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Spirit Mountain Casino re-opens



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Casino joined at least four other Oregon and southwestern Washington Tribal casinos when it re-opened on Monday, June 1, ending 2.5 months of being closed because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The casino, the Tribe's principal economic engine, opened its doors at 6 a.m. and implemented additional safety measures to protect guests and staff members, such as age restrictions of not allowing anyone under the age of 21 on the

casino or Spirit Mountain Lodge properties, requiring masks at all table games and "strongly" encouraging all guests to wear casino-provided masks, temperature scanning at the entrances and additional hand sanitizer and sanitizer wipe dispensers throughout the property.

In addition, hours will be limited to 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday to allow for additional deep cleaning.

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Spirit Mountain Casino's sign along Salmon River Highway touts the re-opening of the casino at 6 a.m. Monday, June 1. The casino has been closed for 74 days because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Tribal Council OKs several more rounds of virus relief payments

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Adult Tribal members will see a series of three virus relief payments totaling \$1,800 over the summer.

Tribal Council instructed the Finance Department on Wednesday, May 27, to prepare a third supplemental budget that will allocate \$8.1 million that the Tribe received in federal funding to fund the virus relief payments.

The approximately 4,500 adult Tribal members will each receive \$600 at the end of June, July and August, according to a May 27 post on the Tribal government's Facebook page.

The funding comes from the Tribe's share of Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act monies. Although the Tribe has not disclosed exactly how much it has received in CARES Act funding, a Harvard study estimates it at being approximately \$33 million based on the U.S. Treasury's announced

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Memorial Day flyover

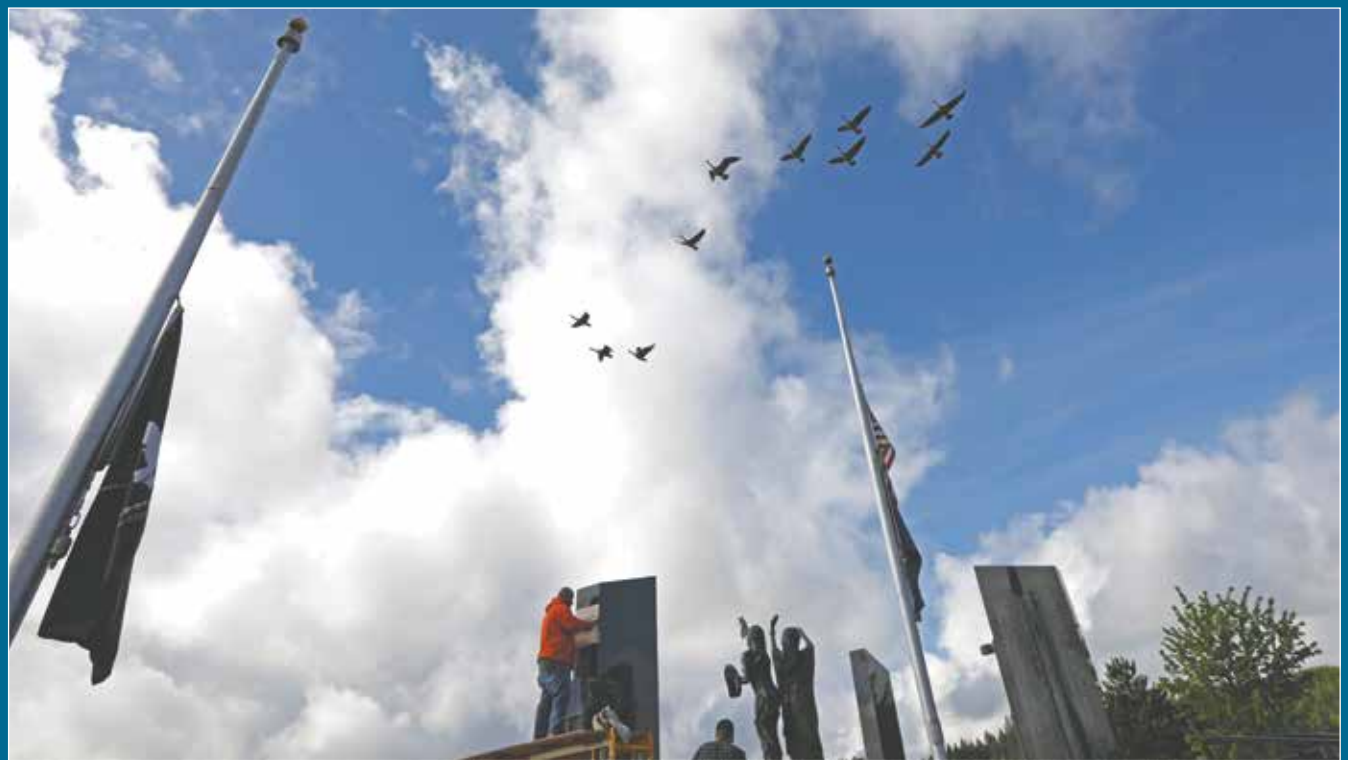


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Canada geese perform a flyover of the West Valley Veterans Memorial as Cemetery Service Technician Greg Gnos with OM Stone works on etching new names on Friday, May 15. Army veterans Douglas D. Stake, Alden H. Clark, Linden W. Frederic, Donald E. Holsclaw, David W. Weaver and Mervin J. Holmes and Navy veterans James F. Marks and Ramona L. Quenelle were added to the memorial. To hear Quenelle, a Grand Ronde Tribal employee, discuss her service in the Navy, visit www.spreaker.com and search for "Smoke Signals podcasts." For more photos see page 7.

Tribal employees adjust to 'new normal'

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

From temperature checks to wearing masks, working at the Grand Ronde Tribal government has fundamentally changed in the wake of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

When the Tribe's approximately 500 employees returned to work after a two-month partial closure, the differences were readily apparent.

The first new requirement was to line up at designated locations on the Tribal campus for COVID-19 screening questions and a temperature check. Employees are required to carry "pass" slips if leaving the building so they can be readmitted. Entry to non-employees is by appointment only.

Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center is closed to visitors until future notice. Cultural activi-

ties are being posted to YouTube so that those interested can still participate, albeit remotely.

Additionally, the Tribe's popular Khofi Haws stand is closed until future notice. TERO Director Harris Reibach sent out an all-employee e-mail regarding the closure.

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, June 28
Tribal Council Nominations
Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 10.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 24.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 8.....	10 a.m.

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

Tribe has made exceptions regarding assistance

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formula for determining allocations to Tribes.

The summer disbursements will bring the total number of coronavirus relief payments to five and help Tribal members affected by the pandemic and the probable absence of a June per capita distribution because Spirit Mountain Casino was closed from mid-March through June 1. By the end of summer, adult Tribal members will have received \$2,600 in virus relief financial aid, which is approximately 56 percent of per capita distributed in 2019.

The third supplemental budget will be posted in the coming days, the Facebook post said, and Tribal members will have 15 days to comment on it before it is officially adopted by Tribal Council.

Tribal Council approved on Thursday, May 21, a second \$1.9 million supplemental budget that sent another virus relief payment to adult Tribal members to help them deal with the financial effects caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The second round of virus relief payments sent \$400 each to adult Tribal members.

“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.

Finance Officer Chris Leno said that the checks and direct deposits were 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’ bank accounts on April 29.

The additional \$100,000 in the second supplemental budget is 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 and receive assistance or guidance. ■



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June

- Wednesday, June 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, June 28 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

July

- Friday, July 3 – Tribal offices will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus response going into the summer.)

Tribal Council appoints board, committee members

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council tackled its annual task of appointing Tribal and non-Tribal members to various commissions, committees and special event boards during its Wednesday, May 27, meeting.

Those appointed or re-appointed included:

- Jerri Schmidt to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission for a term expiring in June 2023;
- Marline Groshong to the Ceremonial Hunting Board with a term expiring in March 2022;
- Faye Smith to the Culture Committee with a term expiring in March 2022;
- Siobhan Taylor to the Editorial Board with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Tammy Cook and Shelby Maerz to the Education Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Tracie Meyer, Josephine Ingraham and Tiny Gibbons to the Enrollment Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Harold Lyon and Angey Rideout to the Fish and Wildlife Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Bernadine Shriver, Darlene Aaron, Faye Smith and Lindsey Ness to the Health Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Linda Hale to the Housing Grievance Board with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Stephanie Craig and Angey Rideout to the Powwow Special Event Board with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Mel Holmes, Jon R. George, Khani Schultz and Jerry George to the Timber Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- And Albert Miller to the Veterans Special Event Board with a term expiring in March 2022.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said that even with the appointments, there are

still positions on Tribal committees and special event boards that need filling. They will be advertised in *Smoke Signals*.

In other action, Tribal Council approved applying for three grants.

The first grant to Spirit Mountain Community Fund would provide \$100,000 to help construct two pre-school immersion classrooms as part of the Tribe's Language Education Building Project.

The second grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development would help pay to renovate the Dental Clinic to enclose the operation rooms to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as purchase high-intensity ultraviolet light equipment that would sanitize the rooms at night. The grant also might help the Tribe purchase an ambulance for when it takes over operation of the fire station on Grand Ronde Road.

A separate grant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would fund a biosafety cabinet at Health & Wellness and a specially designed health module to support COVID-19 prevention and contact tracing. It also could provide funding to help purchase the aforementioned ambulance.

Finally, Tribal Council sent proposed amendments to the Public Records Ordinance out for a first reading, which will solicit Tribal member comments and input.

The amendments would change the name to the Freedom of Information Ordinance and give Tribal members the ability to request Tribal records that identify them and give Tribal members the ability to supplement the records if they believe those records contain false or misleading information.

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. ■

Food delivery



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Fresh n Local Foods delivery driver Ted Bowman, center, and volunteer Keith Spicer load boxes of fruits and vegetables donated by Farmers to Families to community members on the Grand Ronde campus on Tuesday, May 26. The event, coordinated by iskam məkʰmək haws, provided boxes at four sites – the Grand Ronde baseball field, Water's Edge RV Park, Wandering Spirit RV Park and Grand Ronde Village/ Kerleyville. Grand Ronde Food Bank Program Manager Francene Ambrose said there are no income restrictions to obtain a pre-packaged box whose contents will vary from week to week. Distributions will occur between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- *Smoke Signals*: www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: www.facebook.com/CT-GRgov
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund: www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness: www.facebook.com/GRHWC
- 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/CT-GRSocialservices/
- Grand Ronde Children & Family Services: www.facebook.com/CT-GRCFS/
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- Grand Ronde Cultural Education: www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



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 June 16. Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Highway 99W conducting transit feasibility study

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments is conducting a transit feasibility study to evaluate demand for transit service along the Highway 99W corridor from McMinnville to Junction City.

With connecting service to Lane Transit District, the Salem-Keizer Transit District and Yamhill County Transit, the potential service would tie together the three largest metropolitan areas in Oregon. In addition, it also would provide transit service to the currently unserved or underserved communities of Monroe, Adair Village or Monmouth/Independence along the corridor. A piece of the research is a public survey aimed at residents and potential riders along the Highway 99W corridor.

To participate in the transit survey, visit the link <https://tinyurl.com/hwy99w>. There also will be a raffle for a \$25 gift card. ■

Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in June

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

“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 meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held virtually on Friday, June 12. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bryan Langley.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Monday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

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

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



2015 – After spending 25 years working for the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department, Silviculture and Fire Protection Program Manager Jeff Nepstad retired. Nepstad, 52, had served the Tribe almost half of his life and said he was proud of the work that was accomplished during that time. The mission of the Silviculture Program was to promote the Tribal tradition of being good stewards of the land and all natural resources by protecting and maintaining forest health and productivity for future use.



2015 File photo

2010 – Approximately 200 people attended a four-day conference of the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians, which was held at Spirit Mountain Casino and sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Although attendance was smaller than normal, Native leaders from the Obama administration and Native attorneys following federal legislation and judiciary activity, as well as leaders representing 27 Tribes from Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Washington attended. Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy related the Tribe’s history to the group during her welcoming remarks.

2005 – Native American novelist and poet Sherman Alexie (Spokane) entertained a large crowd at Oregon State University. Afterward, he was interviewed by a *Smoke Signals* staff writer. Alexie had written several novels including “The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven,” “Reservation Blues” and the screenplay for “Smoke Signals.” “In case you came here to see a traditional Indian, you better leave now,” he joked at the start of his show.

2000 – Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber signed a ceremonial proclamation declaring American Indian Week at the State Capitol in Salem. Representatives from all nine federally recognized Oregon Tribes were at the signing. A reception immediately followed the signing ceremony. Kitzhaber said he had benefitted from his relationships with the Tribes during his years as governor. “The opportunity to get to know and learn from the sovereign Tribes in the state has been one of the best parts of this experience,” he said.

1995 – An expansion and relocation of Tribal offices was underway after the Tribe purchased and remodeled a two-story modular building. It would be used by Spirit Mountain Development Corp. as a training center as well as house the Small Business Development and Education program offices. To make room for Spirit Mountain Casino, the Natural Resources Department was relocated to a parcel of land on Hebo Road.

1990 – Tribal member Andrew Jenness was selected to receive an Office of Multicultural Affairs Recognition Award for academic excellence. The awards were established to honor the contributions made by university students through leadership and academic performance. Nominations came from faculty or administrators in an effort to give appropriate recognition to minority students for their accomplishments.

1985 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announced its first annual powwow would be held Aug. 10-11 at Grand Ronde Elementary School. On the agenda was a traditional feast, games, overnight camping and raffles. A craft table and softball tournament also were scheduled. Volunteers were sought to help make the powwow a success. “We will all have to rally together, and dig down and do what we can to make this a success,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

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

West Valley Fire District fire levy passes

The West Valley Fire District fire levy was approved 1,113-587 during the May 19 primary election.

Measure 36-203 asked voters to approve a levy that would cost \$1.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value. A person with a house valued at \$150,000 would pay an estimated \$160 a year.

The levy will collect approximately \$350,000 annually starting on July 1 for an estimated five-year total of \$1.765 million. It will fund additional firefighters and paramedics, as well as purchasing a new ambulance.

Supporters of the measure point out that a 20-year general obligation bond was paid off in January 2019 and it reduced the tax rate by 59 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

So property owners will only see a 47-cent increase in their property tax rate. ■

Oregon Tribes benefit from CARES Act

Study questions how Treasury allocated funds

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Three Oregon Tribes – the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Siletz, and the Klamath Tribes – are among the top 25 “over-represented” Tribes under the Treasury Department’s formula for distributing the first \$4.8 billion in CARES Act funds, according to a Harvard study that found the federal government used “grossly inaccurate” data to distribute the monies.

According to the study, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received an estimated additional \$21.37 million because Treasury used the Indian Housing Block Grant’s American Indian/Alaska Native single and multi-race population numbers instead of using Housing and Urban Development’s count of enrolled Tribal members or Tribally submitted enrollment numbers.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians received an estimated additional \$21.42 million because the Treasury Department used racial population numbers instead of enrolled Tribal member numbers. The Klamath Tribes received an additional \$21.36 million.

The study estimates that the Grand Ronde Tribe received \$32.95 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act – CARES Act – funding while the Siletz Tribe received slightly more than \$33 million and the Klamath Tribes banked \$32.9 million.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has not publicly disclosed the amount of CARES Act funding it has received and the Harvard study notes that there is no comprehensive list of allocated CARES Act monies that has been made public.

The study found that the U.S. Treasury ignored up-to-date figures it required from Tribes and instead used outdated population data used by the federal housing program to distribute the first portion of the \$8 billion allocated to Native American Tribes in the CARES Act.

The study said it appears that Housing and Urban Development incorporates Census Bureau data into its IHBG formula, which uses the terms “single race” and “multi-race” for American Indians and Alaska Natives who live in “formula areas.”

HUD’s IHBG “formula area” population would be greater than actual enrolled Tribal members because it includes any Census Bureau respondents who self-identify as either solely American Indian or Alaskan Native or as American Indian and Alaska Native in combination with one or more other races.

“It is our understanding that Tribes participating in the IHBG program are asked to report their

Oregon Tribes	Treasury Allocation Using HUD AIAN (Single+Multi-Race) Population	Allocation Based on HUD Undated Count of Enrolled Tribal Citizens	Difference: HUD Racial Population minus HUD Enrolled Population
Siletz	\$33,026,812	\$11,603,741	\$21,423,071
Grand Ronde	\$32,947,873	\$11,576,007	\$21,371,867
Klamath	\$32,929,657	\$11,569,606	\$21,360,050
Umatilla	\$14,266,684	\$6,649,910	\$7,616,774
Cow Creek	\$11,118,237	\$3,906,316	\$7,211,922
Coos/Umpqua	\$7,408,110	\$2,602,788	\$4,805,322
Coquille	\$6,673,371	\$2,344,643	\$4,328,729
Warm Springs	\$13,015,807	\$11,394,665	\$1,621,142
Burns Paiute	\$1,360,178	\$874,707	\$485,470

Source: Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development Native Nation Institute

Graphic created by Samuel Briggs III

populations of enrolled citizens, but that it is widely understood that these counts are not actually used in the IHBG allocation formula,” the study says.

All Oregon Tribes benefitted from Treasury’s allocation formula in receiving additional funding, the study says. The “over-represented” amounts include Burns Paiute, \$485,470; Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Tribes, \$4.8 million; Coquille Indian Tribe, \$4.3 million; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, \$7.2 million; Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, \$7.6 million; and Warm Springs, \$1.6 million.

Congress allocated the \$8 billion to Tribes in late March, but a court ruled later that some of the money should be held for Alaska Native corporations in case they are deemed eligible. The ruling, however, allowed Treasury to start distributing 60 percent of the funding to federally recognized Tribes.

Treasury decided to use population data from the Indian Housing Block Grant program to help determine Tribal allocations despite the fact that Tribes provided up-to-date enrollment numbers in applying for CARES Act funding.

Treasury requested that Tribes certify their enrollment citizenship populations as of Jan. 1 upon registering for CARES Act funds before the April 17 deadline.

To qualify, Tribes were asked how many enrolled citizens they have, how many acres of land they own and how many people they employ. The departments of Interior and Treasury told Tribes that they needed the data to determine the allocations to each Tribe.

“If Treasury used the April sub-

missions of Tribes – which was submitted by Tribes under federal penalty for misrepresentation so you would expect them to be accurate – then Treasury would have had a solid case here,” said Professor Joseph Kalt, co-director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development and one of several authors of the report released on Monday, May 18. “But for reasons no one knows, Treasury did not turn to any of the data the Tribes all submitted in April.”

Kalt said that some Tribes were over-counted while others were undercounted in the housing department’s information, and some Tribes were shown as having zero populations because they had never participated in a certain federal housing program. For instance, the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma received the minimum disbursement of \$100,000 because it was listed by Treasury as having zero citizens despite the Tribe having an enrolled membership of approximately 11,000 members, resulting in an estimated loss of \$23.4 million in CARES Act funding.

“While hundreds of Tribes are known to have registered via the portal and Treasury is in possession of data collected through the portal, Treasury’s description of its CARES Act allocation formula indicates that it did not utilize any portal-collected data and the complete portal-submitted data are not available to the public,” the study states.

“As our analysis documents, the various publicly available data series on population that could conceivably have been used by Treasury in its CARES Act allocation formula are mutually and ma-

terially inconsistent. In addition, each series contains arbitrary and capricious deviations from known facts regarding various Tribes’ enrolled citizenship counts.”

In analyzing the Tribes that were “under-represented,” such as the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that lost an estimated \$329.6 million in funding, and those “over-represented,” such as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma that reaped an estimated \$163.5 million extra in funding, the Harvard study cautions that the concepts of “over” and “under” refer only to the allocation results under one dataset vs. another.

“We put ‘over’ and ‘under’ in quotes to emphasize that neither HUD’s enrolled citizen data nor any of HUD’s racial population counts are numerically credible,” the report states.

In its conclusion, the study says that the case is “strong for using the portal-submitted Tribal citizen counts already in Treasury’s possession” to avoid extensive challenges and litigation, as well as using the portal-submitted data from Tribes to distribute the remaining \$3.2 billion in CARES Act funding and remedy over- and under-compensations created by the first-round formula.

“As noted, these figures were requested by and provided to Treasury. Moreover, they were legally verified by Tribal governments, with those governments having every reason to believe that the allocations of CARES Act monies would rely upon their submissions in some fashion,” the study concludes. ■

Includes information from Indian Country Today.

Program aims to help Tribal members succeed after prison

New Meth & Opioid Coordinator Elaine Robertson wants to be an advocate for those who are falling through the cracks

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

For almost 30 years, Tribal member Elaine Robertson has been helping Native Americans who are in prison.

She has volunteered in California and Oregon correctional facilities, providing cultural activities and ceremonies, as well as being an advocate or simply someone to listen.

"I know that everyone has value and worth," Robertson says. "They can move forward with life after prison. Sometimes, you just need someone to help you. A lot of people coming out of the prison system lack self-confidence."

Robertson is the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's new Meth & Opioid coordinator, a grant-funded position through the U.S. Department of Justice. She is heading up a new program called ye?lan tilixam haws, which means "helper person office" in Chinuk Wawa.

Robertson earned two associate degrees from Native American D-Q University in Davis, Calif., and holds a bachelor's and master's in environmental science from Oregon

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State University in Corvallis.

She is the granddaughter of Esther LaBonte, and the daughter of Lester LaBonte and Nancy Ridlon. She is married to John Robertson and they have four grown children and one grandchild.

Previously, she worked for the Tribe as a tourism coordinator and in the Tribal mentorship program.

"At the Tribe we have drug and alcohol services, counselors and support groups," she says. "But people are still falling through the cracks. I am hoping to get to these people and help them be successful."

Robertson's desire to help Tribal members struggling with drug and alcohol addictions is deeply personal. One of her close family members has struggled with these issues.

"I feel like I have been doing (this job) for a long time," she says. "So when I saw it was available at the Tribe, I thought it would be the perfect fit."

After her years of volunteering in Oregon prisons and with inmates



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Meth & Opioid Coordinator Elaine Robertson was recently hired to lead the Tribe's ye?lan tilixam haws program, which means "helper person office" in Chinuk Wawa. The program aims to help Tribal members who are having issues with drugs and alcohol.

after they are released, Robertson has gotten to know parole and probation officers in Polk County. She says she hopes to utilize these connections to help Tribal members who are re-entering society, sometimes after an extended period of time. However, the paroled person needs to sign a release stating that it is OK for their probation officer to contact Robertson.

"I want to work with the counselors and be there every step of the way," she says. "I can help connect them with services to be successful. We want to get the word out that this help is available to our Tribal members."

One of the big roadblocks people face after being released from prison is finding safe and suitable housing. For example, those with felony convictions for drug sales or manufacturing are often barred from rental housing.

"I will try to figure out what resources people do have and it will mean a lot of outreach and collaboration so I can send our Tribal members out to where they can succeed," Robertson says.

The new program is a response to needs expressed at Tribal community meetings and surveys over multiple years, which indicate drug and alcohol abuse remain among the highest concerns.

According to information provided by Robertson's office, both marijuana and poppy crops have been found growing on the Reservation. Additionally, the Grand Ronde Housing Department spends \$109,400 in abatement for methamphetamines per unit (10 of 21 units in 2017 required abatement).

According to information provid-

ed to the Department of Justice for the program grant, Grand Ronde represents less than 3 percent of Polk County's population, but methamphetamine crimes represent four times the rate of other areas in Polk County. Heroin cases represent more than 10 times the average rate of Polk County. For driving under the influence of intoxicant arrests, Grand Ronde experiences four times the rate of Polk County.

In response, the Tribe applied for and received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office to fund Robertson's position for three years.

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight says he has been a "huge advocate" of the new program. It is his estimate that more than 50 percent of the crimes committed in the community "have some sort of drug nexus."

"I believe this position will help with recidivism because the Tribe will have someone to talk to (Tribal members) while they are incarcerated and have a plan for them when they get out," he says. "I hope the (program) coordinator can stand at the exit of the jail and give these people a ride to rehab before they have a chance to use again."

Robertson encourages Tribal members who are currently incarcerated and will be released soon, as well as their family members, to reach out if they need assistance.

"Ideally, I see myself as an advocate for Tribal members who need help," Robertson says. "The disparity of the statistics shows me that there is something we are not doing right despite the wonderful services that we have." ■

Mercier, Langley, Leno to seek new terms on Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Three Tribal Council incumbents up for election in September have confirmed their intention to seek another term.

Vice Chair Chris Mercier, 44, said he will run for a sixth term on the Grand Ronde Tribe's governing body. Michael Langley, 53, and Lisa Leno, 51, confirmed their intentions to seek a second term.

"Barring some last-minute change of heart, I plan to seek re-election," Mercier said in an e-mail on Thursday, May 21.

Mercier was first elected to Tribal Council in 2004 and was re-elected in 2007, 2010, 2014 and 2017. He received the most votes in '07 and '10. He took one year off during that time to attend law school at Michigan State University and is currently attending law school at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

His 15 years on Tribal Council ties him with former Tribal Council Chair Mark Mercier for notching the fifth most years on the governing body. He also served one year as Tribal Council chair from 2006-07.

Langley, who received 708 votes in 2017 – the most ever at the time until Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy received 712 votes the following year – said he will seek a second consecutive term on Tribal Council.


"It has been my highest honor to serve our Tribe," he said in an e-mail. "I feel that this current

Tribal Council works well together and each of us has an area of specialty or experience to add to the conversation. I have enjoyed this more import work and believe my background in accounting, internal audit at the casino, budget experience, as well as my commitment to culture has a role to play at the table.

"Despite the recent challenges with COVID, we are well-positioned thanks to our dedication to establishing endowments in the past and taking action in the last few years to ensure continued growth in them. Our commitment to establishing relationships at the state and national levels of government as well as the national Native American organizations was also instrumental in making sure we received appropriate funding due to the pandemic. It may be a challenging time, however I think the next several years will be some of our finest moments. It would be an honor to continue my role at the table so, yes, I will be seeking another term this election year."

Leno finished third in 2017 with 648 votes to garner her first three-year term on Tribal Council. She almost was elected to Tribal Council the previous year, finishing three votes behind Denise Harvey in fourth place in 2016.

Tribal Council nominations are tentatively set for 11 a.m. Sunday, June 28, in the Tribal Community Center. ■



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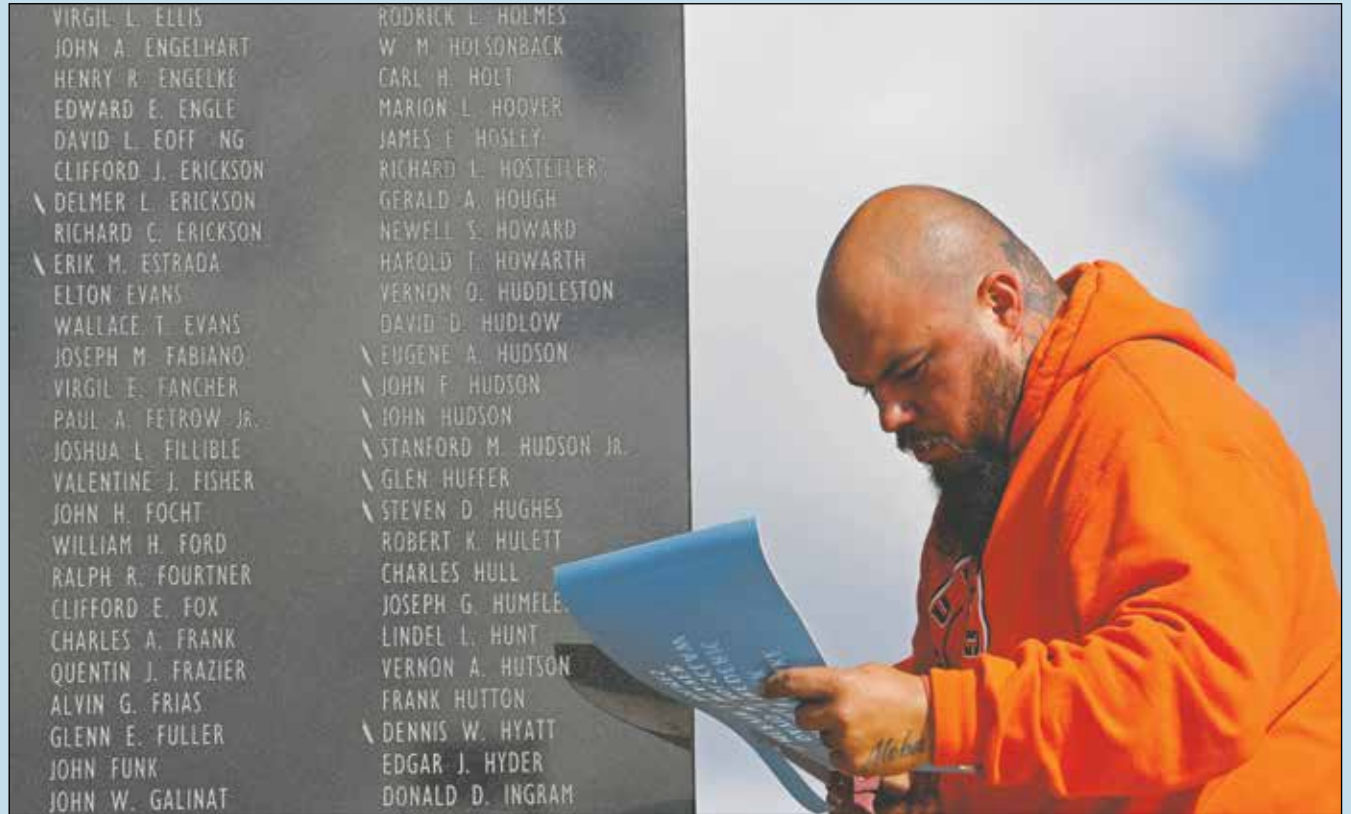
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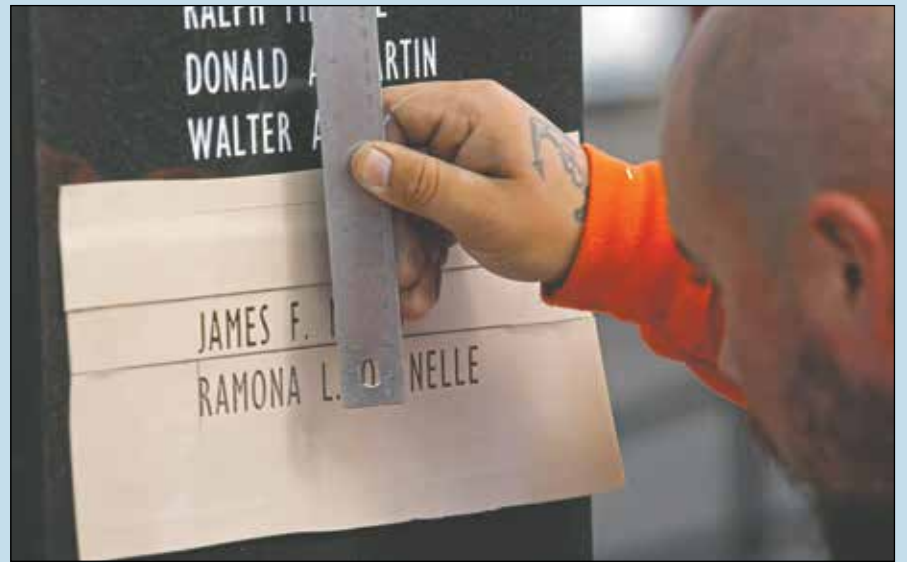
Cemetery Service Technician Greg Gnos with OM Stone cuts the stencil before adding the names of veterans Douglas D. Stake, Alden H. Clark, Linden W. Frederic, Donald E. Holsclaw, David W. Weaver and Mervin J. Holmes to the Army pillar of the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Friday, May 15.

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Tribal Council member and West Valley Veterans Memorial designer Steve Bobb Sr. talks with Cemetery Service Technician Greg Gnos with OM Stone before etching new names.



Cemetery Service Technician Greg Gnos with OM Stone makes sure the names of veterans James F. Marks and Ramona L. Quenelle are in proper alignment on the Navy pillar.

Improvements made during closure

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“We’re excited to welcome our guests and employees back to Spirit Mountain Casino,” said General Manager Stan Dillon in a press release. “We have used this closure as an opportunity to make improvements throughout the property. We want all of our visitors to experience the best of Oregon’s premier gaming destination.”

A blessing and cleansing ceremony was held Tuesday, May 26, before the re-opening.

During a Facebook Live event held on Wednesday, May 27, Dillon said the casino has removed less popular slot machines to accommodate social distancing requirements and capacity has been reduced in restaurants. For instance, seating at the Cedar Plank Buffett has been reduced from 384 to 248, and diners will order from a selection of three-course entrees instead of eating buffet style and handling utensils other people have touched.

Three Oregon Tribal casinos re-opened during the week of May 18-22.

The Coquille Indian Tribe’s Mill Casino in North Bend re-opened on Monday, May 18, while the Siletz Tribe’s Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened its doors

More info

To review Spirit Mountain Casino’s entire Health & Safety Plan, visit www.spiritmountain.com/images/uploads/pdfs/SMC_Health-and-Safety-Plan_2020-05-21.pdf.

on Thursday, May 21, and the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians’ Three Rivers Casino in Florence and Coos Bay started welcoming customers starting on Friday, May 22.

The Cowlitz Tribe’s Ilani Casino north of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area in Washington state announced on Monday, May 18, that it would open on Thursday, May 28, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians’ Seven Feathers Casino near Roseburg off Interstate 5 opened recently.

In a press release, Ilani stated it also would open with safety protocols in place, including reduced and distanced seating at its restaurants, guest temperature checks at the entrances, face masks for team members and frequent sanitizing of frequently touched surface.

The local announcements mirror Tribal casino re-openings that are occurring nationwide from Connecticut to the Seattle metropolitan area.

The Grand Ronde Tribe cautiously re-opened its Tribal government on Monday, May 18, bringing back almost 500 employees who have been idled since mid-March. Tribal governmental employees continued to receive their salaries and were granted 320 hours – eight weeks – of extra paid time off to ensure they continued to receive paychecks.

Employees are undergoing a temperature check when they arrive for work and social distancing, mask wearing, and frequent handwashing and cleaning are encouraged.

Spirit Mountain Casino’s 1,100 employees also were idled in mid-March and have been receiving their usual paychecks plus consideration for lost tips during the 74-day closure. Casino employees were granted 400 hours – 10 weeks – of extra paid time off to ensure they continued being paid.

In the days before announcing the re-opening date, Tribal Council met with Dillon on Monday, May 18, and later that day the SMGI Board of Directors met. Both meetings were held in executive session.

On Tuesday, May 19, investment bank Goldman Sachs sponsored a teleconference titled “The Gaming Industry and Approaching the Re-opening of Casinos” and the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance met on the same day.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, who also serves as vice chair of the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance, said he was not “hugely surprised” that other Tribes decided to start opening instead of all Oregon Tribes opening their casinos in unison.

“Who knows what kind of pressures other Tribes are under,” Mercier said. He also acknowledged that the Siletz Tribe’s re-opening of Chinook Winds “might” have influenced the Grand Ronde Tribe decision to re-open Spirit Mountain Casino. The two casinos are approximately 26 miles apart.

Spirit Mountain Casino is located in Polk County, which is one of the Oregon counties Gov. Kate Brown gave permission to begin re-opening on Friday, May 22. Nearby Yamhill County was granted permission to start re-opening a week earlier.

However, casinos are not subject to state law. Brown previously acknowledged in March that Oregon Tribal casinos are operated by sovereign nations and that she does not have control over when they open or close.

Grand Ronde Station, the Tribally owned convenience store adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino along Salmon River Highway, has remained open during the casino’s closure because it sells essential items like food and fuel. ■

All buildings have one entry and one exit

**EMPLOYEES continued
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“We have had a lot of inquiries regarding an opening date for the coffee cart,” he said. “At this time, we are taking precautions that directly relate to the safety procedures we are implementing as a Tribal government. I will continue to evaluate procedures as we move forward in order to open the coffee cart at an appropriate time. I know coffee is considered essential for many of us.”

Signs regarding social distancing and encouraging mask wearing when interacting with others were posted on various department doors. All buildings now have one entry and one exit to help ensure employees are complying with temperature check requirements.

Medical-grade hand sanitizer, along with cleaning supplies and masks, were distributed to every department. Additionally, employees are provided a mask as needed at the initial temperature check station.

Employees seemed to take the changes in stride.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Grants Coordinator Jim Holmes was one of a handful of employees whose work dictated that they mostly remain on site rather than work remotely during the partial closure that began in mid-March.

“I’m excited to see a lot of my co-workers back and I hope that functions like the employee recognition celebration can (still) find a way to honor the many years of service that people have put in,” he said.

Holmes said he was happy to see the gym available once again for employee use.

“I’ve been doing my best to practice social distancing and will follow the new guidelines as I believe it is still very important to keep this community and everyone who works here safe,” he said.

In keeping with the new regulations, there will not be an on-site Community Fund quarterly check presentation in June.

“We’ll have to hold out hope for September,” Holmes said. “A lot of the organizations were disappointed that they would not be coming out for the ceremony, but understood the circumstances.”



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Tribal Court Program Coordinator Ramona Quenelle has her temperature taken and is asked screening questions as she enters the Governance Center on the first day back to work on Monday, May 18. Smoke Signals Social Media/Digital journalist Kamiah Koch waits in the background. It was the first day back to work for many of the more than 500 Tribal government employees since mid-March.



The thermal scanning device used to assess Tribal employees while having their temperatures taken as they enter the Governance Center.

When employees first arrived at their respective offices, waiting for them was a care package that contained candy, a coffee cup, mask and a laminated “quick reference” office protocol. On the front was a note explaining some of the new regulations.

“Your work area probably felt very different when you arrived today,” it said. “Please know that the changes you are experiencing are meant to keep you, our guests and the community safe as we re-open our doors. While the precautions put in place have saved lives, it will be critical for each of us to continue to practice social distancing and other safety protocols.”

Human Resources continued to reach out to employees during their

first week back to ensure they understood the new guidelines.

For example, some thought that the temperature check stations included photographs, retinal scans or stored information about employees, but were assured that it was merely a no-contact device for measuring temperature.

“It is important for employees to work together to adhere to the new safety protocols in order to protect the health of employees, members, visitors and our community,” Human Resources Director Camille Mercier said. “Staff understand we are in the first phase of returning to work during a pandemic and have been very cooperative and helpful while we adjust to this ‘new normal’ way of reporting to work and taking extra care to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.”

Danielle Murrell serves as the Tribe’s Domestic Violence Program coordinator. On her first day back, she immediately noticed everyone wearing masks as they exited their vehicles, as well as the new, red COVID-19 social distancing signs on the doors.

Murrell, who works at the Community Center, also was required to go through the lobby instead of

the usual entrance, as were other employees, to have their temperatures taken.

“It was also a big change walking toward my office,” she said. “The lobby was obviously more quiet than usual, and seeing Darla (Patterson) at the front desk with her mask on (was different) as well. Normally most employees are coming into work around the same time, with morning greetings and getting coffee, but now you just head straight to your office.”

Murrell said the biggest changes she noticed were the lack of socializing, such as meeting co-workers in the hall for a quick chat and having to think about things that she normally wouldn’t have to consider.

“I needed to remember to put on my mask every time I left my office, washing my hands a gazillion times, going to the restroom and making sure no one else is in there, and doing the same protocol in the kitchen to prepare my lunch as well,” she said.

Other changes include always having paper towels on hand to avoid touching high-contact surfaces, being shown forms by co-workers instead of them handing those to her and checking with the front desk to ensure it was OK to grab copies from the copy machine.

“In the grand scheme of the things, these little changes we need to make are not a big deal and really are not that difficult at all, just an adjustment,” Murrell said.

Central Phones Receptionists Scarlett Holtz and Katherine Warren said that the biggest difference in their jobs post-COVID-19 is the lack of calls and foot traffic. They now work behind sheets of plastic to protect them from airborne particles.

“Everything is by appointment only and the phones are a lot quieter,” Holtz said. “Normally, we would be getting close to 100 calls already today. I think we’ve only had 20 so far.”

Another change is not having popcorn or coffee served in the reception area.

“Tribal Council members usually come out to get popcorn and chat, but now everyone is going right into their offices,” Warren said. “It’s really quiet out here.” ■



Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Shannon Stanton wears a mask while staffing a station where Tribal employees have their temperature taken and are asked screening questions as they enter the Governance Center on the first day back to work.



Signs on one of the doors at the Governance Center.

Grand Ronde Tribal member Iyana Holmes waits in the back of a pickup truck before the start of the Willamina High School drive-through graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 23.

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Drive-through graduates



Grand Ronde Tribal member Franklin Norwest receives help with his cap while waiting for the start of the Willamina High School drive-through graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 23, at the school's Oaken Hills campus. Fifty-five students graduated, including 15 Grand Ronde Tribal members.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Elizabeth Watson-Croy accepts her diploma from Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Keeton Walker waits to have his photo taken during the Willamina High School drive-through graduation ceremony.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Alex Ventriglia dons his 2020 shades.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Jaden Roselle adjusts his tassel under the watchful eyes of his parents Brad Roselle and Helen Blakeslee.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Timothy LaChance accepts his diploma from Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Dylan Larson accepts his diploma from Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Nakoa Mercier accepts his diploma from Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick.

2020-21 Tribal Trask Management

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

What's new for 2020: Changes highlighted in YELLOW

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 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. **Temporary Oregon Rule effective Saturday, Aug. 1 2020, youth may hunt during 2020 hunts even if they didn't complete the field day. These hunters need to be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older during their hunt, pass the online or workbook portion and have in their possession, proof of completion certificate WHILE hunting.**
- 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 or **proof of completion 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)
 - ELK HUNTERS you 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:
 - 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 Hunters Safety's Certificate/**proof of completion 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: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Physical: 47010 SW 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 Card or CIB AND Hunter's Safety Certificate (if applicable) will be required when picking up a tag for others. NO Exceptions.**

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

2020-2021 HUNTING SEASON		
SEASONS	OPEN DAY	LAST DAY
BEAR	8/1/2020	12/31/2020
COAST BUCK: NO APPLICATION	10/3/2020	11/6/2020
CONTROL DAMAGE DOE	10/3/2020	11/6/2020
MUZZLELOADER DEER	11/7/2020	11/20/2020
BOW SEASON		
BOW DEER (Buck Only)	8/29/2020	9/27/2020
BOW ELK - (Bull Only)	8/29/2020	9/27/2020
YOUTH HUNTS		
YOUTH ANTLERLESS ELK	8/1/2020	12/31/2020
YOUTH C/D DEER	10/3/2020	11/8/2020
YOUTH - UPPER TUALATIN - TRASK (WEEKENDS ONLY)	12/5/2020	12/27/2020
GENERAL COAST ELK		
1st Season (Bull Only)	11/14/2020	11/17/2020
2nd Season (Spike Only)	11/21/2020	11/27/2020
CONTROL DAMAGE ELK		
NE TRASK MUZZLELOADER ELK	12/16/2020	12/31/2020
TRASK UNIT	12/1/2020	3/15/2021
WEST TRASK #1	12/1/2020	1/31/2021
WEST TRASK #2	2/1/2021	3/15/2021
CENTRAL TRASK #1	1/1/2021	2/14/2021
CENTRAL TRASK #2	2/15/2021	3/31/2021
SE TRASK	12/1/2020	3/31/2021
NE TRASK #1	12/1/2020	3/31/2021
NE TRASK #2	1/1/2021	3/31/2021
PANTHER CREEK	1/1/2021	3/31/2021

CONTROL / DAMAGE ELK
HUNT: _____
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
By checking this box I acknowledge I have read the foregoing statement and agree with its terms. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the State of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the federal government. <input type="checkbox"/>

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
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Muzzleloader Deer
NOV. 7 - NOV. 20, 2020
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
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1ST SEASON ELK
BULL ONLY
NOV. 14 - NOV 17, 2020
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
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ment hunting application rules

DEADLINES	
Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if Drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
7/20/2020	1/10/2021
N/A	11/16/2020
9/21/2020	11/16/2020
10/26/2020	11/30/2020
8/17/2020	10/7/2020
8/17/2020	10/7/2020
7/20/2020	1/10/2021
9/21/2020	11/18/2020
11/21/2020	1/6/2021
11/2/2020	11/27/2020
11/9/2020	12/7/2020
12/2/2020	1/10/2021
11/20/2020	3/25/2021
11/20/2020	2/10/2021
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TAG RETURN DEADLINES

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. ■

BOW ELK - BULL ONLY

AUG. 29 - SEPT. 27, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.

By checking this box I acknowledge I have read the foregoing statement and agree with its terms. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the State of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the federal government.

Bow Deer (Buck Only)

AUG. 29 - SEP. 27, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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C/D DOE PERMITS

OCT. 03 - NOV. 6, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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YOUTH C/D DEER

OCT. 03 - NOV. 8, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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2ND SEASON ELK SPIKE ONLY

NOV. 21 - NOV. 27, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

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YOUTH Upper Tualatin - Trask

Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27; 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

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Anavey Smith
Senior Miss Grand Ronde Contestant 2020 - 2021

I love manga, drawing, dancing and playing lacrosse.





Taxayam, K'haia nayka nim, Ti nayka uk 2019-2020 Jr. Miss Showara, 11 7.
Nayka niki choku uk 2020-2021 Sr. Veterans Queen.
Nayka choku khupa t'at'at'ax khui-Skui, t'at'at'ax pi taku k'ha nayka.
Nayka niki Show pi tonis pi volleyball.
Nayka wakwa chop. Nayka niki j'ut'igat' iku.
Hajju Mabi pus y'et'an nayka

Hello, my name is Kaleigha. I am the 2019-2020 Jr. Miss Grand Ronde. I am a candidate for the 2020-2021 Sr. Miss Veterans Queen. I will be in the 10th grade & I'm 14 years old. I love to sing, dance and play volleyball. I speak Japanese and I love giraffes. Thank you for helping us.



Isabelle Grout
Contestant for Senior Miss Grand Ronde 2020-2021

16yrs old
11th Grade
Sheridan
AllPrep Academy
cheerleading
Youth Council Chair
cheese lover

Isabelle Grout
Contestant for Senior Miss Grand Ronde



16yrs old, 11th Grade, Sheridan AllPrep Academy, *cheerleading*, *Youth Council Chair*, *cheese lover*

2021



Kalea Liebelt
Little Miss Princess 2019-2020
Little Miss Contestant for 2020-2021

I'm 8 years old. I love powwows & playing sports.




Kalea Liebelt
Little Miss Princess 2019-2020
Little Miss Contestant for 2020-2021
I'm 8 years old
I love powwows & playing sports




Iyana Holmes
Sr. Miss Grand Ronde 2019-2020

I miss traveling to powwows with all my royalty family. I love spending time with my horse 'Rusty'.



Iyana Holmes
Sr. Miss Grand Ronde 2019-2020
I miss traveling to powwows with all my royalty family.
I love spending time with my horse 'Rusty'!



Marie Quenelle
Little Miss Princess 2019-2020
Little Miss Candidate 2020-2021

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MARIE QUENELLE

Fun Facts:

- Reading
- Singing
- Cooking
- Wants to own a restaurant






2020 Contestant for Junior Miss Grand Ronde 2021

Sophia Grout
 Little Miss Grand Ronde 2019-2020
 Contestant for Junior Miss Grand Ronde 2020-2021
 11yrs old / 5th Grade
 Sheridan Japanese School
 ~cooking~art~
 ~beading~
 ~playing outside~

Sophia Grout
 Little Miss Grand Ronde 2019/20
 11 yrs old 5th Grade
 Sheridan Japanese School
 *cooking *art *beading *playing outside



Our Royalty participants would typically be representing the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at multiple events and preparing to spend the summer on the powwow trail. We wholly miss our duties of serving meals and dancing for our people, not to mention having some time on the microphone for introductions.

With the first of four collections, you are introduced to your 2019-20 Royalty Court and 2020-21 Royalty Contestants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB Royalty groups.

The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB.

Grace Macon - 7 years old




Enjoys:
 Art, Powwow dancing,
 canoe family, PE,
 swimming

2020-2021 Little Miss Candidate



LITTLE MISS PRINCESS
2019-2020

Hello, my name is Taylor Ruggles.

I'm currently a Little Miss Princess 2019-2020.
 I love doing puzzles with my mom and I miss my Royalty family.
 Stay safe and healthy!



Hello my name is Taylor Ruggles
 I'm currently a Little Miss Princess 2019-2020
 I love doing puzzles with my mom and I miss my Royalty family.
 Stay safe and healthy!




Aubrey Campbell
 Little Miss Princess 2019-2020
 Little Miss Contestant 2020-2021

I miss going to powwows + I love participating in Royalty.





LELOO QUENELLE
 7 Years old

Tiny Tot 2019-2020
Little Miss Candidate 2020-2021

Fun Facts

- Loves to dance
- Creative
- Loves math
- Likes to build and design things




Satara B.
2020/2021
10
Little Miss Candidate

Creating art and caring for horses are some of my many passions!

Satara Blanchard
10 years old
Little Miss Candidate 2020-2021
Creating art and caring for horses are some of my many passions!




ULALI QUENELLE

TINY TOT CANDIDATE 2020-2021

Facts about me!

Cuddles, art, dancing, singing, and fashion



Hello, my name is Kaleigha. I am the 2019 - 2020 Jr. Miss Grand Ronde. I am a candidate for the 2020 - 2021 Sr. Miss Veterans Queen.



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I will be in the 10th grade & I'm 14 years old. I love to sing, dance, and play volleyball. I speak Japanese and I love giraffes. Thank you for helping us.




I love my friends & family, love beading & sewing, and love being a part of Royalty.

Mabel Brisbois
Current Sr. Miss Veterans Queen 2019-2020



I enjoy beading, bike riding and spending time with family. I miss you all. STAY SAFE ❤️!



Tasina Bluehorse
Current Jr. Veterans Queen 2019-2020
Candidate for Jr. Veterans Queen 2020-2021




Nacoma Liebelt
11yrs old
Veterans Warrior 2019-2020
Veterans Warrior Contestant 2020-2021
Loves dancing, powwows, sports & skateboarding.



IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

IN RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY MARCH 17, 2020 (Amended May 18, 2020) 2020-01 (Amended) TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER

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, and having received new information concerning a Phase I reopening of Tribal Staff, I now find that it is appropriate to amend the Temporary Standing Order 2020-01:

NOW THEREFORE, in order to protect public health with measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of disease it remains necessary to conduct court business remotely, whenever possible, to limit in-person contact as Phase I begins and Tribal Court Services reopen on May 18th; the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court issues the following amended order, effective immediately:

- 1. Hearings. All Court hearings scheduled for the month of May 2020 and for the months thereafter, shall be conducted remotely solely by telephonic appearance until further notice.
2. Parties and Attorneys. All parties and attorneys shall use the Tribal Court's conference line with the specific participant code provided by the Court for their hearing and continue to appear by phone for the month of May 2020 and for the months thereafter, until further notice.
3. Lobby. The Tribal Court Lobby will remain closed to the public; however, appointments will be allowed. For in-person emergency filings, arrangements need to be made with the Tribal Court Office.
4. Notary and Other Court Services. All Notary and Tribal Court Facilitation Services will continue to be suspended until we move into Phase II.
5. Tribal Court Staff. Staff in the Tribal Court Office will continue to be available by telephone, mail, and email for assistance. Tribal Court Staff will be available in person, by appointment only, beginning May 18, 2020. Further instructions will be provided for in-person contact by arrangements made in advance with the Tribal Court Office.
6. Contact Information. Contact with the Tribal Court Office is available by calling 503-879-2303, or through email. For email contact, please use the address: Court@grandronde.org.
7. Court Filings. Electronic filing through Justiceweb will be mandatory except for filing initial documents to open a new Tribal Court case.
8. Emergency Matters. Tribal Court will allow in-person filing on an emergency basis; however, contact must be made with the Tribal Court staff in advance to make arrangements for an emergency appointment.
9. Self-represented Persons. Pro se litigants may contact Tribal Court Office for instructions on how to process documents or obtain information.
10. Tribal Court Programs.
a. All Peacemaker Program face-to-face activities shall be held remotely until further notice.
b. All face-to-face CASA contact between parties and children will continue to be suspended until further notice, however, interviews may continue to be conducted remotely by video or by phone.
c. All TMRB Reviews scheduled shall continue to be conducted remotely by telephonic appearance using the Court's conference line until further notice.
11. Tribal Court Programs Coordinator. Contact with the Tribal Court Programs Coordinator may be arranged by calling 503-879-4623, or through email. For email please use the address: Courtprograms@grandronde.org.
12. Service. All service of documents to the Tribal Court Programs Coordinator shall be done electronically at Courtprograms@grandronde.org
13. Supersedes. This Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Amended Standing Order may be vacated or modified as necessary. This Amended Order supersedes Standing Order 2020-01 issued on March 17, 2020.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

Honorable Cynthia Kaufman Noble, Chief Judge

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Workers' Compensation Ordinance at the May 13, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to allow workers' compensation benefits to be paid to employees who contract coronavirus ("COVID-19") or become subject to a quarantine order as a direct result of a work-related exposure to COVID-19. Among other things, the amendments: (1) Require employees to establish a causal connection between their employment and contracting COVID-19 or becoming subject to a quarantine order due to exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace; (2) Create a rebuttable presumption that the disease was work-related if contracted by health providers at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center ("GRHWC"); and (3) Cxpire on March 31, 2021.

Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Workers' Compensation Ordinance that were adopted on an emergency basis. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by July 1, 2020.

PUBLIC RECORDS ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Public Records Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the May 27, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments (1) Change the name of the ordinance to the Freedom of Information Ordinance; (2) Provide that a Tribal member may make a request directly to a Tribal department for a record that identifies the member and they may supplement the record if they believe the record contains false or misleading information; (3) The member may request security reports that identify the member provided that the General Manager authorizes the release of the security report; and (4) May include minor technical (i.e., formatting and typographical) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Public Records Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by July 1, 2020.



TUESDAYS 2:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD BOX PROGRAM

2:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Grand Ronde Baseball Field located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Area H. Enter on Salmon Way at the Education Complex, go around the "U" to the baseball field and exit at Ackerson Rd. Families will drive up, open trunk, volunteer will load the food box and they will be on their way.

2:30 - 3 p.m. - Water's Edge RV Park located at 25620 Yamhill River Rd, Willamina, OR 97396. We will be stationed near the dumpster, same place the School Lunch program delivers.

3:30- 4 p.m. - Wandering Spirit RV Park located at 28800 Salmon River HWY, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. We will be stationed near the dumpster. Similar to the School Lunch site.

4:30 - 5 p.m. - Grand Ronde Village/Kerleyville located at 8625 Grand Ronde Road. Stationed near the mailboxes.



Brought to you by: ISKAM MEK^MEK-HAWS 9675 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 503-879-FOOD (3663) www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank

Farmers to Families

Food Box Distributions

ALL families are welcome to receive a box.

Pre-packaged Food Boxes may include: dairy, produce or meat.

4 Pop-up distribution sites:

- * Grand Ronde BB Field
* Kerleyville/GR Village
* Wandering Spirit
* Water's Edge

Drive up, Box loaded, Drive away

Weekly Food Box Distributions happening now

Happy spectacular
60th birthday,
Julie Brown!
Born June 14, 1960
With love from
all your family



Library Hours: CLOSED

The Tribe has made the decision to extend the closure of all educational on-site programs and programming. We will update you as soon as we know more. Tribal Library materials that have been checked out can be returned via the book return on the left side of the library entrance.

We do not charge late fees so please do not worry about being charged. You can return items once the library opens again to the public. Check out the Education Department's Facebook page 'CTGR Education Programs' for daily story times from Librarian Kathy Cole.

EBook & audiobook app options:

Amazon Kindle: It is 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.

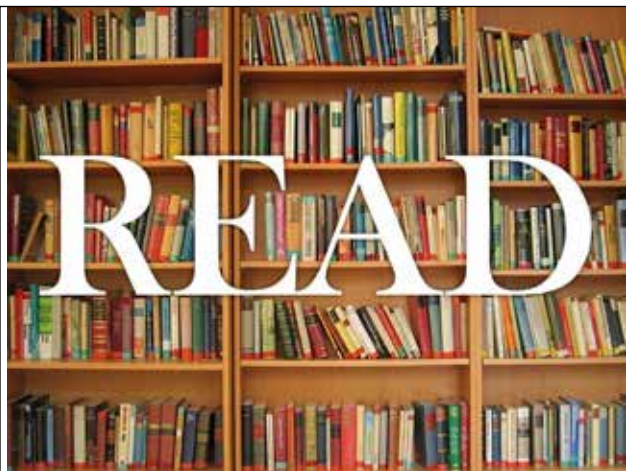
Nook: This is a free application for reading books. The user interface is very interactive and you can not only import epub and PDF, but also access free materials. Just click on the search button and search "free."

Oodles: This app offers more than 50,000 free ebooks for you to use. The books are arranged in different categories that 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 to 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.

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



Include:
Your full name
Phone number
Title of the photo

Submit photos to
Kathy.cole@grandronde.org

Entries must be received by June 15

Earn a chance to win a prize

Reading is important!

**JUNE 1 - JUNE 15
PICTURE YOURSELF
READING CONTEST**

Tribal Library Photo Contest

- Snap a picture of yourself or your family reading.
- Submit your picture to Kathy.cole@grandronde.org.
- Photo entries will be displayed on the library's bulletin board.
- Participants will be entered into a prize drawing.
- Winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail to arrange prize pickup.

Willamina graduates 55 in drive-through ceremony

Willamina High School graduated 55 seniors during a drive-through ceremony held at the Oaken Hills Drive campus on Saturday, May 23.

Paul Morris was the valedictorian and Zorien Klass was the salutatorian. Because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, there were no staff or student speakers.

The 2020 graduating class included Savana Alvarez, Kyle Anderson, Austin Ash, Azaziah Barie, Jordan Bell, Brandon Bendel, Tabor Cain, Autumn Campbell, Zachary Christy, Justin Collins, Jorge Correa-Guzman, Desi Crain, Shayla Cuomo, Feleisha Ebensteiner, Dylan Eitelberg, Conrad Farmer, Abigail Fry, Wyatt Gaines, Justin Gonzalez, Emily Hembree, Dylan Hendrickson, Jesus Hernandez, Josh Henry, Iyana Holmes, Tyler Holmes, Elijah Ibarra, Zorien Klass, Timothy LaChance, Dylan Larson, Nokomis Lee, Julian Marcias, ToniRae Maez, Nakoa Mercier, Olivia Mestas, Paul Morris, Julee Nieto, Franklin Norwest, Makayla Parker, Risa Plummer, Myka Quinones, Antonio Reyes, Emily Richardson, Jaden Roselle, Madison Ross, Kylie Russell, Andrian Sevilla, Emma Shrabel, Tyler Sprecher, Gui Tezuka, Dakota Tipler, Chris Vaccarezza, Alex Ventriglia, Keeton Walker, Nellie Walker and Elizabeth Watson-Croy. ■

Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool

Apply now!

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

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
- Transportation may be available
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For Parents:

- Connection to housing resources
- Employment assistance
- Parent training & support
- Enrollment opportunities for pregnant women
- Enrollment opportunities for all income levels



To Learn More: shelley.cliff@grandronde.org



**ETCHED IN STONE:
RAMONA QUENELLE**

Grand Ronde Tribal employee Ramona Quenelle is one of the seven names added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial on May 15, 2020. As a Navy veteran, she spoke with the Smoke Signals podcast about her military service and what being a part of this memorial means to her. This year's Memorial Day ceremony usually held on Memorial Day was canceled due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.



For more information, contact Kamiah Koch at 503-879-1461 or kamiah.koch@grandronde.org



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The census is our voice to show others how
our communities have grown and what we need.
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information that we use for programs and grants
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Walking On...



Robert "Bob" Johnston

April 24, 1934 – May 5, 2020

Grand Ronde Tribal spouse Robert "Bob" Johnston, 86, passed away at his home in Yamhill on May 5, 2020, surrounded by family.

Bob was born on April 24, 1934, in Lingle, Wyo., to parents Laurence and Amanda Johnston, number eight of 11 children. In 1936, the family moved to the North Plains/Hillsboro area where Bob was raised and attended school. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the Army 82nd Airborne. He was honorably discharged in 1957.

Bob and his wife, Deanna, raised their family of eight daughters in Hillsboro, Ore. Bob's family was his greatest joy. He never missed an opportunity to share his words of wisdom, whether you wanted to hear them or not. Bob's 15 perfect grandchildren were his special treasures.

Bob was a truck driver most of his life and always ensured that he was home with his family most nights. Bob and Deanna retired in January 2000 and enjoyed wintering in Mexico and Arizona.

Some of the many things Bob enjoyed included gardening, woodworking, hunting with his brother-in-law and friends, camping, family vacations and cruises, riding his quad in the desert, and spending time with his daughters and their families. He especially enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. It wasn't unusual for him to insist on one more game before evening's end. He was always ready to tell you his latest joke or share trivia to anyone who would listen. It was a running family joke that almost everywhere Bob and Deanna traveled, they ran into someone they knew. Bob enjoyed his morning coffee with friends, always gathering at a local restaurant and solving the world's problems.

Bob is survived by his wife, Deanna; daughters, Tammy (Fred) Holmes, Teresa Hart, Regan (John) Reichle, Sheri Sleppy, Cricket Spencer, Bobbi (Tony) Cookston and Leisa Liebenow; 15 grandchildren; sister, Garnet (Don) Verley; brothers, Lauen (Lorna) and Jim Johnston; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Laurence and Amanda Johnston; brothers, Lee and Gerald Johnston; sisters, Ethel McKindley, Inez Ptacek, Ruby Sanders, Wilma O'Connor and Ruth Pfaff; daughter, Terri Goold; and sons-in-law, Tim Hart and Jody Sleppy.

A celebration of life will be held at a later day. To leave condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

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. ■



Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. The general population faces a lifetime risk for developing the disease of about 5 percent, while someone whose family has a history of colorectal cancer has a 10 percent to 15 percent chance of developing the disease. Approximately 140,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed and 56,000 people will die from the disease this year. Surpassing both breast cancer and prostate cancer in mortality, colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in numbers of deaths in the United States. Colorectal cancer strikes men and women with almost equal frequency.

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

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

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

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

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



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Friday, May 8

- Citizen contact occurred in the 26100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Attempt to locate vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, May 9

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency by helping an Oregon State Police trooper with a DUI investigation at the Grand Ronde Police Department.
- Assist outside agency regarding shots fired in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. A vehicle was eluding police during a pursuit.

Sunday, May 10

- Assist outside agency with a reported explosion in the 39500 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a male walking in the road near milepost 13 on Hebo Road.

Monday, May 11

- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Assist outside agency with a disorderly conduct in the 27700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18. A female was arrested for driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

Tuesday, May 12

- Assist outside agency by helping with a child welfare check in the 28100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported theft in the Grand Ronde area.
- Assist outside agency with a cover requested for an overdose in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a reported assault in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.

Wednesday, May 13

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Animal complaint reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with pursuit of a vehicle in the area of Highway 18 and Red Prairie Road.

Thursday, May 14

- Assist outside agency with a reported open door in the Willamina area.
- Reported theft in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was cited and released for theft.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Clint Cardwell.



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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:



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 wwwnc.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: wwwnc.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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WHO SHOULD GET TESTED FOR HEPATITIS C?



All adults age 18 and older should be screened for hepatitis C virus at least once according to updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“The CDC guidance is necessary to increase the screening and surveillance of hepatitis C so that we can identify, treat and cure hundreds of thousands of Americans who don’t know they are living with the illness and are unknowingly passing it on to their loved ones,” said National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable Director Lauren Canary. “Especially at a time when liver disease and other underlying illnesses place thousands at increased risk of COVID-19, it is more important than ever to increase the screening and treatment of hepatitis C.”

If you haven’t been tested for hepatitis C, ask your doctor!!

GET TESTED AND GET CURED

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



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