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## School districts, Tribe weigh school re-opening options

By Danielle Frost

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

With the start of school just around the corner, district leaders are grappling with how to best educate children while keeping everyone safe.

School leaders predominantly favor a hybrid model of both in-person and virtual learning, which allows them to switch gears if needed due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the state's evolving efforts to flatten the curve.

However, updated guidance from the state is resulting in an all-on-line experience for at least the first few weeks or months of school.

On Tuesday, July 28, the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Education released updated metrics that will determine if schools can return to in-person instruction in the fall, with certain exceptions.

Each school district will determine the decision based on COVID-19 numbers in the county in which it is located in addition to overall state numbers. If a district serves students in multiple counties, case rates and positive numbers must be considered for each county.

Currently, county cases must be below 10 per 100,000 people in the past seven days for three weeks, and positive test results must be less than 5 percent in the preceding seven days for three weeks at both the county and state levels.

Exceptions for students in kindergarten through third grade, remote and rural school districts with

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## Creek renamed after prominent Grand Ronde family

By Danielle Frost

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

In the late 19th century, Levi Bobb (also known as Levi Tillamook or Levi Nestuc), a leader of the Nestucca Tribe of Tillamook Indians, resettled at the Grand Ronde Reservation and became a community leader, as did several of his descendants.

Some 140 years later, a 3.3-mile-long stream in Tillamook County has been renamed Nestucca Bobb Creek in his honor thanks to the combined efforts of former Tribal Historian David Lewis, the Bobb family and Tribal Council.

The creek name is a combination of the original Tribal name with the Bobb surname.

Tribal Elder Sequoia Bobb Raya, a former oral historian for the Tribe, said he is pleased with the change, especially since the stream was previously called Squaw Creek, a racial slur.

"I feel like we're getting some of our history back," Raya said. "Levi Bobb was an important member of the community. He was my great-great-grandfather."

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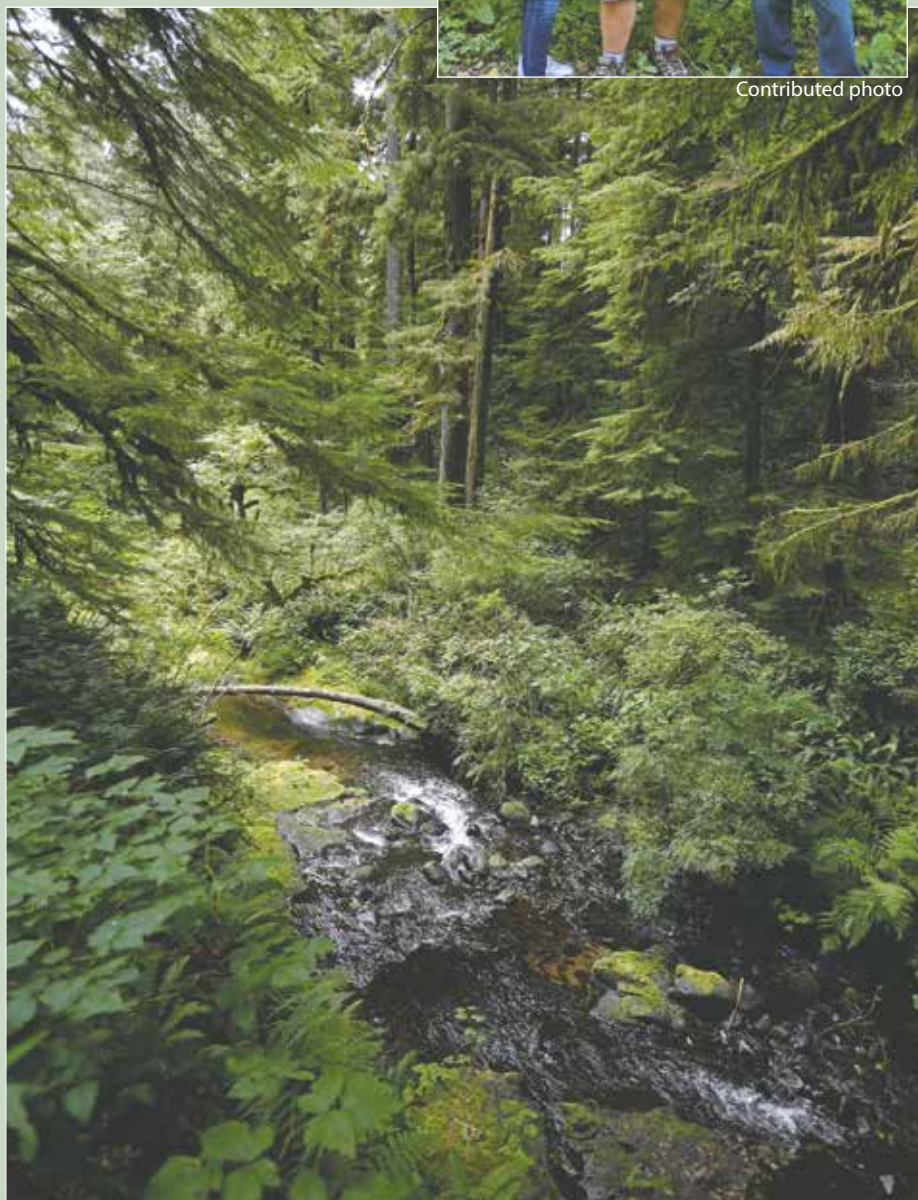


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**Squaw Creek has been renamed Nestucca Bobb Creek in southern Tillamook County. Above from left, Tribal members Ann Lewis, David Lewis (no relation) and Sequoia Bobb Raya recently visited the site. David Lewis worked to help get the creek renamed.**

## Tribal Council OKs transition plan to take over fire station

The Grand Ronde Fire Station will soon become operated by the Grand Ronde Tribe instead of the West Valley Fire District. The station has been open for 10 years.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will be responsible for fire and emergency medical response in the community by 2025, according to a five-year transition plan approved by Tribal Council during its Wednesday, July 22, meeting.

Fire suppression and emergency medical response responsibilities for the community are currently

supplied by the West Valley Fire District located in Willamina.

As early as December 2019, the Tribe expressed its desire to add fire to its list of sovereign nation public safety responsibilities that currently include operating its own police department and emergency management office.

Tribal Council approved on Dec.

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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, Aug. 5.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 19.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 2.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 16.....	10 a.m.

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

## 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 Aug. 18.

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

## Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5 .....	AUG. 15, 2020
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TUESDAY, SEPT. 8.....	SEPT. 15, 2020
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**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.

**September**

- Wednesday, Sept. 2 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Sept. 7 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Labor Day.
- Saturday, Sept. 12 – Tribal Election Day.
- Sunday, Sept. 13 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center (tentative), 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 – 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 pandemic response throughout 2020.)*

# 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. ■

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# 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



# Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

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## COVID-19 Relief Payment Program Application

On April 23, 2020, Tribal Council approved the COVID-19 Relief Payment Program (“Program”) to ensure all eligible Tribal members **18 years of age** and older will receive stipends for the unexpected costs or loss of income because the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency. The Program provides financial assistance to eligible tribal members to help alleviate the hardships endured.

Following the Tribe’s adoption and implementation of the COVID-19 Relief Payment Program, the U.S. Department of Treasury issued new guidance related to the Program. The new guidance requires that **each** Tribal member must complete an application for the Program.

Please print and fill out the “COVID-19 Relief Payment Program Application” found on the Tribes’ website at <http://www.grandronde.org/>, and follow one of the submission options identified below.

1. Complete the Application
  - a) Completely fill out the application.
  - b) One application per eligible member **18 years of age** and older as of next payment date of August 14, 2020.
2. Application submission
  - a) Please submit completed application by **August 7th, 2020**. Failure to turn in the form could delay payment
  - b)
  - c) **NO CONTACT SUBMISSION** due to COVID-19 pandemic, so any one of the following options are available for submission.
    - a. Scan and email to [ctgrdistcovid19@grandronde.org](mailto:ctgrdistcovid19@grandronde.org) with subject title Relief Payment Application *or*,
    - b. Fax to 503-879-2208 *or*,
    - c. Mail to – Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde OR 97347 Attn: Finance Department
3. Award
  - a) All financial support will be sent to the recipient per their Per Capita payment election either direct deposit or mailing address

*\*If you have any questions please contact Liz Leno by email at [liz.leno@grandronde.org](mailto:liz.leno@grandronde.org).*

# Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 2020 COVID-19 Relief Payment Program Application

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

CTGR Enrollment Number and/or Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Living in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (17 years old and younger) Living in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Elders Living in Household, 55 years of age and older: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the following that apply to you:

Head of Household Employment Status: ☐ employed ☐ reduced hours ☐ unemployed ☐ furloughed

Spouse/partner Employment Status if any: ☐ employed ☐ reduced hours ☐ unemployed ☐ furloughed

Homeownership: ☐ own ☐ rent

Children home from school: ☐ yes ☐ no

Utilities: ☐ electric ☐ water ☐ gas ☐ garbage ☐ cable

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and am eligible under the Relief Payment Program for financial need. I also certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

PRINT NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE

DATE



## Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in August

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 August 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 is continuing to disburse Farmers to Families food boxes from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at various locations and has started Farm Share Rx program with 35 farm shares being distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the food bank. It is a first-come, first-served distribution until the shares are depleted.

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, Aug. 28, 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 committee and special event board in-person meetings have been suspended during the Tribe's reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)**



**2015** – Archeology students from the University of Washington in Seattle participated in an archeological dig at a site on Grand Ronde Road. The Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, in collaboration with the university's Department of Anthropology, hosted a summer archeology “field school” on the Tribal homelands for students. The course, “Field Methods



**2015**

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in Indigenous Archeology,” taught students how to document and preserve Tribal cultural resources by working with Tribal staff and students. “There is a need for additional information about the time period from the settlement of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation up until Termination,” Tribal Historic Preservation Program Manager David Harrelson said. “This is an era of history where we don't have living people to tell us about those days and so the material evidence by archeology can help with that.”

**2010** – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family completed the Paddle to Makah in Neah Bay, Wash. More than 80 canoes participated in the journey. Tribal member and Grand Ronde Canoe Family skipper Bobby Mercier introduced the family during the Landing Day ceremony. Other participants included Social Services Manager David Fullerton, Tribal members Brian Krehbiel, Kailiyah Krehbiel, Shannon Stanton, Kalene Contreras and Christina Lara, and Elder Henry Petite.

**2005** – A group from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde visited New York City and the American Museum of Natural History to see Tomanowos, a 15.5-ton meteorite that holds spiritual and cultural significance to the Tribe. “It holds a lot of power,” Tribal member and Language Specialist Bobby Mercier said. “Who knows how many generations before us have touched it in the same spots that we have.” Other members of the Grand Ronde delegation included Elder and past Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, Elders Pat Allen, Betty Lambert and Patsy Pullin, and Tribal members Hope Lafferty, Ashley Bedortha, Denise Harvey, Alicia Selwyn and Tribal Council member Angie Blackwell.

**2000** – Grand Ronde's Polk County Sheriff's Office deputies contingent grew to six. Sgt. Jeff VanLaanen and Deputy Allister Bunch were the latest additions to the Grand Ronde community. VanLaanen had worked in the area before and recently returned as a supervisor. Bunch was a former Los Angeles Police Department officer and had moved to Polk County after living in Southern California for many years.

**1995** – A historical marker was unveiled in Grand Ronde, marking the 97th marker to be erected for Oregon's Historical Marker Program. The marker, located one-fourth of a mile east of Grand Ronde Road, depicted Tribal photos and a summary of the history of the Grand Ronde Tribe and its people. Tribal Council and staff members had been working on the marker project for several years. The process included meeting about location, text and design of the marker. At the dedication ceremony, Tribal Elder Ila Dowd delivered “The Lord's Prayer” in Chinuk Wawa.

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

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

sheridanfd.org – swpolkfd.org – westvalleyfd.org





### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

- Grand Ronde Editorial Board – 1 vacancy**
- 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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## Tribe holds first Candidates’ Forum via the Internet

**By Dean Rhodes**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council challenger Reyn Leno was in Billings, Mont., visiting his new great-granddaughter, but it didn’t prevent him from participating in the annual Tribal Council Candidates’ Forum.

For the first time ever, the Tribe held the forum using the Zoom teleconferencing program because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and the need to not hold large inside gatherings.

Starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, Reyn Leno joined Tribal Council incumbents Chris Mercier, Lisa Leno and Michael Langley, and fellow challenger Peter Grout for the 90-minute forum that fluctuated between 30 to 35 viewers.

General Manager David Fullerton handled moderator duties and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez watched the clock to ensure candidates did not go over their allotted time.

After opening statements by Lisa Leno, Langley, Grout, Reyn Leno and Mercier, each candidate had two minutes to answer two prepared questions: What would your priority be in your first 30 days on Tribal Council and what are the strengths and/or gaps you see in the current Tribal government?

After answering those questions, Fullerton asked four questions submitted by viewers and each candidate had 90 seconds to answer.

Viewer questions asked candidates what they thought of developing businesses in Grand Ronde, how to attain enrollment justice for those negatively affected by the 1999 constitutional amendment,

what issue affecting the Tribe is not getting enough attention and how would they continue to work on improving and/or repairing the Grand Ronde Tribe’s relationships with other Oregon Tribes?

Although candidates had the option to opt out of answering any of the viewer questions, each candidate weighed in on each topic.

Following the questions, each candidate was allotted two minutes to make a closing statement.

“Overall, I’d rate it an enjoyable experience,” Mercier said about the virtual forum. “There did not seem to be many, if any, technical glitches. While 90 minutes, that seemed to fly by quickly.

“My only gripe is the 90-second response time never seemed enough, and my answers were hurried and incomplete at times. I’d say two minutes is better.”

This year’s field of five candidates is the smallest ever since the Tribe’s Restoration in 1983. Election Day is Saturday, Sept. 12.

Mercier is seeking his sixth term on Tribal Council while Langley and Lisa Leno are seeking their second terms. Reyn Leno previously served seven consecutive three-year terms on council and Grout is seeking his first term.

The Candidates’ Forum was recorded and will be posted at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) under the Government tab and then Videos.

Tribal voters also can read candidate statements in the July *Tilixam Wawa* that was mailed out in late July and listen to *Smoke Signals’* podcast interviews with each candidate at [www.spreaker.com](http://www.spreaker.com). ■

## Grand Ronde still has no local positive COVID-19 cases

**By Danielle Frost**  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Since the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic hit Oregon in March, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center has conducted 338 tests. Of those, 335 have been negative.

The three that resulted in positive re-tests were for individuals who live outside the community.

On Wednesday, July 8, voluntary employee testing began. All 32 tests were negative. Next, the clinic began conducting antibody tests. Of 72 tests, 51 were negative and 21 are awaiting results.

“We are doing this to help identify people without symptoms who have had the virus,” Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe said. “It helps track pockets of infection in the community and see if people are having underlying health conditions related to COVID-19.”

Antibody tests help patients understand if they have been previously exposed to the virus and help public health officials with virus tracking.

Rowe discussed these topics during the Grand Ronde Tribe’s 10th Facebook Live event held on Wednesday, July 22. Also attending were Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tribal Council members Michael Langley and Lisa Leno. Other staff in attendance included General Manager David Fullerton, Finance Officer Chris Leno and Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez.

Rowe also announced relatives could begin visiting the Tribe’s Adult Foster Care residents after the Oregon Health Authority authorized the Tribe’s outdoor visitation plan. Masks and hand sanitizer are being provided for friends and family who want to visit.

“Isolation can really impact your entire health,” Rowe said. “If you’re in a vulnerable population, it compounds that.”

Fullerton announced that there is assistance for those who need help with rent, mortgage or paying utilities. Additionally, the Tribe plans to start a child care stipend program in the fall, the details of which are pending.

Mercier spoke about a pending Tribal member loan program, which would potentially include loans of up to \$5,000, but likely begin at \$1,000.

“We’re probably going to start slow,” he said. “If people demonstrate the ability to pay it back, we may increase the eligible amount.”

The loan program is to help deter cash-strapped Tribal members from using payday loan companies, which often charge exorbitant fees and high interest rates.


“We will need to determine the terms, interest rates, late fees, and age and income requirements,” Mercier said. “We’re on the way to producing something.”

Lisa Leno discussed the five advisory vote questions to be placed on the upcoming ballot. For the fourth year in a row, Tribal voters will be asked their opinions on various topics when they cast their ballots for Tribal Council during the Sept. 12 election.

The questions include whether to move forward with a constitutional amendment removing parent on the roll at the time of birth as a requirement for enrollment, whether to build a walking path from the Grand Meadows mobile home subdivision to Spirit Mountain Casino, whether to increase the Tribe’s investment in environmental stewardship, whether to allow electronic voting and whether to evaluate establishing a child care center in Grand Ronde.

“We’re really excited about these and want to thank the members for showing up to our community meetings to have these discussions, as well as people who e-mailed and sent in ideas,” Leno said. “It’s an opportunity for the membership to use their voice.”

About 160 people logged in to watch the Facebook Live event. ■



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# Graduate tile



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**Early Childhood Education pre-school graduate Beth Hedrick works on painting her tile near the grove of trees close to the Elders Activity Center on Monday, July 20. The tile will join other tiles painted by graduates that line the hallway in the Early Childhood Education building.**



**Early Childhood Education pre-school graduate Beth Hedrick smiles while having her graduation photo taken by Mawich class assistant teacher Josh Biery, right, along with her mother Emma Leno-Hedrick near the grove of trees close to the Elders Activity Center on Monday, July 20.**

## Feds: August virus relief payment now requires an application first

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

Adult Tribal members wanting to receive the scheduled \$600 COVID-19 Relief Program payment from the Tribe on Aug. 14 will have to fill out an application first to receive the funding.

According to posting on the Tribal government's website, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has issued new guidance regarding the payments, which the Tribe has designated as non-taxable general welfare payments that are made to the approximately 4,500 adult members.

The new federal guidance requires that each Tribal member complete an application for the program.

"Governments have discretion to determine how to tailor assistance programs they establish in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency," the federal guidance states. "However, such a program should be structured in such a manner as will ensure that such assistance is determined to be necessary in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and otherwise satisfies the requirements of the CARES Act and other applicable law.

"For example, a per capita payment to residents of a particular jurisdiction without an assessment of individual need would not be an appropriate use of payments from the fund."

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

Adult Tribal members were scheduled to each receive \$600 on June 24, July 17 and Aug. 14, Finance Officer Chris Leno said. The new

application requirement only affects the Aug. 14 payment and Tribal members have until Friday, Aug. 7, to submit an application that can be found on the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org).

The application also was included in the July *Tilixam Wawa* that was mailed to adult Tribal members in late July and appears in this issue of *Smoke Signals*.

The program's 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 public formula for determining allocations to Tribes.

The three summer disbursements bring the total number of coronavirus 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.

Adult Tribal members were scheduled by the end of summer to have received \$2,600 in virus relief financial aid, which is approximately 56 percent of per capita distributed in 2019.

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. ■

## Fee assistance

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# Reibach receives lifetime achievement honor from Global Music Awards

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach has received the Odyssey Award for lifetime achievement in music from the La Jolla, Calif.-based Global Music Awards.

The award was announced on the Global Music Awards' website on Wednesday, July 15. He joins film composer Alan Williams and jazz bassist Ron Carter, who have previously won the award.

"Jan's talent, creativity, quality of his work and generous contributions to other musicians are unique in the field of music," Global Music Awards' website states. "We appreciate his insistence on using and supporting the many skilled crafters of Native American-style flutes. Jan has been a pivotal force in promoting and sharing both traditional and new Native American music in America and around the world."

Reibach, 54, has released 25 full-length albums, as well as hundreds of singles and solo works. His recordings have garnered more than 70 awards, multiple Native American Music Awards honors and he has been inducted into the One World Music Radio Hall of Fame.

"Looking Wolf has pioneered a trail into new areas for the Native American flute that spans musical genres, including country, folk, rock, new age, classical, blues, jazz and even a solo on a rap/hip hop album. He has collaborated with dozens of other renowned Native American music recording stars in the studio and live on stage," states the Global Music Awards' website. "Over the years, he has recorded music for several causes, including social justice, youth drug and alcohol prevention, children's cancer research, global fracking, homelessness and much needed help for victims of natural disasters."

"For me, music without purpose is like paint without a canvas," Reibach said. "As an Indigenous person, I always feel close with my ancestors. However, as a human being I feel connected to Mother Earth, Father Sky and everyone in between. The purposes of my music is to help inspire healing, peace and harmony for all people of the world. After all, regardless of



Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach

our ethnicity, we are all indigenous to the Earth, and in that way we belong to one Tribe together."

In addition to his musical output, Reibach instructs classes in Native American flute in the Music Department at Oregon State University in Corvallis and is the author of two published books centered on the Native American flute.

"I've had the unique privilege of years of listening to hundreds of musical traditions around the world," said Global Music Awards founder Dr. Thomas Baker. "For those of us who live in North America, Native American music is our most undervalued original art form. The cultural bias fostered by Hollywood movies and television about Native Americans and their music was never accurate and does not credit the dynamic, diverse nature of traditional and contemporary Native American music. It's accurate to say that most Americans do not understand the depth of traditional Native American music, nor have they heard the contemporary music of exceptional artists like Jan Michael Looking Wolf."

Reibach, who combines Kalapuyan and Irish ancestry, also works for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde as its Lands Department manager.

To read more, visit <http://www.globalmusicawards.com/Odyssey.html>. ■

## 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

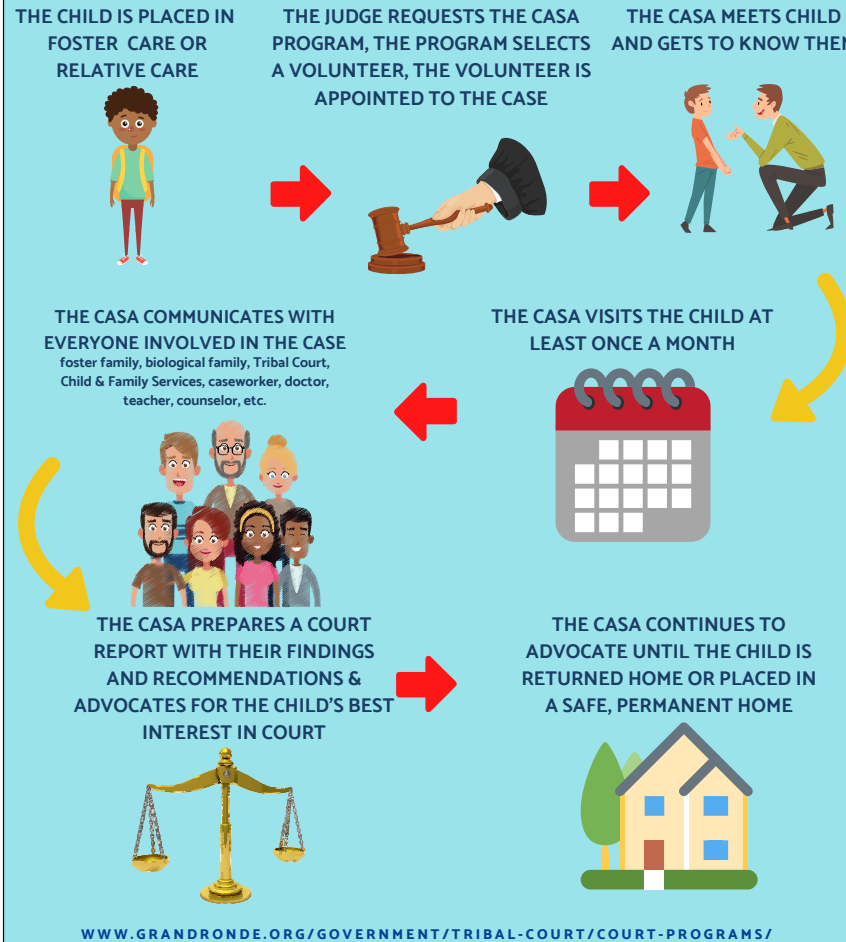
After further discussion, it was decided that the standard Tribal Council election voting process, with appropriate COVID-19 mitigation, would be the best course of action. The purpose of the proposed amendments adopted on June 24, 2020, was to remove the temporary 2020 Tribal Council election voting 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).

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# Summer sprays



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Early Childhood Education hosted a social distance socialization for the Early Head Start home-based families and the West Valley Fire District on Tuesday, July 28. Families enjoyed snacks while watching the fire department use its hoses and flashing lights. In non-pandemic times the families would visit the fire station, interact with firefighters and talk about fire safety.



Tribal descendants Ivar Hunt, 2, and Barrett Hunt, 5, check out bags of snacks as their mother, Ariel Hunt, looks on during Early Childhood Education’s social distance socialization for the Early Head Start home-based families and the West Valley Fire District on Tuesday, July 28.

# Transition of fire station will take five years

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12 an authorization to proceed that instructed General Manager David Fullerton to renegotiate a memorandum of understanding with the West Valley Fire District to include a “comprehensive transition plan” for the Grand Ronde Tribe to assume operations of the fire station at Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.

In addition, Fullerton was directed to file the appropriate documents to register the fire station as being owned and operated by the Tribe, which might provide an “increase in external funding opportunities.”

Fullerton also was directed to oversee the transition plan and re-organize the Emergency Management Program now located at the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department to assume fire station operations.

The authorization to proceed established a \$50,000 operating budget for the 2020 budget year for fire station management.

The Tribe and West Valley Fire District signed an intergovernmental agreement in July 2009 to build and operate the fire station in Grand Ronde. The \$1 million fire station opened in June 2010, substantially cutting response time for fire and medical emergencies in the Grand Ronde area.

Throughout the last decade, the Tribe has budgeted hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to fund operations at the fire station.

The West Valley Fire District recently joined two other fire departments – Sheridan and Southwest Polk – to form one district for fire and emergency medical services. The intergovernmental agreement took effect on July 1, 2019. The new district covers 535 square miles and includes eight fire stations, including the one in Grand Ronde.

“A Tribally controlled, equipped and staffed fire station centrally located in Grand Ronde is an effective and efficient means to provide an enhanced level of fire and emergency medical services to Tribal lands and promotes sovereignty,” states the new intergovernmental agreement with the West Valley Fire District.

During the five-year transition, the Tribe will continue to fund personnel to staff the fire station while the Tribe and West Valley Fire District will work to recruit Grand Ronde Tribal members for full-time positions and work to identify and recruit volunteers.

The Tribe has already applied for several federal grants that would help purchase firefighting equipment and an ambulance for the local fire station.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the Tribe’s \$30,000 annual membership dues to the National Congress of American Indians and appointed Tribal Council member Michael Langley as the principal delegate;
- Approved 99-year master ground lease for 36-lot Grand Meadows manufactured home subdivision. Previously, the lease could only be extended for 50 years, Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach said during the Tuesday, July 21, Legislative Action Committee hearing;
- Approved a contract with Perlo Construction of Tualatin to perform improvements on the Tribe’s new property in Salem. The Tribe purchased the Willamette Professional Center at 1011 N.E. Commercial St. N.E. in early May and will use the facility to expand Tribal health care services that will include medication-assisted treatment for those battling opioid addiction;
- And approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the July 22 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that support the Molalla Fire District using a color logo on its fire engines that depicts elements of the Molalla story about Coyote and Grizzly, and agrees to sign a petition seeking to rename Dead Indian Memorial Road in southern Oregon that is being circulated by former Tribal Historian David Lewis.

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. ■

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# Guidance will continue to be updated

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fewer than 100 students, students with disabilities and programs such as career technical education will be made provided there is not active COVID-19 school community spread. Also, county cases must be below 30 per 100,000 people in the past seven days for three weeks, and positive test results county-wide must be less than 5 percent in the preceding seven days for three weeks.

At a news conference discussing the new requirements, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced she would earmark \$28 million to be distributed through the Emergency Education Relief Fund to enhance online learning and technology for schools.

The Oregon Department of Education's "Ready Schools, Safe Learners" guidance allows schools to utilize three instructional models: on-site, distance learning or a combination of both. However, Director Colt Gill noted during the July 28 news conference that in the six weeks since it was written, coronavirus case numbers in Oregon have risen steadily.

The guidance will continue to be updated based on COVID-19 effects, input from educators and families, review of equity for students, efforts in other countries and guidance from Brown's Heathy Schools Reopening Council. The final update before classes begin will be issued on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

When in-person classes resume, the Department of Education has mandated mask wearing for all kindergarten through high school students and staff. Earlier versions of the return-to-school plan recommended, but did not require, face coverings for students, or for staff to wear face coverings in all circumstances.

"The new requirement is in response to mounting evidence that face coverings are effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19," the department stated in a press release.

To help school districts meet the requirement, the Department of Education will distribute 5 million face coverings to school districts during the next few weeks. These are not considered medical-grade masks.

All school districts are required to make operational plans available on their websites and submit the link to the department no later than Monday, Aug. 17.

### Willamina plans

A majority of Grand Ronde Tribal students in preschool through 12th grade attend school either on the Tribal campus or at Willamina, Sheridan, McMinnville or Salem-Keizer school districts, with the highest percentage attending Willamina schools.

Willamina Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick is in the process of creating a re-entry plan with a team of teachers, administrators, facility supervisor, nutrition supervisor,

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transportation representative, Tribal Education Manager Angela Fasana and parents.

The group conducted a parent survey and received 430 responses out of 535 total households.

"We were really pleased with the results and plan to complete our plan in early August and have it submitted prior to the deadline required by the Oregon Department of Education," Zimbrick said.

Originally, the district was planning a hybrid model, but the updated metrics have required a switch to a fully online model to begin the school year.

In a letter to families, Zimbrick said that bringing children onsite was a priority for the community and staff, and the hybrid plan does that while safely meeting the physical distancing requirements and student restrictions.

"Unfortunately our plan must shift to short-term distance learning to begin the school year," she said. "The OHA and ODE recently established COVID-related metrics to determine when Oregon school districts can re-open to onsite instruction. In order to safely open to onsite instruction, the Willamina School District must meet the metrics for both Yamhill and Polk counties as well as a 5 percent or less test positivity rate for the state. The new metric calls for maintaining 10 or less cases per 100,000 people for three weeks and a test positivity rate of 5 percent or less for three weeks. Currently, Yamhill County is at 39.2 cases per 100,000 and Polk County is at 47.6 cases per 100,000."

The district has a projected start date of Tuesday, Sept. 15.

"We do have some time to see those numbers decrease, but meeting the three-week standard may

not be realistic," Zimbrick said. "We all believe it is important to see students to the greatest extent possible: To provide academic support, social and emotional support, and to be perfectly honest, we miss our kids. ... Once we meet the criteria our short-term distance model will shift back to the hybrid model and students may return to campus."

The district's hybrid model has students attending in-person either in the morning or afternoon, with Monday used for preparations for distance learning. The district also will try to group families together in scheduling. The second option is for students to continue full-time online learning, where they will work completely from home while receiving support services from the district.

### Grand Ronde plans

On the Grand Ronde campus, the Early Childhood Education program, which serves preschool-aged students, is developing a re-opening plan. It restricts class sizes, keeps children and staff separate in groups, and includes extensive disinfecting and daily health screening for children and staff.

All staff will be required to wear masks and face shields. Students will not be required to wear masks, which is in alignment with guidance from the Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority, Early Childhood Education Program Manager Angie Blackwell said.

The plan was reviewed by General Manager David Fullerton, Pediatrician Dr. Allison Empey and Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe, and the program's Policy Council.

"Our first day of school was

set for (Thursday) Sept. 10, but will be dependent on the trend in (COVID-19) cases and is subject to postponement," Blackwell said. "If we are not able to open physically, we will continue to offer distance learning opportunities via Google Classroom, Zoom and Facebook, just as we are doing throughout the summer. Likewise, if we open and then have to close again, we will revert back to distance learning."

Chinuk Language Program Manager Ali Holsclaw has been working with Blackwell to develop a re-opening plan for its early childhood program. The opening date, distance learning plans and mask requirements are the same.

The Chinuk kindergarten through fourth-grade program is currently working on options with guidance from the Oregon Department of Education.

"We are currently waiting on Willamina's finalized re-opening plan in order to really know what we can offer and how," Holsclaw said. "Our students are enrolled at Willamina as well and usually spend the second half of their school day there. So, once we have their plan we can get to work on ours, but in the meantime we are brainstorming options and looking outside the box to make sure we offer as much as we can to our families."

### Salem-Keizer, other plans

In the Salem-Keizer School District, officials identified students in kindergarten through second grade as needing priority for in-person classes to help them build learning skills. Students in third through 12th grade were set to begin a hybrid model of in-person and distance learning.

However, after the new guidance was released July 28, Superintendent Christy Perry announced that all students will begin the first nine weeks of the school year in comprehensive distance learning.

"We know this is heartbreaking for those students and families who were counting on in-person learning in September," Perry said. "This direction from the state prioritizes the safety of our educators, children and families, and community."

In October, district leaders will review metrics to establish a timeline to move into blended learning in mid-November.

This means students in kindergarten through 10th grade will not attend in person until the week of Nov. 16 at the earliest. Juniors and seniors will not attend in person until the second semester at the earliest, which begins on Feb. 2.

Students will attend school on Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday, with Monday being used as an additional support day as needed. The district also will continue to offer students a new, comprehensive, fully online learning program called Enhanced Digital and Guided Education.

"The cohort schedule allows for comprehensive isolation and trac-

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# Administrators focused on safety and education

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ing in the event of a COVID-19 case,” a press release stated. “This enables the district to have targeted closures instead of a system-wide shut down.”

The district stated that when creating the plan it focused on recognizing the “disproportionate impact” of the pandemic on communities of color, families experiencing poverty and students with disabilities.


“Administrators are focused on providing students with a safe, personal and rigorous education that still follows the SKPS mission statement during a worldwide pandemic. Just as COVID-19 news is rapidly evolving, so is the SKPS reentry plan.”

Salem-Keizer Public Schools also will implement a later start to the school year. The week of Sept. 8 will be used to establish connections with students and families. Comprehensive distance learning will begin Monday, Sept. 14.

The McMinnville School District was planning for two 2020-21 school options: A hybrid learning opportunity where elementary school students attend school in person full-time, and middle and high school students attend school two days a week and participate in remote learning three days a week. The other option is an all-remote learning model that follows state Department of Education guidelines, including “real time” teaching and learning, and recorded teaching and learning.

However, the district has now transitioned to comprehensive distance learning.

“At this time, we believe this learning model will last through the fall,” the district website stated. “In order to prepare a quality system ... the first day for students will be delayed to Monday, Sept. 14. We appreciate the feedback that was provided in the spring in response



*“This pandemic has sure taken a toll on many things. All we can keep doing is look for the positive and find the happiness in the situation we are given.”*

**~ Ramona Quenelle**

to the emergency teaching that occurred remotely from March to June. We have used that feedback along with the ODE guidance to create a plan for this fall.”

Sheridan School District Superintendent Dorie Vickery said students will be provided a combination of distance learning and in-person instruction following guidance from the state.

However, given the new requirements and current county case numbers, the district also will need to start the school year with comprehensive distance learning. Vickery posted the information to the district’s Facebook page July 29.

“At this time, Yamhill and Polk counties do not meet the criteria,” it stated. “The Sheridan School District will offer comprehensive distance learning to start the school year. Additionally, there is a level of criteria that allows for providing in-person instruction for kindergarten through third grade and other specialized groups of students. ... Currently, Yamhill and Polk counties do not meet that criteria either. If the numbers change over the next few weeks, we will begin the transition process for K-3 in-person instruction and teaching specialized groups of students.”

In the next few weeks, the district will provide more information regarding its comprehensive distance learning model.

When in-person classes begin, they will be conducted with 36 square feet per person, bringing class sizes to approximately 13 to 15 students in each classroom.

Currently, school is scheduled to begin Monday, Aug. 31. However, the calendar may be adjusted, pending School Board approval, for a Tuesday, Sept. 8, start date.

“It is my hope that the numbers will improve in both counties as everyone continues to wear face coverings and practice social distancing,” Vickery said. “Thank you for your continued support of Sheridan School District and our community.”

The pandemic also will affect how services are delivered at Chemawa Indian School in Salem. On Monday, July 27, Oregon Public Broadcasting posted an article that the school will be fully remote until at least January 2021. Chemawa has been a residential school for Native American students continually for 140 years.

According to the article, the Bureau of Indian Education intends to fund necessary technology to assist with remote education to Tribal Reservations across the country.

**Parental concerns**

Tribal member and employee Candi Henry’s daughter is enrolled in the Willamina School District.

“I would like very much for her to be able to attend school this fall. I feel like the classroom setting provides the best learning environment for the majority of students,” she said.

Henry added that she is, however, a “safety first” kind of mom.

“I do not disregard or downplay this virus and the importance of doing my part to keep our family safe and others in the community,” she said. “I think that is very important to all of us to protect our loved ones. I believe our schools care very much about our children as well and will make choices about re-opening based on what is best for the families in our communities.”

The family, like many others, participated in online schooling to finish the 2019-20 school year.

“It went well other than a few technical glitches,” Henry said. “The teachers did really well at putting it together on very short notice. If online schooling is what is offered for the fall, our family will gladly participate and be grateful for the teachers’ continued efforts in providing an education for all students.”

Ramona Quenelle, the Tribe’s Veterans’ Services Officer, has six children ranging in ages from 4 to 17. Switching from classroom learning to all-online has been a challenge at times, especially with herself and her husband both employed full-time.

“I am willing to wait until the COVID numbers go down and I

feel safe about sending my children back to school,” she said. “However, during the shutdown it was very stressful. Even though the kids were doing online learning, the amount of work there was to do each day required at least a half day of instruction just to keep up with all of the subjects. If there isn’t a parent to lead, it’s a mess.”

Her three youngest children participate in the Chinuk Immersion Program in Grand Ronde and attend Willamina Elementary School. Two of the older children attend Willamina High School.

Grand Ronde, like many rural areas, has scant access to child care, particularly since the pandemic began. Before that, parents often relied on family members or the Tribe’s Youth Education Department after-school and summer programs to help keep their children safe and occupied.

“If my older children have to go back to school physically, but the little kids don’t, that would put me in a situation where I have no child care, which will impact my work and my job,” Quenelle said.

The Tribe is in the process of creating a child care stipend, a move that was announced Wednesday, July 22, during a Facebook Live event. However, the details have not yet been finalized.

“There is no better time than now to take care of child care,” Tribal Council member Michael Langley said. “We know schools will face challenges and kids will be home part-time. In many families, both parents also work full-time. We want to help them.”

Quenelle noted that the part-day, in-person learning option Willamina is considering has left her with questions about student safety.


“I’m not sure if having the kids attend school three hours a day, every day will expose them to just as much risk as if they were attending full-time, so I’m not sure it makes sense,” she said.

Quenelle gave examples of potentially cramped buses, and the congestion at entry and exit points.

“This is an unfortunate situation all the way around. Trying to keep positive has been very beneficial though. And, enjoying the time with my family has been priceless.”

Her youngest children are missing their friends, teachers and activities. Her high school students miss the social aspects of in-person learning. Quenelle’s oldest daughter, Corina, also was unable to work regularly at her part-time job until recently due to the state shutdown.

“Another thing that really impacts the kids is missing out on their summer,” Quenelle said. “The Youth Education Program has a great summer program with so many activities and things to do. They didn’t get to do any of the cultural events such as Canoe Journey and now with all the powwows canceled, it has been like a huge vacuum sucking the air out of everything. ... This pandemic has sure taken a toll on many things. All we can keep doing is look for the positive and find the happiness in the situation we are given.” ■




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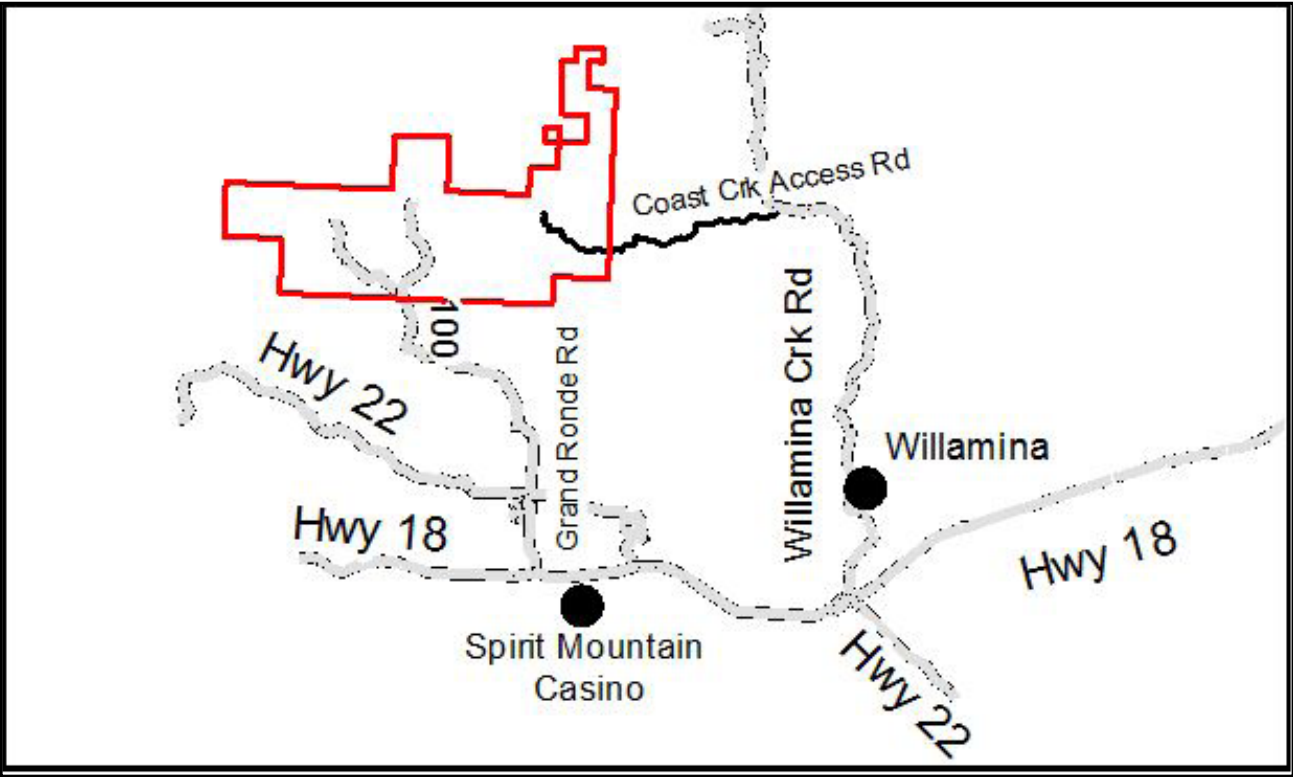
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# 2020 Tribal hunting tag

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.

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.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

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

NOV 18 - NOV 20, 2020

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

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

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

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY

MUZZLELOADER ELK (ANY)

DEC 5 - DEC 20, 2020

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

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

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

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

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AUG 24 - AUG 28, 20
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# Tribe receives apology from Willamette Falls Trust regarding its contractor’s cultural insensitivity

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

After receiving a July 13 letter from Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, the Willamette Falls Trust has apologized to the Tribe for its contractor’s cultural insensitivity during recent public presentations.

Willamette Falls Trust, a nonprofit organization raising money to build a walkway to Willamette Falls, hosted an online public presentation that prompted Kennedy’s letter.

“The recent presentations ... have caused our people significant harm and concern,” Kennedy wrote, citing historical and cultural inaccuracies and the mispronunciations of Tribal names. During the presentation, Grand Ronde Tribal staff members were unable to comment or provide insight because the comment function was turned off and only Willamette Falls Trust and its contractors were able to speak and be heard.

“The Trust and its contractor, MASS Design Group, have failed to recognize and respect the sovereignty of the Tribe at this sacred site,” Kennedy wrote about not seeking the Tribe’s input before the presentation to ensure historical and cultural accuracy.

Kennedy also complained that the public presentation had conflated the history of Celilo Falls with that of Willamette Falls by using slides of the waterfall submerged by Bonneville Dam.

“The history of Celilo Falls is a painful part of the colonial history

on the Columbia River to many Tribes, but the Trust and its contractor should understand the differences between these places and not conflate them,” Kennedy wrote.

A principal with MASS Design Group also used the term “discovery” several times during the presentation “seemingly unaware of the harmful colonial implication of such language to Native people,” she wrote.

Kennedy said the indigenous story of Willamette Falls must be told by indigenous people.

“We have not given permission to the Willamette Falls Trust, its staff or contractors to tell the indigenous story of Willamette Falls. The story of our people is ours to tell. That is our way. It is a matter of social justice, and efforts to decolonize and begin healing require it,” she said.

Kennedy also criticized the Trust’s actions after the presentation.

“Following the presentations, our many respectful attempts to request copies of the slides to review the content for accuracy were refused by both the Willamette Falls Trust staff and MASS,” she wrote.

To move forward, Kennedy asked for a re-examination of the appropriate roles of the Willamette Falls Trust vs. the roles of the Tribe as well as reconsideration of the trust’s contractors because they “have demonstrated neither the expertise nor the credibility to carry out this work.”

“We ask that you commit to the principles of transparency, account-

ability and partnership, and change practices and processes going forward,” Kennedy said.

Willamette Falls Trust Board Chair Jodi Bailey acknowledged in a July 20 formal apology that there was “significant harm from the recent presentations we hosted.”

“We made a mistake in failing to center the voices and guidance of the Tribe, and in doing so, failed to recognize and respect the sovereignty of the Tribe. ... While we have and will make mistakes, we will continuously strive to do better,” Bailey wrote.

She also promised that the nonprofit organization will improve collaborative efforts with the Grand Ronde Tribe, which purchased the 23-acre Blue Heron Paper Mill site in August 2019.

“In honoring these efforts, we recognize that the success of this project is not possible without meaningful collaboration with Tribal governments,” Bailey wrote.

Metro regional government officials who asked Willamette Falls Trust to help with public engagement said that there is “room for improvement,” according to Willamette Falls Legacy Project Manager Brian Moore.

“Navigating the various needs of each of the Tribes is a complex and sensitive process, and there are a lot of opportunities for missteps,” Moore said. “We can begin crafting meaningful changes to the scope of work for the Trust and MASS, going forward, in support of the Legacy Project.”

During its July 20 board meeting, Willamette Falls Trust also added five new board members, including

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Siletz Tribal Council member Robert Kentta and Umatilla Board of Trustees member Armand Minthorn.

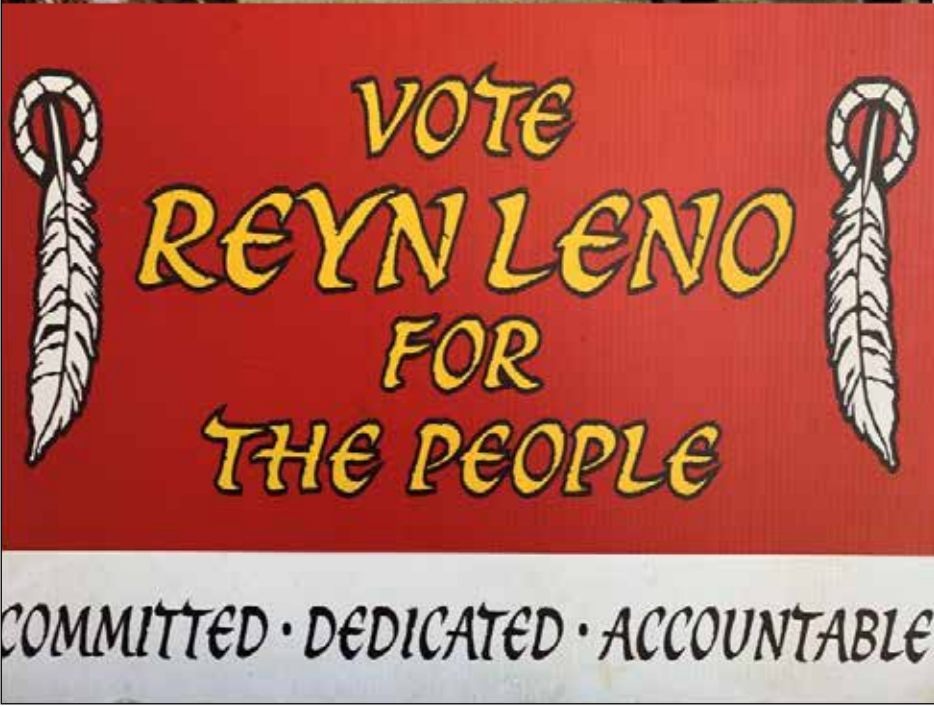

“It would be obvious to most everyone else that the Grand Ronde needs a seat on the board, but then they undermine us by asking other Tribes to take seats,” Kennedy was quoted as saying by the *Lake Oswego Review*. “In this day of racial equity, by and large the board there is not composed of minority people, so they’re making decisions that are wrong. ... We’re the sovereign nation that has the treaty for the entire metropolitan area. No other Tribe can say that.”

Despite the recent controversy, both Tribal and Metro officials say they remain committed to seeing the project through to provide public access to Willamette Falls.

“We share the same concerns and we’re committed to work with all the partners to work through the issues and build a great project,” Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said.

Initial estimates to build a walkway through the middle of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site were between \$20 million and \$33 million, but the Tribe now wants the walkway path to go along the river rather than along Main Street. An updated Phase One estimate puts the cost at about \$49 million. State officials have pledged \$10 million toward construction costs while Metro has \$20 million available from a bond approved by voters in November 2019. ■

*Includes information from the Lake Oswego Review.*



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# Senate Indian Affairs Committee advances Reservation Act fix

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs advanced on Wednesday, July 29, a bill that would 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.

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 survey error, the Grand Ronde Tribe determined the parcel, called the Thompson Strip, was unmanage-

able 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.

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 Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley. The bill now goes to the full Senate for possible approval.

“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. ■

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- Call 503-879-2097 for an appointment. ■

## STUDY CHINUK WAWA

Fall 2020 - Lane Community College  
CW101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa  
CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa  
Online course via Zoom  
Tu/Th 4-6pm - 4 credit hours  
These courses will be online all year – please join us from wherever you live!

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### Oregon – Idaho – Washington

Tribal Self Response Rates – July 21, 2020 | National Response Rate 62.3%

#### Oregon – 62.3%

Coos Lower Umpqua 60.0%  
Coquille 58.0%  
Celilo 55.0%  
Umatilla 52.4%  
Siletz 50.0%  
Grand Ronde 49.1%  
Burns Paiute 39.7%  
Warm Springs 38.1%  
Klamath 34.6%  
Cow Creek 30.9%

#### Idaho – 65.9%

Kootenai 84.8%  
Nez Perce 45.1%  
Coeur D’ Alene 38.9%  
Fort Hall 37.2%  
Duck Valley 11.6%

#### Washington – 67.7%

Port Gamble 77.9%  
Upper Skagit 69.7%  
Puyallup 69.0 %  
Lower Elwha 66.4%  
Port Madison 63.2%  
Swinomish 60.9%  
Tulalip 59.2%  
Muckleshoot 57.7%  
Nisqually 57.2%  
Nooksack 54.2%  
Quileute 52.8%  
Lummi 52.6%

#### Washington – 67.7%

Hoh 51.6%  
Shoalwater Bay 51.2%  
Squaxin Island 50.0%  
Chehalis 50.5%  
Yakama 49.7%  
Sauk-Suiattle 47.8%  
Skokomish 47.0%  
Quinalt 44.1%  
Makah 43.9%  
Kalispel 39.7%  
Colville 32.1%  
Spokane 31.0%



Deadline to Respond: October 31, 2020

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## 2020-21 Back to School SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



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)



## 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](http://grandronde.org)





# Veterans Royalty Court

Hello, my name is Kaleigha Simi, I am 14 years old and I will be entering my sophomore year at Willamina High School.

I am the daughter of Shannon Simi and Josh Baker. I am the granddaughter of Janet Titus and Virginia and Lonnie Roof. I am the great-granddaughter of Annabelle Poole, Robert Simi and Marvin and Eleanor Kimsey.

I come from the Rogue River, Molalla, Umpqua, Kalapuya and Wasco people.

In my free time I enjoy playing volleyball, traveling to powwows, participating in our canoe family, beading, sewing, crocheting, camping and spending time with my family, friends and my cat.


My plans after graduating high school are to attend Linfield College, followed by interning at OHSU to become a doctor. I'm still deciding what field of medicine I'd like to study. I am interested in becoming an anesthesiologist, a cardiothoracic surgeon or a neurosurgical doctor.

I have chosen to dedicate my year as the 2020-21 Senior Veterans Queen in honor of my two great-grandfathers, Marvin Kimsey who served in the Navy and Robert Simi who served in the Army.

To all veterans in all branches, current and past: thank you today and every day for your sacrifice, your bravery and your courage. May we always remember those who were/are missing in action, prisoners of war and those killed in action. May we never forget freedom isn't free.

It is an honor to serve not only our veterans, but our Tribe as a whole. I look forward to our future when we can gather again for powwows and celebrations.

Congratulations to the newly crowned Junior Miss Veterans Queen Tasina Bluehorse and the Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt, I look forward to serving alongside you both.



**Kaleigha Simi**

Hello, my name is Nacoma Liebelt.

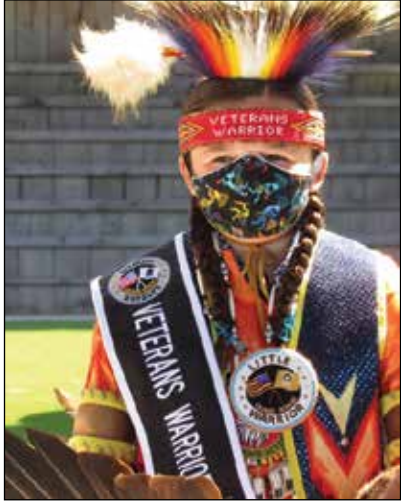
I am the current Grand Ronde Veterans Warrior for 2020-21.

I am 11 years old and going into sixth grade at Willamina Middle School. My parents are Levi and Nichole Liebelt. My grandparents are Denise Haskins and Joe and Penny Zimmer. My great-grandparents are Marilee Norwest and Kenneth and Darlene Lafferty.

I will be proudly representing my Tribe, my family, my great grandfathers who were veterans and all the past and present veterans for their service.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

Hayu masi



**Nacoma Liebelt**

Hello, my name is Tasina LutaWin Bluehorse.

I am 13 years old going into the ninth grade a McMinnville High School.

I'm currently the 2020-21 Junior Veterans Queen. This is my fourth year participating on royalty. I have enjoyed my years dancing. It has been an honor representing the Tribal veterans and my Tribe.

My parents are Tessa Grant and Anthony Bluehorse. Grandparents are Faye Smith Grant and Bruce Grant and my great-grandparents are Winifred Red-Eagle Smith and Lawrence Smith.

This year has been hard for me because of my mother's passing and COVID-19, but I am looking forward for a brighter future.

Hayu masi.




**Tasina LutaWin Bluehorse**

On Friday, July 10, the Veterans Special Event Board Royalty gathered at a quiet arbor to handle business that would typically be done in front of hundreds of guests attending the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. During the private event, Anthony Quenelle spoke on behalf of the Veterans SEB members to thank Mabel Brisbois, outgoing Veterans Senior Queen 2019–20, for her many years of service to the board. Following the honor song provided by Quenelle, the 2020–21 court was crowned with hopes to gather again for powwows and celebrations in the future. Stay safe. hayu masi




Photo by Shannon Simi

**2020-21 Court: From left, Veterans Senior Queen Kaleigha Simi, Veterans Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse and Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt.**



Photos by Chelsea Baranski

**2019–20 Court: From left, Veterans Senior Queen Mabel Brisbois, Veterans Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse and Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt.**



**Cedar crowns made by Brian Krehbiel. Beadwork on crowns and Veterans Warrior medallion by Savannah Ingram. Sashes and beaded sash pins by Susie Lash.**



# 2020 Annual Fish Distribution

Natural Resources  
Department  
Fish Lab  
47010 S.W. HEBO ROAD  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347  
503-879-2424

**When:**  
Thursday, Aug. 27, 2020 - 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 28, 2020 - 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 - 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

GRAND RONDE LIVING and ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS

**Must show current photo I.D.**

**\*\*NEW\*\*** This year fish will be handed out in a drive through system. Please follow the signage up the hill to the fish lab, receive your fish and then follow the new exit loop road out.

*"See Directions Above"*

We will be asking that you remain in your vehicles and the fish will be brought out to you. Thank you for understanding and consideration of others during this time.

**\*\*ALSO NEW\*\***

This year we will be changing how fish will be distributed to you! We will now grade the fish and each person will be given **one Grade "A" Fillet** and will have the **option** of taking multiple **Grade "B" fish**.

*"See fish grading chart"*

If picking up for others:  
A signed release AND **copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required!**  
No early or late pickups  
Fish will NOT be mailed

August 2020 Fish Distribution Release Example

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number , \_\_\_\_\_

Give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to pick up my salmon.

Signature of Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Portland Office Fish Distribution

Fish will not be available to those who do not preregister.  
Thursday, September 10th, 2020 at 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
Preregistration is required **BEFORE Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 4:00 pm.**  
Please contact Lisa Archuleta to preregister for pick up (503) 879-1881

We will be asking that you remain in your vehicles and the fish will be brought out to you. Thank you for understanding and consideration of others during this time.

Grand Ronde Editorial Board  
position opening

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 is one open board position.

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, Aug. 21, 2020**

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

Grand Ronde Editorial Board  
c/o Smoke Signals  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Phone: 503.879.1463  
E-mail: editorial.board@grandronde.org

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Beginning on Jan. 30 from Noon-1 p.m. Adult Education Building

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If you have questions feel free to contact:  
Audra Sherwood 503-879-2069 or Lyndsey Stuckey 503-879-2095



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. ■



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. ■

Tribal Council 2020 Christopher Mercier

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Dear Tribal Members,

Here are five legislative goals I’d like to accomplish:

- **Expand our Services:** New programs like Small Loans, a Foreclosure Prevention Grant, and Rental Assistance for First Month/Last Month/Deposit. Technology Allowance for laptop or PC purchase.
- **Continue to Inform our Membership:** Take advantage of new and innovative online media tools like podcasts, videos, and web-based conference apps like Facebook Live, Zoom, and others.
- **Expand and Enhance the Rights of Members:** Continue to increase the Right of Access to information for Tribal members, and amend our Constitution to enhance the basic rights of Tribal Members beyond voting, make Constitutional rights more realistic to exercise.
- **Focus on Sustainability:** Continue to invest in sustainable initiatives, tribally-owned businesses, and overall government practices.
- **Enrollment:** Revisit the 1999 amendment. Enact equality in enrollment requirements, and resolve the “split family” issue. Address the dwindling blood quantum and population growth issues.

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POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

This is an eight session class for Native parents, or parents of Native children including resource family/caregivers.

*Positive Indian Parenting explores traditional Native values in parenting in today's society, sharing the importance of family and community from prenatal to young adulthood.*

• Beginning July 15, 2020  
• Weekly Raffle for Active Participants  
• Virtual Parenting Class through Google Classroom  
• Sponsored by Grand Ronde Children & Family Services  
• You will need a computer or smart phone to access Google Classroom

Children & Family SERVICES

For more information, contact Joanna Brisbois at 503-879-2148

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

SOCIAL SERVICES 2020 SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM

Program is now open.  
This is a first-come, first-served program.  
Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Child must be of school age and enrolled in preschool, elementary, middle or high school.  
Income criteria applies.



Please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for an application.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III


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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**Friday, July 3**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with an animal complaint in the 28400 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Assist outside agency with a lost child in the area of AR Ford Road and Birch Avenue. Parents were located.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Lost property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate intoxicated driver in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18. Located the driver who was determined not to be intoxicated.

**Saturday, July 4**

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious person reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 2 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Single vehicle crash in the area of highways 18 and 22.

**Sunday, July 5**

- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up in the Willamina area.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Firehall Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 22.
- Assist outside agency with a multiple vehicle crash in the area of Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Disabled vehicle reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road. A female was transported to a local hospital.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Monday, July 6**

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant arrest in the area of highways 18 and 18B. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas on a valid warrant.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with an animal complaint in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a medical assist in the 9000 block of Fort Hill Road.

**Tuesday, July 7**

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. One female was cited and released for possession of methamphetamine and for two valid Marion County warrants. Another female was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Wednesday, July 8**

- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up in the 27800 block of Jahn Road.
- Assist outside agency with a medical call in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. A male was transported to a local hospital.
- Theft reported in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Found property in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a Department of Human Services case in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of highways 18B and 22.

**Thursday, July 9**

- Welfare check conducted in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 7 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of Highway 18 and Christensen Road.

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the Willamina area.
- Single vehicle crash reported in the area of milepost 28 on Highway 18.

**Friday, July 10**

- Traffic stop performed in the area of Highway 18 and Rowell Creek Road. A male driver was cited and released for driving while suspended (misdemeanor).
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic assist performed in the area milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Report of harassment in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop performed in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. A female driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

**Saturday, July 11**

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Alarm went off in the 28900 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 29700 block of Joe Day Way.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was transported to a local hospital.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 22900 block of Spirit Mountain Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 49300 block of Hebo Road.

**Sunday, July 12**

- Animal complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of highways 22 and 18B.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 12 on Highway 18.
- Alarm went off in the 28900 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Highway 22 and Mill Creek Road.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 9500 block of Sawtell Road.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the Willamina area.

**Monday, July 13**

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 10 on Highway 18.
- Domestic dispute in the area of Tyee Road and Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with suspicious activity reported in the area of Highway 22 and Sawtell Road.
- Assist outside agency with an information request in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

**Tuesday, July 14**


- Assist outside agency with a civil service in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Found property in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 30400 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate vehicle in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.

**Wednesday, July 15**


- Harassment reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was cited and released for harassment and disorderly contact.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a report of a burglary in the 28400 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Assist outside agency with an ordinance violation in the 28600 block

See POLICE LOG continued on next page





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**POLICE LOG continued from previous page**

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- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads. A male was arrested for valid Polk County warrant.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18B.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.

**Thursday, July 16**

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A male was arrested for a valid nationwide warrant for assault and escape.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Harassment reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Reported runaway in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. The juvenile was located and returned home.
- Assist outside agency with a report of shots fired in the area of milepost 15 on Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 16 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Noise complaint received in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.

**Friday, July 17**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 25600 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested on a valid warrant and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a warrant attempt in the 17700 block of Willamina Creek Road.
- Warrant attempt in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was cited and released for a valid municipal warrant.
- Warrant attempt in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was cited and released for a valid municipal warrant.
- Welfare check performed in the 25400 block of Tyee Road.

**Saturday, July 18**

- Welfare check performed in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 18.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 7 on Highway 22.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up in the 7100 block of Ash Road.
- Assist outside agency with a stolen vehicle in the 9500 block of Fort Hill Road.

**Sunday, July 19**

- Animal complaint received in the 47400 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of Willamina Creek Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hwy 18B and Yamhill River Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Monday, July 20**

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8700 block of Steel Bridge Road.
- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, July 21**

- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Tyee Road and Wind River Drive.
- Emotionally distressed person reported in the area of Tilixam Circle and Tyee Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Civil dispute reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Wednesday, July 22**

- Driving complaint received in the area of Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road.
- Welfare check conducted in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Animal complaint received in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Rowell Creek Road.
- Reported fire in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Thursday, July 23**

- Disturbance reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 29500 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a medical assist in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

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





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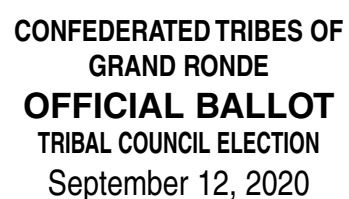


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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

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



## Novel Coronavirus

### Fact Sheet

#### What is novel coronavirus?

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

#### How does novel coronavirus spread?

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

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

#### How severe is novel coronavirus?

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

#### What are the symptoms?

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

##### Fever



##### Cough



##### Difficulty breathing



#### What should I do if I have symptoms?

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

#### Who is at risk for novel coronavirus?

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

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**Travelers to and from certain areas of the world may be at increased risk.** See [wwwnnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnnc.cdc.gov/travel) for the latest travel guidance from the CDC.

#### How can I prevent from getting novel coronavirus?

If you are traveling overseas follow the CDC's guidance: [wwwnnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnnc.cdc.gov/travel).

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

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



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

#### How is novel coronavirus treated?

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

### For more information:

[www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus)

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