more than 266 scales; that's more than 266 books read! Our goal this year is to read 300 books. Help us reach our goal by signing up. Come by and pick up a reading log or you can e-mail in your finished book titles to crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org.

"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 Tribal Library entrance.

New Native elementary level books: "Bull Trout's Gift" (Salish-Kootenai), "First Laugh, Welcome Baby!" (Navajo), "I Am Dreaming of ..." (Northwest Native), "My Heart Fills With Happiness" (First Nations), "Speak Our Language" (Tututni, Upper Coquille, Tolowa, Galice, Athabaskan) and "Little You" (First Nations).

DVD selection: Come check out the Tribal Library's ever-growing movie collection that has more than 1,900 DVDs/Blu-ray formats to choose from.

Recent 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 in order to provide patrons with an outlet to request book/media content we may not currently have.

Book review: "Elevation" by Stephen King.

In this short story, Scott Casey has developed a peculiar condition. Although his appearance has not changed, he is steadily losing weight with no known cause. He has also developed the energy and vigor of his younger self. No matter how much he eats the weight won't stop coming off.

Realizing his time is running out, Scott decides to do a good deed for his new neighbors by trying to make their town, Castle Rock, more welcoming and accepting of them.

This book is not your typical dark and frightening Stephen King novel. It is a sweet, uplifting tale with a touch of sadness. Folks who are not into King's horror stories should pick this one up. This book is only 160 pages — a short quick read — which is a break from King's unusually large novels. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

Donations: A special thank you to Jiy Two-Feathers Williams, Judith Hay, Perri McDaniel, Joe Kirk, Deborah Marrington, Curtis Wright and others 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

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"Woman, Infant and Children"
Nutrition for you and your family

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



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

New Faces In Optometry



Dr. Terri Knowles



Sandra Galligher



The Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center has some new faces in Optometry. Please meet Dr. Terri Knowles, our new Optometrist. Dr. Knowles attended Optometry school at Pacific University and received her doctorate of Optometry with Distinction in 2017. Dr. Knowles enjoys providing optometric care to people of all ages and strives to enhance the vision and general health of all her patients. We also are pleased to introduce Sandra Galligher as our new Optometry Technician. Sandra is a local community member that brings more than seven years of experience in this field, and more than 16 years in customer service experience. They are both very excited to be a part of the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, to help assist and educate the community, as well as Tribal members on vision health care. Please call 503-879-2097 to make an appointment now.



Mobile Mammography

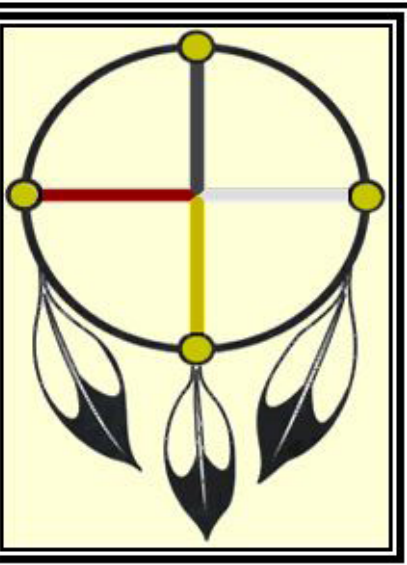
Convenience • Privacy • Certified women technologists State-of-the-art equipment • ACR- & FDA-accredited

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

To schedule an appointment, please call Kandee Little at 503-879-2089

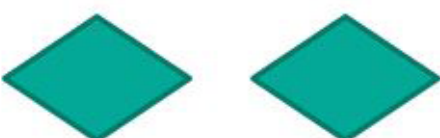
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020

Location: CTGR Health Clinic upper parking lot



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- Full service laboratory testing
- Suboxone or Subutex therapy
- Behavioral Health Addiction Services coordination
- Naloxone (Narcan) safety
- All services in a confidential environment



“We offer a holistic approach to recovery, including services that focus on physical, spiritual, and emotional needs.”

- Assessment
- Outpatient treatment services
- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Individual therapy
- Relapse prevention
- Assistance with Treatment
- Options for Residential Services
- Coordination of care with medical team



MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) SERVICES
9615 GRAND RONDE ROAD
GRAND RONDE, OREGON 97347

Clinic Hours

8am - 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
930am - 5pm Thursdays

Contact Information

Medication Assisted Treatment Coordinator:
Linda Gehrke, LPN (503)879-2094

Clinical Nurse Manager:
Christa Hosley, RN, BSN (503)879-4616

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) SERVICES

GRAND RONDE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

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. ■

Paid ad

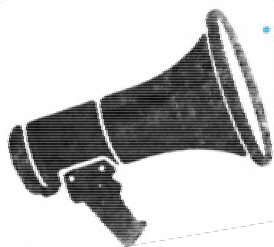
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Powwow Special Event Board is seeking Native Artists for the 2020 Annual Contest Powwow logo.

Please submit your logo designs in **black and white & full color.**

Mail or email designs to:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Powwow SEB
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Email: shannon.simi@grandronde.org



**Deadline to submit designs is
Friday, January 31st, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.**

Questions: please contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037 or Shannon Simi at 503-879-1358.

Elders cookbook now on sale

Tribal Elders have created a cookbook that includes many recipes submitted earlier in the year.

Elders had 200 cookbooks printed and they are available for sale for \$15 each. The cookbooks are hardback and include about 200 recipes.

Cookbooks can be purchased at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Checks or cash will be accepted. All proceeds go back into the Elders budget. ■

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

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 Tribal Member Review Board
(open to all community members) (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/>

SEAGRASS SKIRT MAKING CLASS

WHEN
January 15th
5pm – 7pm

WHERE
Grand Ronde
Community Center

Indigenous Project LAUNCH Parent Partner, Brian Krehbiel, is offering a mother/daughter grass skirt making class. This will be for children ages 0-9 and a mother or mother figure; grandma, auntie, sister, etc. if possible.

Please RSVP with Keri Kimsey @ 503-879-2476 or email keri.kimsey@grandronde.org



FREE CLASS

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. LIMITED TO 10 SPOTS

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED