Commission on Indian Services has a new spark

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

SALEM — When the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services was formed 45 years ago, it was the first of its kind in the country: A permanent forum for consideration of Tribal-state government relations and consultation.

The state didn’t stop there. In 2001, Oregon was the first in the nation to pass a state-Tribal government relations law, which requires ongoing state consultation with its nine federally recognized Tribes. The commission has been a key partner in furthering these efforts.

After longtime Executive Director Karen Quigley retired in late 2019, the search began for a replacement. Retired Navy veteran and Oglala Lakota Nation member Mitch Sparks accepted the job in late 2019.

“T’ye always wanted to work on behalf of Native Americans,” Sparks says. “It’s a trailblazing entity.

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Twenty-five percent of the eight Tribal members who reside abroad live in the Midlands area of Ireland.

Maya Frost, 51, and her 16-year-old son, Liam O Gallachoir, are just the continent of North America and the Atlantic Ocean away. A mere 4,646 miles, give or take a few miles, or kilometers, is the distance between Ireland and Dublin.

There is also an eight-hour time difference. When it’s noon on the Grand Ronde Reservation, it is 8 p.m. in Frost’s home in Athlone.

The Republic of Ireland boasts a population approaching 6 million and controls most of the Emerald Isle that is located west of England. Northern Ireland remains part of Great Britain, which also includes Scotland, Wales and England.

“I spent many years in county Donegal in the northwest of Ireland,” Frost says via e-mail. “It is a very beautiful area. Ireland’s climate is very mild and reminds me of growing up in Oregon with the hills, rugged coastline and great views.”

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They decided to get more involved in the local community and learn about Irish culture. They have been invited to many cultural events and have made many friends.

(Take a walk through the streets of Donegal, and you will see signs and maps with Grand Ronde symbols and names.

Maya Frost and her son, Liam O Gallachoir, live in the Midlands area of Ireland, approximately 4,646 miles away from the Grand Ronde Reservation.

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Dear Smoke Signals:

I wanted to thank Youth Prevention for all they do for our youth. My daughter, Aleah Patterson Roll# 5401, attended her first Unity Conference in Arizona from Feb. 18-21. I just wanted to say that our Youth Prevention did an amazing job with our youth who attended. I want to say my daughter went down and enjoyed the Unity Conference and enjoyed herself, and they got her out of her shell and now she is working on getting her application in for Tribal Youth Council.

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Darla Patterson
Roll#1617

Correction — A story that appeared in the Feb. 15, 2020, edition of Smoke Signals contained incorrect information provided to the newspaper about stories printed in the Tribal newspaper. However, all letters received must be published unless requested. Letters must be 400 words or less. Letters to the editor are the opinions and views of the writer. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Smoke Signals.

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March
• 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.
• Friday, March 6 – AV Club, Noon-1 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.
• Saturday, March 7 – Colon Cancer Awareness Walk, 11 a.m., Fort Yamhill Skate Park off Highway 22. 503-879-2089.
• Monday, March 9 – Indian Taco fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. 503-879-2233.
• Wednesday, March 11 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center. 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
• Friday, March 13 – AV Club, Noon-1 p.m., Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.
• Monday through Wednesday, March 16-18 – Spring Break Camp, B’nai B’rith Camp, Northeast Devils Lake Road, Otis. 503-879-2101.
• Wednesday, March 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center. 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
• Friday, March 20 – AV Club, Noon-1 p.m., Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.
• 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.

Clothes Closet open Friday mornings
The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.
The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.
For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565.

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.

Official Tribal Facebook pages
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• The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: www.facebook.com/CT-GR
• Grand Ronde Mountain Community Fund: www.facebook.com/GrandRcondeCommunityFund
• Grand Ronde Health & Wellness: www.facebook.com/GRHWC
• Grand Ronde Station: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
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Mayor Chuck Bennett signed the MOU for the city.

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 March 17.
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Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mak’mak 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, SSRI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

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

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7;
• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 13;
• 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18;
• And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 27.

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.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer.

SMC ends bingo

By Dean Rhodes Smoke Signals editor

Bingo is bing-0 gone at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Due to low attendance, Spirit Mountain Casino has held its final bingo session on Thursday, Feb. 27. “This decision was carefully made after extensive efforts over the past several years, which included additional retail marketing, a new advertising campaign and numerous promotions in attempts to increase business levels,” said Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear. “Despite all these efforts, the casino was unable to raise bingo customer attendance.”

Ridgebear said bingo was operating with an average of 30 players and it needs a minimum of 50 players buy-ins to break even. During January, bingo was closed more than 50 percent of the time due to extremely low attendance.

“We are grateful to all of the guests who have supported bingo over the years and hope they will continue to find a different form of entertainment at Spirit Mountain Casino,” Ridgebear said.

Ridgebear said the casino has been offering bingo since soon after it opened in 1995 although there was a previous closing during a major slot expansion. Bingo again was offered starting in 2008.

Five Bingo Department employees have all been offered other positions within the casino.

“We also greatly appreciate the Bingo employees’ dedication and unwavering commitment over the years,” Ridgebear added.

2015 – The Tribe filled the top spot in the Education Department that had been vacant for three months. Leslie Riggs, 47, a former supervisor for the Tribe’s 477 Program, moved into the job. He moved from managing six employees to almost 50, and said he strived to be the kind of manager who “gets out of the way and lets people do their jobs.” Bringing in grants and other new funding sources, he helped meet the most pressing needs on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus.

2005 – A joint session of the Oregon Legislature was held in honor of Native American Day and the kickoff of the state’s Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration. The Grand Ronde Honor Guard posted the colors and Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison offered an invocation.

The day also included basket weaving demonstrations, a talk about Native American perceptions of Lewis & Clark, and an exhibition of Native American Day and the kickoff of the state’s Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration.

2010 – The Tribal Library received a $325,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant that would help double the size of the current 1,390-square-foot building. Added to $108,354 in Tribal matching funds, the federal grant would pay for the addition of the 1,500 square feet, and address one of the most pressing needs on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus.

2000 – Former head of the Oregon Corrections Department and Tribal Elder Bob Watson was selected as interim executive officer and president of Spirit Mountain Casino. “I’m proud to have this chance to be more closely associated with them and to be of service to my Tribe.”

1995 – Tribal Council Chair Mark Mercier spoke at a symposium at American University in Washington, D.C. He was one of several guest speakers from Tribes across the United States. The topic of the symposium was “The Republican Congress – Federal Indian Policy for a New Millennium.” Mercier and Tribal Council member Ed Larsen also met with representatives from Sen. Mark Hatfield’s office to discuss some of the Tribal’s projects and plans the Tribe had for the future.

1990 – Hearings were set for the future of Tribal trust funds. The purpose was to collect information from the Tribal membership on the draft policies for Housing, Health and Education trusts. The information collected during the hearings would be forwarded to Tribal Council and reviewed for consideration in the formulation of the final policies.

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

Families begin to gather for the Chinuk Family Winter Stories Night.

Nakoa Mercier, 18, portrays Coyote during the Chinuk Family Winter Stories Night held in acha-f-hammi on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Hattie Mercier, 14, portrays Meadowlark during the Chinuk Family Winter Stories Night held in acha-f-hammi on Thursday, Feb. 20. The main story was "Meadowlark and Coyote" and tells the story of the creation of Willamette Falls at Oregon City.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez
Tribal Council adds 24 more to Restoration Roll

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s effort to ensure that all Tribal members who should have been on the Restoration Roll are eventually placed on the historically important list continued as Tribal Council approved adding 24 more names to it during its Wednesday, Feb. 10, meeting.

The addition of 24 more names brings the total for this year to 55 additions to the Restoration Roll. In 2019, Tribal Council added 204 Tribal member names to the roll.

The Restoration Roll was the first roll compiled of Grand Ronde Tribal members after Nov. 22, 1983. However, because the membership had become so dispersed during the 29 years of Termination, all those who should have been included could not be identified at the time or were unaware that they should have had their names on the roll.

The current process, which requires Tribal members to apply for addition to the Restoration Roll, allows a Tribal member who was living on Aug. 13, 1954, and born to a Tribal member. The person was entitled to be on the roll compiled of Grand Ronde Tribal members after Nov. 22, 1983. How- ever, because the membership had become so dispersed during the 29 years of Termination, all those who should have been included could not be identified at the time or were unaware that they should have had their names on the roll.

The current process, which re-quires Tribal members to apply for addition to the Restoration Roll, allows a Tribal member who was living on Aug. 13, 1954, and born to a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, to be added.

In November 2018, Tribal Coun-cil approved a resolution that es-tablished criteria for consistently applying the phrase “entitled to be on the membership roll of the Tribe on Aug. 13, 1954” as meaning that the person was entitled to be on the roll if that person was alive on that date and born to a Tribal member.

The names now move forward to the Department of the Interior for approval.

In other action, Tribal Council:

• Declared Friday, March 13, as the first per capita payment date of 2020;
• Approved the agenda for the Sun-day, March 1, General Council meeting that will be held in the Community Center. The pro-gram report will survey Tribal economic development efforts and a Community Input meeting seeking advisory vote ideas for the September Tribal Council ballot will be held immediately afterwards;
• Approved applying for a U.S. Department of Justice Tribal As-sistance Solicitation Grant that would fund a new police vehicle and additional officer for the Trib-al Police Department and largely fund two positions within the Do-mestic Violence Program within the Social Services Department;
• Approved a memorandum of un-derstanding with the Willamette Valley Native Plant Partnership that will allow the Tribe access to locally sourced seeds and plant materials to help Tribal resto-ration projects within the Natural Resources Department. The Tribe has participated in the partner-ship since 2015;
• Appointed David Leno and John A. Clark to serve on the Timber Committee with terms expiring in March 2021;
• And approved blood quantum corrections for three Tribal mem-bers.

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

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 appli-ances and support facilities and is anticipated to be located to the west of the existing Adult Education building. Access and parking ar-eas 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 con-struction may need to occur in phases depending on funding avail-ability. 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.

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. We help communicate with our children about sensitive topics. Dates & Times will be identified after participants sign up.

Please contact Angely @ 503-879-4551 to sign up. Spaces are limited.

Plant-based eating support group starts

A Plant-based Rating 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 ben-efts 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.
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By Dean Rhodes

Hofenbredl heading to wrestling nationals

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

COOS BAY – Tribal member Matt Hofenbredl, 23, is heading to the National Junior College Athletic Association nationals in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on March 6-7 after winning the West Region Wrestling Championships being held March 6-7 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Hofenbredl was a three-time state champion in wrestling, winning state championships being held in 2012, ’13 and ’15. In 2014, he finished second. He was only the second Dallas High wrestler to win three state titles. Hofenbredl wrestled for Dallas High School, winning state championships in 2012, ’13 and ’15. In 2014, he finished second. He was only the second Dallas High wrestler to win three state titles.

Water leak shuts down Education complex

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

A water leak first detected in the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 25, forced the Wednesday closure of the Education complex on the Grand Ronde campus. Other buildings affected included the Tribal gym and Archival building.

Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier said grounds keeping staff members Brady Bruckner and Anthony Henry detected the leak at 4:27 p.m. Tuesday, but they were unable to isolate where the leak was occurring.

Mercier and Utility Specialist Richard Smith arrived shortly thereafter and helped troubleshoot the issue, but without success.

Mercier contacted the Grand Ronde Community Water Association and its staff started shutting off valves to successfully isolate the leak at about 6 p.m.

Mercier said that West Valley Fire District was contacted because fire hydrants and sprinkler systems were affected. Tribal Security personnel helped with a fire watch, as well as swing-shift housekeeping staff members during their shift.

“A fire watch has been underway since 5:33 p.m. Tuesday,” Mercier said.

He added that he received a text from the Water Association at 2:23 p.m. Wednesday that “all is normal” and repairs to rusted bolts on a saddle were successful. A work crew could be seen filling in a hole on the southeast corner of the courtyard in front of the Governance Center shortly thereafter and the gym re-opened at 2:45 p.m.

Marketplace Craft Fair dates scheduled for 2020

The Marketplace Craft Fair, coordinated through the Tribal Elders Committee, will start on Friday, March 13, and run through Sunday, March 15, at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway, in the Cedar Plank Buffet hallway. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Additional dates scheduled for this year include the weekends of April 17-19, May 8-10, June 12-14 and July 10-13. The craft fair will be open on Monday, July 13, because of the annual Elder Honor Day.

For more information, contact the Elders Activity Center at 503-879-2233.

Positive Indian Parenting Class

Positive Indian Parenting is an 8-week class for Indian parents, caregivers, & non-Native foster parents of Indian children.

Classes start on April 8, 2020

LOCATION: Youth Education building
WHEN: Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Raffle Prizes

Dinner and Childcare will be provided. Limited to 15 participants. To RSVP please call Keri Kimsey @ 503-879-2476 or e-mail @ keri.kimsey@grandronde.org

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Sparks encourages participation in the 2020 Census

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Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy is the longest-serving member on the Commission on Indian Services and also served on the selection committee.

“Everyone is pleased with Mitch and his work,” she says. “He dives right in and really wants to be thorough. He’s a very hard worker.”

Sparks’ mother, Lois, and her siblings were removed from their family at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota at a young age and sent to an on-Reservation boarding school in the 1930s. Sparks says that due to forced assimilation, his mother did not discuss Tribal culture, heritage or customs when he was growing up. It wasn’t until her Elder years that she began to re-embrace her heritage.

“Because of my mom’s experience at Holy Rosary (Mission), she wasn’t able to give me the cultural heritage I should have had,” Sparks says. “That’s why it’s a dream come true to have a job like this.”

Sparks, 58, has been involved with the Grand Ronde Tribe over the years during his tenure with the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, serving as a featured speaker at the Tribe’s annual Memorial Day event and Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans’ Day event and five in the Middle East. After a deployment overseas, including in 2007 after 26 years and several deployments, Sparks retired from active duty in 2007 after 26 years and several deployments, including five in the Middle East. After a break to be a stay-at-home father, he began working for Oregon Veterans’ Affairs as a veterans benefit counselor in late 2007. Eventually, he became interim director and then deputy director.

Sparks’ goals for his first year at the Commission on Indian Services are focused on co-chairing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s Task Force and encouraging Native American participation in the 2020 Census.

“The task force is probably one of the most important things I will do,” Sparks says. The task force, which includes Tribal, state and federal law enforcement and elected representatives, is in response to House Bill 2625, spearheaded by Portland metro area State Rep. Tawna SANCHEZ (Shoshone-Bannock, Ute and Carrizo). The bill 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 the Legislative Council no later than Sept. 15, 2020. Gov. Kate Brown signed the bill into law in May 2019.

“This epidemic is much more than I thought,” Sparks says. “Until I really looked at the depth of the issue, I just didn’t realize that. All of us were pretty floored.”

The task force is conducting listening sessions across Oregon, where they meet with Tribal citizens to explore how they have been affected by missing and murdered Indigenous women.

“The goal is to conduct these events in a way where we are truly just listening, being sensitive and respectful,” Sparks says. “We need to open our ears, minds and hearts. It has been a very profound and emotional experience.”

The multi-jurisdictional task force will report to the state Legislature in September regarding its findings.

“Whatever changes are made, these will last as we carry through generations,” Sparks says. “It’s a workable solution that is part of the state, and culturally right and sensitive.”

Another goal for his first year at the Commission on Indian Services is working with various state agencies to have effective government-to-government consultation.

“We need to discuss what that looks like,” Sparks says. “Although there is a trend toward more Tribal members in state agencies, it’s always a work in progress.”

Sparks also is planning to have a day-long housing summit with Tribes and state agencies involved with housing programs. The second is a full day of training and networking for state agency Tribal liaisons and managers.

“Bringing together the liaisons and Tribes for networking and solid cultural awareness training will enhance government-to-government relations with the Tribes,” he says. After nearly six months on the job, Sparks says he thinks that it is the most unique one in state government.

“You don’t just focus on one aspect, but a wide range,” he says. “There’s health, human services, education, etc. But, my best days are when I am out on Tribal lands and listening to Tribal members.”

This year will mark Mitch Sparks’ first organizing the annual Tribal Legislative Information Day, which will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 5.

Held annually at the State Capitol in Salem, the event provides an opportunity for Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes to highlight who they are and what makes Tribal governments different from the various special interest groups and stakeholders with whom legislators and state agencies mostly interact.

During past events, some Tribes have displayed and shared thoughts about their basketry, cradleboards, native plants, first foods, youth and Elders programs, partnerships with their neighbors and other governments, fisheries, health programs and governmental organizations.

The Native American Rehabilitation Association will be serving mini fry bread, and other Tribes will provide donations for coffee and water.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy has previously served as event host along with fellow Legislative Commission on Indian Services members and staff.

Tribal Legislative Information Day has been held for more than 14 years. Often, Gov. Kate Brown will stop by to visit.

“I really enjoy working with the LCIS and the relationship we have with the governor,” Sparks says. “Being a former commission member herself, she is very knowledgeable and an advocate.”

More info: 503-986-1067

SAVE THE DATE
Agency Creek Round Dance
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Tribal Legislative Information Day
Where: State Capitol, Court St. N.E., Salem
When: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 5

More info: 503-986-1067

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‘Sense of community crosses borders’

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Mural honors missing, murdered Indigenous women

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Grand Ronde Tribal member Trevor Braden and his brother, Garrett Mesplie (Umatilla), have created a mural honoring missing and murdered Indigenous women on the Yakama Reservation.

Titled “No More Stolen Sisters,” the four murals are wrapped around an outbuilding located at the Yakamart gas station and convenience store in Toppenish, Wash.

“Garrett and I were honored to take on this project,” Braden says. “We know it is a very important movement to our Native and Indigenous people. We wanted people to see it, stop and see what it is all about.”

“We included popular hashtags on our mural so that those who are not familiar with the movement can look it up. It is sad that our people go missing and no one seems to care other than those who lost a loved one.”

The brothers chose bright colors and images for their mural design to catch the attention of those passing by, and used red because it is the official color of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women awareness campaign.

Braden and Mesplie, who live in Toppenish and Wapato, respectively, work primarily with spray paint and interwine graffiti-style techniques and incorporate them into Native American designs. They have completed large, colorful murals throughout Yakima County.

The brothers have had artistic leanings since they were children, competing with each other to see who could come up with the best ideas.

“We have made it into a business as a mural company, and also make clothing, create logo designs and (work with) several other mediums as a mural company, and also make clothing, create logo designs and art,” Braden says. “We were happy to have their work featured at the Yakamart store, which is a central fixture for many in the community.”

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Manager Joel John proposed the idea of a mural to the brothers and asked for design ideas. After store ownership reviewed these, Braden, 33, and Mesplie, 32, began working on their creation. Painting was done during the winter, so it took five weekends to complete the project as drying time takes longer in colder weather.

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Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Center last year. Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561.

Grand Ronde Housing Department

Opportunity for comment

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to eligible Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Tribe, through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Department (GRHD), received multiple grants under this program that were active during 2019. Comments on the Annual Performance Report are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the Housing Department office or by calling 503-879-2401, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m. Monday, March 9. All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD.

Contributed photos

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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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TAX TIME 2020

Portland Office
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
With Karen Case
Please call Lisa at 503-879-1881

CTGR Portland Office
4445 SW Barbur Blvd, #101, Portland, OR 97239
Lisa Archuleta - 503-879-1881
www.grandronde.org

Volunteers Wanted!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

Court Appointed Special Advocate
Tribal Member Review Board

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

If you would like to volunteer:

1) Indicate which program you are interested in (mark one of the boxes above)
2) Fill out the form below with your contact information
3) Mail, drop off, or e-mail the completed form to Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

Full Name:
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Street /PO Box City State Zip
Email Address:

Court Programs Coordinator
Attn: Ramona Quenelle
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
(503) 879-4623
CourtPrograms@grandronde.org

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AV-Club

MARCH 6th / 12-1PM

Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center

invites you to join us on March 6th for the Seventeenth 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.
BECOME A CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE HOST

This 16-hour course includes:
+ History, definition, and principles of interpretation
+ How to provide great customer service
+ Hospitality and communication skills
+ NAI Certification requirements (open book exam; video exam)
+ All materials and workbook

Requirements for the CIH Course
Anyone age 16 or over with a desire to increase their knowledge and skills related to customer service and interpretation may participate. Membership in NAI is not required, but NAI members may pay a discounted fee to participate in the program.

To register & for more information
Tauni McCammon / 503-879-2130
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Community Fund seeks Hatfield Fellowship applicants

Applications for the 2020-21 Hatfield Fellowship program are being accepted through April 30.

The fellowship program is funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The Community Fund annually sponsors a highly motivated Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to improve the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that directly affect Native Americans.

Hatfield Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November during the lunch hour at the American Political Science Association. Then they serve an eight-month internship in a congressional office while receiving a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Tribes in Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska, are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to Oregon Tribal members. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or be graduating in June and be 21 or older to apply.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Sen. Mark Hatfield’s public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. For more information about the program or to apply, visit the communityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtube.be/7ToNoEgUYs to watch an informational video.

Tribal Court is now open during the lunch hour

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

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

Fund starts Youth Grantmaking Program

Spirit Mountain Community Fund has created a new Youth Grantmaking Program in conjunction with the Tribe’s Summer Youth Employment Program to engage Tribal students with philanthropy and community service.

The program (Tenes Palach-Kilapay) will introduce four Tribal youth to nonprofit organizations and allow them to see firsthand the need for assistance in local communities and learn how they can help make a difference through volunteerism and philanthropy while earning high school credit.

The Summer Youth Program will work with Community Fund staff to select nonprofit organizations to receive a special grant award. Students will work as a group to read, review and score all applications for consideration. They also will conduct site visits and volunteer with each organization before making funding recommendations to the Community Fund’s Board of Trustees in July.

Once funding decisions are made, students will notify all grant recipients and invite them to a check presentation ceremony where they will gift them with their grant awards.

The Youth Grantmaking Program is for high school juniors and seniors who are eligible to apply for the Tribe’s Summer Youth Employment program. For more information, visit www.grandronde.org/employment and select the Summer Youth Employment link that will be posted on Friday, March 6. Selected students will perform basic office duties, such as filing, scanning and data entry, when they are not working on the grantmaking project.

Are you interested in the Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest Program for the 2020-21 school year?

Applications are being accepted through April 30.

The Early Childhood Language Nest Program is for Native American 3 to 5-year-old children. This is an opportunity to get a head-start in the language and culture of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Students are selected for the program based on the following qualifications:

- Oregon Resident
- G.P.A. of 2.5 or above
- Senior in High School
- Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Meet the following qualifications:

For more information contact:

Travis Stewart
travis.stewart@grandronde.org
In the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

In the Matter of: [Case No. 6-20-203]

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

[AIRLET]

In the name of [Petitioner’s Name]

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The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause why the name change should or should not be granted. Any person objecting to the proposed name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of publication of this Notice, or in the absence of the Court shall not enter an order granting the proposed change of name.

DATED this ___ day of February, 2020

[Signature]

[Print Name]
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.

**Walking On...**

Frances Louise Medeiros
Dec. 21, 1937 – Feb. 10, 2020
Frances Louise (Weezie) Medeiros passed away on Feb. 10, 2020. She was born on Dec. 21, 1937, in Sweet Home, Ore., to Tom and Dorothy Forster. She leaves a sister, Marie Davis of Powell Butte, Ore.; three children, Tony, Tammy and Trixie; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Last but not least, she leaves her dog Jaxo, whom she cherished. Frances raised her family in Bend, Ore., where she was a homemaker, secretary and school bus driver. In 1982, she married Louis Medeiros. He preceded her in death in 2001. Louis was the love of her life, and the two enjoyed camping at the coast, traveling and taking care of Lhasa Apso dogs they both loved.

Frances drove a school bus for 25 years, not only delivering the students to school, but driving sports teams around the state, including her own children. During the summers, she worked as a transport driver for fire crews. Fire crews would ask for her personally due to her skill of getting them in and out safely.

As a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, she chaired the Tribal Elders Committee and worked with Tribal Elders for many years. Frances was kind-hearted and nonjudgmental all of her life, peacefully passing with her children by her side at home. She was deeply loved and will be missed desperately by her family.

A small service was held Friday, Feb. 21, at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

**Other passings**

Donald H. Simmons
Sept. 16, 1942 – Feb. 19, 2020
Bollman’s Funeral Home in Dallas, Ore., is assisting the family.

Kitty Marie Jenness
Oct. 21, 1959 – Feb. 13, 2020
Andreason’s Cremations in Springfield, Ore., is assisting the family. Funeral services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Life Bible Church in Harrisburg, Ore.

**Indian Taco Feed**

When: March 9, 2020
Where: Elder Center
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Elders hosting a fundraiser for one of our volunteers whose dog need a serious surgery.

Bake Sale, 50/50 will also happen!
Come enjoy some yummy food and help a pup out!

**Marvin Dale Cunningham**
Dec. 18, 1942 – Feb. 13, 2020

He met his wife, Dianne Braxmeyer, and they married on Aug. 28, 1965, in Tillamook, Ore. Marvin started his career driving truck for his father and moved on to work for Loren Golly and Van Logging in Lincoln City.

Then on a wild hair he and his friend Chuck Sommer decided to move to Washington to work for another logging company.

After three years and a phone call from Chuck, who had already moved from Washington, they moved to Albany, Ore., and he went to work for John Nix Jr. and Nix Transportation. In 1993, he began driving tanker truck for Younger Oil Co. and after several years moved on to work for Oregon Petroleum until he retired in 2004.

Marvin enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He was fond of old cars and restored a 1965 Chevelle. When at home, he enjoyed playing solitaire on a Nintendo DS while watching westerns on TV. He especially loved hunting elk with his friend Ron Krake in the Tillamook Burn and Trask River area. Their hunts were successful most of the time. In his daily routine, he always called his circle of friends.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Dianne, of 54 years; daughter, Dawn (Scott) Brinson; son, Mike; granddaughter, Mikala (Ryan) McGinnis; grandson, Houston Cunningham; great-grandchildren, Tanner and Laikyn McGinnis; sister, Janet Taggart; brothers, Randy and Gary Cunningham; nine nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and very dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Forest “Dale” and Edith.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Fisher Funeral Home, 306 S.W. Washington St., Albany.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Marvin’s name to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.

Fisher Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit www.fisherfuneralhome.com.

**St. Michael’s offers brunch**

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Friday, Feb. 7
• Assist outside agency with a menacing case in the Willamina area.
• Warrant attempt in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Driving complaint in the Salem area. The vehicle was registered in the Grand Ronde area.

Saturday, Feb. 8
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Highway 18 and Fire Hall Road.
• Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with cover on a traffic stop.
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Sunday, Feb. 9
• Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. While contacting the male, officers discovered methamphetamine. The male was issued a criminal citation for possession of methamphetamines.
• Custodial interference reported in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
• Counterfeit money reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency in locating a missing person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18B.
• Citizen contact occurred in the area of Willamina.

Monday, Feb. 10
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Reported runaway in the 55750 block of Hebo Road.
• Assist outside agency with covering a Polk County deputy on a call. The male and female involved had a no contact order. The male was transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Suspicious activity reported in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18. A male was issued a criminal citation for failure to return a license.
• Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Hebo Road and Highway 18. Personnel provided traffic control.
• Reported hit-and-run in the 48900 block of Blacktail Drive.
• Offensive littering reported in the area of milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
• Noise complaint reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
• Assist outside agency with a requested cover for West Valley Fire personnel in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.
• Warrant attempt in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested on multiple valid warrants and was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Suspicious activity reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Drug complaint received in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
• Neglect complaint received in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court. A male was arrested for criminal mistreatment and was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
• Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Clint Cardwell.

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

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

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) SERVICES
1035 GRAND RONDE ROAD
GRAND RONDE, OREGON 97347

Clinic Hours
8am - 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday
9:30am - 5pm Thursdays

Contact Information
Medication Assisted Treatment Coordinator: Linda Gehrike, LPN (503)879-2094
Clinical Nurse Manager: Christa Hosley, RN, BSN (503)879-4616

GRAND RONDE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
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.

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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.

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~ 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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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

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Certified Application Assistors at the Health & Wellness Center

Cassandra Rhamey is available to assist with recertification and applications for the Oregon Health Plan. She can be reached at 503-879-1359 or cassandra.rhamey@grandronde.org. Leah Bailey also is a Certified Application Assister available to help. She can be reached at 503-879-2197 or leah.bailey@grandronde.org.

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Clara Grace Spohn

Shawn David Spohn (active member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde) and wife Shannon June Spohn announce the birth of their daughter. Clara Grace Spohn, who was born Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020, at Cookeville Regional Medical Center in Cookeville, Tenn. Clara weighed 9 pounds and 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mommy and Daddy say Clara Grace is a beautiful, sweet baby who rarely ever cries and is very alert to her surroundings. “Clara Grace is a wonderful blessing from the Lord and is a beautiful and welcomed little addition to our family,” the proud parents say.

Clara Grace Spohn

Welcome little addition to our family, “ the proud parents say.
LIBRARY HOURS:

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

“Little Library” locations: The Tribal Library oversees the 14 Little Library locations in and around Grand Ronde. Feel free to stop by any of these locations and grab a book for free. Please remember: You cannot return your library items to the Little Library locations. Tribal Library materials that have been checked out must be returned in person or dropped off via the book return located on the left side of the library entrance.

New titles to the library collection:
Board books: “My Little Ocean” by Katrin Wiehle and “Orange Pear, Apple Bear” by Emily Gravett.
Picture books: “At the Mountain’s Base” by Traci Sorell, “When We Were Alone” by David A. Robertson and “Whale in a Fish Bowl” by Troy Howell.
Adult books: “Such a Fun Age” by Kiley Reid, “The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood, “Jay-Z Made in America” by Michael Eric Dyson, “Maybe You Should Talk to Someone” by Lori Gottlieb and “No Visible Bruises: What We Don’t Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us” by Rachel Louise Snyder.

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: “Game of Thrones” season 8, “Hotel Transylvania 3,” “Grumpy Cat’s Worst Christmas Ever” and “Incredibles 2” and more!

Donations:
A special thank you to Vicki Hamstreet, S & J Zarko, Margo Mercier, Dennis Hemeon, Kathleen George 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
Guess what's new at the Pharmacy?

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

Incllement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling 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.

Mobile Mammography

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

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

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

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020
Location: CTGR Health Clinic upper parking lot

We Pledge To Drive Safely With You!!

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
According to us, we’re resilient...

...when we participate in the 2020 Census.
The census is our voice to show others how our communities have grown and what we need. When we participate, the census provides us information that we use for programs and grants to help shape the future for generations to come.

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