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Five seeking seats on Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Three Tribal Council incumbents and two challengers are up for election in September in the smallest field of candidates to ever seek election since 1983's Restoration.

Vice Chair Chris Mercier, 44, is seeking his sixth term on the Grand Ronde Tribe's nine-member governing body. Michael Langley, 53, and Lisa Leno, 51, are seeking their second term.

They, along with their challengers, were nominated during a General Council meeting held Sunday, June 28, in the Atrium of the Governance Center.

Challengers Reyn Leno and Peter Grout, who both ran in 2019, also are looking to capture a seat on Tribal Council.

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 just graduated from law school at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

His 15 years on Tribal Council ties him with former Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier

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Heat waves



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Aubrey Campbell, 7, Taylor Ruggles, 8, and Carter Campbell, 6, cool off from 80-degree heat in a kiddie pool in Tribal Housing on Monday, June 22. Temperatures in the Grand Ronde area hovered in the 80- to 90-degree range during the last full week of June as summer finally arrived in western Oregon.

Native Americans discuss how to support Black Lives Matter effort

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

PORTLAND — It started with a simple text message. Jason Umtuch (Warm Springs) reached out to his friend JR Lilly (Navajo) to see how they could help support Black Lives Matter protestors in Portland.

Lilly is the past Native American Youth and Family Center's Civic Engagement coordinator and currently works for the city of Portland. Umtuch has struggled in the past with drugs and alcohol, but is now active in the Wellbriety Movement, which emphasizes culturally based healing.

"I had a vision of bringing our culture out to the community, to create a safe place for people of color," Umtuch said. "A Tribal Elder wanted to get dancers and singers to come downtown to Pioneer Courthouse Square and support BLM. We didn't want to

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Photo courtesy of JR Lilly

Siletz Tribal member Athena Shepherd Rilatos joins Native American community members and leaders in downtown Portland to stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement on Friday, June 5.

Tribal Council reverses course on election changes

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

In response to critical comments from the membership, Tribal Council and the Tribe's Election Board reversed a June 10 decision to hold the 2020 Tribal Council election as essentially an all-mail election and return to business as usual.

During its June 10 meeting, Tribal Council approved an emergency amendment to the Election Ordinance that would have closed the polling location in the Community Center and required Tribal members to vote by absentee ballot in an effort to protect voting Elders and Elders serving on the Election Board from the COVID-19 coronavirus.

During the 2019 Tribal Council election, 143 Tribal members cast in-person ballots in the Community Center and three Tribal members registered to vote on Election Day.

But those changes were re-

versed on Wednesday, June 24, and the 2020 Tribal Council election will be held as it usually has been in previous years with walk-in voting and registration available on Election Day, which will be Saturday, Sept. 12.

The only amendment approved by Tribal Council on June 10 that will remain in place is a reduction of Election Board office hours in the Community Center from 20 hours to 15 hours per week.

Tribal Senior Staff Attorney Deleen Aubertin Keller said during the Tuesday, June 23, Legislative Action Committee hearing that the Election Board will institute COVID-19 precautions during Election Day, such as cleaning and disinfecting voting booths after every use.

General Manager David Fullerton said the Tribe's Facilities Department will work with the

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Tentatively: Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 8.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 22.....	4 p.m.

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

I was saddened to see the news that our fellow Tribal member and former Councilwoman Dorothy Greene has walked on. We served on the council together for about a year in 1986-87. I lived in Dallas and her in Sheridan. On the nights of our council meetings, I would drive to Sheridan and pick Dorothy up. Her husband did not drive at that time.

We attended many meetings and negotiations together during that time. We were in the process of working with the BIA and BLM for our Reservation land and also for our hunting and fishing rights with Oregon Fish and Game.

Dorothy was one of the most wonderful ladies I have met. She carried with her so much history of our people and land. She was loved by all that knew her and will be sorely missed. I so loved our mini-reunions at each Restoration celebration. May she rest in peace.

Bradley M. Kowing
Roll #816

Dear Smoke Signals:

To all that I have known, worked alongside and cared for at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, I wanted to say thank you for the opportunity to practice in Grand Ronde for such a long time.

Cheryle Kennedy asked for at least a two-year commitment when I took the position, and I stayed at the Tribe for 25 years. This would not have been possible without her trusting me in this position.

It has been such a blessing to feel like part of the community and serve the Tribe for so long. I have truly enjoyed all the relationships with patients and staff alike. I am proud to have worked alongside so many people in the Dental Department, as well as those who worked in other areas within the Tribe. It was truly a job to treat and know so many patients and families.

I have enjoyed watching children become adults and have children of their own, and the opportunity to be a part of their lives. I will remember fondly my time at Grand Ronde.

I wish the best for all those who I have known and served alongside for these many years. It has been an incredible journey and it's amazing to have seen all the changes that have occurred within the Dental Department over the last 25 years.

The Dental Department at Grand Ronde is recognized in Indian Health Service and Tribal communities as one of the very best programs in the Northwest region. That is a testament to the amazing people who have made their mark on this program and the ongoing support of the Tribe that has allowed for the success that this department has experienced.

It was with sadness that I had to resign abruptly as I would have preferred to stay with the Tribe until I retired. It seems very unfitting that I was unable to say goodbye before my departure. However, I had to trust that my next adventure will bring new rewards and successes. I have confidence that Drs. Lange and Davis will take good care of you along with the talented staff members who remain.

Feel free to stay in touch. I would enjoy hearing from any of you. Thank you so much for your kindness through the years and I hope that you felt it was reciprocated. Blessings. 503-569-7868 or eric.webster64@gmail.com.

Eric Webster
West Salem

Dear Smoke Signals:

I want to thank the Tribe for having our collective "backs." Just knowing I have medical insurance in these perilous times helps immensely. Just knowing I am part of a caring community relieves anxiety.

I wish everyone good health and the fortitude to endure to a more sunny day. Drink lots of water, eat fresh vegetables and fruit, and get some exercise.

Judith Pettibone
Roll #717

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Tribal offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 8.....	SEPT. 15, 2020

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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, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 22 – Tribal Council Candidates Forum, 5 p.m., Virtual via the Zoom teleconferencing platform. 503-879-2304.

August

- Wednesday, Aug. 5 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19 – 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 throughout the summer.)

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 July 21.

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

Tribal Council OKs three 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 approved a third supplemental budget on Thursday, June 18, that will allocate \$8.1 million that the Tribe received in federal funding to pay for the virus relief payments.

The approximately 4,500 adult Tribal members will each receive \$600 on June 24, July 17 and Aug. 14, Finance Officer Chris Leno said.

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 the amount is approximately \$33 million based on the U.S. Treasury’s formula for determining allocations to Tribes.

The summer disbursements will bring the total number of coronavi-

rus relief payments to five and help Tribal members affected by the pandemic and the absence of a June per capita distribution because Spirit Mountain Casino was closed from mid-March through May 31.

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 payments are classified as general welfare disbursements and are not taxable.

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.

Tribal Council approved a second \$1.9 million supplemental budget on May 21 that sent another \$400 virus relief payment to adult Tribal members to help them deal with the financial effects caused by the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. ■



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

- Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy**
- Ceremonial Hunting Board – 2 vacancies**
- Culture Committee – 2 vacancies**
- Editorial Board – 2 vacancies**
- Enrollment Committee – 2 vacancies**
- Fish & Wildlife Committee – 3 vacancies**
- Powwow Special Event Board – 1 vacancy**

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Portland Grand Ronde Tribal members & Elders

I wanted to remind Tribal members if you are in need of food the Grand Ronde Portland office has a limited supply of food boxes and shelf-life food on hand at all times.

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Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in July

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 July food distributions 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 Friday, July 24, using the Zoom teleconferencing program. 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 reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – The Willamina School Board approved a new policy regarding flag displays that accommodated a request from Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno to hang the Grand Ronde Tribe’s flag in the school gym. The Tribe’s flag would hang next to the U.S. and Oregon flags at the district’s schools for its approximately 30 percent Native American student population to see.

2010 – The Tribally funded, \$1 million Grand Ronde Fire Station opened at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads. The new fire station would be operated and managed by the West Valley Fire District and have two firefighters assigned per shift to provide fire and emergency medical services to the Grand Ronde area 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The new fire station included three vehicle bays, three dorm rooms, kitchen, laundry, meeting room with workout equipment, storage area and two offices.



2010 File photo

2005 – The Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes broke ground on a 15-acre, multi-use project in Keizer, which would be known as Chemawa Station. “It’s a time of celebration,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. She added that the plans had been almost four years in the making. The project was expected to include 110,000 square feet of retail, restaurant, professional office, light industrial and flexible space. The site was originally part of the Chemawa Indian School property.

2000 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde signed an agreement with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to ensure Tribal access to the Willamette Meteorite. The Tribe sought access as a way to preserve its religious, historical and cultural relationships with the 15.5-ton meteorite traditionally known as “Tomanowos.” “I can’t begin to tell you how much this means to us,” Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison said. “Since the termination of our Tribe by the federal government in 1954, we have worked hard to gather our people together to share our unique and important past. This agreement goes even further because it looks toward our future. I consider it to be one of the outstanding milestones we’ve reached for our Tribal members.”

1995 – Tribal Council approved construction of a 28,000-square-foot Health & Wellness Clinic in Grand Ronde. The clinic would provide services to Tribal members regardless of where they reside and employ 50 to 60 people. “Indian Health Service appropriated the funding for the planning and design of the clinic,” Human Services Division Manager Cheryle A. Kennedy said. She added that the Tribe also was exploring funding options for construction. The next steps in the process included site selection, securing financing and selecting a construction company.

1990 – No edition available.

1985 – Tribal Council continued to meet with the Bureau of Land Management on the Reservation Plan. The council expected to have a draft of the plan soon. “The process of working with BLM has taken longer than anticipated,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated. “Through various meetings, the Tribal Council has submitted proposals to the BLM. Counterproposals from the BLM have enabled the Tribal Council to come closer (to) a draft of the Reservation Plan.”

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

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Tribe honors 82 graduates during virtual celebration

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde honored 82 graduates earning eighth-grade promotion certificates through doctoral degrees during the Honors and Recognition Graduation Celebration held Friday, June 19.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was held virtually. Two videos, one featuring GED and college graduates, and another featuring high school graduates and eighth-grade promotions were streamed on the Grand Ronde Education Programs Facebook page.

The college graduates video began with Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George offering his congratulations.

“You’ve reached a milestone in your life and you should be proud to say, ‘I did it. I accomplished it.’ Today, graduates of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, you are being honored because you did it, and stuck with it. We can say to you, well done. You gave your all and became an example for your younger siblings and family members, and should be proud of yourself.”

Education Department Manager Angela Fasana welcomed graduates and their families to both virtual celebrations.

“I want to congratulate you on reaching this milestone,” she said. “I want you to know that this



Smoke Signals screenshot

Education Committee member Michael Cherry congratulated 2020 graduates during an online Graduation Celebration held on Friday, June 19.

department and the Tribe are extremely proud of your success.”

Education Committee Chair Tammy Cook and members Michael Cherry, Shelby Maerz, Chris Mansayon and Michael Herrin also congratulated all of the graduates, along with Education Department staff.

Youth Education Manager Tim Barry said he was proud of all of the students and is looking forward to their next steps.

All graduates’ names will be added to plaques with other graduates that line the wall in the Adult Education Building.

Tribal graduates honored this year were:

Eighth grade: Kaileighann Taylor, Leo Norwest, Jaiden-Sky Quintero, Kihya Ann Bailey, Se-

quoia Ream, Tasina Bluehorse, Addie Moreland, Benjamin Powley, Thunder Hurtado, Dameion Trump-Torres, Elisabeth Becker, Cohen Haller, Ethan Sabin, Jacob Holmes, Kazsia Connelly, Quentin McCormick, Anavey Smith, Seq’hiya “Pippy” Simmons, Kaiya Pearsall, Natalie Martinez, Daneyella Davis and Anne Page.

High school: Ce’c West, Madison Davidson, Hunter Brewer, Ethan Leno, Jacob Shandy, Jaclyn Markey, Tori Hirata, Genevieve Hughes, Edi Larsen, Payton Leno, Christopher Tarring, Aundrea Cooney, Sedona Williams, Iyana Holmes, KC Volz, Alexis Simpson, Alex Ventriglia, Dylan Larson, Elizabeth Watson-Croy, Franklin Norwest, Keetzon Walker, Madison Ross, Nakoa Mercier, Tabor Cain, Risa Plummer, Joshua Henry and Benjamin Halo Ankeney.

GED: Hunter Campbell, Kristopher Cureton, Isaiah Holmes, Skyler Hunt, Julian Lane, Rebecca Marr, Nikkali Reichlein, Cody Watson and Jennie Young.

Certificates: Amy Valentine.

Associate degrees: Rayna Hut-

ton, Nick LaBonte, Bethany McKnight, Hope Pichette, Stephanie Rosas, Jamie Schlosser and Astashia Trevino.

Bachelor’s degrees: Alejandrina Aguilar, Tyler Bassett, Myranda Bradshaw, Shane Cooney, Todd Gregg, Brandon Grout, Kamiah Koch, Cassandra Korn, Rylie Lawrence, Joshua McCool, Christina Morgan, Olivia Morrow, Debbie Ream, ChyAnn Schlappie, Merri StanCliffe, Eli Steadman, Shane Thomas, Tajia Ulestad and Sharon Williams.

Master’s degrees: Synon Allen, Cheyanne Fasana-Heidt, Meagan Flier, Justine Flynn, Kerriana Freeney, Shawn Haggerty, Michael Herrin, Nakoosa Moreland, Melissa Palanuk-Mercier and Natalie Thomas.

Doctorate degree: Kayla Spohn.

Those who earned a GED, certificate or associate degree will receive a Pendleton saddle blanket. Bachelor degree graduates will receive a Pendleton blanket and those with graduate degrees will receive a Pendleton logo blanket and carved paddle. ■

Tribe receives \$99,998 federal transportation grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Confederated Tribes will receive almost \$100,000 to support the community’s transportation needs amid the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, according to a press release from Oregon U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden that was issued on Tuesday, June 23.

The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, which was passed by Congress in March.

The grant, which is being distributed by the Federal Transit Administration, totals \$99,998 and will support operating, administrative and preventive maintenance costs associated with responding to the public health emergency. Expenses can include personal protective equipment supplies for transit workers, driver salaries and benefits, and supplies and services needed to disinfect vehicles, transit centers and hubs.

“Tribes in Oregon have been hit hard by COVID-19’s devastating public health and economic impacts, so these federal funds will help by supporting transit workers to safely continue providing essential transportation services for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,” Wyden said. “I’m glad these resources are heading to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and I will keep battling to ensure all of our state’s Tribes get the assistance they require during this crisis and beyond.” ■

Afterhours health line

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

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

Tribal government moves into second phase of re-opening

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribal government moved into its second phase of re-opening on Monday, June 15, which now allows programs that provide direct services to the membership to increase onsite services or meeting opportunities if necessary.

In addition, General Manager David Fullerton announced via e-mail on Friday, June 12, that increased outdoor activities and gatherings will be allowed.

The incremental re-opening is buoyed by the fact that the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center has conducted 175 COVID-19 coronavirus tests as of Tuesday, June 30, and all have returned negative results.

The Tribal government went into a partial shutdown in mid-March in response to the spread of the coronavirus in Oregon. Only essential employees reported to work to keep providing services to the membership.

On Monday, May 18, the Tribal government started a cautious re-opening with employees required to wear masks while interacting in public or with others, no walk-in visitors allowed and employees were screened for possible fever before being allowed to work.

Most of those Phase 1 requirements remain in effect for employees as the Tribal government moves into Phase 2, Fullerton said.

“The employees have done a great job in Grand Ronde to prevent the spread of the virus and we are asking all to keep up the good work as we continue to move forward,” Fullerton said.

Fullerton added that the increase in coronavirus cases in Yamhill and Polk counties is attributable to increased testing and better contact tracing in Oregon.

“While this is all good news, we still need to remain diligent at work and away from work to make sure we are not putting our co-workers or those we serve at risk,” Fullerton added. ■

Lamprey season runs through July 31

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife set the lamprey harvest season to run through July 31 with harvesting allowed 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday.

Harvesting is not allowed Tuesday through Thursday.

Harvesting is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the horseshoe area at the peak of the falls. In addition, lamprey ramps are installed during the lamprey season to help lamprey make it over the falls. Harvesters should avoid the ramps.

Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit. Tribal members also may harvest for distribution to other Tribal members as long as it is being done for free. Commercial sale of lamprey and use of lamprey as bait in fisheries is prohibited. Catches must be recorded on an ODFW harvest card available from the Natural Resources Department off Hebo Road or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW office at 17330 S.E. Evelyn St. Harvest cards must be returned by Aug. 31, 2020.

If you plan on harvesting lamprey, contact Natural Resources at 503-879-2424 to arrange for a packet. ■

Tribe honors Juneteenth commemoration as holiday

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde honored the Black Lives Matter movement by granting its governmental employees the day off on Friday, June 19, and encouraging them to reflect on the racial divisions currently occurring in the country.

General Manager David Fullerton announced the day off on Tuesday, June 16.

“Juneteenth ... has been celebrated by African-Americans since the late 1800s,” Fullerton said. “But, in recent years, and particularly following nationwide protests over the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other African-Americans this year, there is a renewed interest in the day that celebrates freedom. This year’s celebration may resonate in new ways, given the sweeping changes and widespread protests across the U.S.”

“In honor of celebrating freedom and an opportunity for all to reflect, Tribal Council has declared Friday, June 19, 2020, Juneteenth a holiday for the Tribal government.”

The idea of the Grand Ronde Tribe honoring Juneteenth was mentioned by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. during the Tuesday, June 16, Legislative Action Committee meeting. He said he had been contacted by several people regarding the issue.

“I’ve been contacted a couple of times regarding the proclamation of the abolishment of slavery,” Bobb said. “I’ve been asked if I would support a statement made by council in support of this proclamation. I was just wondering if that was something we could do ... and our support means that we are painfully aware of prejudice and hate as a Tribal people throughout the centuries. I

would like to see us support it.”

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said it is hypocritical of the U.S. government to assert that Black Lives Matter protestors are overreacting when the history of the country is rife with instances of killing minorities, such as Native Americans and African-Americans, and stealing Native lands.

“Of course we’ll support that,” she said.

Juneteenth celebrates when the last slaves found out about the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865. The day commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

Tribal Council released an official statement on social justice that said, in part, “As a Tribe, we stand for equality and condemn the systematic racism and oppression facing so many. These recent events remind us that injustice, violence and dehumanizing policies can still be found in every corner of this country. At times, confronting these injustices can seem too daunting a task. But our ancestors who were targeted by the anti-Indian policies of the federal government guided us through our own struggles. They taught us that there is strength on the other side of this struggle. There is hope when we all stand together. We are all someone’s son or daughter. Many of us are mothers and fathers. But most importantly, we are all human.”

“To those still struggling under the systematic racism found in this country, please know that there is strength beyond this struggle. The Grand Ronde Tribe stands with you.”

The city of Portland formally recognized June 19 as a paid holiday as well on Wednesday, June 17. ■

Grand Ronde Editorial Board position openings

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (“Grand Ronde”) of overseeing its independent Tribal press (*Smoke Signals*), invites applications to serve on the **Grand Ronde Editorial Board**. There are two open board positions: one is a full three-year term that expires in March 2023 and the other is to serve out the remainder of a term of a board member who resigned that expires in March 2022.

The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will be permitted on occasion. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council for official appointment.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission deadline: Friday, July 10, 2020

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:


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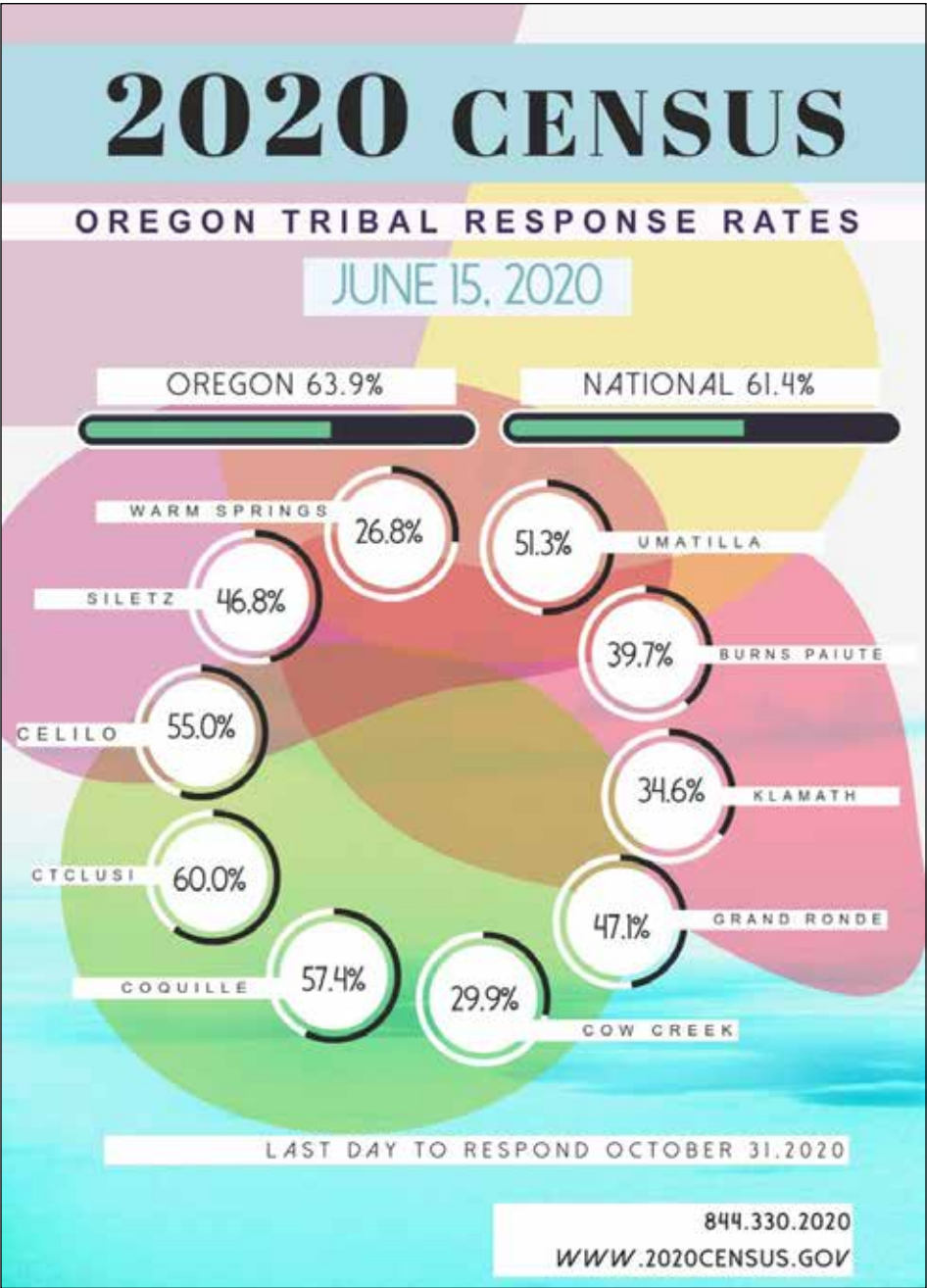
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Everything’s canceled this summer? Take a hike!

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

The coronavirus outbreak has meant the cancellation of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow in July, Contest Powwow in August, summer youth activities, Canoe Journey, visiting Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center and various family-themed events on the Tribal campus.

So what’s left to do when you’d like the kids to stop playing on their electronics for a while, don’t feel like driving all the way to the beach and want to do something within 20 minutes of Grand Ronde?

Take a hike. Literally. There are several trails on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Reservation, which range from easy to challenging. Although several of them are difficult to access at this point due to adjoining roads being closed, there are some that are available.

All are free to visit as there are no parking fees. *Smoke Signals* staff visited four of these trails and have included a map, photos and videos to help in planning your hiking adventure.

As with any hike, make sure to wear sturdy, closed-toes shoes, dress appropriately, carry water and insect repellent, and bring your phone or camera to take photos and document your adventures.

3.1 mile walking loop: This is an easy, mostly flat route which includes pavement, gravel roads and concrete sidewalks. It is family-friendly.

Begin at the Tribal Health & Wellness Center. Walk along A Ackerson Road. When the road ends, take a right and walk by the Veterans Memorial and Tribal Governance Center.

Take a left when you see the Adult Education Building and continue past the Tribal gym. Take another left and walk by the softball fields before continuing right on a gravel road that will lead you past the Tribal cultural area, rodeo grounds and to the day use park.

Walk the loop at the park and ex-



Map created by Samuel Briggs III

plore Agency Creek, or stop and have a picnic lunch at one of the shaded table areas. Continue left up a gravel road just past the bathrooms and follow until it turns into Blacktail Drive. There, you will see the Elders Activity Center on your left and Elders Housing straight ahead. At Grand Ronde Road, take a right and then a left at Tyee Road, which will put you in Tribal Housing. Walk the perimeter of housing, then back down Tyee Road and a left at Grand Ronde Road. When you arrive back at the Health & Wellness Center, you will have completed your 5K.

Natural Resources Department half-mile trail: This is a sin-

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gle track, mostly flat dirt trail with wood planks in some areas where it becomes muddy. Long pants/shirts with sleeves are recommended due to thick foliage along some parts of the trail, along with hiking shoes or boots if you have them. It is a relatively easy trail to walk, but it is not stroller-friendly.

Park at the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. Walk behind the Natural Resources office and you will see an entrance. It is unmarked, but clearly visible. The trail is shaded, so it’s a nice place to visit when it gets hot. You’ll be treated to views of wildflowers, as well as the sights and sounds of various wildlife.

Turn around when you come to tall grass and barbed wire fence. A “Y” in the road leads to two paths, both of which take you back to Natural Resources.

Tillamook West six-mile trail: This trail is overgrown with foliage in areas, and long pants and long-sleeved shirts are advised, along with a tool to cut brush.

To reach the trail, head north on Grand Ronde Road past Highway 22 and continue for approximately two miles until you see a stop sign. Make a right onto Southwest Agency Creek Road. Continue on this paved, winding road for approximately 5.5 miles and follow signs for Big Buck campground. There is a small sign for the trailhead on your right-hand side 100 meters past a large gravel clearing on the left. The drive itself is half the adventure, and features forest and creek views.

A map of the area is available by downloading the ESRI Collector Application. For more information about the ESRI Collector app, contact Alex Drake at alex.drake@grandronde.org. To download the app, visit the Google Play icon on Android-based phones and the App Store icon for Apple phones, and type in “ESRI Collector.”

Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area Loop Hike: This .75-mile hike is a family-friendly trail with interpretive signage so visitors can learn more about the area’s history. Parking is free, and there are picnic tables and toilets at the start of the trailhead.


Fort Yamhill was originally established in 1856 to serve as a buffer between Oregon settlers and the Tribes and bands that would become the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and to keep Native people under military control.

There is a sentry box midway through the hike, near the old main road leading from the Willamette Valley to the coast, which marked the official entrance to the fort. From there, soldiers could observe anyone who entered or left the Grand Ronde Reservation. Near the Fort Yamhill park entrance are the Tribal plankhouse and uxyat Powwow Grounds, located en route to the hiking area.

Approximately the first quarter mile of the hike is a wide, shaded woodchip trail, followed by hard packed dirt without shade for the remaining portion.

Although none of the fort’s original structures remain intact, except a renovated officer’s quarters, interpretive signage explains the purpose of each area, along with excerpts from soldiers’ journals.

For more information, visit www.stateparks/oregon.gov and look for Fort Yamhill Heritage Area. ■




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NATIVE PARALLELS TO THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT WITH DAVID LEWIS, PH.D.

Smoke Signals called Grand Ronde Tribal member and Native history researcher David G. Lewis, Ph.D. to talk about the shared experiences between African-Americans and Native Americans. During the Black Lives Matter protests Native people have joined the marches to support African-Americans. Lewis discusses the parallels of the two minorities seeking social justice.



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Senate holds hearing to fix 26-year-old mistake in Tribe’s Reservation Act

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing on Wednesday, June 24, to correct an error made in a 1994 piece of legislation that adversely affected the Grand Ronde Reservation Act.

The legislation would allow the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to address any future survey errors discovered on its original Reservation with the federal government.

“This hearing ... brings the Grand Ronde closer to justice after an egregious and serious surveying error made by the federal government,” Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden said in a press release.

“Nearly three decades ago, the Grand Ronde sought to fix a surveying error within their Reservation boundary only for the federal government to make another,” said Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley. “This hearing is an important step forward in the Grand Ronde’s fight to right that wrong.”

Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples in early February seeking to correct the mistake written into the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1994. The Tribe submitted written testimony to the Senate because of the current COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

The Bureau of Land Management discovered a survey error on the Grand Ronde Reservation that dates back to 1871. The error was discovered after passage of the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1988 that returned 9,811 acres to the Tribe.

Surveyor David Thompson had incorrectly surveyed the eastern boundary of the Reservation, missing 84 acres that should have been included. The land also was excluded from a 1904 sale of unallotted lands within the Reservation and Grand Ronde was not compensated for it.

Until the error was discovered, BLM treated the land as Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands and permitted private companies to harvest timber on the acreage.

After being informed of the sur-

vey error, the Grand Ronde Tribe determined the parcel, called the Thompson Strip, was unmanageable because of narrow boundaries and divided ownership interests. The Tribe agreed to accept a 240-acre parcel of grant lands adjacent to the Grand Ronde Reservation in exchange and surrender its claims to the Thompson Strip.

However, the Department of the Interior in 1994 “developed broad language that relinquished any future claims of this type within the state of Oregon” by the Grand Ronde Tribe.

“In agreeing to this land exchange in 1994, the intent of the parties was for Grand Ronde to relinquish its rights only to the Thompson Strip,” Kennedy testified in February. “There was no intention by BLM or BIA officials involved in this land swap to extinguish the Tribe’s land claim rights for the entire state of Oregon.”

Kennedy said the Tribe only discovered the issue recently while working on a different amendment to the Reservation Act.

“While we are not aware of any specific new survey errors or land claim issues, we do want to be proactive about ensuring that the Tribe has the right to be compensated should another problem arise,” she said. “As we re-acquire lands within our Reservation boundaries, my staff tells me that we frequently find small survey inconsistencies when title searches are conducted. We want to be prepared if and when additional errors are uncovered.”

House Resolution 4888 was sponsored by Oregon Reps. Kurt Schrader, Suzanne Bonamici, Peter DeFazio and Earl Blumenauer. It would replace the phrase “state of Oregon” with the phrase “84 acres known as the Thompson Strip” in the Grand Ronde Reservation Act.

The companion bill in the U.S. Senate is supported by Wyden and Merkley.

“The United States made errors in surveying Grand Ronde lands, and it then took away from Grand Ronde its right to be compensated for these errors. That’s not fair. I’d like to thank Sens. Merkley and Wyden for working to correct this injustice,” Kennedy said in the same press release. ■

Growing season



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Garden Coordinator Patti LeClaire and volunteer Jeannette Langley work on transplanting corn stalks at the Grand Community Garden on Thursday, June 18. Twenty-seven stalks were added to a bed already containing 62 stalks as the summer growing season is upon the Grand Ronde area.



A corn stalk is transplanted at the Grand Ronde Community Garden.



Casino selects sports betting company

Spirit Mountain Casino has selected Roar Digital LLC, a joint venture between MGM Resorts International and GVC Holdings, as the Grand Ronde Tribe’s exclusive sports betting partner.

Roar Digital will open the BetMGM Sportsbook at Spirit Mountain Casino this year and also will roll out an on-Reservation sports betting app, as well as an eventual statewide online sports betting offering as it becomes available to the Tribe pending regulatory approval.

“This joint venture between two of the gaming industry’s most recognizable brands will bring a world-class sports betting offering to Oregon,” said Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon in a press release issued by both entities. “We’re excited to launch this partnership with BetMGM, which will allow us to extend our established position as the Northwest’s premier entertainment destination.”

BetMGM has 13 sportsbooks in Nevada, Mississippi, Michigan and New Jersey.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Council approved a compact amendment with the state in October 2019 that allows Spirit Mountain Casino to offer betting on sporting events. ■



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Grand Ronde will not support Siletz Salem Casino proposal

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will not support the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians’ proposal to build an 180,800-square-foot casino with 2,000 gaming devices and 45 table games just north of downtown Salem.

The Siletz Tribe filed their application for the project on April 30 with the Department of the Interior’s Office of Indian Gaming.

“The Siletz proposal would have a devastating impact on Grand Ronde and Spirit Mountain Casino,” said Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson on Thursday, June 25. “We cannot support it. In the meantime, we’re continuing to explore all of our options in case the gaming landscape in Oregon changes.”

The proposed Siletz casino complex also would feature a 500-room hotel, three restaurants, food court, nightclub, sports bar and multi-purpose events center that would accommodate a 20,000-square-foot ballroom. It also would feature a 2,000-car parking garage and two surface parking lots.

The Siletz Tribe touts the economic benefits of the proposed casino in its application, estimating that it would provide approximately 1,473 full- and part-time jobs in the gaming facility, hotel, convention center, restaurants and related amenities with 80 percent to 90 percent of the jobs being filled by nonTribal members. It would cost a projected \$410 million to build and support 2,373 construction jobs in Marion and Polk counties.

Smoke Signals obtained a redacted copy of the Siletz Tribe’s application through the Freedom of Information Act. Mostly proprietary financial information was excised from the copy.

The proposed casino would be located on 20 acres that has been held in trust for the Siletz Tribe since 2000 at the Portland Road NE



exit east of Interstate 5. The Siletz Tribe currently operates the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort on a small portion of the trust parcel.

In its application, the 5,502-member Siletz Tribe says that despite the success of Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City over the past 25 years, 24 percent of Siletz households in the Siletz area still have incomes below the federal poverty level and that the Tribal unemployment rate remains high with the median household income of Tribal members living in the Siletz area 63 percent below that of other Oregon households.

“Chinook Winds Casino faces substantial competition from other Tribal casinos closer to the major urban areas in Oregon and from the Oregon Lottery,” the application states. “The current casino supplements the Siletz Tribe’s total budget, but does not come close to meeting the Tribe’s unmet needs, and the income from Chinook Winds has plateaued in recent years.”

The Siletz Tribe said it has identified almost \$266 million in unmet needs in Tribal programs, including education, social services, health care, substance abuse intervention and Elder services.

“Revenue from the proposed Salem Casino also will allow the Siletz Tribe to pursue investment opportunities in other business ventures and further diversify its economy, which would potentially lead to additional revenues for the Tribal government and more job opportunities for Siletz Tribal members,” the application states.

To quell possible opposition, the Siletz Tribe said it will make payments to the city of Salem for infrastructure upgrades and has met with other Oregon Tribes to

discuss revenue sharing arrangements “that would allow these rural Tribes to share revenue.”

Proposals for a north Salem casino from the Siletz Tribe date back to the early 1990s and faced opposition then. A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in 1997 upheld a governor’s ability to limit or deny gaming facilities in urban areas and then-Gov. John Kitzhaber opposed building casinos off-Reservation.

In 2017, the Siletz Tribe proposed building a casino at the site and splitting the proceeds with the state of Oregon and eight other federally recognized Tribes in Oregon. The Grand Ronde Tribe objected to that proposal as well.

Grand Ronde Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin also said at the time that a casino off Interstate 5 near Salem would be “devastating” to the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Spirit Mountain Casino, which is currently the closest gaming enterprise to the Salem market.

The Salem market has become even more important to Spirit Mountain Casino since the Cowlitz Tribe opened its Ilani Casino approximately 17 miles north of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area in April 2017.

The Siletz Tribe would need approval from the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Gov. Kate Brown before proceeding with its newest proposal. The state’s current gaming policy of one casino per Tribe on Reservation land would have to be shelved for the Siletz to build.

In its application, the Siletz Tribe states that it is currently in discussions with the city of Salem and Brown’s office regarding the proposal.

An e-mail to Brown’s press sec-

retary, Elizabeth Merah, was not answered regarding the Siletz proposal.

The city of Salem responded to a Bureau of Indian Affairs’ request for comments on Thursday, June 25, requesting that an environmental impact statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act be conducted to “understand the full impacts of a project of this scope and scale.” The response did not state whether the city would be in favor or opposed to the development.

“The city of Salem’s response focuses on the technical development aspects of the proposed gaming project,” the city’s response states. “Broader socio-economic and community impacts have not be considered in the city’s response.”

Approval from the federal government is not guaranteed. The Coquille Indian Tribe was recently turned down regarding its proposal to build a casino in Medford partially because of the distance – 165 miles – between Medford and the Coquille’s headquarters near Coos Bay. Salem is approximately 87 driving miles from Siletz’s headquarters on the Oregon coast.

Meanwhile, the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes are working together to develop the nearby 15.7-acre Chemawa Station property, which the two Tribes have owned since 2002. In its casino application, the Siletz Tribe asserts that “there is no evidence of any significant historical or cultural connections between the Grand Ronde Tribe and the site for the proposed Salem Casino.”

The Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribal Councils were scheduled to hold a council-to-council meeting on Tuesday, June 23, but it was canceled and will be rescheduled. ■

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come in and take over; we wanted to help. I'm able to show up and be confident I can be a giver and not a taker."

Lilly then got in touch with Native leaders such as Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, Native Wellness Institute Executive Director Jillene Joseph (Gros Ventre), State Rep. Tawna D. Sanchez (Shoshone-Bannock, Ute and Carrizo) and city of Portland

Tribal Liaison Laura John (Blackfeet/Seneca) to gather their input.

One of the requests made by Umtuch was that leaders represent themselves and not their organization.

"We want them to show up as who they are and take the information back to their organization," Umtuch said. "We don't want the organization leading; it is everyone's vision. We have a lot to offer as a people. It's everyone standing up to walk the talk."

Harvey participated in a Zoom

meeting in mid-June with other Native American leaders and others to provide input.

"They asked for all of us to speak, then everyone else could question and comment," Harvey said. "Most people in the Zoom appreciated our input. We talked to them about prejudices toward Natives. ... We didn't come to any decisions, just talked about things to better understand each other."

Sanchez participated in the Zoom call because she said she feels it is important for Native people to support the African-American community.

"We have to be real about the foundation of this country and the laws that were made which targeted people of color for centuries," she said. "The laws we make now affect everyone, but the view for people of color is often different, and if you don't know us, you can't recognize it."

Sanchez noted that Oregon has its own racist history of laws that discriminated against people of color.

"This is much deeper than we all thought," she said. "The police have killed a lot of people, but killing Black people seems to be an accepted norm. And it's because of how people of color are often perceived. It's important for us as Native people to look at that, and what our ability is to help shift and change that. We have our own embedded history of oppressing each other because of skin color and blood quantum. It's very important we recognize that and ask ourselves why wouldn't we support Black Lives Matter? We are all struggling with these issues. We all live in a system where our lives don't matter as much. We need to work to heal that and make change."

Lilly used his organizational skills and community connections to continue to spread the word to Northwest Native leaders. But before the Zoom meeting came a solidarity rally in downtown Portland.

"I created a little logo and put it on social media, and it just got picked up really fast and spread," Lilly said. "It turned into a pretty big rally. A lot of people were asking for this and wanted to be a part of something. We had a large group of dancers and drummers, and shared



Denise Harvey

the mic."

The group then led protestors as they were crossing the Burnside Bridge in Portland on Friday, June 5, with dancing, singing and drumming.

"A few of us got together afterward and exchanged information, and realized there was a real desire to engage and support the Black Lives Matter movement, but how?" Lilly said. "We were wondering if we should also bring up our issues and experiences?"

The group discussed several options, but still felt flummoxed.

"So, we did what we should do when there is confusion, and we asked our Elders," Lilly said. "We couldn't do so in person due to COVID-19, so we hopped on a Zoom call. There was a lot that was shared."

Lilly and other supporters followed up with an in-person meeting at Peninsula Park in Portland a few days later.

"We found out this movement taps into personal feelings and some shared their own experiences with police brutality and the injustices they have experienced," Lilly said. "Our next step is to reach out to Black Lives Matter leaders and continue this conversation. Right now we're coordinating a group of 10 or so people to reach out in different ways and see how we can best help. We're hoping to continue to have a weekly talking circle and figure out our next steps."

So far, four key ideas include uplifting the voice of Black Lives Matter and Black leaders, continuing to highlight their message, create talking points for discussing this support with others, and checking in frequently with BLM leaders to help ensure they feel supported.

Lilly added that Native support will not be short-lived.

"We want to continue this conversation and message," he said. "We are in this for the long haul."

Native Wellness Institute, based in Gresham, released the following statement.

"BLM is well aware the Native community fully supports their efforts and is determining how the Native community can support them," it said. "Simultaneously, the Native community has had a few collective discussions around how we can support the movement."

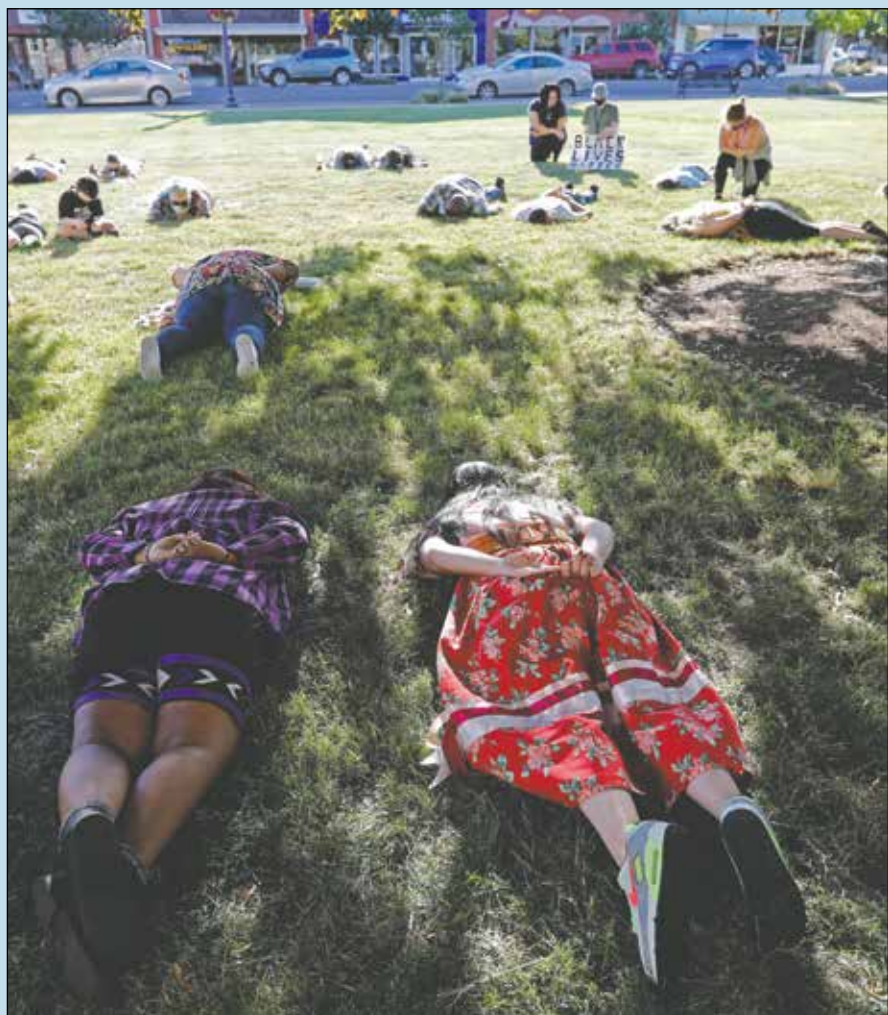
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Protest support



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Meth & Opioid Coordinator Elaine LaBonte Robertson, front, along with, rear from left, Early Childhood Education Program Manager Angie Blackwell, Pim Nelson, Auburn Logan, Shawnessy Sohapp, 14, Leneisha Whitefeather, Diana Sohapp and Sonia Lafferty welcomed participants to the "I can't breathe: Sit in for George Floyd" event held at the Polk County Courthouse on Friday, June 26. Forty people gathered to remember Floyd, whose death in Minneapolis, Minn., started a nationwide protest movement in support of Black Lives Matter. The event included an 8-minute-and-46-second period of silence to represent how long a police officer knelt on Floyd's neck before he died.



Tribal members Leneisha Whitefeather, left, and Auburn Logan join others during a period of silence during the "I can't breathe: Sit in for George Floyd" event held at the Polk County Courthouse on Friday, June 26.

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Razing the grass



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Groundskeeper Anthony Quenelle mows the lawn in Tribal Housing on Thursday, June 18, while still enjoying the spring-like weather to get the job done.

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for notching the fifth most years on the governing body. He also served one year as Tribal Council chair from 2006-07. He was nominated by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George.

Langley, a former Spirit Mountain Casino employee, received 708 votes in 2017 – the most ever at the time until Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy received 712 votes the following year. He was nominated by Kennedy.

Lisa Leno finished third in 2017 with 648 votes to garner her first three-year term on Tribal Council. She just missed being elected to Tribal Council the previous year, finishing three votes behind Denise Harvey in fourth place in 2016. She was nominated by Tribal Elder Ed Larsen.

Reyn Leno, 69, retired from Tribal Council service in 2017 after serving 21 consecutive years. Five of those years he was elected Tribal Council chair. He currently is a member of the Tribe’s Timber Committee and was nominated by Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. He finished fourth in the 2019 election.

Grout, 45, ran for Tribal Council in 2018, but dropped out of the race before the annual Candidates Forum was held, and finished tied for fifth out of seven candidates in 2019. He works as a surveillance technician at Spirit Mountain Casino. He was nominated by Giffen as well.

Nominations were held in the Governance Center Atrium in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. Attendees were required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

George gave the invocation and was joined by Chris Mercier to perform the cultural drumming to open the meeting.

Previously, the smallest field of candidates was six during the 1993 and 2017 Tribal Council elections.

Election office opens July 27

The Election Board office’s new reduced schedule for 2020 is that it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from July 27 through Sept. 11. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271. A Tribal voter signature verification form can be obtained online at www.grandronde.org/media/1517/voter-reg-form.pdf.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 29. Tribal members may submit a verified signature form at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 12. The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 12.

It is the voters’ responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day – be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 12.

Candidate statements are due to the Publications office by 5 p.m. Friday, July 10, and will be featured in the next edition of *Tilixam Wawa*, scheduled to be mailed out the following week.

Candidates are limited to 600-word statements and candidates have to submit their statements via e-mail to dean.rhodes@grandronde.org or on a compact disk or memory drive. Hand-written statements are not allowed to avoid transcription errors and late statements are not accepted for any reason.

Candidate statements run “as is,” meaning the Tribe’s Publications staff does not edit the submissions in any way other than to ensure they do not exceed 600 words in length.

2020 marks the fourth year that political ads will be allowed in *Smoke Signals*. Candidates can buy up to a cumulative full page of advertising in the July 15 through Sept. 1 editions of the Tribe’s independent newspaper with the largest permissible ad restricted to a half-page in any one issue.

A virtual Candidates Forum is scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. Questions for Tribal Council candidates may be e-mailed to candidatequestions@grandronde.org. Please include your name and roll number.

Ballots will be counted at the Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 12, and election results will be posted that evening on the Community Center’s front doors. ■

Polling location in Grand Ronde to be determined

TRIBAL COUNCIL continued from front page

Election Board to clean voting booths and erect plastic barriers if necessary. He also requested that Tribal Council allow the flexibility to move the polling location from the Community Center to a safer location on the Tribal campus if necessary.

Tribal Council member Michael Langley said that since the election is still more than two months away, the Tribe needs to retain flexibility on where to house the polling site. In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a \$609,927 settlement with Central Petro Inc. of Bend regarding environmental damage caused by a gasoline spill into the North Santiam River in December 2017. The Grand Ronde Tribe is one of the trustees regarding environmental damage to the river along with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and Siletz Tribe;
- Approved accepting \$3,657 from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to clear brush on the Tribe’s Ahsney conservation property north of Rickreall in Polk County;
- Approved a contract not to exceed \$140,000 with J. Franco Reforestation to remove brush from 127 acres of the Tribe’s Rattlesnake Butte conservation property northwest of Junction City in Lane County;
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Transportation that will facilitate Tribal consultation on the Fort Hill Road to Valley Junction highway construction project;

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- Approved the Housing Department’s application for \$937,090 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Indian Housing Plan funding that is designed to help Tribes with costs association with the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The federal funding will reimburse the Tribe for such items as granting rent relief for low-income tenants between April 1 and June 30;
- Approved accepting \$14,724 in funding from the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to help fund Tribal Court’s Court Appointed Special Advocate program;
- Approved applying for a three-year, \$788,228 Administration for Native Americans Esther Martinez language grant that would help provide a teacher and assistant teacher for an additional Chinuk Wawa immersion preschool classroom;
- Appointed Tribal Elder Gladys Hobbs as an honorary member of the Health Committee with a term ending in March 2022;
- And approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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



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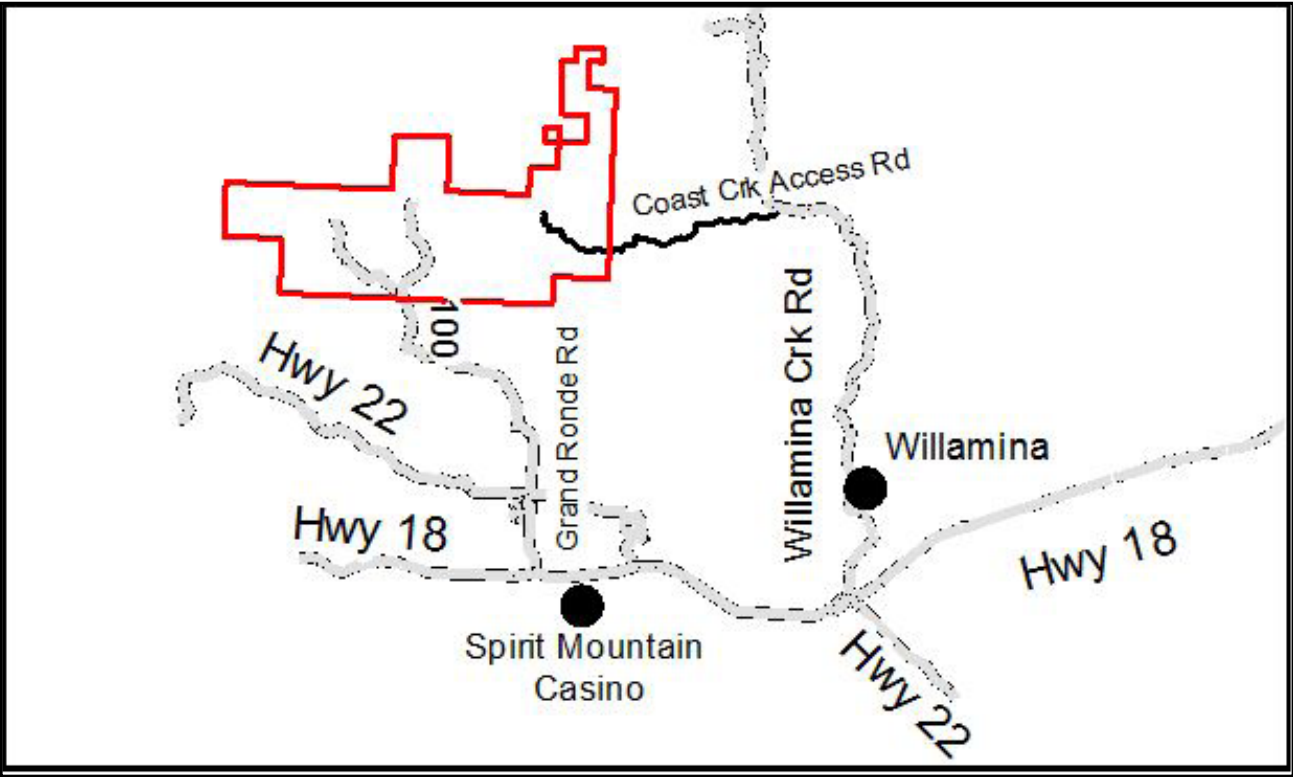
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Or register online at: www.quitnow.net/oregon/



2020 Tribal hunting tag

As previously announced, on Sept. 5, 2014, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Management Plan. The approval delegated authority to the Tribe, regaining sovereignty over natural resources on the Tribal Reservation and trust lands. An administrative rule was developed as part of the approval process, that provides additional hunting tags to the Tribe outside of the state-issued regular and ceremonial hunting tags already allocated to the membership. The new tags will be valid on the Reservation only as identified by the red line in the figure at right.

The Fish & Wildlife Department staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone on Monday, Aug. 17, 2020. Call prioritization will be based on season begin date. **A public tag draw will NOT be available this year.**



APPLICATION RULES:

- Tribal hunting licenses are required before submitting applications with the exception that Tribal members 11 years of age may apply. **However, they must turn 12 and have their Hunter’s Safety Certificate submitted to the Natural Resources Department before a tag will be issued. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the Hunter’s Safety Certificate on file. If a license is not obtained before the submitted application, all applications will be voided.**
- Incomplete or duplicate applications will be voided. Applications must be legible and signed in all designated spaces
- Tribal members 17 and under must possess a valid Hunter’s Safety Certificate.
- Tags are non-transferable.
- **TUTORIAL:** Tribal members must successfully complete a one-time **mandatory educational tutorial** discussing tag rules, regulations, applications and reporting as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. Hunters drawn for tags will be notified of tutorial course dates and times. If you have previously completed the tutorial, you will not have to attend one in 2020. Please contact Tribal Wildlife Biologist Brent Barry at 503-879-1458 for more information. **Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having completed said tutorial.**

TRIBAL LICENSES are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Please call ahead of time to schedule an appointment to obtain your license. Tribal Enrollment Cards are required at the time of licensing and, in addition, Hunter’s Safety Certificates are required for youth 17 and under.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER CATEGORY! Multiple applications will result in ALL APPLICATIONS being voided for that hunter. Categories are as follows:

- o DEER
 - **BOW ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both deer and elk bow hunts).
 - Bow Season Coast Buck: Aug. 24-28.
 - **FIREARM ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both hunts).
 - Centerfire Firearm Season Coast Buck: Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.
 - Muzzleloader Rifle Season Any Deer (hair tag): Nov. 28 to Dec. 4.
- o ELK (**ELK HUNTERS may not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; bow, first, OR second season**)
 - **BOW ONLY** (Hunters may apply for both deer and elk bow hunts).
 - Bow Season Bull Elk: Aug. 24-28.
 - **FIREARM ONLY**
 - First Season Centerfire Firearm Bull: Nov. 7-13.
 - Second Season Centerfire Firearm Any Elk (hair tag): Nov. 18-20.
 - Muzzleloader Rifle Season Any Elk (hair tag): Dec. 5-20.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2020.

Applications may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following:
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Delivered: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road
Mailed: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Office: 503-879-2424
Fax: 503-879-5622
NRD@grandronde.org

Tags will be only be issued after successful applicants have been notified. The earliest tags will be available for issue is Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020.

A Grand Ronde Tribal Hunting and Fishing License will be required to be shown at time of tag pickup. Tags will not be allowed to be picked up for other hunters. No exceptions to either of these rules.

- **Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation.**
- **Lost tags will not be replaced.** It is the hunter’s responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.

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Tags and application rules

Tag Return Deadlines

In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish & 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.

2020 *NEW* TRIBAL TAGS RESERVATION ONLY			DEADLINES	
SEASONS	OPEN DAY	LAST DAY	Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if Drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
1ST DEER (Buck)	8/24/2020	8/28/2020	8/24/2020	9/7/2020
2ND DEER (Bull Only)	8/24/2020	8/28/2020	8/24/2020	9/7/2020
1ST BUCK	9/28/2020	10/2/2020	9/20/2020	10/12/2020
MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)	11/28/2020	12/4/2020	11/20/2020	12/14/2020
1ST SEASON (Bull Only)	11/7/2020	11/13/2020	10/30/2020	11/23/2020
2ND SEASON (Any Elk)	11/18/2020	11/20/2020	11/10/2020	11/30/2020
MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)	12/5/2020	12/20/2019	11/27/2020	12/30/2019
YOUTH HUNTS				
1ST DEER (Buck)	8/24/2020	8/28/2020	8/24/2020	9/7/2020
2ND DEER (Bull Only)	8/24/2020	8/28/2020	8/24/2020	9/7/2020
1ST BUCK	9/28/2020	10/2/2020	9/20/2020	10/12/2020
MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)	11/28/2020	12/4/2020	11/20/2020	12/14/2020
1ST SEASON (Bull Only)	11/7/2020	11/13/2020	10/30/2020	11/23/2020
2ND SEASON (Any Elk)	11/18/2020	11/20/2020	11/10/2020	11/30/2020
MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)	12/5/2020	12/20/2020	11/27/2020	12/30/2020

TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

BOW BUCK

AUG 24 - AUG 28, 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.

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

COAST BUCK

SEP 28 - OCT 2, 2020

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

MUZZLELOADER DEER (ANY)

NOV 28 - DEC 4, 2020

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

1ST SEASON ELK (BULL ONLY)

NOV 7 - NOV 13, 2020

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

2ND SEASON ELK (ANY)

NOV 18 - NOV 20, 2020

NAME: _____

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MUZZLELOADER ELK (ANY)

DEC 5 - DEC 20, 2020

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College recognizes Indigenous Peoples’ Day

EUGENE – The Lane Community College Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution making the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples’ Day during its Wednesday, June 17, meeting.

The resolution commemorates and honors Lane’s Native American heritage, culture and community, and intends to welcome Lane’s “strong and active Indigenous community of students and employees,” as well as show “respect to the land on which LCC is built.”

The resolution was proposed by the college’s Native American Student Association and student government. Authors and sponsors included Sophia Reyes, Lori Lewellen, Amber Coleman and Matthew Murdock, Admissions and Community Outreach Specialist Russell Keith and Native American Student co-advisors Lori Tapahonso and Drew Viles. ■



Lane Community College Longhouse

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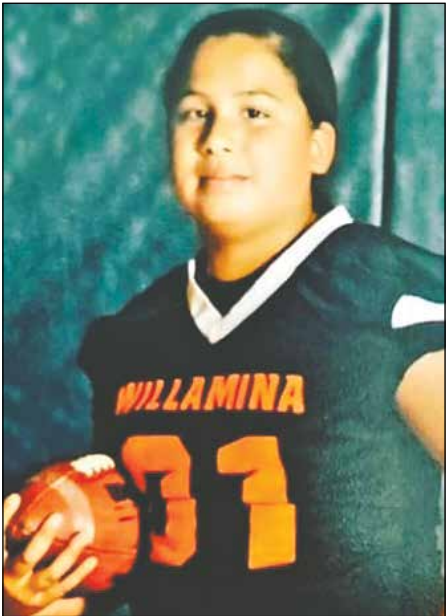
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Jacob Holmes



Kaikanim Mercier

Tribal youth to play in Oregon All-State games

Tribal members Jacob Holmes, 14, and Kaikanim Mercier, 13, are scheduled to play in the Oregon All-State football games tentatively scheduled to be played Saturday, Aug. 8, at South Albany High School.

The All-State games bring together the best sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in the state to square off in a bowl game-type experience. It is also designed to heighten awareness of the almost 450,000 children nationwide in the foster care system.

Holmes, who is an offensive lineman, will play for the eighth-grade team and Mercier, who is a linebacker, will played for the seventh-grade team. They are both representing Willamina High School on Team Oregon, which will face off against players from the Portland metropolitan area.

Attendance to the games is free, but spectators are asked to bring a gift card, backpack, toiletries or school supplies that will be donated to a foster child. ■

CTGR YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2020 SUMMER
TUTORING PROGRAM

The Youth Education Department will be offering online tutorial support for students who need academic assistance in core subjects this summer for the first time. Students needing assistance for summer school, credit recovery classes or for academic retention, the Youth Education Department is here for you! Here’s the details:

For who?
For Native youth K-12 grade (2019-20 school year)

*Eligibility is based on 4 tier system and service area. Preference to CTGR Tribal member youth. CTGR Tribal members out of the service area are eligible.

What’s the next step?
First step, parents contact Youth Education staff with our online inquiry (see the link below).
Second step, parents will be contacted by Youth Education staff within one business week. A meeting will be set up virtually or in person at the Tribal campus with parent, student and YED staff.
Third step and final step will be to put together a tutoring plan with student and YED staff.

Yes, I’m interested! Sign up at this link to inquire and complete a few questions:
<https://bit.ly/YouthEd-TutorInterestForm>

When will tutoring be offered?
Tutoring will be offered weekdays, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Each student’s schedule will be different based on need and subject matter. Once the student/parent meeting is complete, a plan for days and times will be put into place.

How long will summer tutoring be offered?
July 6 – August 21

For more information, contact the CTGR Youth Education Dept. at 503-879-2101

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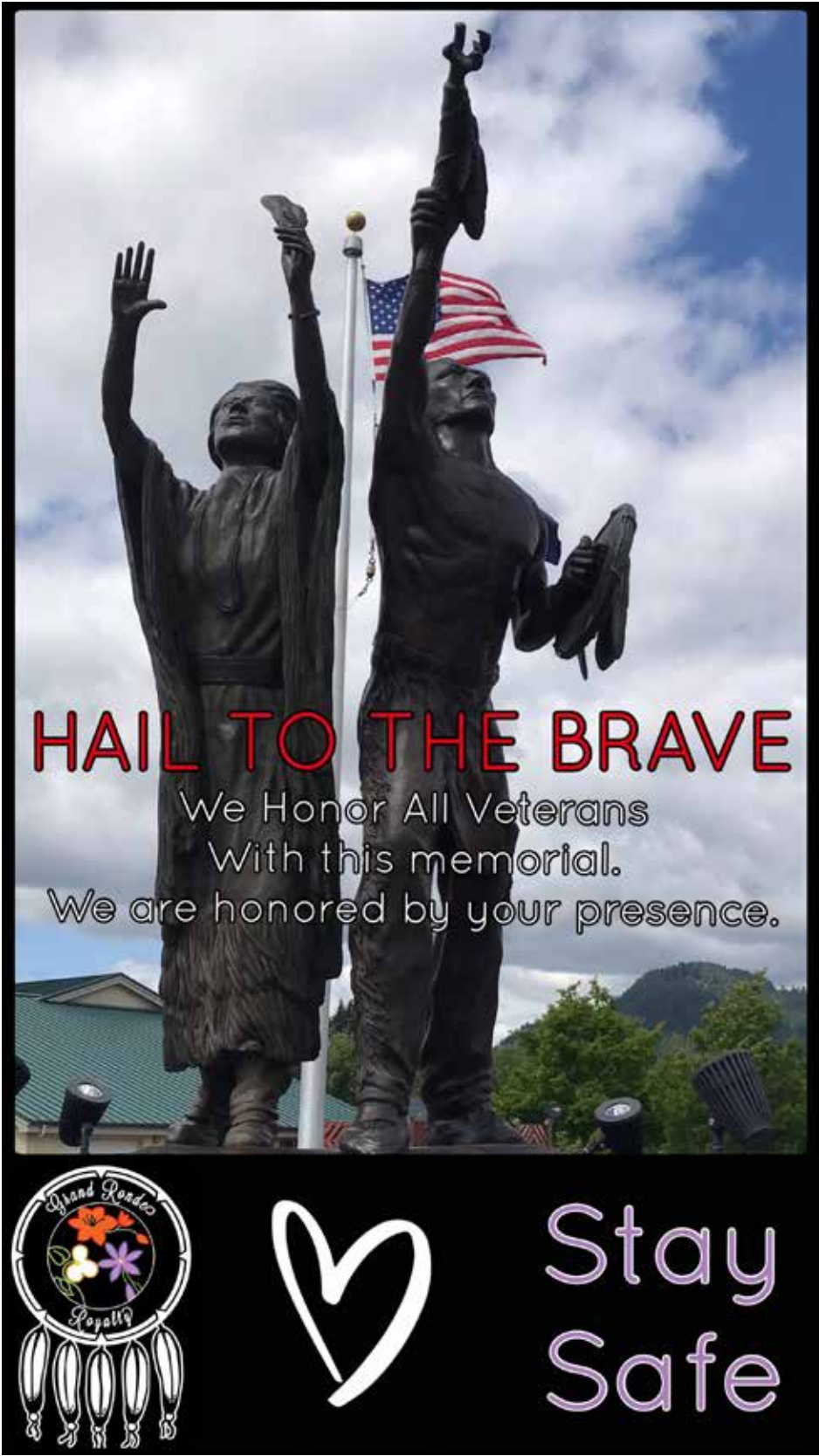
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Native Connections Program
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Indigenous Project LAUNCH
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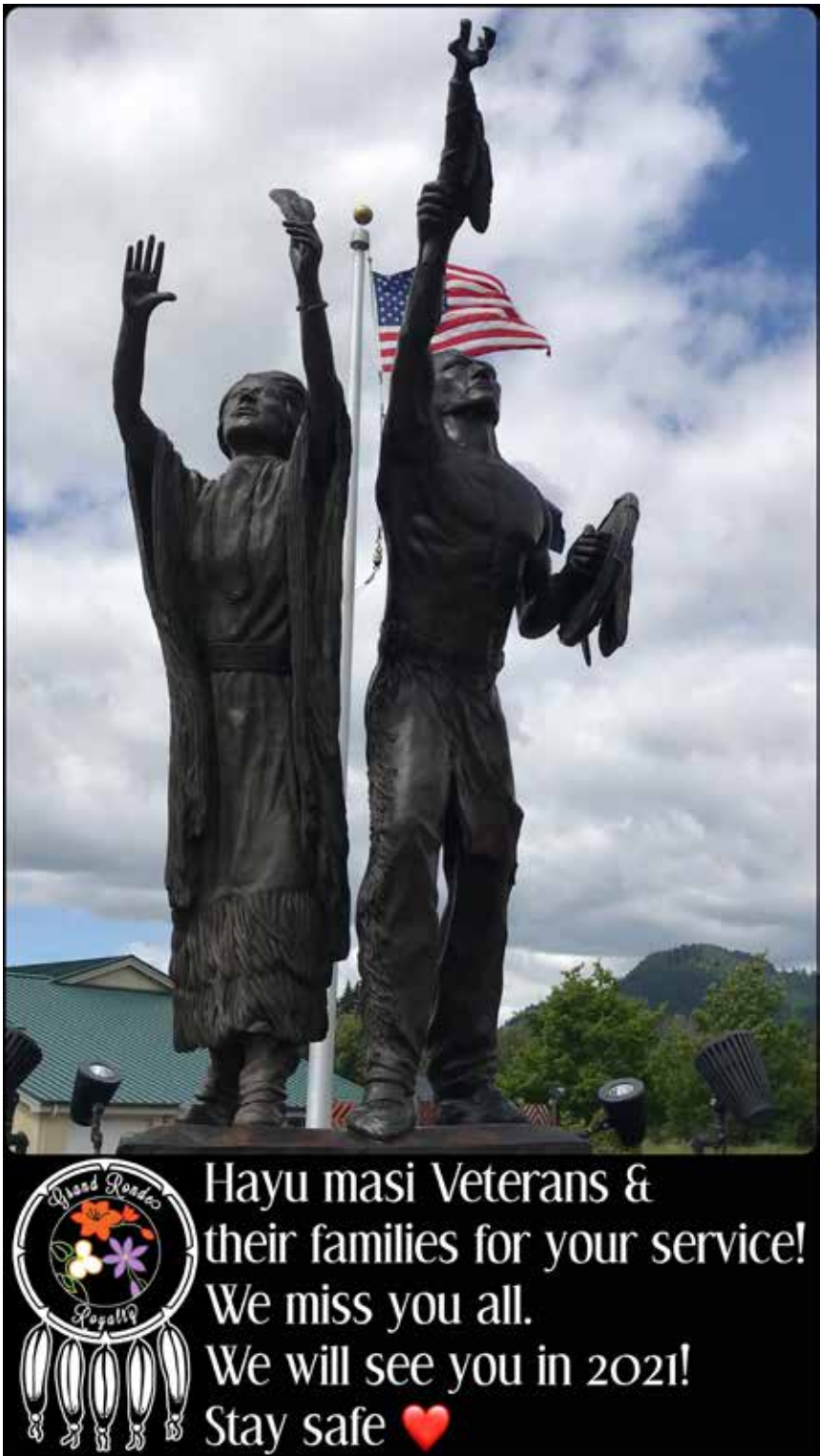
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Collective message to veterans and their families.
With the third of four collections, the 2019–20 Royalty Court and 2020–21 Royalty contestants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB Royalty groups honor all Veterans and their families as we would have at the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow.
The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGR-Royalty and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB.

West Valley Veterans Memorial	Marie Quenelle	Ulali Quenelle	Leloo Quenelle
Satara Blanchard	Aubrey Campbell	Grace Macon	Kaleigha Simi
	Taylor Ruggles	Sophia Grout	
Anavey Smith	Kalea Liebelt	Isabelle Grout	Iyana Holmes



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Hayu masi Veterans and those currently serving. I am very thankful for the ones in my family who have served and those currently serving in the military.

NACOMA LIEBELT

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VETERANS

Tasina Bluehorse

Veterans Junior
Queen
2019-2020

With Respect,
Honor, and
Gratitude

Thank You
Veterans

Jeffers 71st family reunion

for 2020 has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
For more information, contact Lori King at 503-831-4955.

Holmes Reunion

Saturday, July 11, 2020
22870 S.W. Grand Ronde Road
Noon to 6 p.m.
Bring your favorite salad or dessert
This reunion may be canceled should a spike arise in
COVID-19 conditions
RSVP: Sue Clark 541-921-3100

We Want To Hear From You!

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



YOUTH EDUCATION K-12 PRESENTS

hihi-lak^haset (Fun Boxes)

Sign up for a hihi-lak^haset full of fun activities to be delivered or mailed to your house weekly in July.



Delivery Dates:

- Week 1 • July 6-10
- Week 2 • July 13-17
- Week 3 • July 20-24
- Week 4 • July 27-31

Sign up at this link:
<https://bit.ly/july-hihi-lakhaset>

Activity boxes coming this July!

Here's the scoop!

The Youth Education Department is excited to offer Native students activity boxes to replace onsite programming for the month of July. Each week will follow a theme and will include fun projects to work on from home. Information and links will be provided for students to hop on the Internet to watch a short instructional video for each activity.

Dropoff, Pick up and Delivery

Every Monday, an activity hihi-lak^haset (box) will be either delivered to the students doorstep (Grand Ronde, Willamina, Sheridan area) or there will be a central pick up location. Tribal member students living out of the area can participate in this too! We want to connect with you and have you be a part of this experience. Boxes will be mailed to you.

Intake Policy

The Youth Education Department will accept registration with the Tribal intake preference policy (4 tier system.) Parents and students will be notified prior to boxes being delivered.

LIVE on Zoom

Every Thursday, the K5 and 6-12 team will go "live" on Zoom to connect with youth to chat about the projects they worked on and how they are doing.

Prizes

There will be amazing prizes given away for students who participate in the Zoom "chat with the staff" sessions and show their activities through our social media sites.

How many weeks will this be offered?

This will be a four-week program through the month of July

Can I sign up for all four weeks at once?

Yes! However if plans change, please email YED so that we can prep and process the activity hihi-lak^haset(box).

How do I sign up? It's simple!

All you do is click on the links below to register for either the K5 Program or the 6-12 Program.

Are there limited openings and timelines to register?

Yes, there are limited openings, early registration is encouraged! Registration deadline is June 30th. Students accepted into the program will receive an email confirmation by July 2nd.

Questions?

Please contact Jerald Harris at 503-879-2144 or gerald.harris@grandronde.org
We look forward to seeing you!

Sign up at this link:
<https://bit.ly/july-hihi-lakhaset>

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

In The Matter of:) Case No.: C-20-007
Deborah Rae Larsen)
Applicant.) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
[ADULT]

NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on the 17th day of June, 2020, requesting that Petitioner's name be changed from Deborah Rae Larsen to Deborah Rae Childers.

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

DATED this 24th day of June, 2020.

Deborah R. Larsen
Petitioner
Deborah Rae Larsen [Print Name]



2020 SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

This summer, the CTGR Youth Education Program will be offering Summer Credit Recovery on the Tribal campus. Students and parents will work with certified teaching staff to develop days, class time and assistance until credit completion.

Who is it for: For local CTGR Tribal, descendant and Native students from a federally recognized Tribe who are currently enrolled in the 9th – 12th grade.

(9th – 12th grade CTGR Tribal member students out of local area are eligible.)

Online programs: Acellus (Parents and student must check with school staff to see if courses will transfer before signing up.)

Dates: July 6 (Tentative) – August 21

Times: Days and times will be set by teacher and student.

Location: CTGR Adult Education building refundable deposit: \$50 is required for each course. Deposits are refundable if student completes course.

For more information, call 503-879-2101
Never give up!

grandronde.org





LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Limited re-opening policies

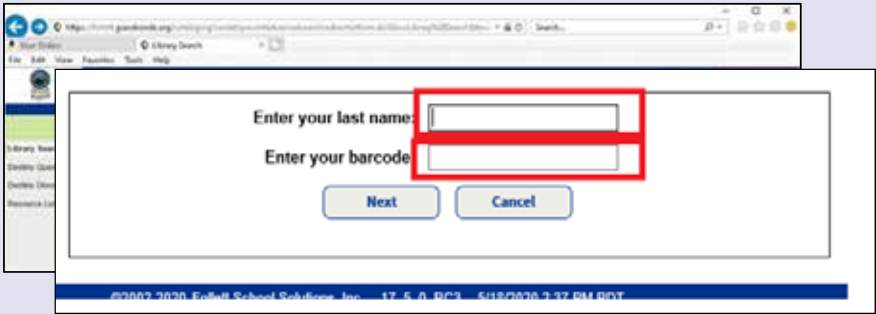
- To come into the library, patrons must call to make an appointment. 503-879-1499 or 503-879-1488.
- Only five patrons allowed in the library at one time.
- No children under the age of 2 allowed in the library.
- Masks are required.

Library staff will be adhering to strict social distancing and sanitizing procedures. Our patron’s safety is extremely important to us. Please stay home if you are feeling sick for the health and safety of yourself and others.

Tribal Library cardholders can now place holds and browse the library’s catalog online at <https://follett.grandronde.org/>
To place holds, cardholders will need to create an account.

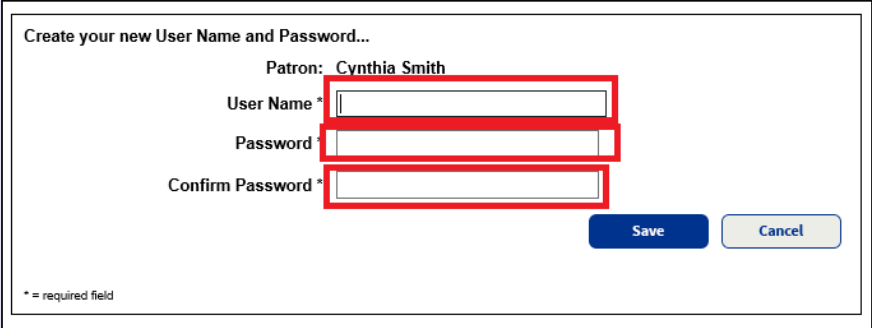
To create an account you will need your library card number. If you do not know your number, please give us a call at 503-879-1488 or 503-879-1499 and we can give you that information.

Once on the catalog site, you will need to click on create account.



You will need to pick your user name and enter your card number and click next.

You will then need to create a password and confirm password. Please note that you will have to create a “strong password,” minimum of 8 characters in length that includes both alpha and numeric characters. Accounts also will lock after three unsuccessful login attempts, and you will need to wait 15 minutes before you can try again.



Patrons can reset their own password. Click Forgot Password to reset. You will need to enter your user name and card number.



Now offering curbside pickup: There is a three-item limit per library card. Curbside service will be offered 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Patrons can place holds on books and DVDs in one of three ways:

- Via our catalog on grandronde.org under the Education Department page.
- Calling us at 503-879-1488 or 503-879-1499
- E-mailing kathy.cole@grandronde.org or crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org.
- When arriving for pickup: Park your vehicle, call the library and let us know you are here. Staff will then check out the items, bag them and bring your items out to your car. Items can be returned in the book drop on the left side of the library.

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

Requests: The Tribal Library provides recommendation forms to provide patrons with an outlet to request book/media content we may not currently have.

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

For any questions or comments, contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1499 or 503-879-1488 or e-mail kathy.cole@grandronde.org or crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org.



All ages program

More details to come!

Summer Reading Program Registration

JULY 1ST-JULY 17TH

Sign up by:

Phone: 503-879-1499

Email: crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org

OR

Make an appointment to come in and grab a registration form.

We will be handing out literacy bags filled with fun activities to replace onsite programming

Bag handout dates and times will be annouced soon!

Chinuk Wawa film tops Lumbee Film Festival

WILMINGTON, N.C. – Sky Hopinka’s “małni – towards the ocean, towards the shore” won the grand prize for best feature at the third annual Lumbee Film Festival that will be held online from July 1-5.

The movie weaves together the stories of Sweetwater Sahme and Grand Ronde Tribal member Jordan Mercier as they contemplate the afterlife, rebirth and the places in between. Spoken mostly in Chinuk Wawa, their stories are departures from the Chinookan origin of death myth with its distant beginning and circular shape.



Sky Hopinka

“An intense attention to detail punctuates Hopinka’s masterful and poetic journey, one that captures the timeless beauty of our natural world,” states a film festival press release.


The festival is organized through a partnership between the Lumbee Tribe and the Cucalorus Film Foundation with the goal of showcasing films made by American Indians while raising awareness about the legacy of Indigenous artists.

Hopinka’s film will screen on the closing night of the festival at 6 p.m. Eastern (3 p.m. Pacific) Sunday, July 5.


To read more about the 17 films being shown at the festival and to register, visit cucalorus.org/lumbee-film-festival/. ■

Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Friday, May 29

- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 21300 block of Savage Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18.

Saturday, May 30

- Single vehicle crash reported in the area of Agency Creek.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported overdose in the 51000 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a request to make contact with a theft suspect.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up in the area of Firehall Road.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.

Sunday, May 31

- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 500 block of Hill Drive.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 8 on Highway 18.

Monday, June 1

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, June 2

- Assist outside agency in locating a suspect vehicle.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Steel Bridge Road.

Wednesday, June 3

- Assist outside agency with a reported domestic disturbance in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a structure fire in the Sheridan area.

Thursday, June 4

- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 5700 block of Red Prairie Road.
- Assist outside agency with a restraining order violation in the area of Joe Day Way.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, June 5

- Assist outside agency on a parole and probation contact in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Missing property reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a requested video from Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Assist outside agency with a reported armed robbery in the area of Steel Bridge Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was cited and released for theft.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Found property in the area of Seaway Market. Property was returned to owner.

Saturday, June 6

- Assist outside agency in searching for a stolen vehicle in the Grand Ronde area.
- Alarm went off in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18. A male was cited and released for valid Polk County warrant.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas for multiple warrants.
- Driving complaint reported at milepost 3 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

Sunday, June 7

- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported sexual assault in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported assault in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a report of menacing in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a hit-and-run crash in the area of milepost 30 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, June 8

- Ordinance violation reported in the area of Andy Riggs Road.
- Suspicious person reported in the area of Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Tilixam Circle and Raven Loop.

Tuesday, June 9

- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the area of Raven Loop.
- Disturbance reported in the area of Wind River.
- Assist outside agency by providing cover during a Yamhill County Sheriffs' Office investigation.
- Assist outside agency with a crash in the area of Andy Riggs Road.

Wednesday, June 10

- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the area of King Road.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint in the area of milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Eagle Loop.
- Theft reported in the area of Tilixam Circle and Raven Loop.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 28100 block of McPherson Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a fire reported in the area of highways 18B and 22.

Thursday, June 11

- Assist outside agency with a warrant subject in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, June 12

- Reported hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check conducted in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Area check in the area of highways 18B and 22. A male was arrested for a valid felony warrant for parole violation and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Sheridan area.

Saturday, June 13

- Sexual assault reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Welfare check conducted in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Crash reported in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a stuck vehicle in the area of Gold Creek Road.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

Sunday, June 14

- Assist outside agency with a crash investigation in the area of Willamina Creek Drive.
- Illegal dumping reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reportedly emotionally distressed person in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with suspected criminal mischief in the 7900 block of Firehall Road.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the Sheridan area. A male was cited and released for possession of methamphetamine.
- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was cited for third-degree theft and released.

Monday, June 15

- Welfare check conducted in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was transported to a local hospital.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 21000 block of Savage Road for a restraining order violation.
- Citizen contact occurred in 9600 block of Raven Loop.

Tuesday, June 16

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male and female were cited and released for possession of methamphetamine.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road

Wednesday, June 17

- Welfare check conducted in the area of milepost 16 on Highway 18.
- Report of an explosive device in the area of milepost 15 on Hebo Road.

Thursday, June 18

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the area of Gooseneck Road.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the Willamina area. A male was arrested for a valid felony warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road. A male was cited and released for valid municipal warrant.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Clint Cardwell.

2020-2021 OPEN ENROLLMENT
CHINUK KINDERGARTEN
IMMERSION



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

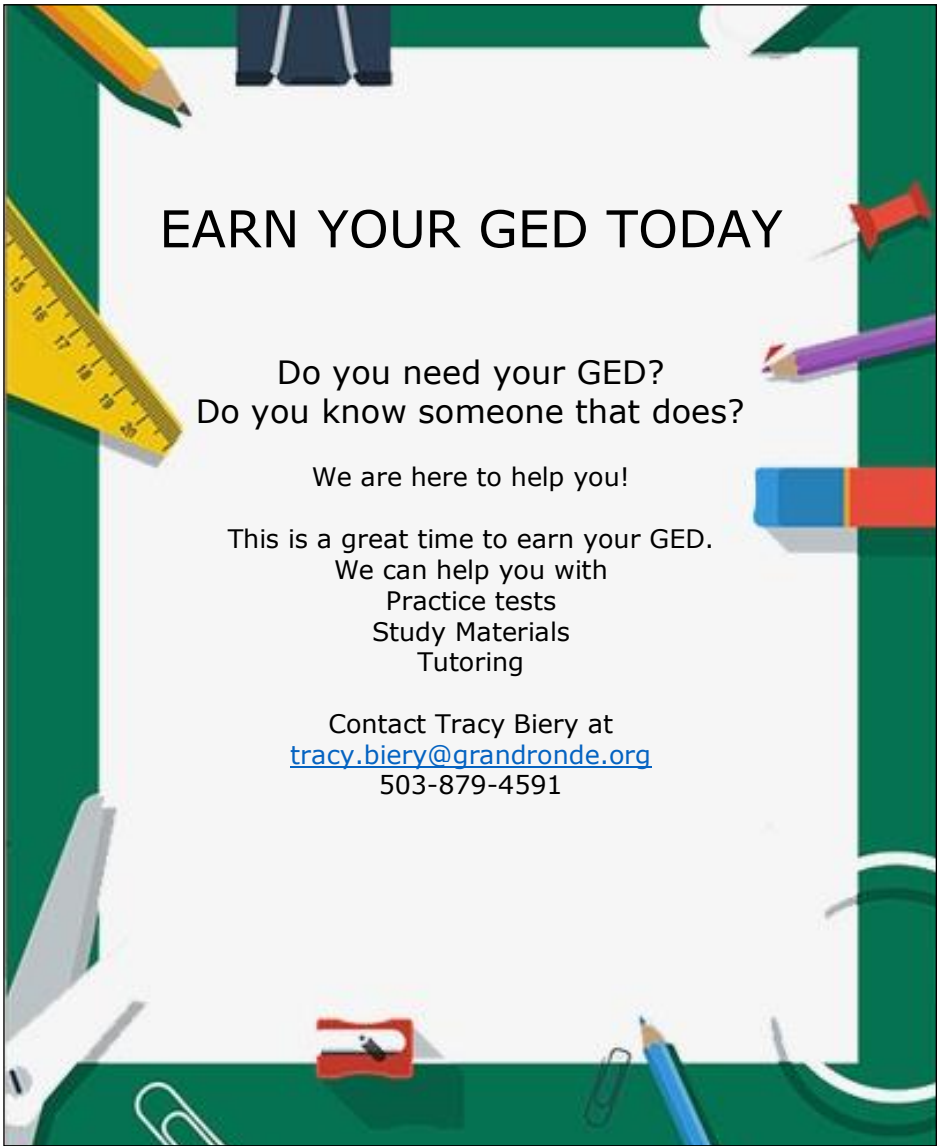
Applications are available at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/elementary-chinuk-language-program/> and can be turned in starting **May 18th** by:

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

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

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

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



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We are here to help you!

This is a great time to earn your GED.
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Contact Tracy Biery at
tracy.biery@grandronde.org
503-879-4591



LISTEN TO SMOKE SIGNALS 62 PODCASTS

- 1:** **Chris Mercier** discusses expanding Tribal Media.

2: **Michael Langley** and **Lisa Leno** discuss the quick transition from Tribal employee to Tribal leader.

3: Tribal Fish and Wildlife Manager **Kelly Dirksen** discusses Grand Ronde efforts with Pacific Lamprey.

4: **Dr. David Lewis** discusses the 163rd anniversary of the signing of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

5: Tribal Lands Manager and multiple Native American Music Awards recipient **Jan Michael Looking Wolf** discusses his new compact disc "Flute Medicine."

6: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses Tribal Council's statement against inappropriate personal attacks.

7: Grand Ronde Police Chief **Jake McKnight** discusses his law enforcement career.

8: Tribal Cultural Advisor **Bobby Mercier** discusses the Agency Creek Round Dance.

9: Tribal historian **Dr. David Lewis** returns to the podcast to discuss the Trail of Tears.

10: Tribal member **Braden Ebensteiner** discusses his experiences in New York City as part of the American Museum of Natural History internship.

11: Tribal lobbyist **Justin Martin** discusses his baseball career playing in the California Angels' farm system.

12: Coordinator **Francene Ambrose** discusses the Grand Ronde Food Bank.

13: Tribal Planning Director **Rick George** discusses the current process for updating the Tribe's Strategic Plan.

14: Tribal Emergency Management staff members **Steve Warden** and **Brandy Bishop** discuss emergency preparedness.
- 15:** Listen to excerpts from a September 2008 interview with longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman **Kathryn Harrison** as she discusses the Tribe's Restoration effort.

16: **Dr. Randy Blome** of the Health & Wellness Center discusses Tribal efforts to eradicate Hepatitis C within the Grand Ronde Tribe

17: Listen to Restoration figure **Dean Mercier**, who walked on in 2011, recall entertaining stories about the Tribe's Restoration efforts.

18: Excerpts from the open house celebrating the Phase II opening of **Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center**.

19: **Brook Colley**, Southern Oregon University Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, discusses her new book, "Power in the Telling: Grand Ronde, Warm Springs and Intertribal Relations in the Casino Era."

20: Deputy Press Secretary **Sara Thompson** discusses her job and the Grand Ronde community.

21: Tribal Council Chief of Staff **Stacia Hernandez** discusses the advisory vote topics.

22-29: Episodes 22-29: **2018 Tribal Council election interviews**.

30: 2008 interview: **Margaret Provost** and **Jackie Many Hides** discuss Restoration.

31: Tribal Elder **Greg Archuleta** and Natural Resources staff member **Jeremy Ojua** discuss the Champoeg Celebration.

32: Tribal member **Shelly Nichols**, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, discusses her military sexual trauma experience that led to her co-writing "Warrior Wings."

33: Audio excerpts from the **35th Restoration Celebration**.

34: Behavioral Health Support Counselor **Joe Martineau** discusses chemical dependency and treatment options the Tribe has to offer.
- 35:** Tribal Council members **Kathleen George** and **Lisa Leno** discuss the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

36: Cultural Resources Department Manager **David Harrelson** discusses the "Sharing Our Stories" and the importance of the culture of storytelling.

37: Smoke Signals Editor **Dean Rhodes** discusses the new Smoke Signals website and the importance of free press.

38: **Bryan Langley** and **Tracy Biery** discuss higher education and education programs.

39: **Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach** discusses his album "Beautiful."

40: Tribal Council member **Jack Giffen Jr.** and **Dr. Timothy Hullar** discuss cochlear implants.

41: **Duke Kimsey** discusses the Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office.

42: Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director **Michael Cherry** discusses Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

43: Domestic Violence Coordinator **Danielle Murrell** discusses Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls.

44-50: Episodes 44-50: **2019 Tribal Council Candidate Interviews**.

51: **Shaun Cameron** and Tribal member **Cindy Larson** discuss missing person **Heather Cameron (Haller)**, a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

52: Tribal Council Vice Chair **Chris Mercier** and **Dean Rhodes** discuss 2019 election results.

53: Grand Ronde Police Officer **James (JJ) Flynn** discusses his actions during a hostage situation.
- 54:** The medication-assisted treatment supervisor at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center **Linda Gehrke** discusses the MAT program.

55: Grand Ronde's longest-serving employee **Tresa Mercier** discusses the changes she has seen since her first day in 1984.

56: **Patti LeClaire** discusses the Grand Ronde community garden.

57: Tribal member and TERO Director **Harris Reibach** shares his story and information about TERO.

58: Hurry up and wait: episode 1 Silviculture and Fire Protection Manager **Colby Drake**

59: Was Grand Ronde's Health & Wellness Prepared for COVID-19? **Kelly Rowe**, the Executive Director of Health Services, discusses if the Health and Wellness Center was prepared for COVID-19.

60: Tribal Elders vs. COVID-19 Elders Committee Chairwoman **Penny Deloe** and Nutrition Program Manager **Kristy Criss-Lawson** discuss how Elders are doing during COVID-19.

61: Etched in Stone: **Ramona Quenelle**, Ramona Quenelle, recently added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial, talks about her Navy service.

62: Native parallels to the Black Lives Matter movement with **David Lewis, Ph.D.** David Lewis discusses the parallels of Native and African-American minorities seeking social justice.



For more information contact Kamiah Koch at (503) 879-1461 or kamiah.koch@grandronde.org
VISIT SMOKESIGNALS.ORG AND CLICK ON PODCAST

Walking On...

David Lee Thompson Jr.

Jan. 14, 1965 - June 8, 2020

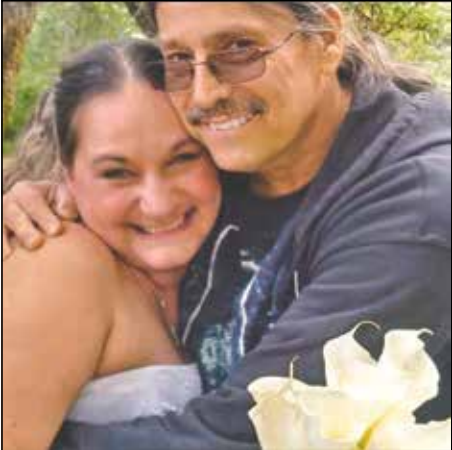
David Lee Thompson Jr., 55, of Sweet Home passed away on Monday, June 8. He was born in Lebanon to Jeannette Marie (Harrison) and David Lee Thompson Sr.

David was an avid hunter, fisher, hiker, outdoorsman, sky watcher, artist, musician, culture awareness supporter and comedian.

He is survived by his daughter, Selah Drummond; son, Haven Thompson; siblings, Tonya Rich and Kyler Thompson; father, David Thompson Sr.; grandmother, Kathryn Harrison; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded by his mother, Jeannette Thompson, in 2015.

Viewing was held Saturday, June 13, at Full Gospel Lighthouse Church, 24697 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, June 20, also at Full Gospel Lighthouse Church. His final resting place will be next to his mother in Grand Ronde.

Sweet Home Funeral Chapel handled arrangements.



Tina Marie Ream

Jan. 21, 1966 – June 7, 2020

Tina Marie Ream passed away on Sunday, June 7, in Portland, Ore. She was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She is finally at peace and suffers no more.

Tina was born Jan. 21, 1966, to Oscar and Delores (Quenelle) Ream in Portland. Tina attended Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland and graduated in 1984.

She is survived by siblings, Jesse Ream and Kyler Ream of Portland and Debbie Ream-Mudgett of Newport; children, Alex, Nathan and Jessica Ream, Christopher Shoop-Lockett and Sierra Shoop of Portland, Anthony Ream and Rochelle Shoop of Gresham, Savannah Lockett of California, Sequoia Ream of Newport, Ore., and Jordan Williams of Alaska. She also had many grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, and aunts, Carol Williams (Siletz) and Toni Quenelle (Willamina).

She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Ream; mother, Delores Ream; and brother, Oscar Ream III aka “Little Man.”

A viewing was held on Saturday, June 13, 2020, at Hustad Funeral Home in Portland. A burial will occur at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Riverview Cemetery in Portland at the graveside being placed with her father, mother and brother. A dinner will follow for friends and family with the location to be disclosed at the service.



Health & Wellness Center closures

• Friday, July 3 — Independence Day

Be sure to request your prescriptions early to cover closure days.



Every Saturday 4 p.m. • Everyone welcome
This is a Sober Event • Encouraging Sobriety

Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon
Toward Spirit Mountain
At the Big Cross - Lighthouse Church • A-Ho-
503-879-3435



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.



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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

USING CLEANING SUPPLIES MORE OFTEN? US, TOO.

- > Use as directed. Avoid mixing cleaners. Some products produce toxic fumes when mixed together.
- > Store all cleaners up, away, and out of sight from children.
- > Always supervise children when they are around cleaning supplies.

Questions? Poison Control can help.

If you suspect a poisoning, don't take a chance.
Call 1-800-222-1222.

Fast. Free. Expert. 24/7, confidential help.



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS



What is novel coronavirus?

How does novel coronavirus spread?

- 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

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.

Fever



Cough



Difficulty breathing



Who is at risk for novel coronavirus?

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

- 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.



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.

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Sends a message to your brain that says "everything will be okay...and you can get through hard things."



Helps you to solve
problems and find
solutions.



Helps you to feel more
calm and capable.



Decreases
tension, stress
and anxiety



Grows the thoughtful pre-frontal cortex part of your brain

Reasons to Take a Deep Breath



Acts like a "pause" or "reset button," moving out of a Flight-Fight-Freeze state into a Relaxed & Responsive state.



Decreases blood pressure and slows down your heart rate.



Clears up foggy thinking and improves memory, attention, focus & concentration.



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“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

