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## Casino running smoothly six weeks after re-opening

By Danielle Frost

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Six weeks after Spirit Mountain Casino re-opened on June 1 after an unprecedented 74-day closure due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, operations are running relatively smoothly.

“We have had thousands of people come through the doors and only one or two has had to be turned away due to having a high temperature,” General Manager Stan Dillon said during the Grand Ronde Tribe’s ninth Facebook Live event held Wednesday, July 8.

Dillon said that the casino is operating at about 40 percent capacity due to the reduction in available table games and the number of patrons who can play while adhering to social distancing guidelines. The casino recently added 200 slot machines to give customers more variety, which brings the number of slot machines to 1,370 instead of the usual 1,750.

“We are also having younger people coming through our doors now, probably because bars are now closing at 10 p.m.,” he said. “So far, we are doing very well. There was pent-up demand of people wanting to come out.”

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Spirit Mountain Casino maintenance personnel adjust a new banner over the casino’s main entrance indicating that masks are required on Monday, July 5. The casino’s decision, which went into effect on Friday, July 3, coincides with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s July 1 announcement of mandatory mask requirements for all indoor public spaces in the state to stem an increasing number of diagnosed COVID-19 cases.

## Masks required

### Spirit Mountain Casino institutes new rule

By Danielle Frost

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Spirit Mountain Casino is now requiring its customers wear a mask while indoors on the property to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Council discussed a

mask requirement at the casino in executive session on Thursday, July 2. The mandate took effect the following day.

The casino joins the ranks of states such as Or-

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## Tribe hires Veterans’ Services Officer



Photo by Dean Rhodes

### Navy veteran Ramona Quenelle began her new role on July 6

By Danielle Frost

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Navy veteran Ramona Quenelle is the Grand Ronde Tribe’s first Veterans’ Services Officer.

“This is a real opportunity for development and growth,” Quenelle said. “Ultimately, I want people to understand I am really pas-

sionate about serving Tribal veterans and that will be my number one goal.”

She has worked for the Tribe for two years as Tribal Court Programs coordinator and has a background in veterans’ education

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Ramona Quenelle stands next to the Navy pillar of the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, July 13. Quenelle, a Navy veteran, has been hired as the Tribe’s first Veterans’ Services Officer and will help Native veterans access the benefits that they earned through their military service.



General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13

Tentatively: Tribal Community Center

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 22.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 5.....	10 a.m.

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

We would like to start by saying “thank you” for letting us address the Tribal Council and the Tribal membership in this manner.

We appreciate our ancestors who were true warriors who fought to keep our Tribe together. As most of you know, every day is a battle being Native American Indian and fortunately none of us have had to endure the hardships, pain and suffering that our ancestors had to keep our Tribe united.

For various reasons, our mother was unable to enroll in the Tribe before her passing. She was 1/4th Grand Ronde. My siblings and I are 1/8th Grand Ronde.

Our grandmother, Mary Lachance Spohn, was born on the Reservation along with her siblings as well as her mother and father. Our grandmother and great-grandfather are on the Restoration Roll of the CTGR. Our great-grandmother was on various Grand Ronde rolls before Termination, but she passed away in 1917.

As with many on the Reservation, they all experienced tremendous hardships, but were able to take comfort in the united family within the Tribe.

Our grandmother, great-grandmother and great-grandfather have since passed, but unfortunately their family is not united. Their family and many other families like ours have become divided due to the 1999 enrollment amendment, which states an applicant must be “born to a parent who was a member of the Tribe at the time of the applicant's birth.”

We would like to propose the Tribal Council bring this issue up for discussion during a current Tribal Council meeting and put forth as a standalone survey question and placed on a ballot in this fall's Tribal Council election so the Tribal membership can vote to remove the current constitutional membership requirement to be “born to a parent who was a member of the Tribe at the time of the applicant's birth.”

If such a proposal could be approved this fall and then be placed on a constitutional amendment ballot it would bring hope to our family and all the other families within the Tribe in similar situations. Please help us and others to claim our Native American Indian heritage birthright.

We hope to count on your support and vote in changing the current membership requirement to be “born to a parent who was a member of the Tribe at the time of the applicant's birth.”

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 .....	AUG. 15, 2020
FRIDAY, AUG. 21 .....	SEPT. 1, 2020
TUESDAY, SEPT. 8.....	SEPT. 15, 2020

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# IN THE FUTURE



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**July**

- 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.)*



### 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**
- Enrollment Committee – 2 vacancies**
- Fish & Wildlife Committee – 3 vacancies**
- Powwow Special Event Board – 1 vacancy**

Please send completed applications to  
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# 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. ■

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# Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic last year.  
**Remember:** Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

# 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.

Please call  
Lisa Archuleta at  
503-879-1881  
and I can assist you with curbside pickup.

By appointment only.

[grandronde.org](https://www.grandronde.org)



Food Donations



# 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 conferencing 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 new arbor at úyxat Powwow Grounds was the star of the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held in Grand Ronde. Just before the opening grand entry, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno asked everyone involved with building the new arbor to come out on the powwow grounds to be honored. Leno started with Tribal Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White. “Jesse is the guy that council said, ‘Build us an arbor, have it ready by Veterans Powwow and make it your number one priority,’” Leno said.



**2015** File photo

**2010** – Oregon Tribes were organizing to combat two November ballot measures that would have a “devastating effect” on Indian gaming statewide. Backers of a private casino in Wood Village, which would detrimentally affect revenues at Spirit Mountain Casino and Grand Ronde charitable contributions, collected enough signatures to put the issue before voters. “Obviously, everyone is opposed to this,” Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin said. “Beyond Grand Ronde, I think it would have a devastating effect on the Indian gaming industry.”

**2005** – Tribal member Shelley Hansen was named Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s new director. She brought experience in accounting, grant management, small business development and real estate experience to the position. She had previously been employed as grant coordinator for the Salem-Keizer School District.

**2000** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde donated \$500,000 to the Portland Art Museum through Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The donation was intended to give visitors a better sense of the museum’s Native American collection. With a matching donation of \$500,000, the museum planned to begin a two-year remodel of its Hoffman wing and create the Grand Ronde Center for Native American Art. The new center would provide 7,000 square feet of exhibition space for new galleries dedicated to Native art.

**1995** – An arts and crafts gallery was planned for Grand Ronde. Sam Henny, development specialist for small business development, was in the first phase of organizing a gallery that would house Tribal member, Native American, and local and regional artwork with both cultural and contemporary themes.

**1990** – No edition available.

**1985** – Barbara Mercier accepted a job as Tribal receptionist after Candy Robertson resigned to devote more time to Tribal Council. Additionally, the Tribe was looking to fill positions in the Enrollment and Social Services departments. Jim Willis was heading the Housing Department and Diana Stogsdill led Higher Education, Adult Education and Employment Services. “The administration is turning the corner on completing the piles of work needed to close out the last four years of work for accounting records and reports,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

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

## 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. ■

## 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 approves pharmacy agreement with Washington state

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council approved an agreement with the state of Washington on Wednesday, July 8, that will save the Tribe money by billing the state first for Tribal member medications.

The Washington State Health Care Authority, which administers the Medicaid program in the state, required the Grand Ronde Pharmacy to renew its agreement.

By approving the agreement, the Tribe will be able to bill the state first for medications dispensed to Tribal members under the Health Care Authority's purview before spending Tribal dollars.

There are approximately 750 Tribal members who live in Washington state, but not all are covered by the Health Care Authority.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an agreement with the Grand Ronde Community Water Association for the inter-tie that provides water to Spirit Mountain Casino when special needs arise for additional supplies. The agreement was last renewed in June 2010;
- Approved the enrollment of 13 non-infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- Approved amendments concerning two grants from The Collins Foundation and Meyer Memorial Trust that will extend the Tribe's sub-recipient agreements to Aug. 31. The Grand Ronde Tribe sub-recipient agreements with the Siletz, Umatilla, Warm Springs and

Nez Perce Tribes concern contaminant-related injuries to the lower Willamette River and the assessment of injured Tribal natural resources;

- Approved new two-year contracts for Tribal Court of Appeals judges Patricia Davis, Robert Miller and Patricia Paul;
- Approved applying for a \$1.2 million, three-year Administration for Native Americans Social & Development Strategies grant that would hire a project director and site development planner for the Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City. The Tribe purchased the property in August 2019;
- And approved applying for an annual \$62,500 Oregon Office of Emergency Management performance grant that help funds the Tribe's full-time emergency coordinator.

Also included in the July 8 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that will allow the leveling of úyxat Powwow Grounds due to the cancellation of this year's Veterans and Contest Powwows and declared June 19 as an annual Tribal holiday in honor of Juneteenth and directs staff to prepare a statement on behalf of Tribal Council speaking out against racial injustice in the United States. The powwow grounds work will include re-seeding, fertilizing and tilling approximately 10 acres.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Tribal Council chairwoman recovering from car accident

By Danielle Frost  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was injured after her vehicle was involved in a traffic accident on Wednesday, July 1.

According to an Oregon State Police incident report, at approximately 9:41 a.m. an officer responded to a crash at westbound Highway 22 and Kings Valley Junction (Highway 223) near Dallas.

A Ford Edge driven by Kennedy, 72, of Dallas, was stopped on Highway 223 at the intersection of Highway 22. A Ford Focus driven by Richard Buscher, 81, of Sheridan was eastbound on Highway 22 approaching the intersection.

"There were conflicting reports that the Edge started to pull out then stopped," the report stated. "The operator of the Focus veered right to avoid what he thought would be a collision. The driver front of the Focus impacted the driver front of the Edge. This caused moderate damage to both vehicles."

Kennedy had two passengers in her vehicle and Buscher had one. All occupants were transported to local hospitals with complaints of pain.

The Edge and Focus were towed by OK Motors of Dallas. No prop-



Cheryle A. Kennedy

erty damage occurred.

According to Oregon State Police, definitive fault could not be determined.

During the Legislative Action Committee meet-

ing held Tuesday, July 7, Secretary Jon A. George mentioned healing for Kennedy in his invocation and Vice Chair Chris Mercier told her "everything is under control." Kennedy joined the meeting from her home via conference call.

"Cheryle was in an accident last week and is a bit banged up and on her way to recovery," Mercier said. "We're wishing a speedy recovery to her."

During the conference call, Kennedy thanked the Tribal community for all the help she and her husband, Vernon, have received since the accident, from those who accompanied her to the hospital to others who sent cards and offered support.

"I just want to thank everyone for all the support given to me and my family," she said. "We have a wonderful, caring Tribe. Thank you all." ■

## DO YOU WANT TO SHARE YOUR NATIVE SPIRITUALITY WITH OTHERS?

Volunteer with Oregon Department of Corrections' Religious Services!



We are looking for sweat lodge and spiritual leaders.  
The need for volunteers is great at ALL FACILITIES – especially for tribal members.


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# Lunch break



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**A deer enjoys a snack along Agency Creek in the Grand Ronde area on Tuesday, July 7.**

## ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Election Ordinance at the June 10, 2020, Tribal Council meeting. The Tribal Council then adopted, on an emergency basis, additional amendments to the Election Ordinance at the June 24, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the proposed amendments adopted on June 10, 2020, was to protect voters during the 2020 Tribal Council election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Protective measures included: (1) limiting the election to vote by absentee ballot only which must be returned by mail or dropped in the designated ballot boxes by Election Day; (2) providing that the Tribal Community Center polling location will be closed; (3) reducing the required weekly Election Board office staffing from 20 hours to 15 hours during the election process and (4) expiring on Sept. 30, 2020. The temporary amendments were to apply only to the 2020 Tribal Council election.

After further discussion, it was decided that the standard Tribal Council election voting process, with appropriate COVID-19 mitigation, would be the best course of action. The purpose of the proposed amendments adopted on June 24, 2020, was to remove the temporary 2020 Tribal Council election voting process provisions and return to the standard voting process, including the Tribal Community Center polling location, but allow the reduction in the required weekly Election Board office staffing from 20 hours to 15 hours during this election process. These temporary amendments apply only to the 2020 Tribal Council election.

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

**Comments must be received by Aug. 15, 2020.**

## Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927. "Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don't want adults thinking that they can't use it as well," said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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# ‘It is the time to ramp up so we can keep the pandemic at bay’

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Spirit Mountain Casino had considered reinstituting its popular shuttle service, but ultimately decided to wait given the recent uptick of coronavirus cases in Oregon and the difficulty in thoroughly sanitizing the buses.

“We have to be responsible and consider that most of the people we are bringing in on those buses are older adults,” he said. “We have no plans to do that until we know people will be safe.”

The casino also instituted a mandatory mask policy before the Fourth of July weekend, which Dillon said was received with mostly cooperative customers although some criticized the requirement.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown mandated mask-wearing in all indoor public spaces in the state starting on July 1 to help stem the spread of the virus.

The Facebook Live events continue to be popular, with approximately 150 people joining the online conversation featuring Dillon, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe, Tribal Council member Lisa Leno, General Manager David Fullerton and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez. Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier led the meeting.

“We are going all-in on masks now,” Mercier said. “Everyone is wearing one in the Governance Center and we made a decision to make everyone in the casino wear a mask as well. We don’t want to let our guard down now.”

Rowe announced that the clinic would be expanding coronavirus testing to Tribal employees and would send out instructions via e-mail. Antibody testing also will be instituted.

“We will start with employees in high-risk areas with lots of contact with others,” she said, such as patients, the public or vendors. “We

plan on having those run through our lab and the employee health plan will cover the tests at no cost to our employees.”

Beginning Monday, July 20, testing will be expanded to patients of the clinic. More information will be provided via Facebook and the Tribal COVID-19 webpage at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org). People are asked not to call the clinic to make an appointment until at least Thursday, July 16, to avoid clogging the phone lines.

“We feel this testing will help us get more information and focus services on those areas that may be lacking,” Rowe said.

As of July 13, the clinic had conducted 235 tests and all have come back negative. Employee testing will be done for clinic employees first, then the Executive Team, Emergency Operations Center incident command personnel and Tribal Council members.

Fullerton reminded everyone that although the Tribal campus is in phase two of re-opening, it is not the time to relax guidelines. He reminded Tribal members to wear a mask, social distance and wash their hands.

“It is the time to ramp up so we can keep the pandemic at bay,” he said. “The likelihood of it happening here is high. When it happens, we will be here to support people. Hopefully, a majority of our employees will receive both (coronavirus) testing and (antibody) testing.”

Fullerton added that plans to open the Tribal preschool, initially targeted for July, will be delayed until at least August due to the rise in coronavirus cases statewide. Public events are also discouraged.

Mercier closed the meeting by asking everyone to continue to stay safe. “Please wear a mask,” he said. “It makes a big difference in the spread of the virus. It may be uncomfortable and inconvenient, but it helps others.” ■

# A temperature check area is set up at all entrances

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egon and Washington that are now requiring customers wear a mask while at indoor public spaces such as grocery stores, gyms and retail shops. Oregon’s mask mandate went into effect on Wednesday, July 1, while Washington began requiring masks on June 26.

Spirit Mountain Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear said that there was a good deal of feedback on wearing masks, both pro and con, but most customers are fairly accommodating to the new rule.

“Spirit Mountain Casino enacted mandatory masks after evaluating the current status of the pandemic’s rising trend in the state and Pacific Northwest, as well as the individual numbers of the counties which the highest numbers of our guests come from,” she said. “We felt it necessary to enact to protect our team members and guests as well as the Grand Ronde community.”

Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, approximately 26 miles from Spirit Mountain Casino, also is requiring its guests wear a mask.


Spirit Mountain Casino was shuttered for an unprecedented 2.5 months beginning in mid-March amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The casino re-opened on Monday, June 1, with several new safety precautions in place, but guests were not required to wear a mask.

As visitors enter the casino, there are visual reminders everywhere to social distance. Guests are to walk on each side of the casino hallways and foyers, and not loiter in the middle. A temperature check area is set up at all entrances, along with complementary masks and hand sanitizing stations. All employees are also required to wear masks.

Employees stand at all entrances to inform guests of the additional safety measures, such as the age restriction of not allowing anyone under the age of 21 in the casino or Spirit Mountain Lodge properties.

The Cedar Plank Buffet has been revamped as well, with disposable menus and tables moved six feet apart. Instead of patrons making their way through an often-crowded line and handling utensils others have touched, they are served a choice of different three-course meal options.

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




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**The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde purchased the 1.77-acre Willamette Professional Center property at 1011 Commercial Street N.E. in Salem on May 8. The purchase price is listed at \$5,556,740 in Marion County Assessor’s Office property records.**

# Tribe closes on properties in Portland and Salem

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has closed on the purchase of two properties – one in Salem and one in Portland – that will allow it to develop medication-assisted treatment facilities to combat opioid addiction and expand its health services into the two largest metropolitan areas in Oregon.

The Tribe closed on the Salem property on May 8, according to Marion County Assessor’s Office property records. The purchase price was listed as \$5,556,740 and it was previously owned by Lex Commercial LLC.

Located at 1011 Commercial Street NE, the Willamette Professional Center includes a 29,246-square-foot, two-story office building and parking lot.

Tribal Council approved the purchase and sale agreement during its April 1 meeting, but the purchase was discussed in executive session during the previous day’s Legislative Action Committee

meeting and the purchase price was not disclosed during the subsequent Tribal Council meeting.

The Tribe closed on the Portland property at 3580 S.E. 82nd Ave. just before the Fourth of July weekend. The 20,000-square-foot lot includes a former dental office and parking lot, and is located west of Interstate 205 and southeast of Mount Tabor Park.

According to Multnomah County property records, it had an assessed valuation of \$574,100 in 2019 and was previously owned by Portland Limited Partnership of Long Beach, Calif.

Tribal Realty Coordinator Teresa Brocksen said the purchase price was \$1.4 million. The property was being marketed for sale at \$1.5 million by CBRE, a commercial real estate agency in Portland.

The 82nd Avenue property will join the former Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village and the Portland area office on Barbur Boulevard as properties the Tribe owns in Multnomah County. ■

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# West Valley Visioning prepares to launch new phase soon

By Christine Talley  
*Special to Smoke Signals*

After a year and a half of surveying the community and hosting town hall dinners, the West Valley Visioning Project is announcing that it has launched the next phase of its project.

During this phase, with the support of the Ford Family Foundation and other partners, the project plans to contract with a consulting firm to help develop a collective vision for the West Valley and create a strategic plan that will ensure the successful implementation of the vision.

The plan will outline and prioritize each of the projects as defined by the community. In addition, this vision and plan will drive grant-writing efforts as the community seeks funding for each of the projects.

The current mission is to gather citizen-based ideas to chart a strong future for where West Valley residents live, work and play. The project thanks all of the community members who've participated in the survey and town hall dinners. We can celebrate the success of the past year and use it to chart our future. This project has provided a tremendous opportunity to engage with the community. As we create the strategic plan, we will continue to engage the community in a variety of meaningful and creative ways.

There's no denying that the coronavirus pandemic has given us a

new context in which we can safely participate in the world. It has, likely, imposed a new perspective on people's world view, causing each of us to re-evaluate our priorities. New circumstances may cause us to revisit what we wish for our community. These new priorities and wishes are important information that will be incorporated into discussions and data during this new phase of the West Valley Visioning Project.

We are excited to announce that our second annual photo contest is open. We are hopeful that we will be able to come together to see and vote on the photos in person before the year is out. If we are unable to do so, our plan is to host the photo contest entirely online. In addition, we are planning an outdoor celebration for the West Valley community that will include food, fun and music to be held after the threat of the coronavirus has passed.

We'd like to thank all those in the community who have participated in and supported our visioning project. We look forward to getting together with you once the pandemic has passed to celebrate, debrief and set our priorities for the future.

You can find out more about the photo contest at [wvproject.org/photocontest](http://wvproject.org/photocontest). Sign up for our mailing list at [wvproject.org/maillinglist](http://wvproject.org/maillinglist) for updates about upcoming events. You can also follow us on [Facebook.com/wvproject](https://www.facebook.com/wvproject). ■

# Job will assist veterans to obtain benefits

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services. The new position was created at the behest of Tribal leaders who have long advocated for local services to help other Tribal veterans navigate their federal benefits.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 5598, which provided funds for each of the nine Tribes to have its own Veterans' Services Officer. The purpose of these funds was for Tribes to "expand and enhance their programs and services."

In March 2020, Tribal Council approved a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide training and accreditation for the job. The state will provide \$25,000 annually toward the new position.

Former Tribal Council Chair and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno has long been an advocate of a Grand Ronde-based position.

"It has always been difficult to get care for our veterans," he said. "A lot of older veterans like my dad, who served in World War II, it was really hard to get them to go to Portland or Vancouver Veterans Affairs offices. It's important for Tribes to have their own Veterans' Services Officer."

"Also, a lot of our Native American veterans really rely on their families to help them access services, so this will really help them. It's a more comfortable feeling to have this service locally, and takes some of the burden off of the VA. It's a different level of service when a Tribal member can come right in here and it will help them feel more comfortable."

Social Services Department Manager Dana Ainam said Quenelle's combination of military service and experience of working with veterans is a good fit for the new role.

"We are so excited to add this program to our Social Services team," Ainam said. "We will now be able to have a dedicated staff member to build relationships and knowledge to better serve our Tribal veterans and assure that they receive the benefits and support that is deserved."

"Ramona Quenelle ... brings the presence of positivity and passion to her work. Her vision and excitement to develop this program, learn and build community will serve us well. We look forward to identifying our veterans and learning how we can meet their needs."

Quenelle's first goal as the Veterans' Services Officer will be to attain accreditation, which takes approximately 12 months and 1,000 hours of working with veterans. She began her first week of training July 6.

"What I didn't anticipate about

this job is that my unique background of military service, health care, education and criminal justice work would all come together to prepare me for this," she said. "Every single thing I have ever done in these fields will really benefit me in this position."

The primary function of Quenelle's job is to assist veterans and their families by obtaining the benefits they are entitled to through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"I will help guide them and gather the proper documentation needed to obtain benefits," Quenelle said. "I feel like I will be the person who helps unlock the puzzle. This is how I envision that job."

Quenelle is the third Tribal Veterans' Services Officer in Oregon. The other two are at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

Another goal during Quenelle's first year will be to identify Tribal veterans needing services, connect with them and tailor the program to their needs.

"We have a cultural aspect that is unique in a veterans' program," she said. "There is a lot of research and work we are doing."

Quenelle, 40, is an enrolled member of the Pit River Tribe (Madesi Band) and grew up at the Roaring Creek Rancheria Reservation near Redding, Calif.

She served in the Navy from 1999 to 2003 on active duty in South Korea and Japan and deployed two years on the USS Blue Ridge in the Asian Pacific. Quenelle was an active reservist from 2003 to 2006.


She has an associate degree in general business from Shasta Community College, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice (summa cum laude) from Colorado Technical University and a master's degree in human behavior from National University.

She has worked for the Grand Ronde Tribe since October 2018 as the Tribal Court Programs coordinator. Before that, Quenelle was employed at Shasta Community College for four years in the president's office and student services, where she worked with students who were veterans and helped create a service center focused on helping them be successful in college.

She is married to Anthony Quenelle and they have six children, Koosah (17), Corina (17), Alliyah (13), Marie (9), Leloo (7) and Ulali (4).

In her spare time, Quenelle enjoys attending powwows, dancing, sewing, running, drawing, reading and spending time with her family.

"I'm so excited and proud to call myself a Tribal Veterans' Services Officer," she said. ■



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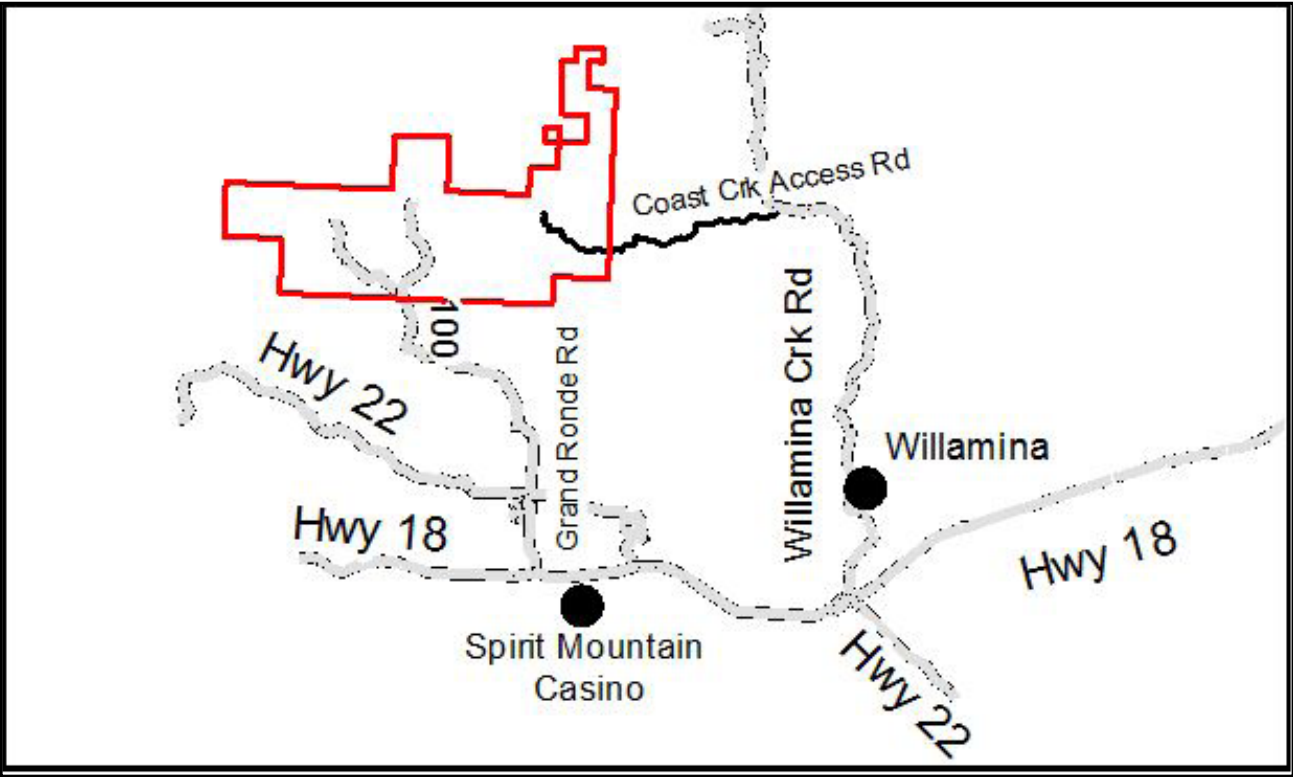
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# 2020 Tribal hunting tag

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](mailto:NRD@grandronde.org); mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347, and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension.

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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

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ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

2<sup>ND</sup> SEASON ELK (ANY)

NOV 18 - NOV 20, 2020

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

MUZZLELOADER ELK (ANY)

DEC 5 - DEC 20, 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

YOUTH BOW BUCK

AUG 24 - AUG 28, 20

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

YOUTH COAST BUCK

SEP 28 - OCT 2, 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

YOUTH MUZZLELOADER DEER (ANY)

NOV 28 - DEC 4, 2020

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOV 7 - NOV 13, 2020

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Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Date Posted	Closing Date
1328	Accounting Clerk	7	\$17.00/hr.	\$20.85/hr.	07/10/20	07/23/20
1327	Senior Dental Assistant	7	\$17.00/hr.	\$20.85/hr.	07/10/20	07/23/20
1326	Project Manager	19	\$8,735.57/mo.	\$11,344.90/mo.	07/03/20	07/16/20
1324	Tribal Court Programs Coordinator	9	\$20.57/hr.	\$25.23/hr.	07/03/20	07/16/20
1322	Barista Trainee	1	\$12.00/hr.	\$12.00/hr.	07/03/20	07/16/20
1321	Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	07/03/20	07/16/20
1313	Cashier/Fueler Part-Time (Variable Shift)	1	\$12.00/hr.	\$12.00/hr.	05/29/20	07/23/20
1312	Food Service Worker (Variable Shift) PT	1	\$12.00/hr.	\$12.00/hr.	05/29/20	07/23/20
1252	Radiology Lab Technician On-Call	8	\$18.70/hr.	\$22.94/hr.	01/03/20	07/16/20
1223	Clinic System Coordinator	13	\$30.11/hr.	\$36.95/hr.	02/28/20	07/16/20
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	\$115,309.56/yr.	\$149,752.68/yr.	05/24/19	07/16/20
1082	Physician	23	\$147,497.41/yr.	\$199,320.82/yr.	10/04/19	07/16/20
1271	Temporary Pool	2	\$12.00/hr.	\$12.00/hr.	04/16/18	12/31/20

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

Apply online at: [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

- INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:
1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.  
a. (Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
  2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
  3. External candidates.

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



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## Strengthening our Families

When stress happens or things don't go our way...

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Native Connections Program  
503-879-1476

Indigenous Project LAUNCH  
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### CTGR Community Health Medical Transportations

- Call Community Health at 503-879-2078
- if you need help getting to
- Doctor Appointments
  - Addiction Recovery
  - Dental Appointments
  - Physical Therapy
  - Behavioral Health
  - Optometry Appointments
  - Dialysis

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



Thank You, Community Health Department

## 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**



In memory of

Amy Lenn Jeffers

Oct. 17, 1979 – Aug. 10, 2003

You can shed tears that she is gone,  
or you can smile 'cause she lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back,  
or you can open your eyes and see all that she's left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her,  
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her only that she is gone,  
or you can cherish her memory and let it love on.

You can cry and close your mind, be  
empty and turn your back,

or you can do what she'd want: smile, open  
your eyes, love and continue on!

I love you my dear sister and I miss you every single day.

Love, your baby sister Kristie Jeffers

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. ■

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Equal housing opportunity

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

Congratulations! Tribal member Erik and Malia Estrada proudly introduce their daughter

Mia Ruby-Rene Estrada.

Baby Mia came into this world happy and healthy weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces.

Mia is the newest granddaughter of Tribal member Debbie Leno and great-granddaughter of Bud and Maxine Leno. Her big brother Nicholas, 3, is so excited and the family couldn't be happier.

Happy sweet 16th birthday

To our loving boy,

Noey Sanchez

We wish you the best!

Love always

Mom, dad & sister bear

DIABETES

Are you frustrated with your diabetes control?

Do you have questions about diabetes?

Do you need help managing your diabetes?

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

2020-21

Back to School

SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

School is around the corner and the CTGR Youth Education Department will be providing school supplies to CTGR Tribal member students this coming August! Here's the scoop:

WHAT:

This year, the school supply program will be different. Parents of Tribal member students needing school supplies will sign up online. A box of basic supplies (Backpack, paper, writing utensils, etc.) will be available at CTGR on a select date or will be delivered or mailed to your home.

WHO:

The program is for all CTGR Tribal member students entering into Kindergarten through 12th grade (2020-21 school year)

REGISTRATION / SIGN-UP INFO:

• Open registration starts on July 13 and closes at 5 p.m. Aug. 5

• How do I register? Simply type the URL link below into your web browser <https://bit.ly/CTGR-SchoolSupplyDistribution> and register your child.

WHEN:

Boxes will be available Aug. 18 (8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.) for pickup at the Tribal campus Youth Education building. Boxes not picked up on Aug. 18 will be delivered or mailed at a later date. Students living out of the local service area (Grand Ronde, Willamina, Sheridan) will have their boxes mailed.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact YED staff member Devon Mercier 503-879-2101 or [Devon.Mercier@grandronde.org](mailto:Devon.Mercier@grandronde.org)

Ad by Samuel Briggs III





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

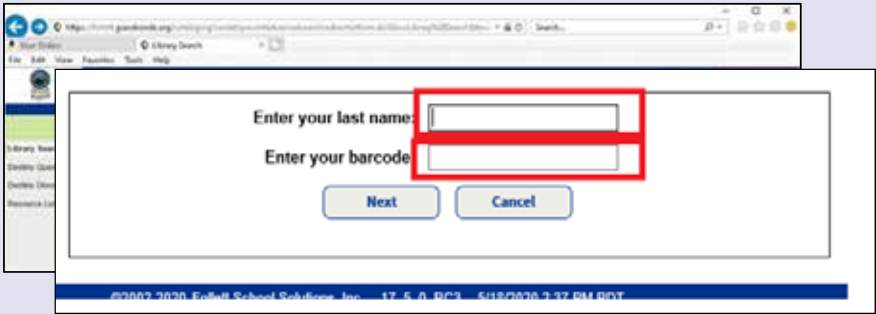
- To come into the library, patrons must call to make an appointment. 503-879-1499 or 503-879-1488.
- Only five patrons allowed in the library at one time.
- No children under the age of 2 allowed in the library.
- Masks are required.

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.

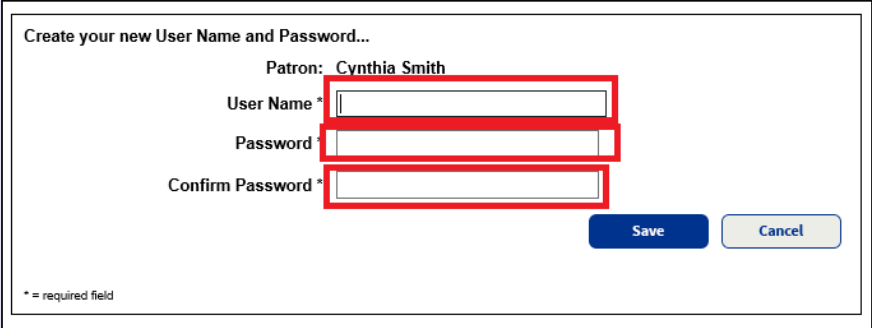
**To create an account** you will need your library card number. If you do not know your number, please give us a call at 503-879-1488 or 503-879-1499 and we can give you that information.

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](http://grandronde.org) under the Education Department page.
- Calling us at 503-879-1488 or 503-879-1499
- E-mailing [kathy.cole@grandronde.org](mailto:kathy.cole@grandronde.org) or [crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org](mailto: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](mailto:kathy.cole@grandronde.org) or [crystal.bigelow@grandronde.org](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:justine.flynn@grandronde.org)

**Elaine Lane**  
K/1 Chinuk Teacher  
503-879-1920  
[elaine.lane@grandronde.org](mailto: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.*





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## **Friday, June 19**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- Welfare check for a disabled vehicle in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Saturday, June 20**

- Welfare check conducted in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was issued a citation for criminal trespass.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported fight in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Sunday, June 21**

- Found property in the 8700 block of Steel Bridge Road.
- Burglary reported in the 8700 block of Steel Bridge Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of Main Street in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of Main Street in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a subject in the area of Grand Ronde Road.
- Reported child neglect in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Monday, June 22**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the area of Salmon Way.

## **Tuesday, June 23**

- Assist outside agency with a traffic stop in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the Grand Ronde area.

## **Wednesday, June 24**

- Suspicious activity reported in the 48200 block of Hebo Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Blue Jay Court.

## **Thursday, June 25**

- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 50200 block of Hebo Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported menacing in the 8700 block of Steel Bridge Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- Assist outside agency with a suspicious activity in the area of Firehall Road.
- Reported stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest in the area of Sheridan. A male was cited for a valid Newberg municipal warrant.

## **Friday, June 26**

- Responded to an alarm in the 47000 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the Willamina area. One male was issued criminal citations for first- and second-degree theft. One female was cited for first-degree trespass and second-degree burglary, and a second male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas for third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree theft, first-degree burglary and possession of a burglary tool.
- Responded to an alarm in the 28900 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Hit-and-run in the area of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads.
- Report of a stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest in the Sheridan area. A male was issued a criminal citation for a valid Newberg municipal warrant.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Sheridan area.
- Assist outside agency with a traffic assist in the area of highways 18

and 22.

## **Saturday, June 27**

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Old Wallace Bridge Road. A vehicle was recovered as stolen.
- Trespass reported in the area of Agency Creek Road and Yoncalla Creek.
- Assist outside agency with a three vehicle crash in the area of Highway 18 and Sheridan Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a noise violation in the area of Joe Day Way.
- Assist outside agency with a noise violation in the area of Fort Hill Road.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.

## **Sunday, June 28**

- Assist outside agency with a medical request in the Sheridan area. A male was transported to a local hospital.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Responded to an alarm in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with reported trespass in the 8200 block of Firehall Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported burglary in progress in the Willamina area.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas on a valid warrant.

## **Monday, June 29**

- Assist outside agency with a vehicle crash in the area of milepost 18 on Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Old Wallace Bridge Road.

## **Tuesday, June 30**

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 48300 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville on a valid warrant.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency with a vehicle crash in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the area of McPherson Road. A female was transported to a local hospital.
- Possible assault reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Overdose reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 33700 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Wednesday, July 1**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 3 on Highway 22.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with an attempt to locate a warrant subject in the Willamina area.
- Disturbance reported in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 28 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a restraining order violation in the Sheridan area. A male suspect was at Spirit Mountain Casino and assisted in making contact and arrest of male for restraining order violation and menacing.
- Traffic stop performed in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. The driver was going 100 mph and all occupants of the vehicle were minors. Contacted the parents who came and picked up their children.

## **Thursday, July 2**

- Hit-and-run in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Two vehicle crash in the area of Highway 18 and Jahn Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 6 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred on a possible identity theft in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

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



# Watch your mailbox!

In just a few days, the local Grand Ronde Community will be receiving an important survey from the *ye?lan tilixam haws*, located in the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, Behavioral Health Department.



**We want your voice to be heard!**

The first 50 participants to return the survey will win a special Early Bird prize of a \$25 gas card!

- 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$ 75 gift card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$ 50 gift card
- 4<sup>th</sup> place \$ 25 gas card
- (10 4<sup>th</sup> place prizes)



On Friday, Aug. 14 we will hold the drawing. Don't wait – win an Early Bird Prize and still be eligible to win a \$100 gift card. Good luck!!!

*Hayu Masi*

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**MEMBERSHIP AND EMPLOYEES**

- Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees Chairman Sho Donozo retired
- Kaelynn Simmons College Bound
- Saige's Memorial
- Employee Service Awards **2019**
- Herman Hudson receives a Quilt of Valor
- Years of Service **2019**
- The 15th annual Family Fun Night Out **2019**
- Bulls of Summer **2019**
- CTGR Clothesline Project Event **2019**
- Smoke Signals Year in Review **2019**
- Student Success Night **2020**
- Spirit Mountain Casino closes amid COVID-19 outbreak
- Tribal members attend the Rally for Reform
- Grand Ronde: The Quiet Place
- Willamina Elementary Teacher Parade
- Grand Ronde's new "helper person office" connects Tribal community to services

**FIRST FOODS**

- Grand Ronde Food Bank
- Agency Creek First Fish Celebration - Nov. 30, **2018**
- Mek Mek Mania **2019**
- The First Fish Celebration **2019**
- The Fish Ceremony held in West Linn - May 18, **2019**
- First Foods Celebration - June 29, **2019**
- Coho salmon return to Agency Creek - Dec. 26, **2019**

**POWWOW/ROUND DANCE**

- The 17th annual Agency Creek Round Dance **2019**
- Grand Ronde Contest Powwow **2019**
- Chinuk Family Night Restoration Powwow **2019**
- Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow **2019**
- February Youth Powwow **2020**

**GOVERNMENT**

- Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit **2018**
- Tribal Legislative Information Day **2019**

- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention **2020**
- Tribal Governments Legislative Day **2020**
- Siletz's proposed Salem casino receives mixed support

**CULTURAL**

- Moving Forward Together: Being Good Stewards of Our People, Land and Culture
- Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam **2019**
- "Keeping Culture Alive at Willamette Falls"
- Native Wellness Camp **2019**
- Chinuk Immersion Program reading "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Eric Carle
- Unveiling of the "Visionaries" statue - July 2, **2019**
- Grand Ronde's 36th Restoration Celebration **2019**
- Sculpture by Grand Ronde Tribal artist installed in McMinnville, Ore.
- Restoration efforts continue as Grand Ronde joins Willamette Valley Native Plant Partnership
- Tribal-themed activities to do while staying home
- Chemawa Station groundbreaking event
- "Take a hike!" around Grand Ronde

**ACHAF-HAMMI**

- Winter Stories Night **2019**
- The Grand Ronde Royalty welcomed Rose Festival Court to Chachalu Museum and achaf-hammi on Thursday, May 9, **2019**
- Grand Ronde celebrates achaf-hammi's 10th birthday
- Chinuk Family Winter Story Night **2020**

**HOLIDAYS**

- The annual Tribal Council Christmas Party **2018**
- Holiday Market **2018**
- Easter Egg Hunt **2019**
- The 17th annual Memorial Day Ceremony **2019**
- Tribal Council Christmas Party **2019**
- Fourth-quarter Service Awards and annual Christmas Party **2019**

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Walking On...

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, Aug. 15, 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.

(Editor’s note: This obituary notice is being re-run to reflect a rescheduled burial date.)

Other passings

Leah Dee Wilson

July 12, 1953 – July 6, 2020

Tribal Elder Leah Dee Wilson walked on on Monday, July 6. Alaskan Memorial Park & Legacy Funeral Home in Juneau, Alaska, is assisting the family.

The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

Certified Application Assisters at the Health & Wellness Center

Cassandra Rhamey is available to assist with recertification and applications for the Oregon Health Plan.

She can be reached at 503-879-1359 or [cassandra.rhamey@grandronde.org](mailto:cassandra.rhamey@grandronde.org).

Leah Bailey also is a Certified Application Assister available to help. She can be reached at 503-879-2197 or [leah.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:leah.bailey@grandronde.org). ■



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64 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 Champoege 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 Marlineau** 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 Harelson** 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 Hollar** 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 **Uinda 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.

63: Hurry up and wait: episode 2. Following the Grand Ronde **Wildland Fire crews’** training.

64: Tribal Police Chief **Jake McKnight** discusses how demands for police policy changes seen across the country have been addressed in Grand Ronde.

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