Coronavirus concerns prompt postponements

Tribe to reschedule Round Dance, limits employee air travel

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Growing concerns nationwide about the spread of the coronavirus have reached the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. On Wednesday, March 11, the Tribe announced postponement of the April 3-4 Agency Creek Round Dance and the upcoming Native Wellness Day. The announcement coincided with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s announcement that she will be prohibiting events larger than 250 people for four weeks to help combat the spread of the virus.

“The Tribe’s Round Dance planning committee has made the decision to postpone our April gathering,” Communications Director Sara Thompson said. “This decision stems from our desire to protect the health and safety of our people, our visitors that travel and our guests in attendance. We plan to reschedule this event for a later date and will update everyone on the details when they are available. We will keep you all in our good thoughts.”

Although the Yamhill County Health Department does not think there is an imminent threat of a novel coronavirus outbreak in the area despite neighboring counties reporting cases, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Clinic has been developing a response to a possible outbreak.

Signs posted at the entrance of the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center ask patients who think they might have contracted the novel coronavirus to call ahead instead of entering the facility and possibly infecting other people.

Showcasing sovereign nations

Legislative Information Day provides an opportunity for Tribes to tell their stories

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

SALEM – Tribal Legislative Information Day at the State Capitol continues to be well-attended despite cautionary travel restrictions in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus in Oregon.

Held Thursday, March 5, at the Capitol Galleria, this year’s theme was “Working Together.” The high turnout was good news to Mitch Sparks, the new Legislative Commission on Indian Services executive director. This year marked his first organizing the annual event.

“The attendance today is pretty good,” said Sparks (Oglala Lakota Nation). “We’ve had excellent turnout from our governmental offices and legislative offices.”

Held at the State Capitol in Salem, Legislative Information Day 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 the four hours the Tribes were at the Capitol Galleria, a steady stream of advocates, Capitol staff, agency directors and staff, legislators and staff, lobbyists and members of the public visited the tables. The only notable difference at this year’s event was the use of “elbow bumps” and air handshakes instead of the usual handshake, along with copious containers of hand sanitizer.

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Tribal flags raised

Youth Council Chairwoman Isabelle Grout carries the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde flag during the Tribal Flag Raising Ceremony held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem on Friday, March 6. The flags from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon will be on permanent display in the Student Center to let Native American students know that they belong on campus, and to help students and staff recognize Oregon’s Native American history.

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE TIME
Wednesday, March 18 .................... 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1 ....................... 4 p.m.

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

DEADLINE DATE ISSUE DATE
Friday, March 20 .............. April 1, 2020
Monday, April 6 ............... April 15, 2020
Monday, April 20 ................. May 1, 2020

The Marketplace Craft Fair, coordinated by 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 503-879-2538.
State of emergency declared in Oregon

CORONAVIRUS continued from front page

Health Services Executive Direc- tor Kelly Rowe said in an all-em- ployee e-mail that staff from the Spirit Mountain Casino, Health & Wellness, the Executive Team and Emergency Preparedness are collaborating with Yamhill County Public Health and the Oregon Health Authority.

"Education and precautionary tactics are being implemented in our facilities to support detection and prevent virus spread," Rowe said.

Some of those tactics include posting numerous signs at the entrances to the clinic asking people who think they might have contact with the novel coronavirus or call the receptionist be coughed into and possibly infecting others.

In addition, General Manager David Fullerton announced on Tuesday, March 3, that the Tribe was suspending air travel for all employees through the end of March.

The novel coronavirus originated in China about two months ago and has now spread worldwide. Cases have been reported worldwide as well as more than 1,000 reports scattered across about half of the states.

In late February, the first two cases in Oregon were reported in Washington County and a third was reported in Umatilla County, shutting down the Umatilla Tribe's Wildhorse Resort & Casino for two days of intensive cleaning. The total has since risen to 21 cases in Oregon and Brown declared a state of emergency on Sunday, March 8, to combat the virus' spread.

The declaration means that the state's reserves of emergency volunteers, health care professionals and personal protective equipment will be activated and that Brown is giving broad authority to state health officials to take immediate action.

According to the World Health Organization, the coronavirus is a large family of viruses that can cause common cold to more severe diseases.

A "novel coronavirus" is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. The principal way it is spread is the "droplet route," meaning a person would have to be within a few feet of someone who had it and be coughed on. Symptoms are similar to influenza with fever, cough and difficulty breathing, which may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. According to a flier from the Oregon Health Authority, the virus has the "potential to cause serious illness and pneumonia in some people and there is not a treatment." Deaths so far have been reported mostly in older adults who had other health complications.

The medical journal JAMA released a paper analyzing data from the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on 72,314 coronavirus cases in mainland China, the figure as of Feb. 11, the largest such sample in a study of this kind.

The sample’s overall fatality rate was 2.3 percent, higher than the 0.9 percent official rate. No deaths occurred in those aged 9 years and younger, but cases in those aged 70 to 79 years accounted for 8.8 percent of deaths, those aged 80 years and older had a fatality rate of 14.8 percent.

In response to the growing number of cases in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday, March 5, announced that they have at least six people commit to attending. To commit or find out more information, contact Elders Activity Assistant Virginia Kinsey-Roof at 503-879-2231.

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 Kinsey-Roof at 503-879-2231.

Official Tribal Facebook pages

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• The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: www.facebook.com/CTGRgov

• Spirit Mountain Community Fund: www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund

• Grand Ronde Health & Wellness: www.facebook.com/GRHWC

• Grand Ronde Station: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation

• Grand Ronde Royalty: www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty

• Grand Ronde Education Programs: www.facebook.com/CTGREducation

• Grand Ronde Community Garden: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden

• Grand Ronde Food Bank: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank

• Grand Ronde Youth Council: www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil

• Grand Ronde Social Services Department: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeSocialServices

• Grand Ronde Children & Family Services: www.facebook.com/CTGRCF

• Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeTribalPoliceDepartment

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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 open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except during the holiday closure. Urgent care also will be available during this time.
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, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

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

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18;
- 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 by calling. The authorization is good for one year.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team sets 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, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2020 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 Lay.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Motolla 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 in 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 VanAlta.

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

2015 – Thirty-four people attended the Tribe’s Community Emergency Response Team training class. It was the first time the training had been held at the Tribe in an effort to be prepared for potential or man-made disasters. The class dealt with a mass casualty event. Previously, classes in the series dealt with preparedness, fire safety and suppression, disasters, medical emergencies, terrorism, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.

2010 – The Tribe fitted for the first time ever two employees who had reached the 25-year employment anniversary mark with the Tribe. Tribal Elder and Tribal Wellness Manager Bonnie Mercier and Tribal member and Tribal Health & Wellness Business Office Manager Tresa Mercier both reached the silver anniversary mark almost simultaneously.

2005 – The Grand Ronde Tribe continued negotiations with MAGNA Entertainment about the possibility of the Tribe purchasing Portland Meadows horse racing track and incorporating a “racino” on the existing site. “We have to pursue all viable options if the rules of gaming in Oregon are about to change,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “If the governor is going to allow off-reservation gaming, and he repeatedly said in recent months that he is about to do so, we feel that we’re at a responsibility that our 5,000 members to continue to sustain our economic self-sufficiency.”

2000 – An effort to honor the past and recognizing the importance of sharing the Oregon Trail of Tears story with future generations, the people of the Grand Ronde Tribe relived an important piece of Tribal history by hosting the first Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk. It featured youth, Elders, Tribal Council members and the community. The group walked from Grand Ronde Grade School to the Tribe’s Governance Center.

1995 – The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Needs Assessment summary report was complete and available to all Tribal members. The report presented an analysis of the findings from a recent housing survey. “As part of the Tribe’s long-range planning, it has recognized the importance of evaluating current and future housing needs of Tribal members,” an article stated. “One of the preliminary findings from the Tribe’s strategic planning process has been the desire on the part of the Tribal members for housing assistance programs.”

1990 – Tribal Council members Mark Mercier, Kathryn Harrison and Candy Robertson traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services and legislative representatives regarding youth services, child welfare, health services, forestry and other issues affecting the Tribe.
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. Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034.

General Council briefed on economic development

Danielle Frost
Staff writer

The Tribal Economic Development Department’s mission is to identify and establish profitable Tribal businesses to sustain future generations.

On Sunday, March 1, General Manager David Fullerton and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez gave General Council attendees an annual report on the Economic Development Department’s business plan, projects and future goals at the Tribal Community Center.

Economic Development Director Bruce Thomas was unavailable due to a family emergency.

Smoke Signals is limited on what it can report from the presentation because the economic development portion of the General Council meeting was conducted in executive session.

Tribal members who want more information can contact Thomas at 503-879-2070 or bruce.thomas@grandronde.org.

Hernandez gave General Council attendees an annual report on the economic development plans at the General Council meeting held on Sunday, March 1, at the Tribal Community Center.

For questions regarding scheduling, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-4623.
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By Dean Rhodes
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Tribal Council approved applying for an almost $1 million firefighting grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during its Wednesday, March 4, meeting. If received, the $952,381 grant would fund the purchase of a new fire engine, 20 portable radios and other fire engine equipment, 20 self-contained breathing units and 40 sets of protective clothing for firefighters stationed in Grand Ronde. The Tribe would provide 5 percent in matching funds of $47,619.

“As a Tribe, we are constantly looking for ways to improve and expand services to the Grand Ronde community,” said Communications Director Sara Thompson. “We currently have grants that support emergency management, Tribal police, community health and much more. The grant for firefighting equipment is part of the Tribe’s ongoing commitment to public safety.”

The $1 million Grand Ronde Fire Station opened in June 2010 and was built by the Tribe. Since then, the Tribe has budgeted funds to pay for West Valley Fire District staffing that has shortened fire and medical response times in the area. Previously, medical and fire crews were dispatched from Willamina for calls originating in Grand Ronde.

In July 2019, the West Valley Fire District entered into a regionalization effort for fire and emergency medical services with the Sheridan and Southwest Polk fire departments. The combined service region now covers 535 square miles and has eight stations, including the one in Grand Ronde.

In other action, Tribal Council:
• Approved adoption of the Government Administration Ordinance, which combines and updates selected provisions from the Government Purpose, Tribal Government Organization and Procedures ordinances. The three older ordinances had not been updated since 1994 and the new ordinance better reflects the current operational organization of the Tribal government;
• Approved Shayla Myrick Meyer for a group of Tribal members who can serve on Tribal Court’s Tribal Member Review Board;
• Approved signing a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs to provide training and accreditation of a Tribal veterans’ service officer. The state will provide $25,000 annually toward the new position that will help Tribal veterans access their benefits;
• Extended until April an agreement with four other Tribes regarding a Collins Foundation Grant that is funding research into Tribal natural resources losses in the Portland Harbor superfund site;
• Approved a blanket resolution that will allow Natural Resources staff to apply for various Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grants not to exceed $15,000 each to fund mitigation work on Tribal lands;
• Approved enrolling the 665-acre Noble Osks and 61-acre Ahaney conservation properties outside of Willamina and Rickreall, respectively, into the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Partners Program, which works with landowners to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats. The agreements run through 2030;
• Approved the Wildlife Area Site Management Plan for the 33-acre Chahalpam 3 conservation property in Marion County. Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said during the Feb. 25 Legislative Action Committee meeting that the property is “pristine” and the plan primarily calls for monitoring and maintenance.
• Approved Shayla Myrick Meyer for a group of Tribal members who can serve on Tribal Court’s Tribal Member Review Board.
Meeting considers how the past informs the future

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signalz staff writer

What Grand Ronde used to be and how it compares to what residents want it to look like in 2033 was the topic of the third listening session held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center.

The 50th anniversary of the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Restoration is less than 15 years away and Tribal Termination and timber collapse, and Restoration.

Then, the approximately 50 attendees sitting at several tables offered their suggestions on five main topics while facilitators captured their myriad ideas on large sheets of paper. The topics included reactions to seeing historical images of Grand Ronde, potential items they or family members have that could be shared with the Tribal museum, archival and research needs that were needed for the Tribe, historical events in Grand Ronde that could help shape the future, and past events that should be discussed further.

Staff members who attended and participated in the discussions included General Manager David Fullerton, Education Department Manager Angela Fasana, Human Resources Manager Camille Mercier, Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno, former Tribal Historian David Lewis, former longtime Tribal Council Chair Reym Leno, former Tribal Council member Ed Larsen, Higher Education Program Manager Bryan Langley, Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Michael Cherry and Early Childhood Education Program Manager Angie Blackwell.

Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Michael Langley and Lisa Leno also attended.

Blackwell said her group had “great conversations” about the various table discussion topics.

“ ‘When it came down to it, we want to build a community where people feel welcome,’ she said.

The consensus was that people don’t feel as if they belong or are welcomed.”

Suggestions from other tables included having a grocery store, movie theater, more recreational opportunities, diversifying the economy and building a strip mall.

Harrelson closed the meeting by telling attendees that the evening was “a really great opportunity.”

“This is really meaningful,” he said. “It’s not the first development plan the Tribe has done, but it is the most proactive because the community is really participating in the process.”

Subjects discussed in previous listening sessions were Housing, Public Safety, Needed Services and Recreation, Facilities and Gatherings, Health, Care and Social Services, Education, Employment and Vocational Training.

Input from community meetings will be compiled and developed into a summary report, with goals and priorities put into a plan that will be taken to Tribal Council and Tribal administration for possible implementation.

For more information about the community development process, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org, e-mail grandronde2033@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2112.

From left, Family Support Specialist Joanna Brisbois and Tribal Elders Barbara Feehan, Beverly Cooney and Dave Leno look through binders of photos before the start of a community meeting to discuss the Grand Ronde 2033 project at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center.

Planning Director Rick George makes remarks during a community meeting to discuss the Grand Ronde 2033 project at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center on Wednesday, Feb. 26.
Community Fund tops $83.5 million in giving

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, surpassed the $83.5 million mark in giving when it awarded $701,418 in grants on Wednesday, March 11.

Twenty-two large grants and eight small grants were awarded during the first-quarter check presentation held in the Governance Center Tribal Council Chambers. The grants included projects in arts and culture, education, social justice, environmental preservation, salmon restoration and health.

The 30 grants also increased the number of grants awarded during the last 23 years to 2,840. The grants have been distributed to 1,195 nonprofit organizations in 11 northwest Oregon counties.

Lands Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reishack opened the check presentation with a prayer and played a drum song.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry introduced Tribal Council members in attendance, which included Jack Giffen Jr., Secretary Jon A. George, Steve Bobb Sr. and Kathleen George. Giffen and Kathleen George also serve on the Community Fund Board of Trustees.

“What an honor it is to have you here today,” Cherry said. “Our time of check presentations is one of joy and happiness.”

Attendees watched a 14-minute video that surveyed the Tribe’s history and featured organizations that have been helped by Community Fund grants.

Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears said it was important to remember how far the Tribe had come since Restoration in 1983.

“Once our leaders saw the success of Spirit Mountain Casino, they wanted to help organizations in their greatest time of need,” Sears said. “That’s why they decided to donate 6 percent of casino proceeds to local nonprofits. We are blessed to be able to help fund the work you are doing in your communities.”

The Community Fund features a different nonprofit organization at every quarterly grant presentation. The first quarter featured Safe Families for Children of Lincoln County, a volunteer organization that helps families in crisis who lack outside support to keep their children out of the foster care system.

Sears then read off this quarter’s grant recipients while Cherry distributed the checks. Kathleen George, Giffen and Bobb shook hands.

Large grants recipients were:

- American Heart Association Inc. of Portland, $27,808, for its Health Intergenerational Powwow & Blood Pressure Awareness Program;
- Boost Oregon of Portland, $13,400, for vaccine education for black and Latinx parents;
- Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis, $15,000, for its High School Teen Program;
- Children’s Course Inc. of Gladstone, $33,500, for its capital campaign to build a new youth learning center;
- Classroom Law Project of Portland, $16,750, for The Oregon Civics Reach Project: Lane County Expansion;
- Columbia Riverkeeper of Hood River, $13,400, for its clean water action project;
- Crag Law Center of Portland, $20,100, for protecting coastal forest habitat for Oregon Coho salmon;
- Daisy Chain of Eugene, $50,000, for creating healthy alliances in new mothering by training and expanding a highly trained team serving culturally specific families;
- Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity, $11,725, for its Landfill to Living Room Waste Reduction Upcycling expansion project;
- Hearts With a Mission of Newport, $50,000, for Safe Families for Children of Lincoln County;
- Jackson Street Youth Shelter of Corvallis, $26,700, for its emotional well-being for homeless and at-risk youth program;
- Lincoln County Child & Family Day Treatment Center of Toledo, $100,000, for its Olalla Center Relief Nursery therapeutic classroom start-up;
- Looking Glass Youth & Family Services Inc. of Eugene, $10,050, for its Riverfront School GED Program;
- National Indian Child Welfare Association of Portland, $50,000, for supporting Native children and families;
- Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides of Eugene, $12,060, for empowering growers to protect clean water and salmon;
- Oregon Law Center of Eugene, $33,500, for its Rural Access to Justice: Mobile Legal Services program;
- Polk County Fire District No. 1 of Independence, $10,041, to purchase portable ventilators for pre-hospital treatment;
- Salem Dream Center, $50,000, for Supporting Children & Families: Emphasizing Mental, Physical Wellness & Education program;
- Shadow Project of Portland, $36,000, for expanded reading mentoring for students in special education;
- Freshwater Trust of Portland, $20,100, for its Salmon River Habitat Restoration Project;
- Wallace Medical Concern of Portland, $35,000, for Housing for Health: Focus on Homeless Children and Families;
- West Valley Fire District of Sheridan, $16,284, for a new power load and gurney system.

Small grants that were distributed included:
- Assistance League of Portland, $5,000, for its Operation School Bell Program;
- Connections360 of Salem, $7,500, for its Improved Health & Educational Outcomes for Youth Through Extracurricular Activi-
- Dallas Oregon Recreation Inc. of Dallas, $5,000, for Funding Youth Programs by DORI;
- Fire Technology Foundation of Albany, $6,000, for thermal imaging cameras;
- Flat Albany Inc., $4,000, for its Snacks for Packs program;
- McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity, $7,500, for its Women Build 2020 program;
- Reach Northwest of Newberg, $7,500, for its Foster Kid Summer Camps;
- Salem Outreach Community Center of Salem, $7,500, for its Clearwater Program.

The Community Fund also raffled off an Ikanum Pendleton blanket at the closing of the check presentation that went to Reach Northwest.

“Remember us when you see this blanket and remember our story,” Cherry said.

Fund seeking applicants for Junior Hatfield Fellowship

Spirit Mountain Community Fund created the Junior Hatfield Fellowship program to provide Tribal youth with an opportunity to learn more about a career in public service, specifically at a state or Tribal government level.

The Junior Fellow spends an eight-week paid internship working in the office of an Oregon state legislator in Salem, the office of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and with past Hatfield Fellows in their state and government offices.

“This is a unique program designed to provide young Native Americans with a chance to work directly with local government legislators and Tribal government leaders to learn about the political process while increasing their knowledge of the relationships between the federal government and Oregon Tribes,” said Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry. “The idea is to prep Native youth for the possibility of a future Hatfield Fellowship in Washington, D.C.”

The Junior Hatfield Fellowship is for Tribal students from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon who are between 16 and 20 years old. Applicants must be at least a junior in high school considering post-secondary education or enrolled in college.

Applications are being accepted through the Grand Ronde Employment portal between March 13 and Thursday, April 2. For more information, visit the Tribe’s website at www.grandronde.org/about/employment.

Optometry hours

- 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday

Please call to schedule your appointment at 503-879-2097 or 800-775-0095.
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Willamina/Falls City wrestler and Tribal member Moses Mercier gets away from La Pine’s Dylan Mann during his 6-3 to win during the finals of the Class 3A 120-pound division in the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament held at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 29.

Mercier wins second state wrestling title

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

PORTLAND — When Tribal member and Willamina High School junior Moses Mercier stepped on to the wrestling mat at Memorial Coliseum in Portland on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 29, he must have felt a little déjà vu.

Last year, Mercier as a sophomore defeated La Pine’s Dylan Mann to win his first state wrestling championship at 113 pounds.

Rising now as junior at 120 pounds, Mercier looked into the eyes of the same opponent and faced a tougher match.

Last year, he pinned Mann in 42 seconds. This year, he wrestled three two-minute rounds and won a 6-3 decision.

Although it was a big win, perhaps the biggest victory for Mercier during the Class 3A state wrestling championships occurred in the morning’s semifinals when he faced Yamhill-Carlton senior Jakob Jarvis, who had beaten him twice before this year.

Mercier lost to Jarvis during a match in December and 3-1 at the district finals a few weeks earlier.

“That was definitely the big match,” said Willamina wrestling coach Ariah Fasana. “They were definitely the two best wrestlers in that weight class.”

Mercier, however, won a 9-3 decision to qualify for the finals.

Willamina/Falls City wrestler and Tribal member Moses Mercier receives his championship medal after winning the finals of the Class 3A 120-pound division in the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament.

Fasana said he felt fairly confident that Mercier would win the final match since he had beaten Mann once again in mid-January.

Mercier finished the year 41-7 and now has a chance to become a three-time state champ for Willamina High with one more year of eligibility remaining. Fasana said only two other wrestlers have been three-time champs for Willamina.

Fasana said that Mercier was the key to winning the match. Shonn Leno was a three-time champ and his brother Dustin was a four-time champ in the early 1990s.

In 2018 as a freshman, Mercier finished fifth in the state at 113 pounds.

Elders cookbook now on sale

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

Elders printed 200 cookbooks and they are available for sale for $15 each. The cookbooks are hardback and include about 200 recipes. Cookbooks can be purchased at the Elders Activity Center, 48040 Blacktail Drive, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Comments Requested on Plans for Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial Improvements

The comments period for the plans for the Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial has been extended to April 1.

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s Veterans Memorial was built in 2001 and as a result of the部落’s growth and the need for expansion. 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. Additional information about the project can be found at the Elders Activity Center.

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT

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What is an apprenticeship?

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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 Harris Reibach
Director, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Office: 503-879-1425 | Fax: 503-879-2146

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Native students honored for school success

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

More than 120 Native students from the Willamina and Sheridan school districts were honored for their academic performance and attendance during the fourth annual Student Success Night event held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, March 5.

“The Youth Education Department is excited to celebrate many Native students at the fourth annual Student Success event,” Youth Education Program Manager Tim Barry said. “Students were recognized for their success with academic achievements and excellent attendance for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year. Our staff is very proud of what they have accomplished, and (enjoyed) a special evening to celebrate youth and their families.”

The evening began with an invocation, followed by a buffet dinner served by Grand Ronde Youth Council members.

After dinner, Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick spoke briefly to congratulate the students on their success.

Following a short video presentation, students were recognized for being leaders in academic achievement and attendance.

During the first semester of the 2019-20 school year, 94 kindergarten through 12th-graders were honored for having 95 percent or better attendance, which means no more than four absences, four late arrivals and four early pick-ups. There were 29 honorable mentions at the kindergarten through 12th-grade level.

Students honored for attendance in the Willamina School District include:

Kindergarten: Riker Bailey (100 percent), Carter Campbell, Elijah Freeman, Lyllian Hoopingarner-Spell, Ila Mercier and Talon Vanecek.

First grade: Urijah Freeman, Ethan Hedrick, Michael Hibdon, James Hyatt, Blakke Johnson, Hadley Kimsey, Reed Kylloon, Zen-daya ManyHides and Ira Ware.

Second grade: Talia Campbell, Ava Drake, Kala’a Gresfrud-Norwest, Hudson Hubbell (100 percent), Gabriel Langley, Leelo Quenelle, Taylor Ruggles and Aurora Ware.


Fourth grade: Micah Bruckner, Owen Campbell, Libby Ellingson, Malia Gresfrud-Norwest, Brayden Hibdon, Bailey Murphy (100 percent), Marie Quenelle and Stephen Simpson-salla.

Fifth grade: Ezri Bailey, Haylee Barker, Nya Galloway, Makemy Hoopingarner, Wyatt Hubbell (100 percent), Koner Hyyatt, Ben Moore, Jaden Moshetti, Landon Risseeuw, Abbigale Seifold, Nicholos Thayer and Kayden Zimmer.

Sixth grade: Gracee Allen and Paige Baker.

Seventh grade: Sammy Bishop, Makayajay Gresfrud-Norwest, Annabelle Guardiola, Kashena Gulledge, Austin Langley, Sadie Risseeuw and Michael Smith.

Eighth grade: Chloé Guardiola, Jaylynn Hibdon, Haley Klass and Benjamin Powley.

Ninth grade: Kai Connelly, Christopher Ellingson, Zander Marmon and Hattie Mercier.

10th grade: Brandon Bearface, Graceyln France, Dakota Smith and Nicholas Ventriglia.

11th grade: Joshua Henry, Moses Mercier and Amayrysa Mooney.

12th grade: Tabor Cain and Desi Crain.

Attendance honorable mentions include the following:


First grade: Kai Barton, Laia Holmes-Chavarria, Mackelee King and Angel Mathews.

Second grade: Jack Mercier.

Third grade: Sam Hedrick and Timothy Murphy.

Fourth grade: Natiliny Mercier.

Fifth grade: Cohen Hibdon.

Sixth grade: Karsen Towner.

Eighth grade: Cohen Haller and Keilieghann Taylor.

Ninth grade: Brooklyn Bailey, Gage Bishop, Mason Mercier and Aryana Murphy-LaChance.

10th grade: Dameron Foster and Keeline MacCormack.

11th grade: Dominik Briant, Kaya MeLean and Amelia Mooney.

12th grade: Madison Ross.

Sheridan School District honors include the following:

Sheridan Japanese School: Gracie Mercier.

Faulconer-Chapman School, kindergarten through fourth grade: Barbara Cluauta, Rylee Gonzalez, Ashley Leno, Laylita Gonzales, Jaidyn Bolen, Nicholas Leno, Garet Siweell and Imariash VanScoy.

Faulconer-Chapman School, fifth through sixth grade: Madelynn Montano, Meleena Montano (100 percent), Trinity Blacketer and Amaya George.

Sheridan High School: Haylie Ayala (100 percent), Lilliana Ayala (100 percent), Izika Pacheco (99 percent), Onayzah Pacheco, Alexis Simpson, Austin Simpson and Rylie Simpson.

Elementary level students in Sheridan and Willamina honored for being at grade level, significantly improved in a core subject or above level include the following:

Emma Larsen, Bryoshelle Bailey, Jaxson Hanna-Morales, Carter Campbell, Ila Mercier, Elijah Freeman, Ky-man Zimber, Mya Smith, Talock, Neveah Grijalva, Ira Ware, Alex Zuniga, Angel Mathews, Hadley Kimsey, Tinlee Bishop, Kai Barton, Aurora Ware, Leloo Quenelle, Micah Bruckner, Marie Quenelle, Bailey Murphy, Stephen Sanchez-Hall, Micah Meininger, Rylee Bishop, Redsky Clauson, Ezri Bailey, Brayden LaChapelle, Stassi Villalobos, Emma Withnell, Cohlman Hubbell, Barbara Cluauta, Phya- tere Lane, Cainen McKinnery, Carter LaBonte, Ashley Leno, Dakota LaBonte, Aurora Morton, Robert Haller, Lakota Blacketer, Jaidyn Bolin, Rosalyn Henson, Nicholas Leno, Ian Mercier, Jude Shuler, Urijah Freeman, Devin Doar, Talon Chodrick, Brody Lux, Faith King, Tanner Siweell, Bentley Fetcher, Seth Rixseeuw, Rylee Gonzalez, Mia Montano, Malia Juarez, Cheyenne Haller, Sophia Croust, Tyne Kidwell, Pres ley Savage, James Hyatt, Kaiden Norwest and Sam Lancour-Joles.

Middle and high school students recognized for having a GPA of 3.5 to 3.49 include:


Middle and high school students recognized for having a GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 include:

Aurora Scoyne, Orrin Reid, Paige Baker, Bayleigh Leno, Michael Smith, Sadie Risseeuw, Aaliyah Limon, Haley Klass, Kianis Connery, Myaia Mercier, Gracie Mercier and Meleena Montano.

Honorable mentions: Franklyn Newcomb, Taylor Hurchar, Iyana Holmes and John Murrufo.

Student Success Night is organized by the Tribe’s Youth Education Program, with support from other departments including Prevention and Nutrition. ■

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzales
A day where we put Tribes in the center of our government

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said the best part about Legislative Information Day is the opportunity for networking and interacting with other Tribes across Oregon.

“What I appreciate most about it is that it’s a day where we put Tribes in the center of our government, literally,” she said. “It’s an opportunity to get to meet new people. Having people here, interacting, this is what it is supposed to be all about. There are so many Tribal leaders in one place.”

Seven of the nine Tribes had various cultural and informational items set out on tables.

Besides the Grand Ronde table, George said she liked Coquille and Coo Tribal tables the best.

“As a basket weaver, I admire that they both have beautiful basketry and I love the opportunity to look at it,” she said. “Also, seeing the old cedar hats is always a treat.”

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s giveaway included cedar hats, Native plants, youth and Elders programs, treaty information, language programs, health programs, social service offerings, maps and bead work.

Sparks said that in addition to steady traffic at the booths from legislative representatives, several Tribal liaisons from various state agencies were in attendance as well. Two liaisons were Julie Johnson (Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone), the Tribal affairs director for the Oregon Health Authority, and Janine Belleque, Marine Board Tribal liaison.

“I love seeing everybody here,” Johnson said. “It’s a chance to reconnect and relationships are everything to me. At my job, it’s about sharing information with the Tribes early and often.”

Belleque was attending Legislative Information Day for the first time.

“I know many of the Tribal leaders from the workgroup meetings, but it’s a different opportunity to see how they utilize resources in this setting,” she said. “It’s a different view. We’re really proud to take a more active role in consulting with the Tribes. Our agency has made this a priority.”

During the event, the smell of fresh fry bread wafted through the air as representatives from the Native American Rehabilitation Association, such as Taylor Berglund (Navajo Nation), walked through the Gallery and offered samples.

“It’s my first time here,” the Portland resident said. “This is super cool that I get to represent and to see all the cultural displays.”

Grand Ronde Tribal Council member attendees included Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Lisa Leno, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. Other staff members in attendance were General Manager David Pullerton and Finance Officer Chris Leno.

The Tribe provided a light breakfast, as it has in years past, and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services provided coffee and water.

Legislative Information Day has been held for more than 14 years and the commission serves as event host along with fellow commission members and staff.

“I’m really happy to see this level of detail with all the Tribes in their education and cultural information (at the tables),” Sparks said. “It’s very important.”
**Walking On...**

**Hazel Lorraine Porter**  
March 13, 1941 – Feb. 24, 2020

Hazel Lorraine (Haller) Porter, 78, died peacefully with her daughter Cheryl at her side on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, in California. She was born on March 13, 1941, the daughter of Wilbur Daniel and Adeline E. Menard Haller. Hazel had a large family with many siblings. She was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Hazel loved her old westerns. She loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor as well. She enjoyed playing card games. She will be missed and will always be loved by her family.

She is survived by her son, Ken Sherwood; daughters, Cheryl Brooks and Patricia Strutton; along with 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are many other siblings and family members. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah, and sons, Milton and Richard.

A funeral service was held Sunday, March 1, at the Lighthouse Church in Grand Ronde. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.

**Benjamin Ryan Hyatt**  
Oct. 13, 1990 – March 2, 2020

Tribal member Benjamin Hyatt grew up in Myrtle Point, Ore., and graduated from Myrtle Point High School. He was an athlete all through school, playing all sports from football to basketball and baseball alongside his friends and brother, Daniel Lee Hyatt Jr. Ben’s mother, Connie, would be the loudest one in the stands cheering him on during every game.

Ben took classes at Lane Community College, eventually making his way to the Grand Ronde area, where he worked his way up to becoming a supervisor of Player Services at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Ben made an impact on everyone he came in contact with. He loved spending time with his family. Ben also loved music and going to concerts. He was a big Los Angeles Raiders fan.

He is survived by his mother, Connie R. Marmon; stepfather, James Sturgill; great-grandmother, Darlene Monteith; brother, Daniel Lee Hyatt Jr.; sisters, Jennifer R. Marmon and Odessa McDaniel; nephews, Zander Lee Marmon, Konner Miles Hyatt, James Ryan Hyatt, "Tiger" Renee Sears and Mathias Mendes; nieces, Sarah Marmon and Kloey McDannald; aunts, Amy Diane Hyatt McCormick, Nona Louthan, Tammy White, Kitz White, Suveilla Hopkins and Margie Owen; and uncles, Dennis Wayne Hyatt, Clayton White and Steve Louthan; and cousins, Josh and Morgan McCormick, Cathryn McCormick, Johnathan McCormick, Quintin McCormick, Cory Hay, Garret Hyatt, Tasha Hyatt, Cassandra Hardman, David Hopkins, Randi Tuck, Richie Fish, Cathy Pyle, Robert Pyle, Daniel Saucedo and Andrew Pyle.

He was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Lee Hyatt Sr.; aunt, Deborah Kay Hyatt Reece; uncle, Gary White; grandmother, Sharon D. Hyatt; grandfather, Bob Monteith; and great-aunt, Pat Fish.

A graveside service was held Monday, March 9, at Dora Cemetery in Myrtle Point.

**Sonja Leigh Haskins-Mack**  

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, at the Tribal gym in Grand Ronde followed by meal at the Community Center. Bollman Funeral Home of Dallas assisted the family.

**Savannah Nicole Higgins**  
April 23, 1997 – Feb. 12, 2020

Trinity Memorial Center in Kingsport, Tenn., assisted the family.

**Gary Eugene Oberg**  
April 5, 1958 – March 6, 2020

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Dayton Baptist Church. Macy & Son’s Funeral Home in McMinnville is assisting the family.

**Michael Eugene Michelle**  
March 24, 1962 – March 5, 2020

Holmes Funeral Directors in Haines City, Fla., is assisting the family. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at the Forest Hill cemetery in Haines City.

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**Are you frustrated with your diabetes control? Do you have questions about diabetes? Do you need help managing your diabetes?**

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment.
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.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Gym hours: Monday-Sunday 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

*Hours of operations and recreational activities are subject to change without notice due to scheduled events. Contact security for entrance on non-working regular hours.

“The greatest wealth is health” - Virgil

*Must be 18 years or older. Under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18+. Any person using the facilities do so at their own risk. All individuals must adhere to all rules and regulations.

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

SPIN CLASSES
CALL FOR DETAILS

VOLLEYBALL
SUNDAY
1-4 P.M.

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

YOGA
MONDAY
5:15-6:15 P.M.
6:30-8:00 P.M.

DANCE (ZUMBA)
WEDNESDAY
5:15-6:15 P.M.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Recreational Coordinator
503-879-1369

Security - 971-901-1031

Follow our Facebook page @Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Recreation Program.

HOW TO ACCESS SMOKE SIGNALS:

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facebook.com • twitter.com • instagram.com • youtube.com • spreaker.com • smokesignalz.org • grandronde.org
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. The application is also at right.
   a. CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs, 9015 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 Application

Applicant's Name:
Date of Birth:
Age:
Tribal Roll #:
School Attending:
Grade Level:
Pastime (Sport/Subject):
Count applying for:
   ☐ Little Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Junior Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Senior Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Warrior
   ☐ Tiny Tot (Honorary)

Why would you like to represent your Tribe as a Royalty participant?

Please list any school activities and/or sports, hobbies, talents, cultural activities you are involved in:

Have you ever been:
   ☐ Little Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Junior Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Senior Miss Grand Ronde
   ☐ Warrior

If yes, what year(s):

Mother's Name:
Father's Name:
City, State, ZIP:
Cell Phone:
Home Phone:
Email Address:

Sponsor's Name:
City, State, ZIP:
Cell Phone:
Home Phone:
Email Address:

Applicant Signature: Date:
Parent Signature: Date:
Spouse Signature: Date:

Please send applications to
CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs (located in the Governance Building)
9015 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
DEADLINE: Friday, March 27, 2020

Questions? Contact Chelsea Clark at (503)879-1618 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

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

What: Lilu Meet and Greet

This is a Meet and Greet session to learn about the Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest 
Program for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Where: Lilu modular building behind the CTGR gym

When: April 2nd at 5:00pm OR April 9th at 5:00pm

Who: Potential incoming 3-5 year olds for 2020-21 school year

When: RSVP for one of the following sessions to attend

Questions? Contact Jeff Mercier (503)879-1633 or Jeffrey.mercier@grandronde.org

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

Thank you,
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration

Health & Wellness Center Entrance

Wishing Tribal Elder Lorene Smith
Happy 95th birthday!
Phenomenal woman; a beautiful combination of warmth, kindness, laughter and love.
We love you.
Your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews

Happy Sweet 16, Aleah!!
We are so proud of the young lady you have become. We hope your birthday is amazing.
— Love Dad, Mom and siblings
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, InterTribeals 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 ~

Applicants 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

Afterhours health line

Tribal members can contact the Afterhours Health Line for questions about health care concerns you may have when the clinic is not open. You can reach the Afterhours Health Line by calling 503-879-2002 and follow the prompts.

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

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon is seeking youth in grades six (6) through 12 who are interested in serving on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s Youth Council. Youth who are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, direct descendants of a currently enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, or an enrolled member of another federally recognized Native American Tribe receiving services directly from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are eligible to apply.

The Youth Council shall act in an advisory capacity to Tribal Council, the Youth Education Department, Youth Empowerment & Prevention and other Tribal departments and programs in identifying needs and developing priorities concerning Tribal youth and youth-related programs and activities.

The Youth Council will consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by Tribal Council. Youth Council members must be currently enrolled in grades six (6) through 12 at an educational facility. In selecting members of the Youth Council, Tribal Council shall give preference to persons who:
1. Have maintained good academic standing by carrying a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale;
2. Maintain healthy life choices;
3. Demonstrate leadership skills;
4. Are able to travel to and attend meetings, trainings and other activities as needed.

Youth Empowerment & Prevention will likely be selecting applicants for appointments by May 1, 2020. All interested youth are encouraged to pick up an application at Youth Education or Social Services, and submit the application by e-mail to Shannon.Stanton@grandronde.org or by mail: CTGR – Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program Attention: Shannon Stanton 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

If you have any questions, contact either Nicole Hewitt at 503-879-1471 or Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489 or by e-mail.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
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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

All by Samuel Briggs III
Friday, Feb. 14
• Counterfeit money reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Driving complaint received in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with a report of shots fired in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
• Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Feb. 15
• Citizen contact occurred in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road. A male was arrested for previous charges including trespassing, interfering with a police officer, resisting arrest and escape. He was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Warrant attempt occurred in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road. A male was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Counterfeit money reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Feb. 16
• Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
• Assist outside agency with a medical assistance request in the area of Hall and Fort Hill roads.
• Missing property reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Feb. 17
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Tilkixam Circle. A female was arrested on a previous charge of domestic violence and was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Assist outside agency with a reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred at milepost 21 on Highway 18.
• Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
• Driving violation reported in the area of Hall and Fort Hill roads.
• Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the Willamina area.

Thursday, Feb. 20
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Driving violation reported in the area of Hall and Fort Hill roads. Unlawful entry into a vehicle.
• Driving complaint received at milepost 16 westbound on Highway 22. Unable to locate vehicle.
• Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for theft and criminal mischief.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Intoxicated subject in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Feb. 21
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with suspicious activity reported in the area of Hall and Fort Hill roads.
• Driving complaint received at milepost 16 westbound on Highway 22. Unable to locate vehicle.
• Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for theft and unlawful entry into a vehicle.

Saturday, Feb. 22
• Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the 27700 block of Andy Riggs Road.
• Assist outside agency with a suicide incident in the area of Highway 18. Injuries were minor and the subject was transported to the hospital.
**POLICE LOG**

MARCH 15, 2020

block of Brown Road. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

- Assist outside agency with a verbal disturbance in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop performed in the area of Highway 22 and Sawtell Road. A female passenger had a valid warrant out of Marion County and was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a burglary in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Monday, March 2**

- Telephonic harassment reported in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, March 3**

- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A male was transported to the hospital for evaluation.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant attempt in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 57400 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 30400 block of Smithville Road.

**Wednesday, March 4**

- Warrant attempt in the Willamina area.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a report of neglect in the Salem area. Salem Police made an information request.
- Warrant attempt in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a medic request for cover in the 7400 block of Alvord Alley.

**Thursday, March 5**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant attempt in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 28400 block of Tyee Road.
- Assist outside agency with a request for information by Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office.
- Assist outside agency with a request for information by Polk County Sheriff’s Office.

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

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**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.

**What is the Peacemaker Program?**

The Tribal Court Peacemaker Program aims to reflect the Tribe’s tradition of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts. This is a free, voluntary program that allows parties to discuss their conflict or dispute in a safe, non-threatening environment. The goal is to re-establish communication and come to an amicable and agreeable solution.

**What can the Peacemaker Program assist me with?**

- Grievances with neighbors
- Disputes between co-workers
- Employment disputes
- Domestic relations
- Landlord / Tenant relations
- Name change disputes
- And, more!

"Both parties must agree to participate in the Peacemaking process."

**How do I obtain Peacemaker assistance?**

1. Download a request form from the Court Programs website, or
2. Come to Tribal Court, or
3. Email / call Tribal Court Programs for more information

[Program Website]

[https://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-courts/peacemaker-programs/]

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**BECOME A CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE HOST**

This 16-hour course includes:
- Theory, strategies, and guidelines of interpretation
- How to provide great customer service
- Hospitality and communication skills
- A+ Certification requirements
- Open book exam (video exam, all written materials and workbook)

Requirements for the CIT Certification:
- 12 hours of training
- Successfully complete an exam with a score to increase your passer rate. Participants who do not meet the score may be discounted to participate in the program.

To register for the program:
- Visit [Grand Ronde Tribal Court Programs](https://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-courts/peacemaker-programs/)

[Guest Programs Website]
Respect yourself. Protect yourself.
Get yourself tested.

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

Get Fired Up for Reading: Thank you to everyone who participated in our Winter Reading Program. We had such a great turnout. Our goal was to read 300 books, and we surpassed that goal. The final count was 424 books read! Look how great the dragon turned out.

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


Who better to understand the workings of violent children than Jonathan Kellerman, a child psychologist who specializes in the treatment of children. In this book, he reveals the factors that often lead to explosive and shocking juvenile violence.

Kellerman examines the origins of psychopathy and the ever-shifting debate between nature and nurture. Are children born violent or are they shaped by their surroundings? He doesn’t shy away from the fact that scientists still don’t definitively know what causes psychopathy in children.

I cannot say I loved the book. It’s hard to enjoy a topic like this, but I thought it was informative. Because this book is so short, I would say it is a good introduction and a starting point for further research on this area. This is a tough topic to read about so it won’t leave you feeling warm and fuzzy, but this book is very educational and thought-provoking. Readers will definitely get a clear view of the problem, what the red flags look like and what Kellerman believes is a possible solution to the problem. —Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow.

New titles to the library collection:
- Board books: “My Little Ocean” by Katrin Wiehle.
- Picture books: “When We Were Alone” by David A. Robertson and “Whale in a Fish Bowl” by Troy Howell.
- DVD selection: 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,” “Incredibles 2” and more.
- Donations: A special thank you to Kathleen George, Frank Hostler, Jesse Curteman 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
Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. The general population faces a lifetime risk for developing the disease of about 5 percent, while someone whose family has a history of colorectal cancer has a 10 percent to 15 percent chance of developing the disease. Approximately 140,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed and 56,000 people will die from the disease this year. Surpassing both breast cancer and prostate cancer in mortality, colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in numbers of deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer strikes men and women with almost equal frequency.

Colorectal cancer is often a silent disease, developing with no symptoms at all. When symptoms do occur, they may include the following:

- Blood in or on the stool
- Change in bowel habits
- Stools that are narrower than usual
- General stomach discomfort (bloating, fullness and/or cramps)
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, constipation or feeling that the bowel does not empty completely
- Frequent gas pains
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Rectal bleeding

The risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. All men and women aged 50 and older are at risk for developing colorectal cancer, and should be screened. Some people are at a higher risk and should be screened at an age younger than 50, including those with a personal or family history of inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal cancer or polyps, or ovarian, endometrial or breast cancer.

A low-fat diet, high in vegetable and fruit intake, and regular exercise can also lower your risk of developing colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer can be cured in up to 90 percent of people when it is discovered in its early stages. It is estimated that approximately 40,000 lives a year could be saved through widespread adoption of colorectal cancer screening and early treatment in men and women.

From the CDC and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
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.

To learn more go to 2020CENSUS.GOV

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