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So far away

Tribal member digs living in Spain as she studies paleontology

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series
of stories in 2020 about Grand Ronde
Tribal members who live abroad.)

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

When it comes to the eight Grand Ronde Tribal members who live abroad, Sharrah Marie McKenzie is the second closest.

Residing in Barcelona, Spain, McKenzie is approximately 5,600 miles from Grand Ronde. Just the continent of North America, the Atlantic Ocean and most of the Iberian Peninsula away.

When it's noon on the Grand Ronde Reservation, it is 9 p.m. in McKenzie's flat in the city center of the 5.5 million population capital of the Catalonian region of northeast Spain located on the Mediterranean Sea.

"My flat is located in a 200-year-old building," McKenzie says via e-mail. "Most of the architectural designs are traditional, such



Contributed photo

Tribal member Sharrah McKenzie and her golden retriever Gypsi enjoy going for walks along the nearby Mediterranean coastline outside of Barcelona, Spain.

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Grand Ronde Road seeing more and more potholes

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Anyone who's driven Grand Ronde Road on a regular basis is familiar with the increasing number of potholes. Although the Tribal Public Works Department performs regular maintenance before the nuisance becomes a potential hazard, every year the potholes re-emerge.

"It's a priority for us to get those fixed, but the weather needs to clear up a bit first," Public Works Manager John Mercier says. "I know it's frustrating and I appreciate everyone's patience."

Grand Ronde Road was recon-



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

A pothole on Grand Ronde Road, near the Tribal Cemetery, is representative of the many that are occurring between highways 18 and 22.

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Kennedy testifies before Congress, seeks fix to 26-year-old mistake

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples on Wednesday, Feb. 5, seeking to correct a mistake written into the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1994.

According to Kennedy's prepared testimony, the Bureau of Land Management discovered a survey error on the Grand Ronde Reservation that dates back to 1871. The error was discovered after passage of the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1988 that re-



Smoke Signals screen capture

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples on Wednesday, Feb. 5, seeking to correct a 26-year-old mistake written into the Grand Ronde Reservation Act that prohibits further Tribal land claims within the entire state of Oregon. Tribal Attorney Rob Greene, back, accompanied Kennedy on the trip to Washington, D.C.

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 1

Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE
Wednesday, Feb. 19.....4 p.m.
TIME
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:
Words cannot express the thoughtfulness of everyone coming together in our loss of my son, Larry Brandon.
Thank you for all the food you brought, the flowers, and thank you drummers and just for being there.
Myrna Brandon
Roll #44



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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 OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of Tribal Chiefs’ Day.

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



CONFINED SPACE & TRENCH SAFETY

Feb. 19, 2020
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6.....	MARCH 15, 2020
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.....	APRIL 1, 2020
MONDAY, APRIL 6.....	APRIL 15, 2020

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February

- 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.
- Thursday, Feb. 20 – Chinuk Family Winter Stories Night, 5:30 p.m., achaf-hammi plankhouse, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-1490.
- Friday, Feb. 21 – AV Club, Noon, Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.

March

- Sunday, March 1 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, March 5 – Student Success Night, 5:30 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2275.
- Monday, March 9 – Indian Taco fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. 503-879-2233.
- Wednesday, March 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday through Wednesday, March 23-25 – Spring Break Camp, B’nai B’rith Camp, Northeast Devils Lake Road, Otis. 503-879-2101.

April

- Wednesday, April 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday & Saturday, April 3-4 – Agency Creek Round Dance, 7 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- Sunday, April 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

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 Feb. 18.

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

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

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- Smoke Signals: www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- 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 2033 slates Feb. 26 meeting

The Grand Ronde 2033 – Our Future effort will hold its fourth community meeting from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the gym at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road.

Dinner will be provided and then a community conversation about Grand Ronde’s past will occur. What did Grant Ronde used to look like? How does it compare to today? How does it compare to what you want Grand Ronde to look like and be in 2033?

Storytellers from the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department will participate, as well as hearing stories from attendees regarding the earliest Reservation times through the timber economy heyday and up through today.

For more information, contact Planning Director Rick George at 503-879-2112 or rick.george@grandronde.org. ■

Elders seek Youth Comfort bag donations

Tribal Elders are seeking donations for youth comfort bags that will be donated to the Tribal Foster Care Program and given to youth during initial transition times.

Elders are seeking donations of pajamas, feminine hygiene products, hair ties/barrettes, hats, journals, pencils and pens, hair brushes and combs, deodorant, diapers, flashlights, socks, gloves, stuffed animals, underwear, crayons and coloring books, tooth brushes and paste, and shampoo and conditioner.

Also being sought are fleece fabric to make blankets and heavy duty fabric to make bags for the items.

Anyone wanting to donate should drop off items at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. ■

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. ■



CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT

FORKLIFT CERTIFICATION

8-Hour Training & Certification

Feb. 25, 2020
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21;
- And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

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 designated 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, Feb. 17, in observance of Tribal Chiefs’ 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, Feb. 21, 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 first Native Plant Propagation Workshop was held at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center. It was funded by an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant, which incorporated traditional ecological knowledge into restoration sites. One of those sites was in Grand Ronde, the second at Champoege State Park and a third at Herbert Farm in Corvallis.



2015

File photo

2010 – Two videos that were part of Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach’s anti-drug/alcohol project, “Breakin’ Free,” were available for viewing on YouTube. The music videos included “Addiction” and “You’re Not Alone,” filmed in Salem at the Historic Grand Theatre. Reibach, the Tribe’s Lands Manager and 2009 Native American Music Awards Artist of the Year, shot the videos as part of “Breakin’ Free,” a CD and DVD project that supports Native youth drug and alcohol prevention.

2005 – The Tribe began construction on three new buildings that would provide much-needed storage space for records archiving, procurement and facilities programs. Construction was done by Storm King Construction of Tillamook, with site utilities being installed by a Tribal construction crew.

2000 – Tribal leaders and employees of the Willamette National Forest signed a memorandum of understanding, which solidified a longtime relationship between the Tribe and the Forest Service. The agreement stated that that government will seek the Tribe’s input and consultation on forest management practices. Tribal leaders had been invited to two different forest excursions, where rangers and other Forest Service employees conducted tours of areas that they had improved and preserved.

1995 – Tribal Council member Ed Larsen was featured for his efforts to bring a better water system to the Grand Ronde area so the Tribe could have an adequate supply for housing needs. He was a member of the Grand Ronde Valley Water District Board of Directors and a member of the Yamhill County Action Plan advisory committee. “I am proud we have come so far, so fast,” he said. “My only regret is that I waited so long to become involved in Tribal affairs. I really love what I am doing now.”

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

Request for Proposals

Architectural/Engineering Services The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the Grand Ronde Language Education Building

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde wishes to retain an Architectural/Engineering team to perform planning and design services for the construction of an approximately 8,000-square-foot building with up to six classrooms, restrooms, kitchenette and appliances and support facilities and is anticipated to be located to the west of the existing Adult Education building. Access and parking areas will be included in the design. The building is expected to initially serve approximately 50 children, and will require additional space for future program expansion.

The Tribe plans to design the full building, but anticipates the construction may need to occur in phases depending on funding availability. The selected proposer will need to consider phasing potential in its designs.

The project is to be constructed on the Tribal Governance Center campus located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore.

Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing Lewis Younger at lew.younger@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2199.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 4 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, to Jesse White, Engineering and Public Works manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The Tribe is seeking a state grant to add two more pillars to the West Valley Veterans Memorial since the black granite pillars for the Army and Navy are running out of room.

Tribal Council OKs grant application to expand local Veterans Memorial

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

After 17 years of adding names to the West Valley Veterans Memorial, two of the four pillars are running out of room.

The black granite pillars for Navy and Army veterans are filling up and Tribal Council approved applying for a \$44,900 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Veterans & War Memorial Grant program to add two pillars to the local memorial.

If received, the Tribe would match the state grant dollar for dollar out of next year's budget.

Planning & Grants Manager Kim Rogers said during the Tuesday, Feb. 4, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the new pillars probably would be placed in the current landscaping that surrounds the memorial.

The West Valley Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 2003. It was designed by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam

War-era Marine Corps veteran.

The memorial, which is the centerpiece of the annual Memorial Day ceremony in Grand Ronde, features a man and woman dressed in traditional Native clothing standing side-by-side reaching for the sky. The four black granite pillars – one for each military branch – feature the names of Tribal and community veterans from Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan, and a few notable Oregonians, such as former Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

According to Smoke Signals' running tally, the Army pillar contains 1,140 names while the Navy pillar has 691 names. Two new pillars should last awhile since the Air Force and Marine Corps pillars still have plenty of room with 316 and 188 names, respectively.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the Tribal Lands Department's pursuit of two Grand Ronde-area forestland properties currently owned by Stimson Lumber. Tribal Lands Manager Jan

Reibach said the Tribe still has to verify the properties' boundaries before it can close on the sales;

- Approved a correction to the minimum bid rate for Douglas fir and other softwood species logs in the previously approved Fawn Thin Logging Unit;
- Approved the 2020 Right-of-Way timber sale that will bring the Tribe almost \$30,000 in revenue. In addition, some of the harvested logs will be donated to this summer's Willamina Logging Show and then returned to the Tribe afterward to be used as firewood for Elders;
- And approved the enrollment of five infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Enrollment

Ordinance and Tribal Constitution.

Also included in the Feb. 5 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that transferred \$625 from general contingency to pay for a Bob Mercier Logging Unit sign, approved a preliminary site plan for the proposed Creekside Elder Housing development on the southwest corner of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads and OK'd staff incorporating the Grand Ronde 2033-Our Future population growth scenario into the Community Development Plan.

To watch the entire Tribal Council meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

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 applying for funding to help afford the cost of the needed expansion. ■

Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m. Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you. If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■

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Plant-based eating support group starts

A Plant-based Eating Support Group meets every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Tribal Education Building through March 5. The support group offers a non-judgmental space to talk about the benefits of a plant-based diet and will discuss how this way of eating affects health, such as heart disease, diabetes, cholesterol and more. For more information, contact DeAnne Norton at dhnorton@yahoo.com. ■

Mending Broken Hearts

Healing from Unresolved Grief & Intergenerational Trauma



Youth Empowerment & Prevention is looking for adult participants for a 10 week group. We will be taking a closer look at unresolved grief, intergenerational trauma & identifying cultural practices that can enhance our healing process & help us communicate with our children about sensitive topics. Dates & Times will be identified after participants sign up.

Please contact Angey @ 503.879.4533 to sign up. Spaces are limited.

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General Council briefed on health plans for 2020

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

CLACKAMAS — The Tribe’s Health & Wellness Department has many goals for 2020: expand the medication-assisted treatment program, concentrate on Elder dental care, launch a new Pharmacy computer application and continue striving for zero complaints.

Those were just some of the goals outlined by Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe during a 45-minute presentation before a well-attended General Council session on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Monarch Hotel & Convention Center.

Rowe surveyed all of the different departments offering health care at the clinic: Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, Optometry, Pharmacy, Community Health, and Administration and Business Office.

No matter the department, however, they are all judged on the same criteria: quality care, patient access and, perhaps most importantly, patient satisfaction.

“Our complaints went down 20 percent from 2018 to 2019,” Rowe said, adding that the goal is zero complaints. “If we don’t shoot for the best We have to meet the needs for everyone who comes to us for care.”

Rowe said the Tribal clinic in Grand Ronde treats approximately 65 percent Native American patients and 35 percent non-Native, which would include Tribal employees and community members. There are about 16,000 patients annually, although that number may include duplication of patients visiting multiple departments within the clinic.

Within the Medical department, Rowe said the recent push to eliminate hepatitis C within the Tribal community has paid dividends. The



Photos by Dean Rhodes

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier gifts 96-year-old artist Dorothy Vandiver with a dentalium necklace in appreciation for her donation of “Flute Player” to the Grand Ronde Tribe. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, left, and daughter-in-law Maria Vandiver, right, look on. Vandiver, who lives in hospice care, donated the paintings to the Grand Ronde Tribe in honor of its purchase of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City in August 2019 and the Tribe’s return to Willamette Falls.



Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe gave the main presentation during the Sunday, Feb. 2, General Council meeting held at the Monarch Hotel & Convention Center in Clackamas. Rowe surveyed the 2020 goals for every department within the Health & Wellness Center.

clinic has reached an 87 percent screening rate with patients and 39 people were identified as being positive. A new regimen of drugs can cure the disease.

“The faster we catch it, the sooner we can stop that process and make people well,” she said about the effort led by Dr. Randy Blome.

In 2020, the Medical department

also will continue to expand the medication-assisted treatment effort that helps drug-dependent people get off opioids and will work with Behavioral Health to integrate their specialties into patient medical care. Currently, the clinic has 18 patients enrolled in medication-assisted treatment, Rowe said.

Regarding the Tribal Pharmacy, Rowe said a new computer application will go live on Tuesday, Feb. 25, requiring the Pharmacy to close for the day on Monday, Feb. 24. She estimates that the new system may slow down production for a week to 10 days as staff members become more familiar with it, but she said the positives to the new system will include a direct link to the U.S. Postal Service for mailing of prescriptions and allow app-based communication.

Other highlights include Dental obtaining a new panoramic X-ray machine and focusing on improved Elder dental health care, the Behavioral Health addition that is scheduled to open in late February, a new optometrist in Optometry, possible expansion of medical transportation provided by Community Health and expanding pediatric services offered by Tribal member Dr. Allison Empey to a weekly basis in March.

In closing, Rowe announced that Senior Administrative Executive Assistant Holly Snodgrass was selected as the 2020 Health & Wellness Center Employee of the Year for her work in 2019.

“She is always helpful and goes

above and beyond in all interactions,” Rowe said. “She is a positive, resourceful and excellent team member.”

Following her presentation, Rowe fielded four questions and comments from the audience. In response to an inquiry from Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Rowe said the Tribe is prepared for any possible coronavirus cases should the disease reach Oregon.

“We have been getting information from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control), and Polk and Yamhill county health departments and have shared it with our providers,” Rowe said.

The respiratory illness, which started in China, has reached the United States with a reported case in Washington state.

In other action, Mercier gifted 96-year-old artist Dorothy Vandiver with a dentalium necklace after she donated two 88-by-82-inch canvasses to the Tribe in honor of Grand Ronde purchasing the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City in August 2019.

The Lakota legend-inspired paintings, collectively called “Flute Player,” show Okaga, the South Wind, playing the instrument.

Vandiver, who lives in a hospice care home, was accompanied by her children, Robert Vandiver and Bonnie Espe, and their spouses, Maria Vandiver and Paul Espe.

“This is a profound act of generosity,” Mercier said. “We are really thankful for this.”

Tribal members also lined up to individually thank Vandiver for the donation, which will hang in a yet to be determined location.

The door prize winners were Ed Larsen, Brian Bean and Greg Archuleta, \$100 each; and Char Michelle-Westley, Donna Sanders, Erin Bernando, Robert Vandiver and Lisa Archuleta, \$50 each. Also raffled off were Health & Wellness goodie bags and 2020 vote T-shirts.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 1, at the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde.

In addition, Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen and Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems attended the meeting to distribute salmon to Portland-area Tribal members.

Following the General Council meeting, about 20 Tribal members stayed for the first of three Community Input meetings that are seeking advisory vote topics to possibly be placed on the September Tribal Council ballot. General Manager David Fullerton and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez facilitated the session.

The next two Community Input meetings will be held after the General Council meetings in March and April in Grand Ronde and Eugene, respectively.

After a list of topics is compiled, Tribal Council will select the questions to be placed on the ballot.

To view the entire General Council meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

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. ■

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‘I fell in love with the country’

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as the mosaic floors, exposed wood beam roof and outdoor drying clothes line.”

And considering her interest in the ancient past, McKenzie couldn’t be in a more perfect city. Barcelona’s earliest inhabitants date back to Neolithic times and the city itself was founded by the Romans in the first century B.C. The remains of the original defensive wall can still be found in the city’s old town area.

McKenzie, who will turn 29 in May, is Tribally descended from her grandmother, Karleen Parazoo, and father, David McKenzie.

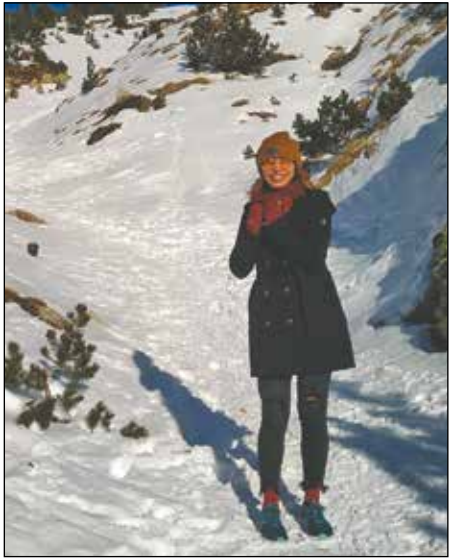
“My father’s family kept me immersed in the culture by teaching traditional food recipes and regalia construction, in addition to attending powwows and other Tribal events,” she says.

McKenzie first visited Spain after completing her degree in archaeology at Portland State University in 2016. She backpacked through France and Italy and then arrived in Spain.

“I fell in love with the country,” she says. “The historical preservation, architecture and archaeological artifacts were like nothing I had seen before. Although the city itself was impressive, the most remarkable part was the Pyrenees mountain range, which is a beautiful divide between Spain and France.”

She visited paleontology and natural history museums in Barcelona to find out more about the excavations and discoveries found in the Pyrenees, which preserved fossils from millions of years ago.

From those visits, her interest was sparked in pursuing a degree



Contributed photos

Tribal member Sharrah McKenzie lives in Barcelona, Spain, which gives her plenty of opportunities to see snow by visiting the nearby Pyrenees Mountains that separate Spain from France.



SO FAR AWAY

GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING ABROAD

in paleontology and Spain’s educational system offered many opportunities in that academic field.

“I applied to a paleontology program and was accepted into the master’s program in Barcelona,”



Map created by Samuel Briggs III

she says. “After completion of my master’s in paleontology and fossil reconstruction, I was invited to continue on to complete by Ph.D.”

McKenzie says she has two years remaining until then and may move back to the United States afterward. “Many decisions depend on job opportunities and other unpredictable forces,” she adds.

McKenzie says that besides the obvious differences of language and food between the United States and Spain, one of the biggest adjustments she has had to make is in how the Spanish interact with one another. Spaniards typically do not engage with strangers or even colleagues on a social basis.

“They have a tendency to group only with close friends and family,” she says. “Although they will almost always be friendly, it is hard to become close as an outsider to these groups.”

Another difference is the work-life balance. In Spain, there are 12 national holidays and a minimum of 22 vacation days annually compared to America’s 10 federal holidays and no legally required vacation time.

She also appreciates the public transportation that allows her to travel to far and remote locations. “The train, bus and metro systems are impeccable,” she says. “For as long as I have lived here, I have not had the need for a car.”

When people find out that she is an American, as well as a Native American, McKenzie says she often finds herself dispelling stereotypes promulgated by Hollywood. In addition, considering that Spain was one of the major New World colonizers in the 15th and 16th centuries, schools mostly teach from the European perspective when it comes to Native Americans.

“When I speak with my friends or colleagues, they tend to relate America to what they have seen in movies,” she says. “This is not surprising since it is their only real reference, but it creates a lot of stereotypes, like thinking all Americans are big consumers, own guns and love to have barbecues. ... The Hollywood influence has created a lavish, modernized type of image that most people think of when they imagine life in America.

“The first thing I noticed on the topic of Native Americans was the lack of knowledge that most people had. Very few were aware that Native Americans still existed, or that their languages and culture were still practiced today. They are not

at all familiar with any type of Native American culture or traditions. The misrepresentation of Native Americans can be seen throughout Spain in the improper use of Native art patterns and traditional designs on products, such as dreamcatchers and moccasins. All this ignorance is due to the lack of education on the history of Native Americans.

“Although there is an unfortunate lack of education on Native Americans and their history, everyone that I have encountered has been very interested in learning about it. They are very open-minded when it comes to learning about other cultures, but the information regarding Native Americans seems to always catch their attention. It almost appears as if Native American culture is this mysterious and secretive thing, so when I talk about it it gives them such a culture shock of interest and amazement.”

McKenzie, however far from home, works to remain attached to her Tribe. She receives *Smoke Signals* in Spain and visits the Tribal website frequently to stay updated on Tribal affairs and activities.

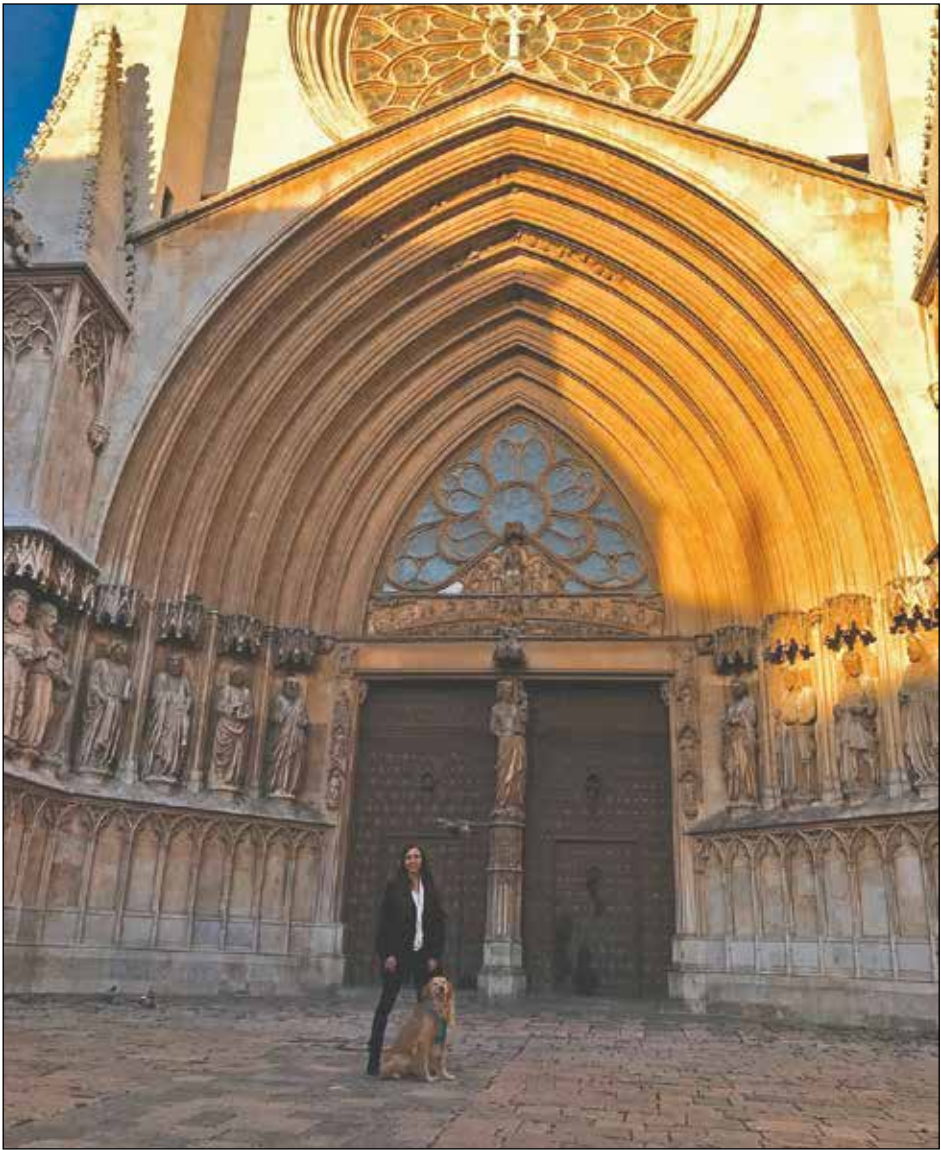
Those connections take the place of traveling back to Oregon, which is a 12- to 15-hour flight and prohibitively expensive for a student.

“I return to the United States once a year,” she says. “In order to make the trip worth the travel, I save and use all my vacation days in order to spend three to four consecutive weeks back home. This approach is the most time-cost effective, and allows me more days back home with my friends and family.”

McKenzie says she sees an importance in traveling and strongly suggests that other Tribal members try their best to make it part of their lifestyle.

“The experiences I have undergone from living abroad have allowed me to learn about myself and the world,” she says. “Through curiosity and willingness to try new things, I have learned about different cultural surroundings, teaching me about people and real happiness. I have pushed myself to incredible limits that have made me a stronger and more self-aware individual. Every day I feel more complete and in tune with my potential. I thank the Tribe for giving me the opportunity to create a better life for myself.” ■

(Next issue: Two Tribal members live on the Emerald Isle of Ireland.)



Tribal member Sharrah McKenzie stands in front of the Tarragona Cathedral outside of Barcelona, Spain, with her golden retriever, Gypsi.

‘Coyote’ on display



Photos by Kamiah Koch

“Coyote,” a 14-foot sculpture built by Grand Ronde Tribal artist Travis Stewart, now keeps a watchful eye on traffic in the roundabout at Baker Creek and Hill roads in McMinnville. The Corten steel and carved cedar sculpture was installed



on Monday, Feb. 3. “It’s a nod to the area and Coyote myths of the valley and red hills,” Stewart says. Stewart was commissioned to build the sculpture by the McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art. Committee member Steve Rupp says the committee has been trying to have a Grand Ronde artist’s work in the city for more than five years. Stewart’s work was paid for by a Oregon Community Foundation grant, the city of McMinnville and private donations. “We are very pleased to have such a wonderful sculpture in our city,” says Rupp.

Plans to reconstruct Grand Ronde Road likley to begin in 2023

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structed in 2009 and completed in 2010 for \$4.8 million using a mix of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and Polk County funds.

And the two main culprits of continuing potholes? A combination of moisture issues with Grand Ronde soil and heavy trucks using road as a shortcut to Highway 18.

“There are moisture problems continually, no matter how much we try it sneaks in and opens up the road,” Mercier says.

There are plans to reconstruct Grand Ronde Road, but the project likely won’t begin until 2023 due to other needed road work, Mercier says.

“The McPherson Road improvement is a priority if we want to build more housing,” he says. “It’s not even in our transportation plan, but more housing is something the Tribe really needs now.”

The Grand Ronde Road reconstruction will likely take a month to complete and will be done in phases so that the effect on traffic is minimal.

“Until then, I will work with the county on areas that have reached a critical repair point,” Mercier says.

Some of the more notable potholes are near the Tribal Ceme-

tery and the intersection of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

When the road is overhauled, it will entail removing the asphalt, digging out the subgrade below, filling it up again, adding rock and including a fabric that creates a barrier to keep moisture out. Then, asphalt will be poured.

Mercier estimates the project will cost approximately \$6 million and include funding from BIA and Polk County. He is hoping that the planned re-alignment of Highway 22 near the Kissing Rock curves and future Oregon Department of Transportation improvements near Spirit Mountain Casino will keep semi-trucks off Grand Ronde Road so that repairs will not be as extensive.

Currently, many truck drivers use Grand Ronde Road to access Highway 18 because of the difficulty navigating Highway 22 near the Kissing Rock curves, and the challenges with being able to turn left onto Highway 18 near Spirit Mountain Casino. ODOT’s long-term plan is to install a barrier between the east and westbound lanes, and widen the highway to two lanes.

Mercier says that anyone with pothole concerns can call him at 503-879-2400.

“I know it’s getting worse,” he says, adding that the potholes were patched again on Tuesday, Feb. 11. ■

Fee assistance

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

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Tiny dancers



From left, Tiny Tot Grace Macon, 6, Little Miss Princess Aubrey Campbell, 7, and Little Miss Princess Kalea Liebelt, 8, participate in Grand Entry during the February Youth Powwow held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The event was a time for people to eat and have a good time powwow dancing in a safe place. The event was sponsored by the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health).

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Children and adults participate in one of the dances during the February Youth Powwow held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Error discovered working on Reservation Act

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turned 9,811 acres to the Tribe. Surveyor David Thompson had incorrectly surveyed the eastern boundary of the Reservation, leaving 84 acres unsurveyed. The land also was excluded from a 1904 sale of unallotted lands within the Reservation and Grand Ronde was not compensated for it.

Until the error was discovered, BLM treated the land as Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands and permitted private companies to harvest timber on the acreage.

After being informed of the survey error, the Tribe determined the parcel, called the Thompson Strip, was unmanageable because of narrow boundaries and divided ownership interests. The Tribe agreed to accept a 240-acre parcel of grant lands adjacent to the Grand Ronde Reservation in exchange and surrender its claims to the Thompson Strip.

However, the Department of the Interior in 1994 "developed broad language that relinquished any future claims of this type within the state of Oregon" by the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"In agreeing to this land exchange in 1994, the intent of the parties was for Grand Ronde to relinquish its rights only to the Thompson Strip," Kennedy said. "There was no intention by BLM or BIA officials involved in this land swap to extinguish the Tribe's land claim rights for the entire state of Oregon."

Kennedy said the Tribe only discovered the issue recently while working on a different amendment to the Reservation Act.

"While we are not aware of any specific new survey errors or land claim issues, we do want to be proactive about ensuring that the Tribe has the right to be compensated should another problem arise," she said. "As we re-acquire lands within our Reservation boundaries, my staff tells me that we frequently find small survey inconsistencies when title searches are conducted. We want to be prepared if and when additional errors are uncovered."

House Resolution 4888, sponsored by Oregon Reps. Kurt Schrader,

Suzanne Bonamici, Peter DeFazio and Earl Blumenauer, would replace the phrase "state of Oregon" with the phrase "84 acres known as the Thompson Strip" in the Grand Ronde Reservation Act.

A companion bill in the U.S. Senate is supported by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

"On behalf of Grand Ronde, we hope the members of the Committee on Natural Resources will support this legislation and vote it favorably out of committee," Kennedy said.

Darryle LaCounte, director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the Department of the Interior, testified that the bureau suggests further investigation be conducted to see if HR 4888 is an appropriate solution.

However, under questioning by Arizona Democratic Rep. Ruben Gallego, LaCounte said that he did not know that internal BLM memos from 1994 obtained by the Tribe through a Freedom of Information Act stated that the original intention was to only eliminate Tribal claims to the Thompson Strip and not throughout the state.

"The bill extinguishes all claims established by the Executive Order of June 30, 1857," one BLM memo stated in 1994. "This bill should only apply to the Thompson Strip because there may be other similar problems that we are not aware of at this time."

In her testimony, Kennedy was critical of the Department of the Interior for not adhering to its trust responsibilities and looking out for the best interests of the Grand Ronde Tribe in 1994.

Under questioning from Gallego, she also said that Tribal Council members at the time were not aware of the broad language that was amended into the Reservation Act.

Schrader, in his written testimony supporting the bill, said it would "restore historical parity by reinstating Grand Ronde's ability to pursue claims to land within the state of Oregon that are based on their original Grand Ronde Reservation. No other Tribe in Oregon has had their land claim rights extinguished for the entire state."

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene accompanied Kennedy on the trip to Washington, D.C. ■

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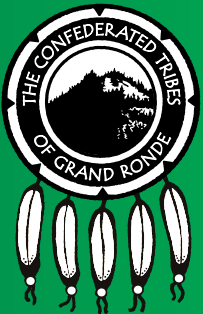


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Grand Ronde well-represented

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

PORTLAND – The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Winter Convention continues to be a well-attended event and the Grand Ronde Tribe was prominently represented in several different areas.

The annual event, held Sunday, Jan. 26, through Thursday, Jan. 30, at the DoubleTree Hilton is an opportunity for meetings, discussion, presentations and committee work that affects policy, legislation and the future of Indian Country in the Pacific Northwest.

ATNI represents 57 Tribal governments from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, northern California, southeast Alaska and western Montana. More than 24 Tribal governments were in attendance on Monday, Jan. 27.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy led the invocation, asking for a blessing upon ATNI staff, Tribal leaders and the city of Portland.

Drumming and singing were led by Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta.

Flags were brought in by the Northwest Indian Veterans Association, which included Grand Ronde Veterans Honor Guard members Al Miller, current Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. and Veterans Special Event Board Chairman Rich VanAtta.

Most Tribal Council members attended the ATNI convention, including Kennedy, Jon A. George, Kathleen George, Jack Giffen Jr., Lisa Leno, Bobb, Denise Harvey and Michael Langley.

Also attending were Tribal Attorney Rob Greene, General Manager David Fullerton, Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez.

Kennedy welcomed convention attendees to the Grand Ronde Tribe's ceded homelands, and thanked the color guard and drummers.

"Everyone has come together to enjoy each other's company and share information," Kennedy said. "It's good to be here. ... What you see today in Portland was not here 150 years ago. It was a wetland. We have all the dams on the Columbia River to keep the flooding at bay. Not far from here on the Tualatin River, the restoration of wapato is going on. It makes me feel good."

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown thanked ATNI for continuing to select Portland for its winter convention site.

"It is truly an honor to welcome you to Oregon," Brown said. "When two Tribal chairs come up to you and ask you to speak at a meeting, you do it. It's a unique and challenging time to govern, and it's important that we all work together."

Brown highlighted her years serving on the Legislative Commission for Indian Services, established 45 years ago by the state of Oregon as a means of creating a



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Former Hatfield Fellow and Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director and Grand Ronde Tribal member Bryan Mercier speaks during the Hatfield Fellowship panel on the third day of the annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Joining him on the panel of past Hatfield Fellows, from left, were Dirlle Calica (Warm Spring), Shana Radford (Nez Perce) and Mary Bodine (Warm Springs). The fellowship is sponsored by Spirit Mountain Community Fund and named after the late U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield.



Hatfield Fellow Traven Joseph (Koyokan Athabaskan/Gros-Ventre) talks about his experiences during the Hatfield Fellowship panel on the third day of the annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention on Wednesday, Jan. 29. Joining him on the panel of past Hatfield Fellows, from left, were Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director Bryan Mercier (Grand Ronde), Shana Radford (Nez Perce), Mary Bodine (Warm Springs), Bodie Shaw (Warm Springs) and Robert Ahern (Warm Springs).



government-to-government relationship between the state and its nine federally recognized Tribes.

"We've been able to make progress on a number of issues and have ongoing consultations between Tribes and the state of Oregon," Brown said. "The two things I am most proud of doing while serving on the commission are eliminating the 'S' word from geographic names and working to allow Tribal Elders to teach Native languages in schools. We must not lose any of our Native languages."

Brown also touched on the importance of participating in the upcoming 2020 Census, as well as passage of House Bill 2625, which she signed into law last spring. It directs Oregon State Police to study how to increase and improve criminal justice resources regarding missing and murdered Native American women in Oregon and report the findings to a legislative committee no later than Sept. 15,

2020.

"It's a part of our ongoing efforts in Oregon to increase resources," she said. "We know we have jurisdictional issues, lack of proper data collection and lack of trauma-informed care."

ATNI Executive President Leonard Forsman (Suquamish) told attendees that the increasing amount of political division in the country also can serve as an opportunity for Tribes to work together to accomplish common objectives, such as natural resource protection and long-term economic diversity.

"Many Tribal leaders know how important that is," he said. "Sometimes it feels like we are all alone in that. But we have an obligation to protect future generations. There are a lot of people who want a clean environment, but they also want jobs. We need to find ways to have a robust economy, but not be greedy and think short-term."

A report on missing and murdered indigenous women, and federal efforts to address the issue was given by Mark Cruz (Klamath), who serves as deputy assistant secretary in the Bureau of Indian Affairs for policy and economic development. He was appointed by Assistant

Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney in September 2018.

"We are often dealing with vexing issues of policy and law," Cruz said. "Increasingly, public safety is an evolving issue and we need to ensure the well-being of everyone



ed at ATNI Winter Convention

in Indian Country, especially our missing and murdered women.”

In August, the Department of the Interior launched a series of work sessions in Indigenous communities across the United States called “Reclaiming Our Native Communities.” This resulted in a Nov. 26 proclamation that established a Department of the Interior and Department of Justice joint task force nicknamed “Operation Lady Justice.” Its intent is to work with Tribal leaders to develop new protocols on how to handle cases of missing and murdered women in Indian Country, re-examine data gaps and create a “cold case” team to look into unsolved cases.

“Assistant Secretary Sweeney wanted me to convey that all of these sessions helped her to understand the critical need for secure holding facilities on Tribal lands and more trauma-informed training,” Cruz said.

Other Monday activities included a natural resources panel, National Congress of American Indians report and White House intergovernmental affairs presentation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler gave opening remarks to start the day.

“It’s my fourth year at ATNI and I look forward to continuing to cultivate meaningful government-to-government relationships,” he said. “It is critical for our mutual success. Our city can serve as a valuable ally to Native communities, and we can never forget the adverse policies that impacted Native peoples, and we must work to reverse those.”

Wheeler highlighted the city’s Tribal Relations program and liaison Laura John (Blackfeet/Seneca), who began her job more than two years ago to help develop Tribal relationships.

In November 2019, the city hosted its second annual Tribal Nations Summit. The event date was chosen in conjunction with November being Native American Heritage Month. Leaders from



Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director Bryan Mercier speaks on the second day of the annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Mercier is a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

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seven Northwest Tribes, including Grand Ronde, attended the two-day summit, along with hundreds of city employees.

“Our Tribal work is widespread and we are deeply committed to this work,” Wheeler said. “And we back our words with actions.”

Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director and Grand Ronde Tribal member Bryan Mercier gave a brief presentation about what has happened since he was appointed to the position in late 2018.

This summer, he is hoping to expand BIA services by opening a Vancouver, Wash., office.

“I’ve been losing people because of the commute to Portland,” he said. “To recruit and retain people, and offer services to those who live in the Vancouver area, I need an office there.”

Mercier also touched on the upcoming presidential budget, fee-to-trust discussions, BIA carryover funds, real estate services, and environmental and cultural resource management.

“Our forestry program is one of

the largest in the country and we are very active in fire management,” he said.

Other Tuesday activities included an update from the Bonneville Power Administration, the National Indian Child Welfare Association and on Tribal solar power efforts.

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Mercier took the podium again as moderator for the Hatfield Fellowship program panel.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a tribute to honor his accomplishments as an Oregon governor and U.S. senator. Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in a congressional office for eight months.

Placement of the fellow traditionally rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

“This program has been extraordinarily successful and a number of fellows have helped pass legislation that is beneficial to Indian Country,” Mercier said. “We want to get the word out to recruit the next cadre of young professionals to fill this role. Also, this program should exist in other states with other Tribes.”

Past fellows who participated in the panel discussion also included Direlle Calica (Warm Springs), Shana Radford (Nez Perce), Mary Bodine (Warm Springs), Bodie Shaw (Warm Springs), Robert Ahern (Warm Springs) and Traven

Joseph (Koyokon Athabaskan/Gros-Ventre).

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry and Grants Coordinator Angela Sears also attended and staffed a booth in the convention area.

Mercier queried the panelists on topics such as their biggest accomplishments while working in the Capitol, most rewarding aspects of being a fellow and what was memorable.

Answers ranged from helping to pass legislation that directly affected Indian Country, attending the State of the Union address, opening day at the Museum of the American Indian and serving on Capitol Hill immediately after the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

“It was a unique experience to be on the hill right after 9-11,” Shaw said. “You had the creation of Homeland Security, the anthrax scare and a very somber State of the Union. I was told I didn’t have to do the fellowship that year because of everything going on, but I am very appreciative that I did.”

Other topics discussed on Wednesday included Census 2020 information, a natural resources summit, a report from Native American Political Director Theresa Sheldon (Tulalip) and the opportunity to attend a Portland Trail Blazers game.

The convention wrapped up on Thursday, Jan. 30, with resolutions that will be forwarded to the National Congress of American Indians for consideration. In addition, Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George was elected to ATNI’s Executive Board as third vice president, becoming the only Oregon Tribal delegate on the board.

The NCAI conference will be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland from Nov. 8-13, 2020. ■

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Michael Cherry, center, and Program Coordinator Angela Sears introduce the Hatfield Fellowship panel on the third day of the annual Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Merkley slates Town Hall meeting

WILLAMINA – Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a Town Hall at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Willamina High School cafeteria, 1100 N.E. Oaken Hills Drive.

Merkley will update constituents on his work in Washington, D.C., and answer questions and invite suggestions about how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and the country.

The Willamina Town Hall will be the 410th Merkley has held since joining the U.S. Senate in 2009. ■

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Happy 101st birthday
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The Tribe’s second eldest Elder will turn 101 on March 18.
She celebrated her 100th birthday last year in Hawaii.



AV CLUB

February 21st / 12-1PM

Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center invites you to join us on February 21st for the Sixteenth session of the Grand Ronde AV-Club. Our Collections and Archive team will be showing a variety of old videos recently digitized and ready for viewing in the Chachalu Classroom from 12 - 1 pm.

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



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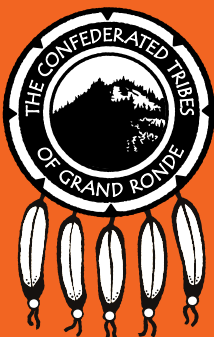
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Blomquist anniversary

Happy 73rd wedding anniversary to my grandmother Alta Blomquist and my grandfather Donald Blomquist. I love you both so much and I hope this year is just as great as all of the rest! They have been married since Feb. 15, 1947, at the age of 16 for Alta and 22 for Donald, and 73 years later at age 89 for Alta and 96 for Donald. They are still as in love as when they first got married.

Love, you granddaughter **Stephanie Jackson**



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. ■

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MONDAY-SUNDAY
6 A.M.- 9 P.M.

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SUNDAY
3 -6 P.M.

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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
5 - 7:30 P.M.

YOGA
MONDAY
5:15 - 6:15 P.M.
(\$20/MO)

DANCE (ZUMBA)
WEDNESDAY
5:15 - 6:15 .PM.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Recreational Coordinator
503- 879-1369

Security - 971-901-1031

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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.

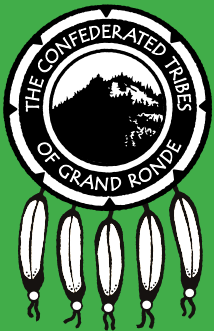
The proposed ordinance combines and updates selected provisions from two older Tribal ordinances which have been in effect since 1993, but which have not been updated since 1994, and will better reflect the current structure of the Tribal government. If the proposed Government Administration Ordinance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

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



Apprenticeship Opportunities Available For Tribal Members!

Direct entry into:
Carpentry, Cement Mason, Electrical, Pipefitting, Plumbing and Laborer Apprenticeships

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a program that trains a worker to become skilled in a particular trade. Apprenticeships combine hands-on work with classroom learning to train the apprentice. Apprenticeships are considered full-time employment. As the apprentice is learning, they are also applying the lessons through working. Earn a paycheck while you learn.

Must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent.
Must have a valid driver's license.

For more information
call Compliance Officer
Duke Kimsey at 503-879-2139

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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NEW YORK 2020

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the American Museum of Natural History are now Accepting youth applications to participate in our Annual Tamanowas Ceremony and Museum Internship Program.

APPLY/

Open to High School males that meet the following qualifications/

- Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Current Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in High School
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or above
- Oregon Resident

Application Deadline/
April 6th, 2020 by 5pm

Application is available online/
grandronde.org

For more information contact/
Travis Stewart
travis.stewart@grandronde.org

Walking On...

Sean Ray Freeman

Sept. 8, 1967 – Jan. 23, 2020

Sean Ray Freeman passed away on Jan. 23, 2020, at the age of 52. He was born on Sept. 8, 1967, in Gresham, Ore., to Thomas and Charlene Freeman.

Sean worked as a mason in construction. His passion was his hair and music, and his carefree smile was legendary. He had to always have a ton of mirrors to admire his hair and himself. He loved his children, grandchildren and whole family. He valued his Native culture and beliefs.

Sean is survived by his wife, Kathy; son, Royal Freeman of Falls City, Ore.; daughter, Shawna Freeman of Grand Ronde; siblings, Kristy, Tina, Susie, Brendan, Daniel and Bob; six grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; his ex-wife who kept him in check when needed; and lots of extended family. His daughter and son, along with his wife, helped care for him in his final months and days.

Sean was laid to rest at the Grand Ronde Cemetery on Tuesday, Jan. 28. Farnstrom Mortuary is caring for the family. Please share your memories and condolences at [FarnstromMortuary.com](#).



Dorothy Lorraine Shortt

Sept. 26, 1947 – Feb. 3, 2020

Tribal Elder Dorothy Lorraine Shortt suddenly walked on from the flu on Feb. 3, 2020, at Willamette Valley Hospital in McMinnville. She was born in Dallas, Ore., on Sept. 26, 1947, to Arlene Mary Surber (Holmes), and George Willis Surber.

She was raised in Rose Lodge, Ore., and graduated from Taft High School in 1966. She worked as a housekeeper, fern picker and a care provider for most of her young adult years while caring for her family.

In 1981, she was blessed with her only daughter. She moved to the McMinnville area in 1994 and raised her daughter and met new friends. She enjoyed helping others with rides to the store and taking country drives just so they could get out and see the world during the day, and cooking and crocheting dollies by night.

In her Elder years, she enjoyed fishing, po-ke-no with her girlfriends and playing her favorite slot machine at the casino. She also was a member of the Red Hats Society. She was very proud of her heritage and was always introducing herself and her daughter to family members throughout the Tribe.

She is survived by her younger sister, Nancy Norton of Corvallis, Ore.; daughter, Maryann Bidwell of Willamina, Ore.; two grandchildren, Taleah and Jacob Bidwell; two step-grandchildren, Austin Bidwell of Willamina and Akita Gipe of Newberg, Ore.; along with three great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and many, many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her boyfriend of 20 years, David Lee McDougall; great-grandson, Anthony Lee Bidwell; and the rest of her siblings; Marie Hoffman, Jerry Surber and Betty Dick.

Services will be held at the Tribal gymnasium in Grand Ronde at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. To leave online condolences, visit [www.macyandson.com](#)



Robert Joseph Beebe

Dec. 7, 1949 – Feb. 6, 2020

Tribal Elder Robert Joseph Beebe, 70, of Packwood, Wash., passed away on Feb. 6, 2020, at PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver, Wash. He was born on Dec. 7, 1949, to Abraham J. Beebe and Margarie I. Letlow-Beebe in Yakima, Wash.

Robert graduated high school in Woodland, Calif., and attended Davis University for one year. He was a log truck driver for TEMA Logging. He enjoyed beadwork, fishing and watching football.

Robert was very proud of his Indian heritage even traveling to the Dakotas to do the Sun Dance. Distance was not a problem when going to visit family.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jacque; mother, Margarie Beebe; daughters, Heather, Layla and Meagan; sons, David and Chris; stepdaughter, Dallas Freer and children Levi and Eligia; nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; sister, Sharon Beebe; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and aunts Emma Dulik and Pat Nichols.

He was preceded in death by his father, Abraham Beebe; brother, Doug Beebe; and one granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Valley Hills Funeral Home in Wapato, Wash.



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. ■

TRIBAL COURT

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

TRIBAL MEMBER REVIEW BOARD (TMRB)

We are looking for volunteers!

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

Qualifications:

Tribal member

At least 21 years of age

Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and

Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following:

Parenting or foster care taking; Tribal customs, traditions; Juvenile Law; Health Care; Mental Health Care; Social work; or Education.

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

WEST VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2020

NAME:		DOB:	
ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE: ZIP:
PHONE:		GENDER: MALE/FEMALE (CIRCLE)	
RANK:	BRANCH:	HONORABLE: YES/NO (CIRCLE)	
DOE:	PLACE OF ENTRY:		
DOS:	PLACE OF SEPERATION:		
DECEASED: YES/NO (CIRCLE)		PLACE OF BURIAL:	
CTGR TRIBAL: YES/NO (CIRCLE)		IF TRIBAL, ROLL#	

*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please call Steve Bobb at 503-876-3118.

Any applications received after March 15, 2020, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2021.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Ethan Sabin

Youth Education is honored to recognize Ethan Sabin as this month’s Student Spotlight for middle school.

Ethan has worked hard over the past several months to improve his grades. This determination and work ethic are why we want to highlight Ethan.

Ethan credits his current success to support from his parents, completing his homework and asking questions. He is a valuable part of the Grand Ronde community and participates in numerous activities, such as football, basketball, track and powwow.

His future plans include running for Youth Council and ultimately attending Oregon State University to study writing and poetry.

6-12 Tutor Advisor Sam Thornsberry says that over the last several months Ethan has pushed himself to succeed by seeking help from Youth Education staff and his teachers.

Ethan would like to share this with his classmates and underclassmen: “Don’t put off tomorrow what you could do today.”

– Jerald Harris, Middle School Lead Tutor



Ethan Sabin

Franklin Norwest

Youth Education is honored to recognize Franklin Norwest as this month’s Student Spotlight.

Franklin is a senior at Willamina High School and a Grand Ronde Tribal member. He has spent the past four years involved in a variety of activities in the community and school: Native Club, Canoe Journey, Youth Education activities and Summer Youth Employment. He has spent his last three summers working in the Community Garden.

After high school, Franklin plans to take a few months off to relax and then get started on either working or figuring out what to do next. He credits his academic success to really starting to try and put in effort during his junior year and the help and support he receives in the Guided Study class at the high school.

As a senior, Franklin’s advice to younger classmates would be, “Do your work, it’s easier to stay caught up instead of trying to catch up. Don’t fall asleep in class, that way you will learn something.”

Youth Education 6-12 Tutor Isaiah Sherwood said, “Franklin is proof that you can succeed when you put your mind to something. He has worked hard the past two years to get caught up, pass his core classes and work samples to graduate. We are extremely proud.”

– Kaylee Oakes, Lead High School Tutor/Guided Student Teacher



Franklin Norwest

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Jack Mercier

The Youth Education Elementary K-5 Programs would like to recognize Tribal member Jack Mercier for his growth in academics and his outstanding acts of leadership at school. He is a second-grader at Willamina Elementary School in Sara Floyd’s classroom.

“Jack is a joy to have in class. He is hard working and has a great attitude about learning. When something is hard, he perseveres through it. He takes pride in his completed work and always gives his best effort. His great work ethic is helping him to find success in school and it will help him to find success in life.” Floyd said.

Jack enjoys everything about school. His favorite subjects are math, technology and, of course, physical education. He not only excels in these areas, but has also accomplished being a PAX Master in his home room. With his title as a PAX Master, he is considered a leader to his peers and given opportunities to display positive student role modeling. Jack is a joy to tutor and is always on task when working in small groups with the Tribal tutorial staff. He works with many different people throughout the school to better himself as a student and leader.

“Jack is a very sweet, kind-hearted and creative young man. He has been working super hard during speech class and has made amazing gains. Way to go Jack!!” said Deena Arnold.

Jack enjoys many things outside of school and loves sports. He is a very family oriented youth and enjoys all the things kids do like playing Fortnite, swimming, BMX biking and learning about history, to name a few. Jack’s favorite sports are baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and football. He currently wrestles for the Willamina Mat Club and will play baseball this spring for Tri-Cities Little League. He enjoys baseball the most because he has very strong talents in the sport, and wrestling next because he gets to play “ankle tag.”

Jack comes from a large blended family and enjoys spending lots of time playing outside with all his siblings. His family is very proud of the gains he has made academically and the leadership he displays to his peers.

Here at Youth Ed, staff is excited to see this young man grow through academics and can’t wait to see the positive role he will play in our community in Grand Ronde.

– Santi Atanacio, Elementary K5 Tutor/Advisor



Jack Mercier

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT

10-Hour Training & Certification

Feb. 17, 2020 & Feb. 18, 2020
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CTGR Employment Service Center

9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
(Building C)

Registration is limited

No cost for Tribal members and \$242 for non-Tribal members

Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2188 or Email - tero@grandronde.org

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

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Friday, Jan. 24

- Traffic stop occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road. A male was cited and released for failure to carry and present a license.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Counterfeit bill reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Trespass reported in the area of Highway 18 and Fire Hall Road.
- Assist outside agency to cover Oregon State Police on a traffic stop.
- Assist outside agency in assisting Department of Human Services with visit in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in making contact with a subject in a Dallas case in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in contacting a subject for the Dallas Police Department in the Willamina area.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male and female were cited for third-degree theft.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash in the area of milepost 2 on Highway 22. The pedestrian sustained minor injuries.

Sunday, Jan. 26

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Tyee Road.
- Animal complaint received in the area of Grand Ronde Road. A loose dog was caught and returned to its owner.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the Willamina area. A male suspect was arrested for harassment by Yamhill County Sheriff's Office.
- Driving complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Jan. 27

- Report of neglect in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Reported abuse in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 4 on Highway 18.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Three males and one female were arrested for multiple valid warrants, possession of meth, possession of heroin, possession of a restricted weapon and delivery of heroin. All were transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle pursuit in the area of Highway 22 and Enterprise Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

- Warrant attempt in the 29900 block of Newsome Drive. A male was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas for a valid warrant.
- Assist outside agency with reported suspicious activity in the area of

- Highway 22 and Enterprise Road.
- Report of a runaway in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. The juvenile was located.

Thursday, Jan. 30

- Assist outside agency with a reported suicide in the Sheridan area.
- Shot fired in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency by assisting medics in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18 with a confrontational person.

Friday, Jan. 31

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 7 on Highway 18.
- Attempt to locate in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Attempt to locate hit-and-run vehicle in the area of milepost 11 on Highway 22.

Saturday, Feb. 1

- Assist outside agency with a civil issue in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a vehicle.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 23000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency with citizen contact in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.

Sunday, Feb. 2

- Assist outside agency with a fire in the 28700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for possession of heroin. Another female was issued a citation and released.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, Feb. 3

- Assist outside agency with a three vehicle crash in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Reported runaway in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. The runaway later returned home.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- Report of illegal harvesting in the area of Agency Creek Road.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person at Spirit Mountain Casino. The subject was not located.
- Reported hit-and-run in the area of Raven Loop.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Single vehicle crash involving a deer in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Loose dog reported in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court. The dog was returned home.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Feb. 6

- Suspicious activity reported in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Reported phone scam in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with reported criminal mischief in the 8500 block of Fort Hill Road. A male was arrested by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Clint Cardwell.

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POLK COUNTY

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Happy Leap Year!

The CTGR and Veterans SEB Royalty Courts have stayed busy. Now is the time to consider joining! We are looking for participants to positively represent their Tribe.

Participating requires a considerable commitment but also provides numerous opportunities to have unique experiences and memories.



2019 Events & Powwows

January 19: PCC Sylvania Wacipi Powwow
February 23: Chemawa Birthday Powwow
March 8: Native Youth Wellness Day & March 8 - 9: Grand Ronde Agency Creek Round Dance
March 16: Willamette University NISU Powwow
April 13: Chemawa Spring Powwow & April 13 - 14: Southern OR University NASU Powwow
April 25: Chachalu Culture Night
April 26: Youth Powwow
April 27: Western Oregon University Powwow
May 4: Portland State University Naimuma Powwow
May 9: Rose Festival Court Visit
May 11 - 12: University of Oregon Mother's Day Powwow
May 18: Oregon State University Powwow
May 25 - 26: Klamath Memorial Day Powwow
May 27: Memorial Day Observance program
June 1: Starlight Parade
June 8: Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade
June 14: Royalty Car Wash Fundraiser & June 14 - 16: Delta Park Father's Day Powwow
June 19: Youth Summer Kick-off Powwow
June 30: World Beat Festival
July 1: St. Paul Rodeo Announcer Stand Blessing
July 4 – 8: UNITY National Conference
July 12 - 14: Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow
July 15: Elder Honor Day
July 15 - 28: Canoe Journey Paddle to Lummi
July 25 - 30: Julyamsh Powwow & Silverwood Park
August 7: Family Night Out
August 9 - 11: Siletz Powwow
August 16 - 18: Grand Ronde Contest Powwow
August 23 - 25: Klamath Culture is Sacred Powwow
September 14: Mill-Luck Canoe Races - or - NAYA's Neerchokikoo Powwow
September 26: Back to School Youth Powwow
October 4 - 6: Stillwater Powwow
October 12 - 13: Burns Paiute Social Powwow
October 14: Salem's Indigenous Peoples Day
October 19: Honoring the Spirit of Cowlitz Powwow
October 25: GR Halloween Party
October 26: Plankhouse Birthday
November 8: Vets SEB Veterans Dinner
November 9: Chemawa Veterans Powwow & November 9 - 10: Klamath Veterans Powwow
November 14: Chinuk Family Night Restoration Powwow
November 16: Siletz Restoration Powwow
November 22: Grand Ronde Restoration Celebration & Powwow
December 1: Tribal Council Christmas Party

Also involved in:

- Monthly Royalty meetings
- Youth Council meetings and activities
- Fundraising
- Youth Education activities
- Youth Prevention activities
- Canoe Family events

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

Veterans Royalty

Veterans Royalty work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB). They attend powwows, parades, fundraisers, meetings and other events with the Veterans SEB and the Honor Guard. They interact with and represent all veterans. They also work with the Grand Ronde Royalty during events and activities such as Restoration, parades and fundraisers. The Veterans Royalty should know what a veteran is and the different military branches.

When Veterans Royalty attend events, they are expected to stay for the duration of the event. This includes helping to set up events, meetings and parades and dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired. Veterans Royalty should have their own regalia and be willing and able to dance.

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all Tribal youth to join.

Warriors — 8-18 years of age
Junior Veterans Queen — 11-13 years of age
Senior Veterans Queen — 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
5. Sign and comply with Veteran Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): _____

Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

Return this application to: Veterans SEB, c/o Public Affairs
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Questions? Contact Chelsea Baranski at 503-879-1418
or chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

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CTGR Youth Education 2020



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Ad by Samuel Briggs III



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

Winter Reading Program “Get Fired Up For Reading” runs through Feb. 24: The program is open to all ages. We are building a dragon again this year! For each book read, which includes audio books, independent reading, parents/grandparents reading to children, siblings reading to siblings and teachers reading to the class, 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 titles to the library collection: “The Great Gilly Hopkins” by Katherine Paterson, “Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy” by Tui T. Sutherland, “But Not the Hippopotamus” by Sandra Boynton, “I Am Dreaming of ... Animals of the Native Northwest” by Melaney Gleeson-Lyall, “My Heart Fills With Happiness” by Monique Gray Smith and “Speak Our Language” by Jaeci Nel Hall

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

Recent DVD arrivals: “Ted” and “Ted 2,” “Toy Story 4,” “Spiderman: Far From Home,” “The Secret Life of Pets 2,” “Aladdin, The Wizard of Lies” 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: “Everything I Never Told You” by Celeste Ng.

Celeste Ng's debut novel is about a Chinese-American family living in small-town Ohio during the 1970s.

Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee. Her parents are determined that Lydia accomplish all the dreams they were unable to fulfill. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the family pretense is destroyed, tumbling them into turmoil.

The story opens with “Lydia is dead, but they don't know this yet.” Talk about an attention grabber.

This novel is intriguing and I kept reading until the very end to find out what happened to Lydia. The story weaves between the grief-stricken, present-day Lee family and their past personal histories. The author delivers strong messages about racism, sexism and parenting choices.

I felt a little disheartened while reading this book. The Lee family is very broken and there were many distressing moments between its members. This book won't leave you feeling warm and fuzzy, but maybe a little more empathetic to those around you, which is always important. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow*

Donations: A special thank you to Susan Flansberg, Kathleen George, Arlettia Krehbiel, Margo Mercier, Don Day, Vicki Hamstreet 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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4TH ANNUAL STUDENT SUCCESS NIGHT

MARCH 5, 2020

5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

GRAND RONDE TRIBAL GYMNASIUM

RECOGNIZING NATIVE STUDENTS FOR
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC SUCCESS
AND ATTENDANCE.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III





HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Health & Wellness Center closures

- Monday, Feb. 17 — Tribal Chiefs’ Day
Be sure to request your prescriptions early to cover closure days.

Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather.
Health & Wellness Center staff will make every attempt to call patients during closures.
Also, please sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org or follow the Tribe’s primary page on Facebook.

What you need to know!

Grand Ronde Pharmacy Closures and New Software
Please pick up any orders prior to these dates and times.

- The CTGR Pharmacy will be closed the following days:
- Monday, Feb. 17 – Holiday
 - Monday, Feb. 24 – New Software Implementation

The Grand Ronde Pharmacy will be switching to a new processing software on Feb. 22.
• Any patient who has a credit card on file will need to contact the pharmacy on Feb. 25 or after to load the information into the new system.
• The Pharmacy voicemail and web refill system will be turned off for the day of Feb. 24.
• If possible, fill prescriptions before Feb. 21 to avoid extended wait times and possible delays in orders being mailed or ready for pick up.

Good News: The Pharmacy will mail all prescriptions at no postage cost: Feb. 10 through Feb. 21, 2020. To take advantage of this limited offer, please contact the Pharmacy staff.

Questions – please call the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Pharmacy at 503-879-2342.

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.



Mobile Mammography
Convenience • Privacy • Certified women tech-nologists 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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CTGR Community Health Medical Transportations

Call Community Health at 503-879-2078

if you need help getting to

- Doctor Appointments
- Addiction Recovery
- Dental Appointments
- Physical Therapy
- Behavioral Health
- Optometry Appointments
- Dialysis

Capacity is limited, please call at least five business days before your appointment.



Thank You, Community Health Department

2nd annual Colon Cancer Awareness Walk

Date: March 7, 2020

Time: 11 a.m.

Rain or Shine

**Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area
Highway 22 Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

Come join us for a small 20-30 minute easy walk!!

Wheelchair accessible

For more information, please call 503-879-2089

GIVEAWAYS

We will provide umbrellas for you while supplies last.

Colon Cancer Awareness Information



With Tribal Member and Colon Cancer Survivor Amber Case

Colon Cancer is Preventable, Treatable and Beatable!!!





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...when we participate in the 2020 Census.
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our communities have grown and what we need.
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information that we use for programs and grants
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