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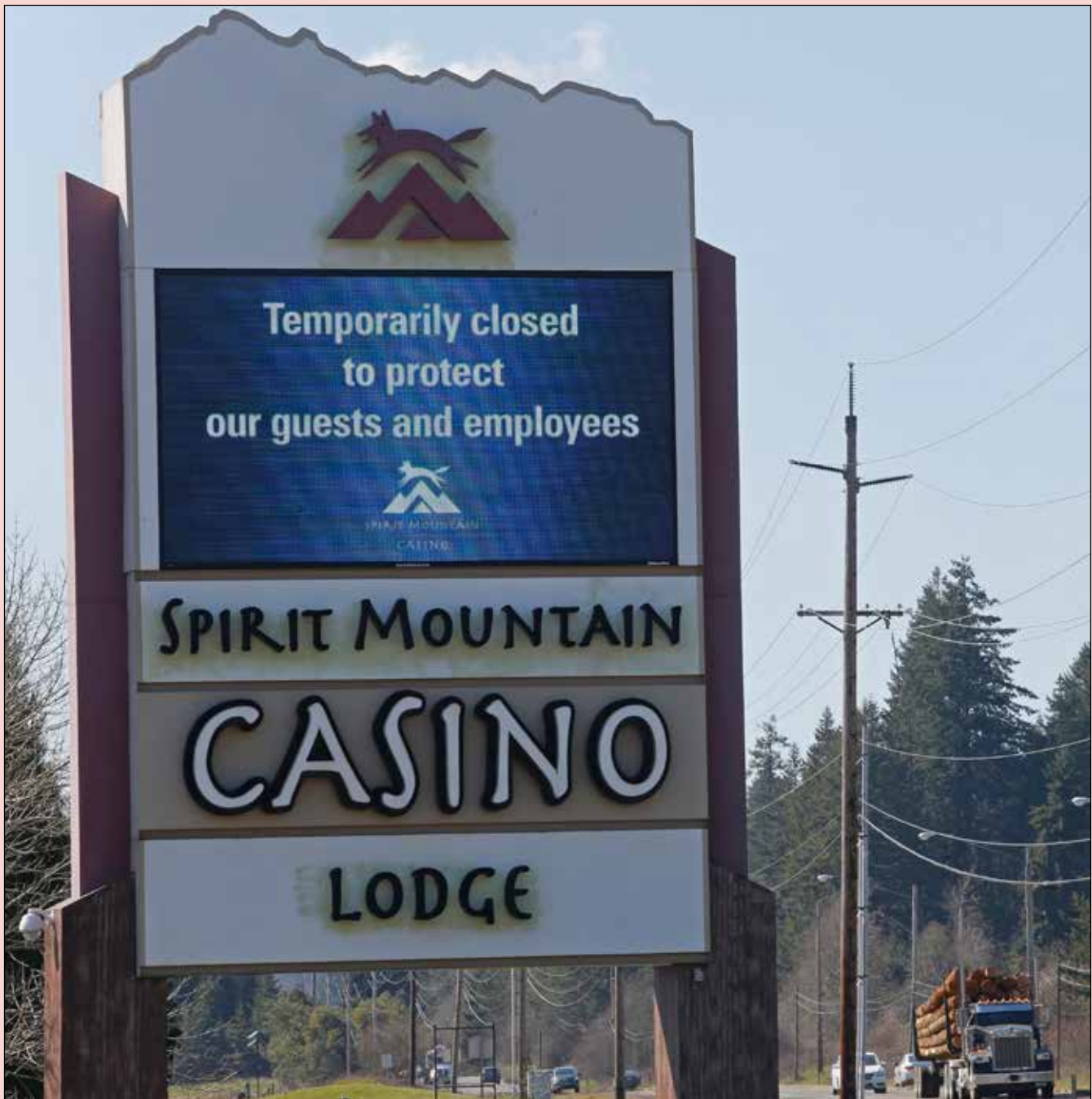


Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Spirit Mountain Casino closed to the public on Thursday, March 19. Preliminary estimates project having the casino and its approximately 1,100 employees being idle at least until Thursday, April 9, in an effort to help stifle the spread of the coronavirus in Oregon.

Spirit Mountain Casino extends closure by a week

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Casino will not be re-opening on Thursday, April 2. After a meeting between the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 25, it has been decided to keep the casino closed until at least Thursday, April 9.

“This closure is a precautionary measure to help protect the Tribal community, staff and guests as the COVID-19 outbreak escalates throughout the state, region and country,” says a press release jointly issued by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon on Thursday, March 26. “The Tribe’s and casino’s first priority is the health and safety of everyone that comes to Spirit Mountain Casino. The casino management and Grand Ronde Tribal Council will continue to monitor the situation and will revisit this decision on regular basis.”

In an unprecedented move, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announced an initial two-week closure of its primary economic engine, Spirit Mountain Casino, beginning at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, to help combat spread of the coronavirus in Oregon.

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Tribal Council prepares for pandemic’s financial effects

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

In the shadow of the novel coronavirus outbreak, Tribal Council met early on Wednesday, March 18, at 10 a.m. after advising the membership to not attend in person and to watch the proceedings via the live stream feed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org.

Keeping attendance small was a continued effort to stem the spread of the virus, called COVID-19. Tribal Council members sat six feet apart with empty seats between them to model social distancing and Tribal Council Chairwoman



Cheryle A. Kennedy asked meeting attendees to do the same.

Two late items added to the Tuesday, March 17, Legislative Action Committee agenda in-

cluded preparing the Tribe for possible financial contingencies as the pandemic evolves.

Tribal Council approved suspending all loan payments, including principal and interest, to the Tribe from Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. because of possible negative effects to the casino’s cash flow.

Tribal Council also approved using up to \$20 million from its line of credit to maintain account liquidity.

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Virus response affecting April happenings

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

As the national, state and Tribal response to the novel coronavirus pandemic continues to evolve and remain extremely fluid, Grand Ronde happenings in April are being affected.

The scheduled Agency Creek Round Dance, set for Friday and Saturday, April 3-4, in the Tribal gym has been postponed to a later date.

The Sunday, April 5, General Council meeting scheduled for the Lane Community College longhouse in Eugene has been canceled.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier pointed out during the Wednesday, March 18, Tribal Council meeting that a General Council meeting, with its

requirement of 30 attendees, would violate the suggested maximum crowd size of no more than 25 people.

In addition, Lane Community College has closed in response to the pandemic and it is unlikely any hotels in the Eugene area would be able to host the meeting anyway, he said.

The annual Tribal Housing Easter egg hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 11, also has been canceled. Easter falls on Sunday, April 12, this year.

Tribal Council has three meetings scheduled in the month on April 1, 15 and 29. Like its March 18 meeting, attendance in person will be discouraged and Tribal members will be asked to watch the meetings via the livestream feed at www.grandronde.org. ■

General Council meeting
11 a.m. Sunday, May 3
Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings	
DATE	TIME
Wednesday, April 1.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, April 15.....	10 a.m.

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

Pharmacy opts for mail-order prescription protocol

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center instituted a new prescription pick-up protocol in an effort to protect everyone's health and safety and ensure the Tribal drug supply during the coronavirus pandemic.

After Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said the Pharmacy would no longer be opening its window for patients, the Pharmacy went to a mostly all mail-order delivery model on Monday, March 23.

"We are doing some limited drive-through for people seen in the clinic that day and people who have already placed orders for the next few days," Rowe said. "We are also doing some delivery for those who are ill and/or homebound. All new orders are going to mail order."

"We do have additional staff members answering phones to assist with this process. However, we do expect patients may be sent to voicemail. Please leave a message with your name and phone number for staff to call you back."

Rowe said the clinic is waiving

mailing fees for medication mail-out to alleviate the burden the process is creating.

"As the dynamics around COVID-19 continue to evolve, our response at Health and Wellness must shift to further mitigate exposure and transfer of the virus," she added.

Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright said curbside pick-up is limited to patients seen in the clinic that day with "acute needs." "All other patients will need to receive their medications through the mail, with limited delivery in our local area," he said. "If a patient has an urgent need for a medication, they should be aware that most acute medications can be filled at outside pharmacies without a two-time limit."

Wright said patients can track their prescription orders by visiting the Pharmacy website at www.grandronde.org or by using the mobile app available by typing in "Grand Ronde Pharmacy" at your app store.

The Health & Wellness Center also is screening people at the front door before they enter for appointments, General Manager David Fullerton said. ■

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MONDAY, APRIL 20	MAY 1, 2020
TUESDAY, MAY 5	MAY 15, 2020
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20	JUNE 1, 2020
FRIDAY, JUNE 5.....	JUNE 15, 2020

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April

- Wednesday, April 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.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.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5?
If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more. A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be April 21.
Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.
For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- **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/CTGRSocialservices/
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April 3-4, 2020

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PUBLIC EMERGENCY
MARCH 17, 2020

2020-01
TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER

The President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Oregon have declared a public health emergency throughout the nation and this state in response to the spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure in an attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19 to the population across the nation.


The Tribal Nation of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Tribal Court, along with the United States Supreme Court, Federal District Courts, and State Courts, Municipal Courts, and Justice Courts throughout the State of Oregon have found it necessary to respond with measures designed to protect as many people as possible involved with the functions of the court, including all staff, attorneys, litigants, and community stake holders, while being responsive to the dictates of justice, to reduce and/or suspend all in-person court appearances to the greatest extent possible.

As the appointed Chief Judge of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court by the Tribal Council, and with the authority granted under the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon Constitution, and Tribal Court Ordinance Chapter 302, for the purpose of precautionary planning devoted to prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

NOW THEREFORE, based on the public health emergency, and following the recommendations of Tribal Health and Wellness Center, the State of Oregon, and the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in order to protect the public health, the Tribal Court hereby finds good cause to respond to these issues as fluidly as possible in light of changing updates, to take precautions to reduce the exposure to COVID-19 and to slow the spread of disease. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is limiting access to the Court; therefore, in order to protect public health, and reduce the size of gatherings and unnecessary travel, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court issues the following order, effective immediately:

1. All hearings scheduled for the month of April 2020 shall be conducted solely by telephonic appearance.
2. All parties shall use the Tribal Court's conference line with the specific participant code for their hearing to appear by phone for the month of April 2020.
3. The Tribal Court lobby will be closed to the public until May 1, 2020.
4. All Notary and Tribal Court Facilitation Services are suspended until May 1, 2020.
5. Staff in the Tribal Court Office will be available by telephone, mail, and email.
6. To contact Tribal Court by telephone call 503-879-2303, for contact by email please use the address: Court@grandronde.org.
7. Electronic filing through **Justiceweb** will be mandatory except for filing initial documents to open a new Tribal Court case.
8. Tribal Court will allow in-person filing on an emergency basis; however, the person must contact the court staff in advance to make arrangements with the staff to file.
9. Pro se litigants may contact Tribal Court for instructions on how to process documents or obtain information.
10. All Peacemaker Program activities shall be suspended until May 1, 2020.
11. Per National CASA the following information has been issued:
"The CASA program assures that volunteers have regular and sufficient in-person contact with the child to enable them to have an in-depth knowledge of the case and make fact-based recommendations to the court. The CASA volunteer shall meet in person with the child once every thirty (30) days at a minimum. An exception may be granted in the discretion of the CASA program staff; however, the decision to permit less frequent in person contact shall be documented as to the justification for and reasonableness of the exception."
This Court is suspending all face-to-face CASA contact with parties and all children until May 1, 2020. All interviews shall be conducted either by video chat or by phone.
12. All TMRB Reviews scheduled for the month of April 2020 shall be conducted solely by telephonic appearance using the Court's conference line.
13. To contact Tribal Court Programs Coordinator by telephone call 503-879-4623, for contact by email please use the address: Courtprograms@grandronde.org.
14. All service of documents to the Court Programs Coordinator shall be done electronically at Courtprograms@grandronde.org
15. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court will vacate or amend this Standing Order as necessary and appropriate.

DATED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


Honorable Cynthia Kaufman Noble,
Chief Judge

3 – TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER IN RE:
CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY
March 17, 2020

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Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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

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

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

In reaction to the novel coronavirus outbreak, the Food Bank will be holding food distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays only in April.

“We are asking clients to not come for a food box if they are having any symptoms or concerned about their health,” Ambrose said. “We are going to limit our geographic service area to Sheridan to Otis on Highway 18 and Sheridan to Hebo on Highway 22. We are asking clients and volunteers to wash their hands immediately upon entry to the building. Our lobby is closed until further notice.

“Food box distribution is happening outside while maintaining a safe distance between clients. We are sanitizing and keeping the food quarantined for three days before distribution. Pre-made boxes are available on distribution days, limited to two days of food for two adults. Clients within our geographic service area are still welcome to visit us weekly.”

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

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

The Food Bank 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@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

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

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board Board** meets monthly in the Employment Services Building conference room. The next meeting is yet to be determined due to the coronavirus pandemic. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: TBD. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bryan Langley.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Monday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

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

(Editor’s note: All committee and special event board meetings have been suspended during the Tribe’s limited shutdown in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – The Tribal Constitution remained unchanged as two proposed amendments failed to receive enough support to pass. The first proposed amendment would have removed Secretary of the Interior oversight and approval of amendments to the Tribe’s Constitution. The second proposed amendment, which would have instituted term limits on Tribal Council service of a one-year break after three consecutive terms, also fell short of the two-thirds approval required to change the Constitution.

2010 – Spirit Mountain Casino paid for all bus fares between Grand Ronde and Salem during the month of April. The move was due to a combined effort between the Salem Mass Transit District and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to increase rider-



2010 File photo

ship on the 2X route. Transit District Finance Director Pat Mercier estimated the casino sponsorship would cost approximately \$4,500.

2005 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde played host to the second annual Native Youth Leadership Invitational Conference. Organization for the event was spearheaded by the Youth Leadership group, which teamed up with the Youth Education Department to organize and plan accommodations for all in attendance. Keynote speaker was Robert Johnston of the Native Wellness Institute. He also held workshops on leadership, unity and maintaining positive attitudes.

2000 – Retiring Grand Ronde Housing Authority Board members Robert Watson and David Foster were honored at a special dinner that was hosted by the Housing Authority. They were honored for their years of service and contributions to the board. Housing Director Linda Layden said the current projects were vital to Tribal members and Elders, and would not have been possible if not for the contributions of Watson and Foster.

1995 – The Tribe’s Election Committee announced new election procedures. It would send out registration cards to any Tribal member who was eligible to vote, but not registered already. In addition, everyone who was registered would automatically receive an absentee ballot in the mail. Current Tribal Council members up for re-election were Andrew Jenness, Kathryn Harrison and Ed Larsen.

1990 – Willamina High School freshman and Tribal member Shonn Leno qualified for the Oregon National Team after placing second in a freestyle wrestling event. There were 400 competitors in the tournament. Leno was the first freshman in the state of Oregon ever to qualify for the honor.

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



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NATIVE PLANT PARTNERSHIP

Grand Ronde Tribal Council approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Willamette Valley Native Plant Partnership on Wednesday, Feb. 19. This partnership connects and pools the resources from more than 25 different organizations interested in restoring the Willamette Valley ecoregion. This *Smoke Signals* video shares why this partnership is important to the Tribal Native Plant Materials Program and the Grand Ronde community.



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Willamina, Sheridan school districts keeping students fed

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

With all schools in Oregon closed through at least Monday, April 27, several districts have implemented a free lunch program to ensure students receive adequate nutrition until classes resume.

The Willamina School District is offering free sack lunches at seven different locations, with four in Grand Ronde. When in session, Willamina schools qualify for a grant that feeds every child for free with no applications process, said Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick.

On Wednesday, March 18, a handful of children were waiting at Raven Loop Park in Tribal Housing for their meals, while some parents chose to drive up and get the lunches to go. Lunch is available there Monday through Friday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Willamina School District cook Rebecca Snowden said that more children have been showing up with each passing day since the service started on Monday, March 16.

“We served 96 lunches in Grand Ronde yesterday,” she says. “Everyone seems really thankful to be getting these.”

Wednesday’s sack lunch selections included peanut butter and jelly or ham and cheese sandwiches, celery sticks, fruit, crackers and milk. Everything was pre-bagged to minimize contact and potential spread of the novel coronavirus.

“I love my job and being able to feed kids,” Snowden says. “We will continue to do so through the school closure.”



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Rebecca Snowden, left, and Courtney Mendenhall, both cooks for the Willamina School District, hand out bag lunches to children in Tribal Housing on Wednesday, March 18. The school district will be providing the lunches for the duration of the school closures, which are currently scheduled to last at least until April 28.

Fifth-graders Issac Emery, Kayden Zimmer and Nacoma Liebelt agreed that the extra time away from school was “nice,” but that it was also good they live close to their friends.

“We’ve been playing outside a lot,” Emery says. “And going to my grandma’s house.”

Zimmer says he is required to do

two pages of homework every day and then he gets to go outside.

“It’s been nice and I enjoy getting the lunches,” he says.

The Willamina School District also started adding breakfasts to the sacks on Monday, March 30.

Other Grand Ronde locations where lunch is served are River’s Edge RV Park from 10:30 to

10:45 a.m., Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Wandering Spirit RV Park from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m.

Willamina locations are Willamina Elementary School from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Tina Miller Park from 11 to 11:30 a.m. and the Willamina Post Office 11:45 to 12:15 p.m.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown ordered all K-12 schools to close for two weeks between Monday, March 16, and Monday, March 30, on Thursday, March 12, to stem the spread of the virus. That was later extended to Monday, April 27.

The 852-student Willamina School District is approximately 40 percent Native American with many of those students either being Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants.

The Sheridan School District is also serving free lunches during the closure. The lunches can be obtained at Sheridan High School and Faulconer-Chapman School from noon to 12:30 p.m., Sheridan City Park from noon to 12:15 p.m. and the Sheridan City Library from 12:20 to 12:35 p.m. ■

Grand Ronde Station is remaining open

MEETING continued from front page

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said during the Legislative Action Committee meeting that the two moves will help prepare the Tribal for all financial contingencies.

Tribal Council member Michael Langley said he thought the line of credit resolution was a “good move” because interest rates are very low currently.

Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. said he wanted the membership to know it was a unanimous council decision regarding the two financial items.

The Tribe moved to close its primary economic engine, Spirit Mountain Casino, from Thursday, March 19, through Thursday, April 9.

During the Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the Tribe is working diligently on emergency management protocols to keep coronavirus at bay and out of the community. The Tribe has established an emergency management control center in the Community Center to monitor developments.

The regimen includes daily cleaning at the government campus buildings, as well as practicing social distancing – staying at least

6 feet away from other people – and limiting crowds to 10 or fewer people.

Kennedy also said the current state of affairs involves spiritual warfare vs. fear and panic. “We have faith that our Creator will keep this all in order,” she said.

A late addition to the Tribal Council agenda was declaring a state of emergency at the Tribe. The resolution allows General Manager David Fullerton to oversee the Tribal response to the pandemic and use Tribal resources to respond and recover from its effects.

Fullerton said the emergency declaration allows the Tribe to launch mutual aid agreements if necessary, provides the Tribe access to federal assistance and gives the Tribe access to federal resources, such as essential personal protection equipment for Tribal health professionals who are on the front lines in the battle against the virus. It is the first time the Tribe has declared a state of emergency since its 1983 Restoration as a federally recognized Tribe.

“The COVID-19 outbreak is constantly changing. This declaration allows us to seek the help of our partners in a time where working together is key to stopping the spread of COVID-19,” Kennedy said. “We need to come together as a community. We need to check

on one another, make sure our Elders are taken care of, and use our strength as a community to see each other through this challenging time.”

Fullerton added that the Tribe has established a phone number – 503-879-4357 (HELP) – for Tribal members to call between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday if they need nonmedical aid, such as replenishing supplies or groceries. Those with medical problems should still call their primary care physician.

Grand Ronde Station adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino is remaining open to help the community and Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose said food distribution dates are moving to Fridays only in April with modifications to the distribution process to help fight spread of the virus.

In addition, Tribal Council reminded members that the Sunday, April 5, General Council meeting scheduled in Eugene has been canceled.

Although the situation is serious, Kennedy said she is confident the Tribe will get through the crisis.

“I want our Tribal members to be healthy,” she said. “We will continue to thrive. ... The most precious thing in life is our life.”

The agenda also included:

- Approval of 24 non-infant appli-

cations for enrollment into the Tribe because the applicants meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation regarding Scroggins Dam, which is an earthen structure built on the Tualatin River for irrigation, water supply and flood control. The dam impounds the water that makes up Henry Haag Lake near Forest Grove and there are concerns about its seismic stability;
- Approved the Tribal Housing Department’s 2019 Annual Performance Report that must be submitted to the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department’s Office of Native American Programs. The Tribe received more than \$3 million in HUD funding in the 2019 fiscal year;
- And approved the 115-acre Cheechako Logging Unit as presented by Natural Resources staff that will earn the Tribe an estimated \$2.13 million in net revenue. “Cheechako” is Chinuk Wawa for “newcomer.”

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

Tribe moving forward with online services

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

In an effort to continue serving the Tribal membership safely during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribe is moving many of its services online or over the phone.

“We have been tracking COVID-19 since December and working closely with local, state and national officials in responding,” General Manager David Fullerton said. “We’ve established a helpline for resources not related to health concerns and are continuing to prepare as this event unfolds.”

Since the first case of coronavirus was reported in Oregon in late February, everything regarding “normal” has shifted.

Gov. Kate Brown has issued multiple executive orders that included closing schools until April 28, limiting in-person work to essential services, suspending routine medical and dental appointments, and ordering all Oregonians to stay home unless absolutely necessary to leave.

Tribal leaders detailed the Tribe’s response to the pandemic during a Facebook Live event held on Wednesday, March 25, that included Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Fullerton, Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe. More than 240 people attended remotely, Hernandez said.

“I’m pleased to be able to talk



Smoke Signals screen captures

From left, Grand Ronde General Manager David Fullerton, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe participated in a Facebook Live outreach event to the Tribal membership on Wednesday, March 25, to discuss the Tribe’s response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The social media event attracted an online audience of more than 240 people, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said.

For a full list of updated remote services, visit www.grandronde.org/services/health-wellness/covid-19-preparedness/

to you about this pandemic that is covering the world,” Kennedy said. “We are hopeful that soon we will overcome this disease. Three years ago, we set up an Emergency Management Team and one of the drills we did was a pandemic. From that moment until today, we have been practicing, so we are well positioned to address this. ... As we move forward, I have great faith in our Tribe and who we are.”

Services that will be offered remotely include Head Start virtual lessons, replacing home visits with phone calls, online GED tutoring, Youth Education tutoring, a Cultural Education YouTube channel,

Alcoholics Anonymous remote support, free mail delivery and local delivery for Grand Ronde Pharmacy prescriptions, Chachalu AV Club online and Chinuk Immersion Program remote access.

For non-health related concerns or information on community resources, call 503-879-HELP. The line is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

“The biggest part of combating this virus is prevention,” Rowe said. “Keep washing your hands, using hand sanitizer and stay home if you are sick. Also, please call your health care provider before coming to the clinic. This is to protect staff so we can provide services.”

Fullerton said that during the COVID-19 outbreak, Tribal Housing will be implementing a rent relief policy so that families that have had their employment affected will not be evicted for failure to pay rent on time.

Additionally, the Tribe is working on setting up a donation drop-off area for items such as diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, rubber gloves and cleaning supplies. Those who want to donate are asked to call the helpline.

To help ease the financial burden on employees who must stay home, the Tribe authorized an additional

120 hours of paid time off. In the event that the 120 hours are depleted and the Tribe has not yet resumed regular operation, Fullerton said the intent is to continue to take care of employees.

“We want to ease our employees’ fears,” he said. “We have around 450 and now it’s down to 50 to 75 people on site. Our intent is to have another plan on the table if needed.”

In response to a question, Kennedy said the closure of Spirit Mountain Casino probably will affect future per capita payments for Tribal members. She said it would be untrue to say it wouldn’t, but that “we’re all in this together” in making sacrifices to stem the spread of the virus.

Kennedy closed the Facebook Live meeting by thanking staff members for their hard work during the pandemic and offering practical advice to viewers.

“Soap is like a miracle for this disease,” she said. “Wash your hands more than you ever have before and don’t touch your face.”

The Tribe will hold a second Facebook Live event at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, that will feature Kennedy and Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon. ■



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

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Health Awareness Walk on May
16th.

Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don’t want adults thinking that they can’t use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

A maintenance worker loads up a piece of equipment outside of the shuttered Spirit Mountain Casino on Friday, March 20. The casino closed on Thursday, March 19, and preliminary estimates project having the casino and its approximately 1,100 employees being idle through Thursday, April 9.

‘We pride ourselves as being a caring community’

CLOSURE continued from front page

Preliminary estimates projected having the casino and its approximately 1,100 employees being idle beginning at midnight Thursday, March 19, through Thursday, April 9.

The closing of Spirit Mountain Casino followed a Monday, March 16, announcement by the Cowlitz Tribe that it was closing its Ridgefield, Wash., casino, Ilani, through the end of March. The Cowlitz announced that they would comply with Washington Gov. Jay Inslee’s order shutting down restaurants, bars and entertainment venues.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced similar restaurant and bar restrictions during a press conference held Monday, March 16, in Portland. When asked about the state’s Tribal casinos, she said that she did not have the authority to close them because they are operated by sovereign nations.

“I would ask that our Tribal leadership of our nine federally recognized Tribes be working with their local health authorities in making the appropriate decisions to protect the health and safety of Oregonians,” Brown said.

“We pride ourselves as being a caring community that views every

individual that walks through our doors as a member of the Grand Ronde family,” Dillon said. “The casino staff has done an outstanding job protecting everyone through preventive measures, but the continued growth of COVID-19 in Oregon has made this closure necessary.”

“These unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures and we all have to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19,” Kennedy said.

Spirit Mountain Casino opened in October 1995 and has been the primary funding source for Tribal governmental operations and myriad benefits to Tribal members, including health care, Elders’ pensions, per capita payments and educational funding. It also was Oregon’s No. 1 tourist destination for a time and became one of the largest employers in Yamhill and Polk counties.

Tribal Council authorized an additional 120 hours – three weeks – of paid time off for all casino and government employees. For casino employees, the Tribe is paying their standard rate with additional consideration for tips.

The Siletz Tribe, which operates Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, also closed down their gaming facility. ■

Tribe receives \$35,500 state grant to help fund COVID-19 response

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Oregon Health Authority announced on Sunday, March 22, that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will receive \$35,500 to help fund its response to the virus.

The funds are part of \$4 million being distributed to local public health authorities and Tribes.

The funds can be used to support reporting, monitoring and controlling of COVID-19 in communities, identifying and screening of contacts to COVID-19 positive patients and education, prevention and related communications activities to share information with the public and community partners.

“We believe that those funds will have a significant positive impact on our state’s capacity to perform COVID-19 response functions at the local level,” said Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen.

“Honoring the government-to-government relationship is important in our coordinated response to COVID-19,” said Julie Johnson, director of Tribal Affairs at the Oregon Health Authority. “We are appreciative of this funding to provide support at the local level. We know everyone is working extremely hard to protect all of our communities across the state.”

Other Tribes receiving the same amount of funding are the Warm

Springs, Burns Paiute, Siletz, Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, Klamath, Coquille and Cow Creek. The Umatilla Tribe, which reported a positive coronavirus case at its casino, will receive \$40,500.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, however, said the state funds will be spent rapidly and that the federal government is not fulfilling its trustee role with Native American Tribes.

“I’ve participated on calls to the White House. They are our trustee,” Kennedy said during an interview with KLCC radio. “There have been appropriations identified for Tribes, yet we have not received a dollar yet. And I’m not saying that we won’t. Every Tribe has a federal ID number. There’s the mechanism. Cut the red tape, get the funds out now.”

Kennedy said the Tribal Health Clinic has a lab that would be used to help screen and test potential cases among its Tribal members.

“If there’s something Native people know all too well, it’s what epidemics have done to us in the past,” she said.

At this time, the Tribal government remains operative with a minimum of staff reporting to work at the Governance Center in Grand Ronde. Tribal members needing information and assistance are encouraged to call or e-mail; walk-ins are strongly discouraged. ■

Health Clinic receives help during crisis

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center and its employees are on the frontlines in the effort to protect the Tribe and Grand Ronde community from COVID-19, the novel coronavirus.

And when they’ve asked for help over the last couple of weeks, they have received it.

Initially, Lab Manager Teresa Larson asked Tribal employees on Thursday, March 19, if they had any Styrofoam coolers to donate so the lab could send patient samples to the State Health Lab.

By Tuesday, March 24, the Lab was well-stocked and no longer in need of more donations, she said.

Larson said 15 coolers were donated and another 16 were ordered by the Tribe to fill the need.

In addition, the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center at the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation outside of Pendleton donated 260 N95 masks to the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center.

“Our Oregon Health Authority liaison, Carey Palm, has been keeping close contact with the nine Oregon Tribes,” said Emergency Operations Coordinator Steve Warden. “When Carey received word we were in need of



N95 masks, she reached out and was able to arrange availability of 260 N95s from Yellowhawk Health Center.”

Warden picked them up on Friday, March 20, from Umatilla Fire Captain Tony Cooke and delivered the masks to Grand Ronde.

N95 masks are used to protect the wearer from airborne particles and from liquid contaminating the face.

“Our Emergency Services Program is part of a coalition of the nine Oregon Tribal Emergency Management Programs,” Warden said. “The coalition gives one more resource when a disaster or emergency strikes other Tribes. I think it’s great the way we all work together to support our communities.”

Warden added that the Siletz Tribe also provided Grand Ronde with approximately 100 N95 masks as a result of the same outreach. ■

Local stores feel effects of coronavirus

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Local convenience stores haven't seen as much of the aisle-clearing that larger retailers have since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic hit Oregon, but two were wiped out of high-demand items such as toilet paper and hand sanitizer in mid-March.

"I've worked in retail for my whole life and never seen anything like this," said Tim Jackson, Grand Ronde Food and Fuel general manager. "It's mainly been a rush on toilet paper and hand sanitizer."

Jackson said canned goods are still in stock, likely because convenience store prices tend to be higher than larger retailers, but he expects business to pick up once those items become unavailable elsewhere.

"I imagine more grocery stores won't be able to restock due to the demand and we'll get more people here because of that," Jackson said.

He added the busiest time was during the first week in March, but after the statewide schools closure and other public gathering bans that occurred, business began to slow.

"There just aren't very many people out right now," he said.

The C-Store, as it's also known, has restock deliveries every Tuesday and Friday. Jackson has ordered more toilet paper.

"My main goal now is just to get it here," he said. "Once it arrives, I'm sure it won't last long."

American Market Store Owner Rupal Patel said her sales have decreased by approximately \$600 per day.

"More people have come in for hand sanitizer, but somehow my sales have gone down," she said.

Patel's family also owns American Market 2, which is located on Highway 18, approximately a mile from the main store on Grand Ronde Road.

On Monday, March 16, there was no toilet paper, hand sanitizer or paper towels in stock, although a variety of canned goods were available.

Patel said the Grand Ronde Road location still has toilet paper.

"We restock every week, but right now I am not sure," she said. "Our supplier is Unified Grocers and they will stock the big retailers first and then the smaller ones. I'm going to have to wait and see how many things I can actually get." ■



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Laura Mix, left, and Scott Lenaburg pick up meals brought to them by Food Sustainability Administrative Assistant Patti LeClaire and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson at the Elders Activity Center on Tuesday, March 17. The center, which closed on Friday, March 13, for the remainder of March is providing 600 meals to help those in need caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elders Activity Center continues to feed Elders during pandemic

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

With many larger grocery stores running out of staple items, local Elders are grateful to have free, ready-to-heat lunches.

Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson announced that the Elders Activity Center would close at 2 p.m. Friday, March 13, and remain shuttered through the end of March, but that Elders would still receive food.

Those who typically receive a home-delivered meal were given four meals on Tuesday, March 17, to get them through the week and Elders who eat at the center were asked to pull up to the back doors between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to receive four meals per Elder.

On Tuesday, March 17, Criss-Lawson and a handful of employees assisted Elders who arrived in a steady stream of vehicles.

"We are continually washing our hands and sanitizing the building," Criss-Lawson says. "If anyone feels ill, they are asked to not come to work."

She added that approximately 600 meals were made Tuesday and that the service would continue.

"But if people do not currently receive home delivery, please don't ask us to do it," Criss-Lawson says. "Pull up to the back entrance and we will bring your meals. Remember the food bank is available, too. We will continue to serve until we can't."

Regina Wheeler, who stopped by

Tuesday, says her family would still be fed without the meals, but it was a blessing to have the service available.

"This is a very good thing," she says. "We'd make out OK on our own, but right now we need to stay put, and this really helps."

Laura Mix and Scott Lenaburg appreciated the risk employees were taking to keep Elders fed.

"We are grateful they are doing this," Lenaburg said.

"I'm very thankful for everything," Mix added.

The elderly with underlying health concerns are the most at risk from the coronavirus, which is similar to the flu in causing fever, chills and difficulty breathing. People older than 60 have the highest death rates from contracting the virus.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, people who believe that they have been exposed to or contracted the coronavirus should call their health care provider to discuss whether they need to be seen before going into a clinic and potentially infecting others. The doctor will consult with local public health department staff members to determine if testing for the coronavirus is necessary.

To stay informed about the Tribal government's continued response to the coronavirus outbreak, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org or its Facebook page, or continue following *Smoke Signals* at www.smokesignals.org or on Facebook. ■

Health Clinic, Tribal Court modify services

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

As the Tribe's response to the novel coronavirus pandemic evolves, the Tribal government's response remains fluid.

On Tuesday, March 17, the Health and Wellness Center announced more modifications to its services.

The Medical clinic will accept walk-in medication assisted treatment patients and any visits that will affect a patient's immediate health if delayed.

Dental will only accept emergency cases and Optometry has suspended its services.

Lab/X-ray is offering all services with limited staff and the Pharmacy has gone to all mail order.

Behavioral Health has no on-site staff, but is offering check-ins and telemedicine appointments.

Community Health is offering all services with provisions to Elders and the infirm being prioritized.

Adult Foster Care is offering all services, but visitors will receive a symptom check before being granted entry.

Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said that

all patients entering the clinic will be met at the entrance to be triaged for possible COVID-19 symptoms and receive a mask if necessary. If they do have symptoms, they will be directed to the old Behavioral Health area. All appointment reminders include screening questions to ensure patient health and staff protection.

"These modifications are to protect our patients, community and staff, and best utilize our protective equipment essential for treating patients that may have the virus" Rowe said.

Meanwhile, Tribal Court announced a temporary standing order regarding its services, including only holding hearings in April via the telephone.

The Tribal Court's lobby will be closed to the public until May 1 and all notary and facilitation services are suspended until then as well.

Staff in the Tribal Court office will be available by phone, mail or e-mail at 503-879-2303 or Court@grandronde.org.

Meanwhile, entry into the Governance Center was reduced to one door so that Security personnel can monitor visitors. Walk-ins are strongly discouraged. ■

Rivera is Tribal Court’s new administrator

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

When asked what the most challenging aspect of being the Tribe’s new Court Administrator was, Lorena Rivera didn’t hesitate to answer.

“Definitely COVID-19,” she says. “Since we have to social distance, there have been no in-person court proceedings, which is very challenging for delivering our services. But during these difficult times, I assure my staff that I am here for them and the primary goal to make sure everyone stays healthy.”

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Rivera, a Grand Ronde Tribal member, moved back to the community after 10 years of living in Oakland, Calif., to accept the job of Tribal Court Administrator. Her first day was March 9. She succeeds Angela Fasana, who moved over to lead the Tribe’s Education Department.

“Now that I have come back home, I am getting used to long drives for reasonably priced groceries,” she jokes. “Another thing I have to readjust to is the weather. But I am looking forward to reconnecting with the people and engaging my 14-year-old daughter (Anavey Smith) in the youth activities offered by the Tribe.”

Rivera is the daughter of Tribal member Kelly Lazore, Martin Gonzalez and Miguel Rivera, the granddaughter of Tribal Elder Lorene Smith and Andres Rivera, and great-granddaughter of Lawrence Smith and Gertrude McCoy.

Rivera, 39, decided to apply for Tribal Court Administrator because she has always wanted to



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Lorena Rivera was hired as the new Tribal Court Administrator, starting her new job on March 9. She succeeds Angela Fasana, who performed the job for 19 years.

work in the legal field and has a keen interest in federal Indian law, which she studied while earning a master’s degree in Tribal administration and government from the University of Minnesota in Duluth.

“That was when I really became interested in the different eras of Indian policy and how they shaped the law,” she says. “Being around my professors and learning more really re-lit my fire to work in the legal field.”

When the job of Court Administrator came open a few months ago, Rivera decided to apply.

“I told myself, ‘Just go for it, this will be a great experience,’” she recalls. “I wanted to experience firsthand how a court operates. In my former job, I worked for the Washoe Tribe in the Native Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program and helped them navigate the system.”

This will be Rivera’s third job with the Grand Ronde Tribe. When her daughter was younger, she

worked in the Records Department at the Health & Wellness Center, and as a cashier at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Although she doesn’t have direct experience as a Court Administrator, Rivera feels her educational background and five years of experience working for a Tribe puts her in a good place.

“It puts me in a place of understanding federal Indian law and helps me understand how the Tribe and court operate,” Rivera says.

Fasana hired Rivera for the job. She served as the Court Administrator for 19 years.

“I am excited to welcome Lorena back to the Reservation,” Fasana says. “Lorena has a great deal of experience working in Indian Country and I think she will bring a big picture view to the court. We are delighted she has stepped into this role and look forward to all she has to offer.”

The Tribal Court handles civil cases, such as name changes and housing appeals, and juvenile cases which include adoption, abuse and

guardianship. It also offers programs including the Tribal Member Review Board, Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Peacemaker Program, Indigent Defense and Tribal Bar.

“I am trying to stick closely to Angela to learn,” Rivera says. “She is such an incredible resource to me. This is a new opportunity and a learning experience, and it’s helpful for me to have experts around. I’ve also been learning a lot from my staff.”

Her goals during the first year are to continue to develop the court programs and to learn everything from the “counter to the courtroom.”

“I want to work on understanding Tribal ordinances and procedures, and support partnerships between our court and the city, county and state courts,” Rivera says. “I also want to continue building relationships with the staff and support them however I can. We’re a small, but mighty department.”

Rivera can be reached at Lorena.rivera@grandronde.org or at 503-879-4596. ■



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Bye, George



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Former Planning Director Rick George receives a blanket from Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Tribal Council member Kathleen George during his retirement party in the Adult Education Building on Friday, March 13. Kathleen also happens to be Rick’s wife. George started working for the Tribe in October 2013 and held several positions, including being interim general manager.



Former Planning Director Rick George hands a Shrek figure to Family Service Program Assistant Lyndsey Stuckey during his retirement party. Stuckey’s son, Everett Kimsey, 4, would always go into George’s office to see Shrek while on his way to visit his mother. Shrek now has a permanent home with Everett.

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 an 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 with a month-long orientation 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 thecomunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7T0nNoFgUYs to watch an informational video. ■

Comments Requested on Plans for Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial Improvements

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

Positive Indian Parenting Class

Positive Indian Parenting is a class for Indian parents, caregivers, and foster parents of Indian children.

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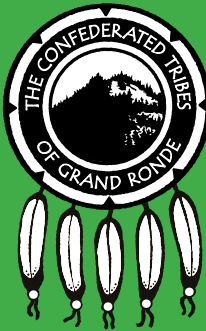
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The Parks and Recreation Program of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with Oregon Youth Corps, is seeking one Natural Resources intern/youth crew supervisor for its Summer Youth Crew program. This is a great opportunity to obtain supervisory experience and practice hands-on natural resource management techniques.



Youth Crew Supervisor Position
Start Date: June 01, 2020
Duration: 17 weeks, 40 hours/week
End Date: September 30, 2020
Pay: \$15.00-\$16.50/hr

Duties: Schedule program tasks and activities, purchase crew supplies and materials, organize campouts, and supervise two youth crew leaders and associated youth crews for up to 10 weeks and assist the Natural Resources department with natural resource projects for approximately 7 weeks.

Qualifications: Must have desire to work with youth and in natural resources; be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain; experience with the proper use of hand tools; good communication and organization skills. Supervisory experience preferred.

Requirements: Furnish own work boots, valid driver's license with a safe driving record, must successfully pass pre-employment background check, drug test, and moderate physical pack test. Must be able to attend 3-day, 3-night (June 16-19, 2020) teamwork and working with at-risk youth training in Bend, OR.

Work Location: Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville, or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

Applications accepted starting March 02, 2020. Closing date: Friday May 01, 2020.


Complete the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application online at <http://www.grandronde.org/about/employment/>, click the Apply Button next to the Youth Crew Supervisor posting and follow the accompanying instructions.



Or apply in person at:

**The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Employment Services Center
9615 Grand Ronde Road
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If you have any questions please call (503) 879-2337.



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Natural Resources Intern/ Youth Crew Leader Position
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Duration: 15 weeks, 40 hours/week
End Date: September 30, 2020
Pay: \$13.00-\$14.50/hr

Duties: Supervise and provide leadership to a nine-person summer youth work crew for up to eight weeks and assist the Natural Resources Department for approximately seven weeks. Projects may include stream and riparian restoration/enhancement, trail maintenance and construction, native vegetation plantings, habitat enhancement monitoring, wildlife monitoring and other natural resource and community projects.


Qualifications: Desire to work with youth and/or in natural resources. Must be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Experience in the proper use of hand tools. Good communication skills.

Requirements: Work boots, valid Driver's License, safe driving record. Must successfully complete pre-employment background check, drug test, and moderate physical pack test. Must be able to attend 3-day, 3-night (June 16-19, 2020) teamwork and working with at-risk youth training in Bend, OR.

Work Location: Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville, or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

Applications accepted starting March 02, 2020. Closing date: Friday May 01, 2020.

Complete the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application online at <http://www.grandronde.org/about/employment/>, click the Apply Button next to the Youth Crew Leader posting and follow the accompanying instructions.



Or apply in person at:

**The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Employment Services Center
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

If you have any questions please call (503) 879-2337.

Novel Coronavirus Alert!




If you suspect or have symptoms

(Fever, cough, sneezing and flu-like symptoms)


PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER!!!

To help limit possible exposure to others, please contact the Receptionist at **503-879-2032** for triage and alternative entrance.



Summer 2020 Youth Crew Member Position

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in cooperation with the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps is looking for 18 youth to work in a Summer Youth Crew Program.



These positions are designed and funded for the purpose of providing employment experience and meaningful opportunities to local area youth.

Youth Crew Member
Start Date: Monday June 29, 2020
Duration: 8 weeks, 32 hours/week
End Date: Friday August 20, 2019
Pay: \$12.50/hr

Duties
Work as a member of an eight-person work crew. Projects include trail construction, habitat enhancement, invasive species removal, and other natural resource and community enhancement projects.


Qualifications
Must be 15-18 years of age; have the ability or experience to safely, and properly use hand tools; be able to work in rugged outdoor terrain. Interest in or experience in working in the outdoors helpful.

Requirements
1) Furnish own work boots
2) Complete and pass pre-employment background check and drug test.

Work Location
Natural Resources Office, Grand Ronde. Grand Ronde is located in the foothills of the Coast Range approximately 30 miles northwest of Salem, 25 miles southwest of McMinnville, or 50 miles north of Corvallis.

Applications accepted starting March 02, 2020. Closing Date: Friday May 15, 2020.

To apply
Complete the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employment application online at <http://www.grandronde.org/about/employment/>, click the Apply Button next to the Youth Crew Member posting and follow the accompanying instructions.



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Walking On...

Gary Eugene Oberg

April 5, 1958 – March 6, 2020

The Chief, Gary Eugene Oberg, passed away unexpectedly from natural causes at home on March 6, 2020. He was born in Hillsboro, Ore., on April 5, 1958, to parents Charlotte and Marion Eugene. Gary was later joined by sisters Charlene and Cheryl. His sister, Charlene, gave him a nickname that perfectly described his personality: “Chief Fun Feather.” Gary grew up in Gaston and enjoyed the great outdoors.

When Gary and Lynne married in 1990, they became soulmates and shared a love of camping. Gary was the Chief of Fun in the Oberg household. Amanda, Michelle and Tiffany have fond memories of camping with their father. Those camping trips were well-planned adventures. During those camping trips, Gary enjoyed tearing around on his quad having the time of his life. All of his children proclaim that their dad broke the mold when it came to fathers.

Gary was creative and a talented carver. Some of the items he carved were Christmas ornaments and a totem pole. The totem pole was a work of art that he took pleasure in. He could make and fix anything.

Gary was a Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. His most recent job before retirement was working at Spirit Mountain Casino in the bingo division. He was very proud of his Native heritage.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Marion Eugene.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne of Dayton; mother, Charlotte Oberg of Gaston; sisters, Charlene Oberg of Gaston and Cheryl Oberg of Bonanza; daughters, Amanda Oberg of Milwaukie, Michelle (Adam) Gergen of Gaston and Tiffany Oberg of Bonanza; grandchildren, Blade, Caleb, Arianna, Derek, Andrew and Levi; and many beloved family members.

This gentle, kind man always welcomed everyone and made time for heart-to-heart talks. Our family wants everyone to know that our Chief Fun Feather gave us joy and he will be greatly missed.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.macyandson.com.



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CULTURAL EDUCATION

Are you missing out on what Cultural Education has to offer? Follow us on Facebook to get detailed class information, photos from events, and updates.

Plus, check out the tribal calendar for a quick glance of upcoming events and classes.

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NEW YORK 2020

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

APPLY/

Open to High School males that meet the following qualifications/

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

Application Deadline/
April 6th, 2020 by 5pm

Application is available online/
grandronde.org

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



THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBER REVIEW BOARD (TMRB)

We are looking for volunteers!

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

Qualifications:

- ↳ Tribal member
- ↳ At least 21 years of age
- ↳ Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and
- ↳ Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following:
 - Parenting or foster care taking; Tribal customs, traditions; Juvenile Law; Health Care; Mental Health Care; Social work; or Education.

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

Volunteers Wanted!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

Court Appointed Special Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(open to all community members)</small>	Tribal Member Review Board <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal Member)</small>
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Visit our website for more information and the qualifications for each program:
<https://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-court/court-programs/>

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:	Phone Number:
Address: _____	
Street/PO Box	City State Zip
Email Address: _____	

Tribal Court Programs Coordinator
Attn: Ramona Quenelle
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

(503) 879-4623
CourtPrograms@grandronde.org



Planting the future



Natural Resources Department Native Plants Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua talks with Youth Education students during a short walk to plant yampah seeds on Wednesday, March 11. The yampah is similar to the carrot and has been grown by Grand Ronde ancestors and other Tribal peoples throughout the Northwest.

Visit Smoke Signals' facebook page to see more photos



Tribal youth Kaikanim Mercier takes a bite of a biscuitroot.



Tribal youths, from left, Peyton Schultz, 14, Kaikanim Mercier, 13, and Anavey Smith, 14, sample the greens of a yampah plant at the Natural Resources Department on Wednesday, March 11. The leaves of the yampah taste like parsley.



Yampah grows in a raised bed at the Natural Resources Department off Hebo Road.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.
PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("Purdue"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue. Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue. You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by "Purdue," and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center
c/o Prime Clerk LLC
850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232
Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com - Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

PurduePharmaClaims.com, or call 1.844.217.0912.



- 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, 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.

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

Gambling Hotline:
1-877-MY-Limit (1-877-695-4648)
or Text 503-713-6000

Please send applications to:	CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs (located in the Governance Building) 9615 Grand Ronde Road; Grand Ronde, OR 97347
DEADLINE: Friday, March 27, 2020	
Questions?	Contact Chelsea Baranski at 503,879,1418 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

Grand Ronde Housing Department



Board seeks community input

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

For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■

Veterans Royalty

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

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

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

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

- We encourage all Tribal youth to join.**
- Warriors — 8-18 years of age
 - Junior Veterans Queen — 11-13 years of age
 - Senior Veterans Queen — 14-18 years of age

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

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

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

Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

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

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

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TRIBAL COURT CLERK *JB*

FORM 1

IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of: *Katherine Warren-Steffensmier* Case No.: *C-20-004*

Katherine Warren-Steffensmier PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Petitioner. [ADULT]

I, the undersigned Petitioner, without full representation of an attorney, petition the Tribal Court for a change of my name and declare that the following facts are true on the date that this Petition is filed with the Court:

1. I am over 18 years of age.

2. I was born in the County of *Clatsop*, State of *Oregon*.

3. I currently live in the County of *Polk*, State of *Oregon*.

4. My present name is: *Katherine Warren-Steffensmier* (Please Print)

5. I am requesting the Court issue a Decree changing my name to:
First Name: *Katherine* Middle Name: *Olivia*
Last Name: *Thornberry* (Please Print)

6. The reason for the proposed change of name is (Please circle all that apply.):

☒ a. My name is difficult to pronounce and spell and is therefore a hardship in social and business dealings.

☐ b. Through regular use, I have become known by my proposed name.

☐ c. I have gone through a naming ceremony and wish to be known by my ceremonial name.

☒ d. Other reason(s): *Same last name as my daughter*

7. Tribal Member.
☒ I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Roll No.: *2997*.

8. I have not been granted a name change by the Tribal Court within the last twelve months.

9. I am further requesting the Court issue an Order for the issuance of a new Birth Certificate, reflecting my changed name, for filing with the Enrollment Office of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and with the State Records Agency, in lieu of the original record of my birth.

DATED, this *2* day of *March*, 20 *20*.

KWarren Katherine Warren-Steffensmier
Petitioner's Signature Print Name

P.O. Box 93 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Mailing Address City, State, Zip Code

541-808-1131 *kwarrelle@my-chemeketa.edu*
Telephone or Contact Telephone Number Email

County of *Polk* (SS.)
State of *Oregon*

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this *2nd* day of *March*, 20 *20*, by *Katherine Warren-Steffensmier*
Julia Boekhoff
Notary Public for *Oregon*
My Commission Expires: *8-28-2020*

OFFICIAL STAMP

JULIE LEE BOEKHOFF

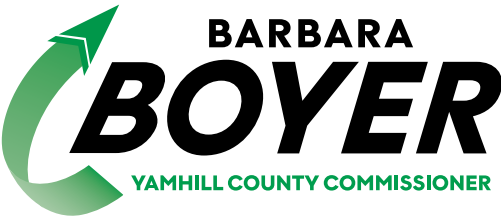
NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGON

COMMISSION NO. 953743

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 28, 2020

We Want To Hear From You!

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



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- Committed to Yamhill County
- Innovative thinker

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Friday, March 6

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A female was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested for a valid warrant out of Polk County and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a medical assist in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. A female was transported to the hospital.
- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 8200 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with an alarm in the 8300 block of King Road. It turned out to be a false alarm.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of Highway 22 and Red Prairie Road. A male was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

Saturday, March 7

- Assist outside agency with a reported disturbance in the 8200 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- A welfare check was conducted in the Sheridan area. A male was determined to be fine.
- Assist outside agency with a crash in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18. A vehicle was flipped on to its side. The driver was removed from the vehicle and transported to the hospital with minor injuries.
- Warrant attempt occurred in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Reported crash in the 2700 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, March 8

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 2 on Agency Creek Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the 27000 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a vehicle in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with citizen contact in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, March 9

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Report of deceased person in the 48000 block of Blacktail Drive.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up call in the 22300 block of Finn Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the Sheridan area.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 49200 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, March 10

- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a reported hit-and-run in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A female was cited and released for valid municipal warrant.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, March 11

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River

Highway.

- Assist outside agency with a suspicious person in the 22800 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, March 12

- Assist outside agency with citizen contact in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested for a crime that occurred in Monmouth and was transported to the Polk County Jail and delivered to the Monmouth Police Department.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Reported runaway in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 24100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for harassment and trespass, and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

Friday, March 13

- Reported burglary in the 28700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 8200 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Saturday, March 14

- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 22600 block of Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency with a report of shots fired in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the 8300 block of King Road. A male was transported to a local hospital.

Sunday, March 15

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with information follow-up in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a driving complaint in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.

Monday, March 16

- Welfare check performed in the Salem area.
- Traffic stop in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male driver had a valid warrant out of Yamhill County and was arrested and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Traffic stop in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A female passenger was arrested for possession of methamphetamines, issued a citation and released.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the area of Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a fight in progress in the Sheridan area.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a stolen vehicle out of Lincoln County.
- Emotionally distressed person in the area of Highway 18 and Fire Hall Road. The male was transported to a care home.

Tuesday, March 17

- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18. A male was given a courtesy ride.
- Civil issue in the 25400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported trespass in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally distressed person in the 22900 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was transported to a local hospital.
- Citizen contact occurred in the Willamina area. Two juveniles were out after curfew and were taken home.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.



Wednesday, March 18

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 22.
- Animal complaint received in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

Thursday, March 19

- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with an information request in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic assist occurred in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

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



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTGR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Date Posted	Closing Date
1304	Lieutenant, Emergency Services Department	14	\$5,741.10/mo.	\$7,044.29/mo.	03/20/20	04/02/20
1302	Junior Hatfield Fellowship	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/13/20	04/02/20
1299	EHS Teacher	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	03/20/20	04/02/20
1282	Applications Specialist	12	\$27.37/hr.	\$33.59/hr.	02/28/20	04/09/20
1280	Senior Help Desk Technician	12	\$27.37/hr.	\$33.59/hr.	02/28/20	04/09/20
1272	Staff Attorney	18	\$7,941.73/mo.	\$10,313.55/mo.	02/14/20	04/09/20
1259	Preschool Teacher	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	01/10/20	04/02/20
1255	AFC Caregiver (On Call)	6	\$15.77/hr.	\$18.96/hr.	01/10/20	04/09/20
1252	Radiology Lab Technician On-Call	8	\$18.70/hr.	\$22.94/hr.	01/03/20	04/09/20
1223	Clinic System Coordinator	13	\$30.11/hr.	\$36.95/hr.	02/28/20	04/09/20
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	\$115,309.56/yr.	\$149,752.68/yr.	05/24/19	04/09/20
1082	Physician	23	\$147,497.41/yr.	\$199,320.82/yr.	10/04/19	04/09/20
1271	Temporary Pool	2	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.77/hr.	04/16/18	12/31/20
1294	Summer Youth Employment Program [Spirit Mountain Casino Hospitality Attendant]	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/06/20	05/08/20
1293	Summer Youth Employment Program [SMCF Youth Grantmaking Program]	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/06/20	05/08/20
1292	Summer Youth Employment Program [Emergency Services Trainee]	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/06/20	05/08/20
1291	Summer Youth Employment Program [GRFFCO Gas Station]	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/06/20	05/08/20
1290	Summer Youth Employment Program [CTGR Campus Wide]	1	\$11.25/hr.	\$11.25/hr.	03/06/20	05/08/20
1286	Youth Crew Supervisor/NRD Intern	NA	\$15.00/hr.	\$16.50/hr.	02/28/20	04/30/20
1285	Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention Seasonal)	6	\$15.77/hr.	\$18.96/hr.	02/28/20	04/09/20
1284	Youth Crew Leader/NRD Intern	NA	\$13.50/hr.	\$14.50/hr.	02/28/20	04/30/20
1283	Youth Crew Member	NA	\$12.50/hr.	\$12.50/hr.	02/28/20	05/14/20

Application materials must be received in Human Resources by 5pm on the closing date.
All positions are located in the greater Grand Ronde area unless specifically noted otherwise.
If you have questions or need more info, please call: 1-800-422-0232 x-2109

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

- Grand Ronde Tribal members.
 - Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
- Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
- External candidates.

For additional Career Opportunities with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, please visit: <https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>

Youth Council

Seeking Future Leaders for Youth Council

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:

- Have maintained good academic standing by carrying a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale;
- Maintain healthy life choices;
- Demonstrated leadership skills;
- 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. ■



LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Library hours: CLOSED

The Tribe has made the decision to extend the closure of all educational on-site programs and programming through April 28. The Library also will remain closed through April 28. We realize these closures will affect students and families and we are working to develop web-based resources such as Facebook Live events and web-based instruction. Watch for updated information on the Tribe’s website or Facebook Page, CTGR Education Programs.

The Tribal Library does not charge late fees so please do not worry about being charged. You can return items once the library opens again to the public.

EBook & audiobook app options:

Amazon Kindle: It is by far one of the most popular book reading apps. You can sign-up and download on your mobile device or desktop. Amazon Kindle offers many free books that span nearly all categories from romance to fiction, non-fiction, historical and more.

Nook: This is a great free application for reading books. The user interface is very interactive and you cannot only import epub and PDF but access free materials. Just click on the search button and search “free.”

Oodles: This app offers more than 50,000 free ebooks for you to use. The books are arranged in different categories, which makes it easier to find what you're looking for based upon your preferences.

Another available option is visiting our 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 you can take home and keep 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 on the left side of the Library entrance.

Book review: “A Long Walk to Water” by Linda Sue Park.

Two stories, told in alternating sections, about two 11-year-olds in Sudan: a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, goes to the pond to fetch water for her family. She makes two trips to the pond, walking eight hours every day. The boy, Salva, based on a true story, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan when Salva’s school is attacked by rebel soldiers. In his attempt to flee his war-torn village, he becomes separated from his family.

The age range for this book is about 10 to 14 years old, but I recommend it to all ages. This is a good book to teach our children and ourselves about the hardships and extreme conditions others in the world face every day.

Both Nya and Salva deal with incredible difficulties during their journey, but with an immense amount of courage and perseverance, they find hope for their futures. — **Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow**

Donations: A special thank you to David Rice, Frank Hostler, S & J Zarko and others for their contributions to the Tribal Library. We appreciate it.

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

For any questions or comments, contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1499 or e-mail crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org

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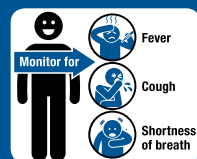




HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

People at risk for COVID-19

1 Under monitoring



2 Quarantine



3 Under investigation



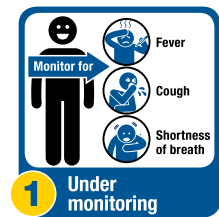
4 Isolation



Public health experts often use the following terms during a disease outbreak:

- Persons under monitoring
- Persons under investigation, and
- Quarantine
- Isolation.

To understand these terms, it is important to know whether the person has symptoms. It is also important to understand whether the person or group is separated from others.



Broadly speaking, **persons under monitoring** refers to people who:

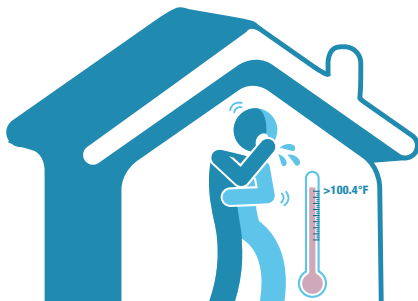
- Do not have signs of illness, and
- May have been exposed to a disease that can spread to others.
- People may have exposure to COVID-19 through:
 - Contact with another person who has COVID-19, or
 - Travel to a place where the virus is very active.
- Signs of illness with COVID-19 can include:
 - Fever
 - Cough, and
 - Shortness of breath.
- Persons under monitoring should watch for these symptoms. They may also have a health care provider or public health professional monitor their health.
- Health experts may ask these people to limit their movement and contact with others.

OHA and local health officials are monitoring COVID-19 in Oregon



Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)
No Symptoms

- Restriction depends on level of risk
- Monitor for symptoms
- Limit movement and contact with others
- Close contacts not monitored
- Not tested for COVID-19



Persons Under Investigation (PUI)
Symptoms Present

- Stay home from school or work
- Tested for COVID-19
- Limit movement and contact with others
- Close contacts are monitored

for more information, visit
healthoregon.org/coronavirus
or call 211

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Corona Virus COVID-19 — Continued



Quarantine separates and restricts movement of people or groups who may have been:

- Exposed to a disease or
- Infected but not show symptoms.

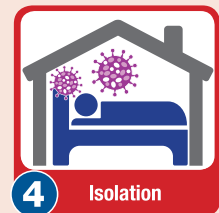
Health officials sometimes use quarantines if they do not know whether a disease can spread before a person has signs of illness.



Persons under investigation are people who have exposure to a disease and then developed symptoms; public health officials worry they too may have the disease and could spread it to others.

Health officials often want to learn more about these people and their illness. They can then better understand how to prevent further spread of the illness.

- People may become exposed to COVID-19 through:
 - Contact with a sick person, or
 - Travel to a place where the virus is very active.
- Signs of illness with COVID-19 include:
 - Fever
 - Cough, and
 - Shortness of breath.
- Health officials may ask these people to limit their movement and contact with others. Health officials ask those exposed to COVID-19 to isolate themselves from others by avoiding:
 - People
 - Public places, and
 - Work or school.
- Health officials may ask some of these people to get tested for the disease.



- Isolation** separates people who have an illness from people who are healthy. Isolation restricts the movements of people who have an illness to prevent the spread of the disease.

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10 things you can do to manage your health at home

If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work, school, and away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



8. As much as possible, **stay in a specific room and away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



Please go to www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms for information on COVID-19 symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

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Novel Coronavirus

Fact Sheet

What is novel coronavirus?

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus strain that has only spread in people since December 2019. Health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus. It has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people and there is not a treatment.

How does novel coronavirus spread?

Health experts are still learning the details about how this new coronavirus spreads. Other coronaviruses spread from an infected person to others through:

- the air by coughing and sneezing
- close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands
- touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes

How severe is novel coronavirus?

Experts are still learning about the range of illness from novel coronavirus. Reported cases have ranged from mild illness (similar to a common cold) to severe pneumonia that requires hospitalization. So far, deaths have been reported mainly in older adults who had other health conditions.

What are the symptoms?

People who have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus have reported symptoms that may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus:

Fever



Cough



Difficulty breathing



What should I do if I have symptoms?

Call your healthcare provider to identify the safest way to receive care. Let them know if you have traveled to an affected area within the last 14 days.

Who is at risk for novel coronavirus?

Your risk of getting COVID-19 relates to your exposure to the virus. To minimize the risk of spread, health officials are working with healthcare providers to promptly identify and evaluate any suspected cases.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Fact Sheet — continued

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Travelers to and from certain areas of the world may be at increased risk. See www.wnc.cdc.gov/travel for the latest travel guidance from the CDC.

How can I prevent from getting novel coronavirus?

If you are traveling overseas follow the CDC's guidance: www.wnc.cdc.gov/travel.

Steps you can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold will also help prevent coronavirus:

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away. If you don't have a tissue, cough into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that you frequently touch.



Currently, there are no vaccines available to prevent novel coronavirus infections.

How is novel coronavirus treated?

There are no medications specifically approved for coronavirus. Most people with mild coronavirus illness will recover on their own by drinking plenty of fluids, resting, and taking pain and fever medications. However, some cases develop pneumonia and require medical care or hospitalization.

For more information:

www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus

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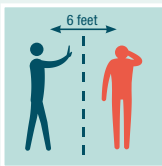


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Social Distancing: Keep Your Distance to Help Prevent COVID-19



Social distancing basically means reducing contact with people, especially in large crowds. It is a major public health step to help slow the spread of a highly contagious disease, such as the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Why should I practice social distancing?

- When someone infected with the virus coughs or sneezes, droplets can travel several feet. If you breathe in the droplets or they land on your face, you could become infected.
- History supports Oregon actions — during the 1918 influenza pandemic U.S. communities that used social distancing strategies greatly reduced disease transmission.
- Staying at least three feet, but ideally six feet, from one another in large social settings is one of the most important ways Oregonians can protect themselves from the disease and help slow its spread.**



This recommendation is particularly important for individuals at high risk of complications of COVID-19 (the elderly, or people of any age with chronic medical disorders such as heart or lung conditions, diabetes, cancer or HIV).

Keep your distance. Slow the spread.

For more information on social distancing and Oregon's coronavirus response, Visit: healthoregon.org/coronavirus.



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How to Nurture a Child's Mental Wellness.

1. Actively Listen Before Offering your Advice.

Ex: Get down on your child's level & give your full attention to them.

2. Be Patient

Ex: Take a few deep breaths or step away for a moment when you find yourself losing patience.

3. Share your Feelings & Validate Theirs

Ex: Honor what your child is saying or expressing about their experiences.

4. Tell the Truth

Ex: Always search for a way to tell the truth. When you are honest with them, they will be honest with you.

5. Model Healthy Behavior

Your children are always watching, and while what you tell them is important, your example has a stronger impact on them



This information is provided to you by the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health). The purpose of this grant is to foster culturally responsive models to support and promote the wellness of children and families



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