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Pandemic policing

Tribal officers adapting to COVID-19

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

There isn’t a single industry that has remained unaffected by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, including law enforcement. From traffic stops to jail bookings, the way the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department performs its job has required adjustments to ensure safety of members of the public and officers, according to Chief Jake McKnight.

“I would say the biggest changes are not taking anyone to jail unless it is domestic violence or a mandatory arrest,” he says. “Also, all of the officers are now wearing masks and gloves, and we’re making sure we always have coverage in case a family member gets sick and an officer

Tribe preparing to take over area’s fire services

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe runs its own police department and will soon add its own fire department to its list of sovereign nation-provided public safety services.

According to a Dec. 12 approved authorization to proceed signed by seven Tribal Council members, General Manager David Fullerton was asked to renegotiate a memorandum of understanding with the West Valley Fire District to include a “comprehensive transition plan” for the Grand Ronde Tribe to assume operations of the fire station on Grand Ronde Road.

In addition, Fullerton was directed to file the appropriate documents to register the fire station as being owned and operated by the Tribe.

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The Grand Ronde Fire Station will soon become operated by the Grand Ronde Tribe instead of the West Valley Fire District. The station has been open for 10 years.
General Council meeting
11 a.m. Sunday, June 28
Tribal Council Nominations
Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE
Wednesday, May 27 ........................................................................... 10 a.m.
TIME
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Veterans participated in the Grand Entry on the second day of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at Cayucos Powwow Grounds in July 2019. Neither the Veterans Powwow nor the annual Contest Powwow traditionally held in August will be sponsored by the Grand Ronde Tribe this year because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Pandemic continues decimating Tribal events

By Dean Rhodes
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Annual Tribal events that will not be held this year because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic are stretching into August.

During a virtual General Council meeting held Sunday, May 3, General Manager David Fullerton said that the Veterans Summit and Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow scheduled for July 9-12 will not be held. In addition, the annual Elder Honor Day scheduled for Monday, July 13, at Spirit Mountain Casino is also canceled.

The first Veterans Powwow was held in July 1993 and Elder Honor Day has been held annually since 1999. The Veterans Summit has been held since 2013.

The annual Contest Powwow, scheduled for mid-August, has also been canceled because of concerns about holding large events and the coronavirus.

Those four events joined a slew of annual Tribal events and programs that have been canceled, postponed or rescheduled that started in March with the Agency Creek Round Dance that was to be held April 3-4.

Other events and programs that have been affected included a March 18 Chat With the Chief, the April 5 General Council meeting in Eugene, the annual Tribal Housing Easter egg hunt, the May 16 Mental Health Awareness Walk, the annual trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to visit Tamanawas and the complementary three-week internship for Tribal youth, the Student Youth Employment Program, the Summer Youth Work Crew work experience at Natural Resources, the annual Canoe Journey and the annual Memorial Day event held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial.

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES
Tribal offices will be closing at noon Friday, May 22, and closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.
Celebrating salmon

The annual First Salmon celebration traditionally held in May along the banks of the Willamette River was scaled back this year because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Only 10 Tribal members participated in the event held Friday, May 8, at the former site of the Blue Heron Paper Mill in Oregon City. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the event was held on a “beautiful day” and Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier said Tribal members practiced social distancing and wore face masks except for when they had photos taken. The event was by invitation only and attendees included Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta.

Tribal Council to OK another round of virus relief payments

By Dean Rhodes
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Tribal Council will vote on Thursday, May 21, to approve a second $1.9 million supplemental budget that will send another virus relief payment to adult Tribal members to help them deal with the financial toll the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is having on them individually and as families.

The second round of virus relief payments will once again send $400 to each adult Tribal member.

“We recognize that many of our Tribal members are struggling during these challenging times, said a Tribal Council statement posted on the Tribal government’s Facebook page on Thursday, May 7. “The Grand Ronde family is not limited by state or national borders. Our goal is to get assistance to Tribal members no matter where they live and we hope that these actions will help our membership navigate these uncertain times.”

Tribal Council discussed the second round of virus relief payments during a Tuesday, May 5, meeting and the proposed supplemental budget was posted at the Governance Center the following day. Proposed supplemental budgets must go through a 15-day comment period before being voted on by Tribal Council.

Finance Officer Chris Leno said that the checks and direct deposits will be distributed on Thursday, May 28.

Tribal Council approved the first supplemental $1.8 million budget on April 23 and $400 payments were mailed out and deposited directly into Tribal members’ accounts on April 29.

The additional $100,000 in the second supplemental budget will be earmarked for the Social Services Department’s Emergency Assistance Program that provides emergency rental/housing assistance and emergency utility assistance to Tribal members.

Because of the pandemic, the Tribe has made some exceptions to its normal policies regarding assistance. Tribal members in need should contact Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 to discuss their situation to receive assistance or guidance.
The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mak’mak haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry. Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

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

In reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will be holding May food distributions only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

“We are asking clients to 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 Helo 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 form and have box picked up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

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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 mak’mak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting has not been scheduled. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each 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 DeLoo.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Delo Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Helo 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 Helo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAlta.

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

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

### Yesteryears: A look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

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Virtual meeting briefed on emergency efforts

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When the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde government offices re-open fully, things will look a lot different than before the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

“We’re evaluating the re-opening daily,” Tribal General Manager David Fullerton said. “There will be changes and we’re asking you for patience and understanding. We want to keep Tribal members and our staff members safe.”

On Sunday, May 3, Fullerton gave virtual General Council attendees a report on the Emergency Management Program’s response and recovery efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic via the app Zoom. This was the first remote General Council meeting the Tribe has ever held with close to 70 in attendance.

The meeting opened with an invitation by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr.

Originally, General Council was set to hear an annual report from the Natural Resources Department, but COVID-19 necessitated a different approach.

The Grand Ronde Tribal government began a partial closure of services on March 13 in response to COVID-19, with only essential personnel working remotely or reporting to work, and a total closure of Spirit Mountain Casino occurred on March 18.

Tribal Council also declared a state of emergency at the Tribe on March 17. The resolution allowed Fullerton to oversee the Tribal response to the pandemic and use Tribal resources to respond and recover from its effects. One of the first things to happen after the declaration was to activate the Emergency Operations hub at the Tribal Community Center.

The Tribe’s Emergency Management Program was established several years ago and since then has had staff participate in numerous drills including a major earthquake practice, active shooter event, communicable disease exercise and shelter-in-place.

“We want to make sure the membership knows we were prepared for an emergency like this,” Fullerton said. “We had (already) developed partnerships with local, state and federal agencies, established HAM radio operation and a continuity of operations plan, so we knew who was in line to work if someone was unavailable.”

The Community Center was established as the primary Emergency Operations hub and equipped with communication towers, supplies and equipment.

As the pandemic began to infect people across America, the emergency operations team gathered information and culled data, held daily meetings, established a help line, determined necessary operations on the government campus, established needed resources, and coordinated with local, state and federal agencies, as well as other Tribal nations and organizations.

“We’ve been serving more than 800 meals a week to Elders during this time,” Fullerton said. “It was one of the things we started first. Now, government staff and Emergency Management are focused on preparing responsibly for recovery.”

Tribal government operations will resume on Monday, May 18. A date for re-opening Spirit Mountain Casino had not yet been set as of press time.

“The re-opening will not look the same as pre-pandemic,” Fullerton said. “Taking precautions are things we will work on as we move to re-opening. … When we get the COVID-19 testing capacity and contact tracing available, then we will be ready to move forward.”

Following the presentation, Fullerton fielded several questions from the virtual audience ranging from wanting more details regarding re-opening of Spirit Mountain Casino to upcoming housing inspections.

“To open the casino, we are looking at recommendations from the National Indian Gaming Association and seeing how they will do social distancing of the machines, whether it’s moving them, sanitizing after each use or turning some off,” Fullerton said.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier added that Grand Ronde and other gaming Tribes in Oregon were planning a meeting to discuss when to open. Mercier serves as vice chairman of the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance.

“We’re hoping to sync openings,” he said. “Oregon Tribes are trying to keep each other in the loop.”

According to the Confederated Umatilla Journal, the Umatilla Tribe outside of Pendleton is tentatively going to re-open on Friday, May 22, and will require casino guests to wear masks when they are moving around the casino floor, but not when they are eating, drinking or gambling at a slot machine.

Other precautions Wildhorse Casino is planning include frequent wiping down of slot machines, refillable sanitizer stands “everywhere” and the closing of the casino in the early morning hours for a thorough cleaning.

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said the general managers of Oregon Tribal casinos also are developing best practices in preparation to open.

“The Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance will be an avenue that people will hear from on regarding how we are opening in a safe and appropriate manner,” he said.

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that she was pleased to see that almost 70 people attended the first-ever remote General Council session, which is more than usually attend in person.

“I really appreciate hearing all of the questions,” she said.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m. without the usual raffle drawings for $100 and $50 door prizes. It can be viewed by visiting www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sheridan, SW Polk and West Valley Fire Districts are recruiting volunteers for fire response, emergency medical response, and support functions. Please see our websites for volunteer applications and instructions.

sheridanfd.org – swpolkfd.org – westvalleyfd.org

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WEBSITE DESIGN: Webline Solutions

Tribal council approved an agreement with Polk County to work with the Oregon Department of Transportation on an upcoming highway construction project to improve the stretch of roadway between Valley Junction and Fort Hill.

Traffic moves along Highway 18 near Fort Hill on Wednesday, May 13. Tri-

By Dean Rhodes
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A Federal Emergency Management Agency SAFER grant would provide $550,000 over three years to help pay for three staff members at the Grand Ronde Fire Station while a Firehouse Subs Foundation grant would provide $30,000 to the Tribe to purchase vehicle extraction equipment that would include a spreader and cutter.

Secretaries of State in the U.S. are required to be certified pursuant to the Uniform State Laws for Secretaries of State, and their powers and duties are derived therefrom.

Tribe, Polk County to improve highway access to Grand Ronde

A Tribal council meeting that the current ordinance excludes ordinary “dis-

case of life” injuries, which covers diseases the general public is ex-
posed to outside of work.

The amendment will allow Trib- al employees who contract the COVID-19 coronavirus or become subject to a quarantine order as a direct result of work-related expo-
sure to receive benefits. It also es-

lishes a presumption that Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center providers who contact the virus did so as part of their employment.

Finally, Tribal Council approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Trib-
al Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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

Casino shuttered since March

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be bringing back its dental and op-
tometry services, but clinic patients will be required to wear masks inside the facility. Appointments are required and no walk-ins will be allowed, however.

The Tribal government went into a partial shutdown because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic in mid-March during which only a small number of essential em-
ployees were allowed on campus to keep services available to Tribal members.

Tribal Council awarded all em-
ployees an extra 320 hours – eight weeks – of paid time off and kept paying employees at both the gov-
ernment and Spirit Mountain Ca-
sino through the closures.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown an-
nounced that rural counties in the state could start re-opening on Friday, May 15, if they meet certain health care criteria.

There was no announcement of when Spirit Mountain Casino, the Tribe’s principal economic entity, will re-open. It has been completely shuttered since mid-March.

“That’s still under discussion,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said during the Facebook Live event. “A definite date, we do not have one.”

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For the first time since 1993, there will not be a Canoe Journey. The Snuneymuxw First Nation in Nanaimo, British Columbia, has officially announced cancellation of the event that it was going to host from July 27 through Aug. 1.

“COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the health and well-being of paddlers, canoe families and First Nations across the Pacific North-
west,” said Chief Mike Wyse. “Given the enormous health and safety risk to participants, we have decided that it is the best interest of everyone that Snuneymuxw cancel hosting Tribal journey for this year.”

Also complicating matters is the current closure of the United States-Canada border to nonessential travel.

The Canoe Journey has been an annual event since 1993’s Paddle to Bella Bella and brings together Pacific Northwest First Nations and Native American Tribes to celebrate and travel their ancestral highways. It began in 1989 as part of the 100th anniversary of Washington statehood and became an annual event four years later.

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family first started participating in Canoe Journey during 2005’s Paddle to Elwha held in Port Angeles, Wash.

The 2021 Canoe Journey is tentatively scheduled to be held in Powell River, Canada.

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The Natural Resources staff will draw tags on July 15, 2020. Staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone on July 20, 2020. Call prioritization will be based on season begin date. A public tag draw will NOT be available this year.

APPLICATION RULES:
• Tribal hunting licenses are required before submitting applications. If a license is not obtained before the submitted application, all applications will be voided.
• Tribal members 11 years of age and older may apply. However, they must turn 12, possess a Hunting and Fishing License, and have their Hunter’s Safety Certificate before a tag will be issued. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the Hunter’s Safety Certificate being provided and on file.
• Incomplete or duplicate applications will be voided.
• Applications must be in BLUE OR BLACK INK, be legible and signed and acknowledged in all designated spaces.
• Tribal members 17 and under must possess a valid Hunter’s Safety Certificate. Be prepared to present when picking up the tag.

TRIBAL LICENSES are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal Enrollment Cards and Hunter’s Safety Certificates (if applicable) are required at the time of licensing.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER CATEGORY! Multiple applications for one category will result in ALL APPLICATIONS being voided for that hunter. Categories are as follows:
• BEAR
• ELK (BOW, 1ST Season, 2ND Season)
  o ELK HUNTERS must choose one season to apply. Bow, 1st or 2nd Season. Applications submitted for multiple Elk seasons will result in all applications being voided.
• CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK
  o You must write the NAME of the hunt you are applying for on your application under HUNT NAME. (Example: SE Trask, West Trask #1, Panther Creek, Trask, etc.)
• CONTROL/DAMAGE DOE: Any licensed Tribal member may apply.
• YOUTH TAGS: Any licensed Tribal member between the ages of 12-17 may apply. YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE. One adult may not accompany more than TWO youths.
• Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter’s responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
• Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation. Proper documentation is: Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Card or CIB AND Hunter’s Safety Certificate if applicable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2020
Applications may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attn: Natural Resources
Mail: 9015 Grand Ronde Road
Physical: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Office: 503-879-2424
Fax: 503-879-5622
NRD@grandronde.org

A Grand Ronde Tribal Hunting and Fishing License will be required to be shown at time of tag pickup.
No exceptions.

If picking up for others, please notify Natural Resources prior to pick up.
Please be advised, the Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Hard or CIB AND Hunter’s Safety Certificate (if applicable) will be required when picking up a tag for others. NO EXCEPTIONS.

What’s new for 2020: Changes highlighted in YELLOW

All tags will be available for issue on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

2020-2021 Tribal Trask Management
In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (Kill or No Kill, and lost tags) are required TO BE REPORTED within 10 days of the last day of hunt. In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities the following ways: Telephone at 503-879-2424; e-mail at NRD@grandronde.org; mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension.

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**DATE:** JUL. 1 - DEC. 31, 2020

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**C/D DOE PERMITS**

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No documents touched during traffic stops

POLICE continued from front page

needs to self-quarantine.” Another operational change has been made at the police station itself. When an employee needs to be there to fill out paperwork or catalogue evidence, doors to all offices remain closed.

“We have as many people working remotely as possible in order to keep others from potentially getting sick,” McKnight says. Additionally, there is a laundry area at the station where patrol officers can wash their uniforms immediately after finishing a shift.

If an officer believes they have been exposed to coronavirus, the department has purchased vehicle sanitizer to use. “We really want to make sure everyone is taking showers and doing what they need to do,” McKnight says.

He says the risk of contracting COVID-19 was driven home a few weeks before the pandemic hit when one staff member caught a cold and soon everyone in the office was sick. “I made a decision then to change everyone’s schedules in the office, but kept patrol schedules the same,” he says. “We are doing the best we can to distance from each other, but still doing our jobs to the best of our ability.” Changes also have been made during traffic stops. Instead of asking a driver to hand over their license and registration, Tribal police officers are now looking at the documents without touching them and writing information down. “Right from the get-go, I made an immediate policy change to not take documents,” McKnight says.

Another change involves search procedures in a suspect’s home. “If the person has a small bag of marijuana, we’re not going to endanger an officer or others to go inside,” he says. “But if it’s a felony issue, we would do everything we needed to resolve it. We still do pursuits and apprehend those who are driving recklessly, but so far there have been no major incidents.”

McKnight says the biggest up-tick in calls are those dealing with domestic violence, although most have been verbal abuse in nature instead of physical abuse. “In every (call) situation, we have to evaluate the risk to the officer’s safety,” he says. McKnight’s department includes a lieutenant, sergeant, four officers and a records/evidence clerk.

Tribal Police Officer Tyler Brown monitors traffic along Highway 18 on Friday, May 8. Tribal police officers are wearing masks and gloves while encountering members of the public during the course of their duties. At left, Brown works on his laptop during a traffic stop.

“Everyone has been pretty positive,” he says. “Some of the officers don’t have kids and they’re young … but once we talked to them, they understood (the importance) of the situation.”

With the closure of Spirit Mountain Casino due to COVID-19 and the statewide shelter-in-place order, the need for Tribal police response, particularly to calls that involve driving infractions, has been reduced. Additionally, events where police are invited to attend have all been canceled.

“My officers are getting a bit bored,” McKnight says. “They are proactive and want to be in the community, so it’s taken awhile to adjust. But the good part is we’ve been able to complete a lot of needed online training.”

And his advice to motorists who are pulled over but hesitant to interact with an officer due to COVID-19 concerns? “I would suggest wearing a mask if you’re worried about talking to an officer,” McKnight says. “But you definitely need to comply with what they are asking you to do. Be respectful and let them know your concerns.”

After the state begins to re-open on Friday, May 15, and the casino resumes operations, things will still look different. “When we get back to ‘normal’ operations, the officers will still be wearing masks and gloves until there is a vaccine available,” McKnight says. “Also, the door will remain closed at the police department and we are asking people to use our nonemergency line to call or text (541-921-2927) if they have questions or concerns.”

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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What are my accounts?
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Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Member Services Department
9115 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
503-879-3114
memberservices@grandronde.org

Hayu Masi

For more information about being a resource for our tribal families
Contact: Children & Family Services (503) 879-2039

national foster care month
maya 2020
Farewell to Carmen

Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Carmen Mercier accepts a gift of flowers from her son, Daniel Haug, during a parade of Grand Ronde co-workers who wished her well on her final day of working for the Tribe on Thursday, April 30. Mercier retired after 14.5 years of service.

Lewis hired by Siletz Tribal Business Corp.

Grand Ronde Tribal member Ann Lewis, 61, has been hired as the commercial property manager for the Siletz Tribal Business Corp. Lewis is bringing more than 25 years of management experience in marketing, investment and property management of residential and commercial property and Tribal trust lands to the Siletz Tribe. She formerly worked in the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Economic Development Department.

Lewis also has mounted one unsuccessful campaign for a seat on the Grand Ronde Tribal Council.

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561.

Lewis hired by Siletz Tribal Business Corp. Photo by Samuel Briggs III

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if you need help getting to
- Doctor Appointments
- Addiction Recovery
- Dental Appointments
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- Behavioral Health
- Optometry Appointments
- Dialysis

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

Thank You, Community Health Department
Smoke Signals

Walking On...

Shannon Haskins
April 20, 1961 – April 25, 2020
Shannon Haskins was born on April 20, 1961, in Portland, Ore. He walked on April 25, 2020. Shannon resided in Grand Ronde, Ore., at the time of his death. He grew up in Portland and obtained his GED and then started working as a wildland firefighter. After Spirit Mountain Casino opened in Grand Ronde, he came here for work. He loved his job as a prep cook, but not as much as he did spending time with his family, culture and heritage, being outdoors, riding his bike and listening to music.

Shannon was preceded in death by his father, Bud Haskins Sr.; sister, Denise Haskins; and brothers, Buddy Haskins Jr. and Nathanial (Fig) Haskins. He is survived by his mother, Marilee Norwest; sisters, Charisse Jackson and Diane Haskins; brother, Brian Jackson; and daughters, Cha and Diane Haskins; and brothers, Buddy Haskins Jr. and Nathanial Haskins.

Services were held and the burial took place at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. www.dallastribute.com

Other passings
Alta M. Blomquist
May 7, 1930 – April 30, 2020
Sunset Hills Funeral Home in Eugene is assisting the family. At this time, there is no funeral service planned.

Community Fund seeks Hatfield Fellowship applicants
Applications for the 2020-21 Hatfield Fellowship program are being accepted through June 1.

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 thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtube.com/TribeOfGrandeRonde.

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.

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 and make a determination about what is in the best interest of the child. The Board makes findings and recommendations to the Court regarding the case.

Qualifications:
1) Tribal member
2) At least 21 years of age
3) Living in the six-county area of: Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Washington, Multnomah or Marion counties, and
4) Have special knowledge, background and/or experience in one or more of the following: Parenting or foster care taking; 7-Bat 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:
1) Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
2) Tribal Member Review Board (TMRB)

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) Return the form to Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

Full Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________
Address: __________________________________________ City: ______ State: ___ Zip: ___________
Email Address: _________________________

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The Tribe has made the decision to extend the closure of all educational on-site programs and programming indefinitely. 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.

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Tutoring

Contact Tracy Biery at tracy.biery@grandronde.org
503-879-4591

2020-2021 Open Enrollment
CHINUK KINDERGARTEN
IMMERSION

As of May 18th, 2020 we will be accepting registration applications for interested incoming Kindergartners. We are a half-day immersion program offering instruction in Chinuk Wawa through our culture and place-based curriculum. Our students attend half day in our program and must be enrolled in Williamina Elementary School for the second half of the school day. No prior language experience required. If a student in a grade beyond Kindergarten wants to enroll, please contact us for more information. Once we are at capacity we give tribal preference.

Applications are available at https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/elementary-chinuk-language-program/ and can be turned in starting May 18th by:

Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347
OR emailed to either contact listed below

Justine Flynn
2nd-4th Chinuk Teacher
503-879-2066
justine.flynn@grandronde.org

Elaine Lane
K-1 Chinuk Teacher
503-879-1920
elaine.lane@grandronde.org

We enroll families not just students. It is our belief that the only way for the language to live and flourish is for it to be learned and used in the home by the whole family.

Applications are due by June 12, 2020
To apply send parent/caregiver’s name & phone number to shelly.cliff@grandronde.org

Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool
Apply now!

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Head Start nurtures the growth of you and your child. Join our supportive community and give your child a strong head start. Apply today!

Enrolling ages birth to 4

For Kids:
• Safe, quality early education
• Qualified teachers
• Healthy meals
• Cultural opportunities
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For Parents:
• Connection to housing resources
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• Parent training & support
• Enrollment opportunities for pregnant women
• Enrollment opportunities for all income levels

To Learn More: shelley.cliff@grandronde.org

CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT

Apprenticeship Opportunities Available For Tribal Members!

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

What is an apprenticeship?

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

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

For more information call Harris Reibach
Director, Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)
Office: 503-879-1455 | Fax: 503-879-2166
Friday, April 24
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the area of Agency Creek Road.
• Assist outside agency with trespass in the area of A Ackerson Road.
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27000 block of McPherson Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, April 25
• Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 18.
• Assist outside agency with a reported theft in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Suspicious activity reported in the 29000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Gold Creek Road.
• Reported theft in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, April 26
• Assist outside agency with cover on a traffic stop in the area of milepost 28 Highway 18.
• Traffic assist in the area of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
• Assist outside agency with medical assistance for an unconscious person. A female was revived and transported to a local hospital.

Monday, April 27
• Citizen contact occurred in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
• Reported trespass in the 89000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

Tuesday, April 28
• Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 23300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a report of eluding vehicle in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18. The vehicle was stopped and the occupant of vehicle was taken into custody.
• Assist outside agency with a hit-and-run in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with property damage in the 7600 block of Fire Hall Road.
• Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a vehicle in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 18.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.

Wednesday, April 29
• Found animal in the area of LaChance Road.
• Disorderly conduct reported in the 55700 block of Hebo Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
• Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18 for a male laying near the roadway.
• Assist outside agency with an intoxicated person in the area of Salmon River Highway and Rowell Creek Road. A female was transported to a local hospital.
• Assist outside agency with a reported burglary in the Willamina area.

Thursday, April 30
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 18 on Hebo Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Civil disturbance reported in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
• Drug complaint received in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with a reported theft in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. A male driver was issued a criminal citation for driving with a revoked license (misdemeanor).
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, May 1
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a loose animal in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Rigs roads.
• Welfare check performed in the 9700 block of Tiliixam Circle.
• Suspicious activity reported in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.

Saturday, May 2
• Assist outside agency when Lincoln County needed a landing spot for Life Flight in the Grand Ronde area.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Driving complaint reported in the area of highways 18 and 22.
• Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a female for Child Family Services. The female was found and placed under arrest on multiple Marion County warrants.
• Found property in the Willamina area.

Sunday, May 3
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
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• Assist outside agency with a medic request in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.

Monday, May 4
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
• Single vehicle crash between a vehicle and deer in the area of Grand Ronde Road.
• Suspicious vehicle reported in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.

Tuesday, May 5
• Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the 28700 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Trespass reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
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• Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and North Street.
• Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18. A female driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

Wednesday, May 6
• Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Assist outside agency with a medical assist in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18. A male was suffering from a diabetic issue.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the area of Willamina.
• Drug complaint reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

Thursday, May 7
• Theft reported in the 9700 block of Tiliixam Circle.
• Assist outside agency with an assist on welfare checks in the Grand Ronde area.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer Clint Cardwell.

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.” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.

For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

Certified Application Assisters at the Health & Wellness Center

Cassandra Rhamey is available to assist with recertification and applications for the Oregon Health Plan. She can be reached at 503-879-1359 or cassandra.rhamey@grandronde.org.

Leah Bailey also is a Certified Application Assister available to help. She can be reached at 503-879-2197 or leah.bailey@grandronde.org. ■
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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Important Updates about Oregon Health Plan

- If you currently have Oregon Health Plan, your benefits will not end; even if Oregon Health Authority has sent you a letter with an expiration date. No Negative Action will be taken on your case.
- You can now Self-Attest to your income, no proof is required at this time.
- Unemployment Benefits & Federal Relief payments will not count towards your monthly income.
- Consent Forms can now be taken verbally if you wish to have a Community Partner help you with the application process.
- If you have been laid off or experienced a loss of hours – please reach out to Cassandra (C.J.) Rhymy at 503-879-1359 or Leah Bailey at 503-879-2197 to check if you are now eligible.
- If you have already submitted an OHP application and are waiting for a response, please contact Cassandra or Leah and we may be able to speed up the process.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde encourages you to apply for Oregon Health Plan at this time. Every tribal dollar saved will assist our community during this crisis.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
Health Security, Preparedness and Response (NSP)

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 no cure or 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 and but other health conditions.

What are the symptoms?
People who have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus have reported symptoms that may appear as soon 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 start the right 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.

For more information: www.oregon.gov/ohp/coronavirus

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