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Tribal chair becomes a hologram to tell tale of Oregon's first people

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

OREGON CITY — Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy is no stranger to sharing the Grand Ronde Tribe's history and experiences with fellow Oregonians.

Now, she will share it every day for those who view the "Oregon's First People" film at End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive & Visitor Information Center. It has been closed for several months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Executive Director Gail Yazzolino is hopeful that it will be open sometime this spring.

"We are very excited about this film," Yazzolino said. "It is a dream come true ... a milestone to be at a point where we can share this project with the (Grand Ronde) community."

The film is expected to be complete by the end of November. Kennedy is featured as a hologram welcoming film viewers to Willamette Falls, which is located near the center.

"My ancestors are from this place," she says. "They lived in villages on these lands, fished at these falls and regulated commerce in the region for thousands and thousands of years. My great-grandfather was Chief Wacheno. He was a chief at Willamette Falls when the settlers arrived in Oregon."

Kennedy speaks about how the Native people became ill after the settlers arrived and eventually had their villages destroyed, plank-houses burned and were removed from their homelands.

"Today, we are rebuilding our community and our homelands,"

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

After sitting idle for several years, the site of the former Multnomah Greyhound Park in Wood Village, which is owned by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, has been identified as the location of a possible new Tribal casino.

Second casino?

Grand Ronde Tribe reassessing Wood Village property for gaming

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

WOOD VILLAGE — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, in reaction to the Siletz Tribe's proposal to build a casino in north Salem, is reassessing the former Multnomah Greyhound Park property in Wood Village for construction of a gaming facility.

The general membership was informed of the Tribe's plan during the Sunday, Oct. 4, General Council meeting.

"For our Tribe to be prepared, we are looking at

putting the Wood Village property into trust for the purposes of gaming," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said on Wednesday, Sept. 30, with the provision that the information remain embargoed until after the General Council meeting.

The Tribe purchased the former racetrack in east Multnomah County in December 2015 for \$10 million after it had been proposed twice as the possible site for Oregon's first privately owned casino. Oregon vot-

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Years of Service awards honor 72 employees

Higher Education Curriculum
Specialist/Academic
Adviser Mercedes Jones was
congratulated for five years
of employment during the
third-quarter Employee
Recognition event held in
the Tribal gym in September
2019. She reached the six-
year mark this year.



File photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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SEVENTY-two employees with a combined 1,105 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe were honored during the third quarter of 2020.

During previous years, fall honorees and other Tribal employees typically enjoyed a hearty breakfast served in the Tribal gym. However, due to the

COVID-19 pandemic, indoor group gatherings of more than 10 people have been prohibited, so no celebration is currently planned.

Leading those honored in employment longevity was Natural Resources Department Timber and Roads Program Manager Jeff Kuust, who

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
DATE TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 28.....10 a.m.

Four casino employees test positive for COVID-19

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy reported that there have been five active COVID-19 cases connected to Spirit Mountain Casino during a Wednesday, Oct. 14, Facebook Live event.

Kennedy said the cases include four employees and one close contact to an employee. She said the employees worked behind the scenes and not on the gaming floor.

Three of the employees live in the same household and do not reside in the Grand Ronde community. They are currently being quarantined and the areas where they worked at the casino have been thoroughly cleaned.

“COVID-19 must be taken seriously,” Kennedy said, adding that the Tribe has the highest regard for the health and safety of its casino guests and employees.

Kennedy added that the Oregon Health Authority delineates

an “outbreak” at a workplace as being two or more cases linked to the same worksite who have disease onset in the same 14-day period.

“We’re heartbroken that COVID-19 has touched so many members of our Tribal family,” she said. “As unfortunate as these recent cases are, it is also a reminder of the seriousness of this situation.”

Kennedy added that the Tribe is self-reporting the casino outbreak because of its sovereign status. “We believe this information is important. We are reporting it to remain consistent with the Oregon Health Authority’s practice.”

According to www.grandronde.org, the Tribal clinic has conducted 754 COVID-19 tests with 736 coming back negative. There have been eight positive retests of results from another county and 10 are new positive tests. ■

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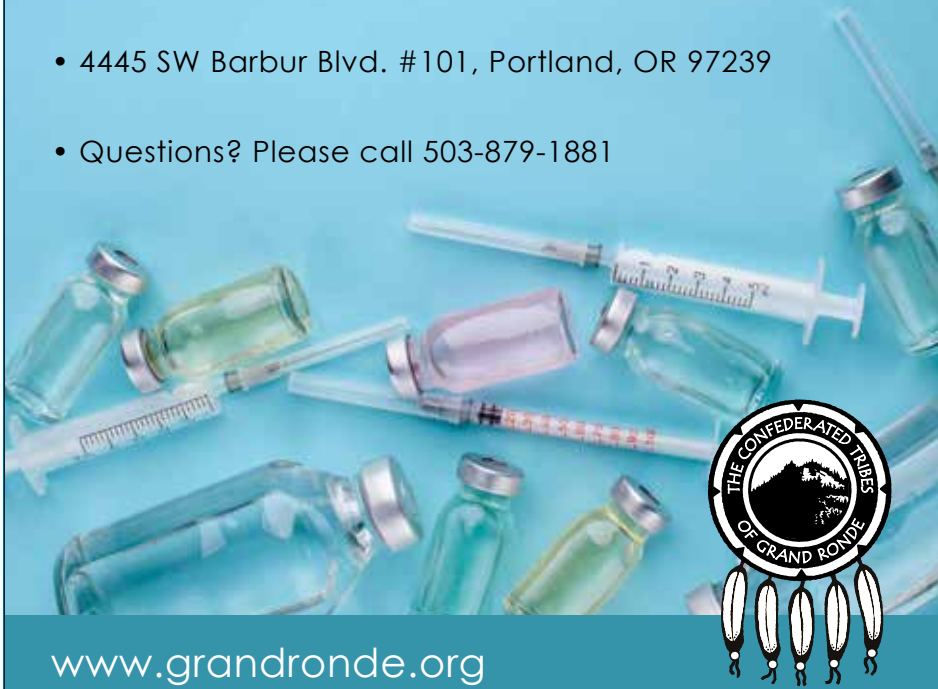
Tribal offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices also will be closed on Monday, Nov. 23, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day. Offices will be closing at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and closed Thursday through Friday, Nov. 26-27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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IN THE FUTURE



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October

- Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

November

- Sunday, Nov. 1 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., using the Zoom teleconferencing application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Veterans Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Nov. 23 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Tribal Restoration Day.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 26-27 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

(Editor’s note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe’s COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response throughout 2020.)

Certified Application Assisters at the Health & Wellness Center

Cassandra Rhomey is available to assist with recertification and applications for the Oregon Health Plan. She can be reached at 503-879-1359 or cassandra.rhomey@grandronde.org. Leah Bailey also is a Certified Application Assister available to help. She can be reached at 503-879-2197 or leah.bailey@grandronde.org. ■

Site clearing



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Work has started on clearing the site of the new Procurement and Information Services building on the two-acre Vetaly property just south of the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department off Grand Ronde Road on Friday, Oct. 2. Tribal Council approved construction of the new building in October 2019. The Tribe’s Procurement and Information Services employees currently work out of a modular and cramped quarters in the Governance Center, respectively.



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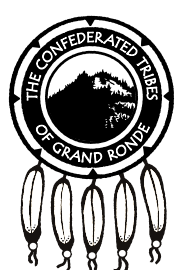
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COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives



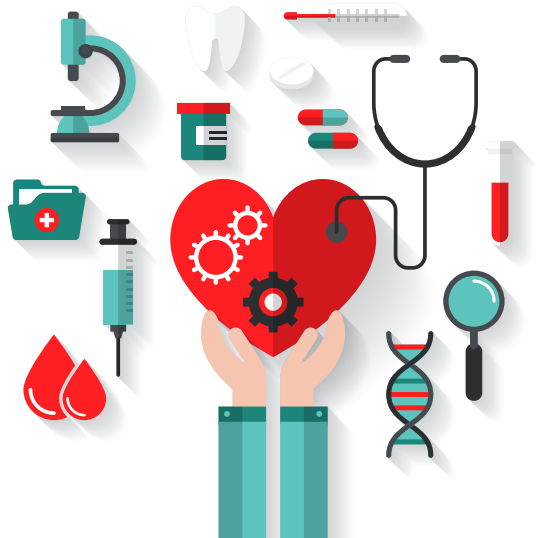
Community Health is pleased to announce the creation of a new program provided to the community. The COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives provide service to all Tribal members who have needs or questions regarding COVID-19.

The services provided include:

- Provides education on COVID-19 and preventive measures.
- Contact your primary care physician regarding questions about testing or exposure.
- Provides client services that promote holistic health and wellness practices.
- Conducts home visits.
- Health screening.
- COVID-19 safety items.

Other services provided:

- Help Assess Home Safety Improvement
- Connect America Safety Pendant Information and installation
- Fall Risk Prevention
- Recording vitals
- Medication Delivery



To inquire on how to get these services, please call Stephanie King at 503-879-2016 or Sam Thornsberry at 503-879-1693

General Council briefed on investments in executive session

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribal membership received its annual update on the Tribe’s investments during the Sunday, Oct. 4, General Council meeting held virtually using the Zoom teleconferencing app.

About 45 Tribal members, Tribal staff and representatives from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. attended the meeting. The 22-minute briefing was presented in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can reported on the content.

Baird Directors Joseph Hoon and Patrick Cronin made the presentation and fielded one question from the membership after they were finished.

Tribal members who did not attend the meeting, but would like to see the presentation, should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org

dronde.org or call 503-879-2304 to obtain a copy.

In other action, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced the Tribe’s intention to put the former Multnomah Greyhound Park property in Wood Village into trust for gaming purposes. For more details, see the *Smoke Signals* story on page 1 of this edition.

Hernandez said that an update on the Tribe’s Blue Heron property at Willamette Falls in Oregon City will be scheduled in the near future.

The next General Council meeting will review the draft 2021 Tribal budget at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, using the Zoom teleconferencing application.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Tribal Council OKs Elder housing roof replacements

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Just in time for what is forecast to be a cold and rainy western Oregon winter, Tribal Council approved during its Wednesday, Oct. 14, meeting a \$558,480 contract to replace the almost 20-year-old roofing on the first phase of the Elders housing development.

Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said during the Tuesday, Oct. 6, Legislative Action Committee hearing that the roofing project will affect 38 housing units located in 14 multiplex buildings on the Tribal campus.

The first phase of Elder housing was completed in 2001 and the contract was awarded to Washington Roofing Co. in McMinnville. The housing units have sheet metal roofing.

“The roofs need replacement” states the staff report regarding the project.

Mercier said the work will begin the week of Oct. 19.

In other action, Tribal Council:


- Approved executing a license agreement with Pacific Northwest Solar of Vancouver, Wash., to erect a solar farm on the 78-acre Risseeuw property at the northeast corner of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads once all permits are obtained and a lease is signed;
- Approved the Tribe’s 2021 Indian Housing Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The \$6.5 million plan, which outlines all eligible activities, will bring the Tribe \$3.1 million in new funding, Housing Department officials said during the Tuesday, Oct. 13, Legislative Action Committee hearing;
- Approved applying for a \$125,000 Oregon Department of Education grant for career technical education. The grant will pay for Baker Technical Institute to bring its simulator for heavy equipment training and certification to the Tribe. Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said during the Tuesday, Oct. 13, Legislative Action Committee hearing that about 18 Tribal and community youth would be eligible for the training;
- Approved applying to the Oregon Department of Education

for a \$150,000 grant that would fund two new academic adviser positions and an education/career coach for Tribal member students. The grant also would purchase three laptop computers;

- Approved acceptance of a \$35,000 Meyer Memorial Trust grant that would fund development of habitat restoration alternatives at the Tribe’s 425-acre conservation property Chankawan located in Marion County;
- Approved acceptance of a \$15,000 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant that would improve habitat conditions at the Tribe’s Rattlesnake Butte conservation property northwest of Junction City in Lane County;
- Approved acceptance of a \$22,500 Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District grant that will help to replant 29 acres of the 429-acre Chahalpam conservation property on the North Santiam River in Marion County. The replanting will take the acreage out of agricultural use and return it to traditional oak savannah, riparian vegetation;
- And approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Oct. 14 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that OK’d Tribal involvement in the Indigenous Gardens Network being facilitated by Southern Oregon University professor Dr. Brook Colley, approved the Natural Resources Department to purchase a track loader skid steer for a maximum of \$180,000 to maintain Tribal conservation properties and directed General Manager David Fullerton to develop policies and procedures for a technology grant program designed for Tribal Elders to purchase computers so they can participate in remote meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■



TRIBAL HOUSING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Housing Ordinance at the Sept. 2, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purposes of the amendments are (i) to allow the Tribe to reassign a lease when a tenant is in default on a HUD guaranteed mortgage; (ii) to update the necessary definitions; (iii) to recognize federal court jurisdiction in HUD foreclosure proceedings; (iv) to provide eviction procedures when tenants don’t comply with the terms of a federally insured loan; and (v) to clarify Tribal and federal government references throughout the Ordinance.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Tribal Housing Ordinance. 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, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Oct. 31, 2020. ■



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Grand Ronde Road repair delayed indefinitely

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

First it was smoky skies after Labor Day caused by numerous wildfires in western Oregon. Then it was a lack of potential bidders.

The scheduled repair work on Grand Ronde Road has been delayed for the foreseeable future, Tribal Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said on Thursday, Oct. 8.

“Polk County sent the project out to bid and received zero bids,” Mercier said. “We attempted to sole source the project, but was unsuccessful. We plan to maintain a ‘patch-as-we-go’ process until the pavers are ready to bid the project.

“I believe the lack of bids was mostly due to shutdowns resulting from COVID and wildfires. Polk called one paver and they answered with a ‘we are not working at all’ response.”

Tribal Council approved a memorandum of agreement with Polk County on repairing pot-hole-marked Grand Ronde Road during its Aug. 19 meeting.

Polk County, which has jurisdiction over the roadway, was to perform engineering and project management while the Tribe paid for the estimated \$45,000 in repairs as part of its Long Range Transportation Plan/Tribal Transportation Program.

Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker said the repairs involve patch paving to fix the pot-

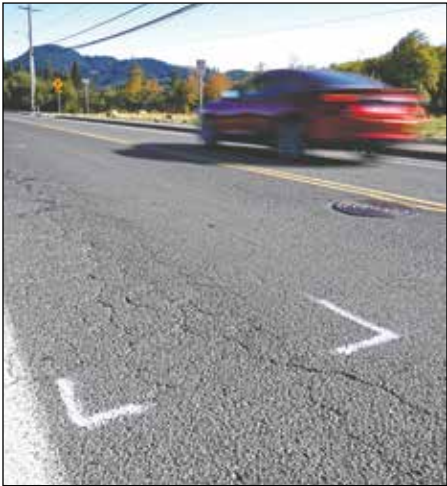


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Although white paint outlines the alligator cracking on Grand Ronde Road that needs to be repaired, the work will have to wait until pavers are ready to bid on the project.

holes and replacing the “alligator” cracking – interconnected cracking of the asphalt – to help keep the road in shape for a few more years.

Road repair work was originally set to begin in the second week of September and be completed by Sept. 30.

Grand Ronde Road was last significantly reconstructed in 2009 and completed in 2010 for \$4.8 million using a mix of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and Polk County funds.

The two main culprits causing the potholes and alligator cracking are a combination of moisture issues with Grand Ronde-area soil and heavy trucks using the road as a shortcut to Highway 18. ■

Tribe receives grant to fund domestic violence efforts

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received a \$789,997 U.S. Department of Justice grant that will help fund the Tribe’s efforts to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking and stalking.

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant is designed to enhance law enforcement and Tribal justice practices, expand victim services and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts.

The Tribe’s grant was part of the \$39.1 million administered by the Justice Department’s Office on Violence Against Women.

“OVW’s funding supports Native American and Alaska Native communities as they work across their communities to prevent and respond to gender-based violence,” said Office on Violence Against Women Principal Deputy Director Laura Rogers. “These awards represent the strong commitment that OVW has made to help protect the most vulnerable members of Tribal communities.”

The federal funds will help Grand Ronde hire a domestic violence relief advocate, domestic violence-focused police officer at the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department and supplement the salary of the current domestic violence manager in the Social Services Department. ■

Health Authority offers safe trick-or-treating tips

This year, it is more important than ever to put safety first because of COVID-19 cases that have increased recently and holiday gatherings on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day that led to more cases, says the Oregon Health Authority.

The Health Authority suggests choosing low-risk Halloween plans that can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, decrease the impact on Oregon’s health care system and save lives.

This year, the Health Authority is recommending that Oregonians avoid traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating because it is a high-risk activity for crowding among people outside your doorway. The recommendation aligns with the federal Centers for Disease Control, which also recommends families avoid traditional trick-or-treating.

Some ideas for safer, low-risk activities include holding online costume contests, watching a scary movie online, carving pumpkins with people in your household, decorating your house or apartment, or touring the neighborhood to look at decorated houses with members of your household.

“If you dress up in a costume, be careful to plan a costume that allows you to wear a face covering,” said State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger. “Halloween masks will not protect you or others from coronavirus. Wearing a cloth or disposable face mask that fits snugly and covers your mouth and nose is still required while wearing a costume, no matter how scary or silly your costume is.” ■

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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 Oct. 20.

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



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Grand Ronde's COVID-19 Relief team you probably haven't heard of.

Grand Ronde hired Sam Thornsberry and Stephanie King as the new COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives (COVID-19 CHR's). They are responsible for safely assisting the other CHR's with Tribal Elders' needs, disseminating up-to-date COVID-19 information to Grand Ronde and connecting members to the appropriate medical resources. In their unprecedented positions, King and Thornsberry told the Smoke Signals podcast they are "here and ready to help." You can contact King at 503-879-2016 and Thornsberry at 503-879-1693.

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



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Little Miss Grand Ronde Kalea Liebelt participates in the Teen Girls Fancy/Jingle dance.



Grand Ronde Tribal member Auburn Logan participates in the Grand Entry during the third annual Indigenous Peoples' Day event held on the Capitol Mall in Salem on Monday, Oct. 12.



Grand Ronde Tribal members Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt, Nichole Liebelt and Elder Sharon Wattier participate in an interTribal dance.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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Grand Entry participants make their way along the Capitol Mall, with the Capitol Rotunda in the background, during the third annual Indigenous Peoples' Day event held in Salem on Monday, Oct. 12.

‘Our staff is working diligently to put the land into trust’

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ers rejected the idea of a privately owned casino in the state in 2010 and 2012.

The Tribe announced in August 2018 that it intended not to develop the property, but instead put it on the market with the hopes of making a hefty profit after having cleared the property of a dilapidated grandstand and several out buildings.

In the interim, the Tribe sold 4.6 acres of the 31.5-acre site that included undevelopable wetlands to the city of Wood Village for use as a public park. More than 26.5 acres are still owned by the Tribe.

Fortunately, it appears, the Tribe could not find a buyer and then the Siletz Tribe, which operates Chinook Winds in Lincoln City, filed an application on April 30 of this year with the Department of the Interior’s Office of Indian Gaming to build an 180,800-square-foot casino just north of downtown Salem. The Grand Ronde Tribe subsequently took the Wood Village property off the market on July 10.

With the April 2017 opening of Ilani, the Cowlitz Tribe’s casino west of Interstate 5 about 17 miles north of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area, Salem has become an even more important market for Spirit Mountain Casino. If the Grand Ronde Tribe is successful in siting a casino in Wood Village, it would once again operate the closest gaming facility to the Portland metro area, just as it did for 22 years before Ilani’s opening.

Compromise unsuccessful

Kennedy said the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and Siletz Tribal Council held three teleconference meetings regarding the Salem casino



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no proposal, trying to create a plan that both Tribes could agree on.

“We had a couple of proposals that did not go anywhere,” she said. “At the end of the day, the writing was on the wall. We need to do what it takes to protect our people because the needs are great, as are theirs. We needed to develop a strategy on maintaining our revenues.”

The Siletz property located on 20 acres at the Portland Road Northeast exit east of Interstate 5 is already held in trust by the federal government.

The Grand Ronde Tribe will have to start the process of getting the Wood Village property taken into trust and applying to the Department of the Interior for permission to build a casino, a process that could take “multiple years,” Kennedy said.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said the Tribe will apply for the Interior Department

decision at the same time it applies to take the land into trust. Communications Director Sara Thompson told *Willamette Week* that the federal application will occur next year.

“Our staff is working diligently to put the land into trust,” Kennedy said while announcing the effort to the membership.

Hernandez added that the 2021 Tribal budget, which will be unveiled to the membership in November, will include funding for studies and casino planning.

State policy endangered?

The two Tribal casino proposals, if approved, will end the longstanding Oregon policy toward Native American gaming – one casino per Tribe on Tribal lands.

The Grand Ronde Tribe has not talked with Gov. Kate Brown about the proposal and contacted Wood Village city officials the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2 to broach the casino concept.

“Wood Village is an amazing location and the city is a great partner,” Thompson said. “We look forward to continuing that relationship.”

“The council for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were excellent partners in the process of recreating our town center master plan,” Wood Village Mayor Scott Harden said to the *Gresham Outlook* on Wednesday, Oct. 7. “We look forward to working with them on developing the land for the benefit of the citizens of Wood Village and the Tribal membership.”

Brown was noncommittal in a letter to Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Regional Director Bryan Mercier regarding the Siletz casino proposal. She said that the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act gives the governor an opportunity to concur or not with a determination.

“As the Secretary (of the Interior) has not yet made a determination, at this time there is no decision on which to concur or decline to concur,” Brown wrote. “Accordingly, I will wait for the Secretary’s determination before weighing in on this application. If the opportunity arises for me to concur or decline to concur on such a determination, I will make a decision at that time, consistent with my administration’s policy on Tribal gaming.”

Despite the potentially contentious competing casino proposals, Hernandez said the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes are successfully compartmentalizing their work on other projects, such as developing the 15.7-acre Chemawa Station in Keizer that the two Tribes have jointly owned since 2002 and repealing the consent decree.

“We’re making good ground on those projects,” Hernandez said.

As for the future of Spirit Mountain Casino, which the Grand Ronde Tribe opened in October 1995, Kennedy said it will likely continue to operate in some form even if the Tribe opens a gaming facility in Wood Village.

“This is uncharted territory for gaming in Oregon,” Kennedy said. “We don’t know what the effects could be.” ■

**mayka tiki chaku-
kamtaks chinuk wawa?**
Do you want to learn chinuk wawa?

The chinuk wawa language program will be offering weekly virtual “wawa workshops” for Tribal employees and community members!

Join us:

- Monday
- 12pm - 1pm
- October 19th
- Via Zoom

For more information or if you would like to sign up, please contact Zoey Holsclaw 503-879-1443 or zoey.holsclaw@grandronde.org

**Free Playgroup in
Grand Ronde!**

When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am
Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Who: Parents and Caregivers of children under 5 years.
Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!

Children & Family SERVICES

Family Building Blocks
Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

Kuust becomes the third employee to reach the 31-year mark

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reached the 31-year mark in working for the Tribe.

Kuust becomes the third employee to reach the 31-year mark, joining Health & Wellness Business Office Manager Tresa Mercier and Head Groundskeeper Gregg Leno as having worked more than three decades for the Tribe.

Joining Kuust in the three decades or more club were Health Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere, Staff Accountant Melanie Hubbard, Procurement Assistant Kelly Leno, General Manager's Office Administrative Assistant Barbara Branson and GED Coordinator Tracy Biery, who attained 30 years apiece.

In the quarter-century or more club were Tribal Attorney Rob Greene at 26 years, Social Services Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison with 27 years and Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson and Finance Officer Chris Leno, who both reached 28 years of service. Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Chinuk Immersion Preschool Teacher Jeff Mercier notched 29 years.

Achieving 20 or more years of service are Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D'Aquila and Cultural

Advisor Bobby Mercier, who both reached 24 years. Family Services Assistant Elaine Lane Raven, Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer and Swing Shift Supervisor Ben Bishop reached the 22-year mark and Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Cultural Resources Specialist Christopher Bailey reached 21 years.

Elementary Lead Matthew Bucknell and Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier hit 20 years of service.

Third-quarter award recipients were hired between July and September.

Employees received certificates and bonus checks in appreciation of their increasing tenure with the Tribe. In addition, those reaching the 10-year mark received a Tribal Pendleton blanket or an extra \$100 in their bonus check.

Employees honored during the third quarter included:

19 years: Security Department Supervisor Roel Hernandez, Purchase/Referred Care Health Care Payment Specialist Erica Mercier and Interpretive Coordinator Travis Stewart.

18 years: Audit Director Trudi Yoshikawa, Swing Shift Housekeeper Nathan Mueller, Treasury Manager Rick Andersen and Cook Kevin Campbell.

17 years: Benefits Special-

ist Peggy Carpenter and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson.

16 years: Health Information Technician Stephanie Simmons, Member Services Administrator Shannon Simi, Finance Executive Assistant Ken Trevino and Employment Specialist Brandy Hembree.

15 years: Housing Services Coordinator Deborah Kroeker and Health Information Technician Leanna Norwood.

13 years: Natural Resources Department Secretary Scarlett Holtz, Senior Help Desk Technician Alec Palanuk-Mercier, Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes, Preschool Bus Driver/Aide Jennifer Jerabek and Employment Specialist Misty Carl.

11 years: Mail Room/Printing Clerk Anna White, Help Desk Technician Spencer Olson and Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Freeman.

10 years: Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey, Health Information Technician Amanda McMahon, TERO Administrative Assistant Lori Sterling, Member Services Department Manager Veronica Montano, Maintenance Technician Gary LaChance Jr., Early Childhood Education Department Manager Angie Blackwell, Housing Maintenance Technician Michael

Lane, Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator Keri Kimsey and Adult and Family Services Supervisor Amber Zimbrick.

9 years: Vocational Rehabilitation Trainee Amber Yates, Medical Technologist Staci Pemble, Family Support Services Specialist Joanna Brisbois, Maintenance Technician Daniel Mooney and Legal Secretary Susan June.

8 years: Child and Family Services Caseworker Tara Summers, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, 477 Employment and Training Specialist Angey Rideout, Registered Nurse Tashina Blair, Senior Telecommunications Technician Mark Scheelar, Parks and Recreation Specialist Jerry Bailey and Social Services Secretary Darla Patterson.

7 years: Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier.

6 years: Health & Wellness Clinic Medical Director Lance Loberg, Curriculum Specialist/Academic Adviser Mercedes Jones and Food Sustainability Program Assistant Patricia Leclaire.

5 years: Housekeeper Jonathan Baker, Senior Help Desk Technician Braden Ebensteiner, Lead Chemical Dependency Counselor Joe Martineau and Tribal Police Officer Tokata Tehama. ■

'We needed to tell the whole story'

**HOLOGRAM continued
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she says. "We are a thankful people, even in hardship. For we know it has made us stronger and has given us the ability to succeed."

The 37-minute film was financed through grants, matching funds and in-kind donations.

"We've very close to completing it," Yazzolino said. "Cheryle's holograms are perfect and bring credibility to the film. We are very grateful for the involvement of the Grand Ronde Tribal leaders and staff."

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George serves on the Clackamas Heritage Partners Board of Directors, which operates the museum.

"I want to thank Cheryle," he said during a Legislative Action Committee meeting. "It's a great opportunity for us to be able to tell our story at the falls."

George and Yazzolino have been working on ideas for a film premiere, along with other projects.

Yazzolino first became interested in including more Tribal history at the museum after joining the staff in 2004. The museum temporarily closed in 2009 due to the recession and low visitor numbers. With the help of grants, it was able to reopen, and Yazzolino subsequently redid the business plan and pored through consultant reports to see where it could improve.

"One thing we needed to change was the programming," Yazzolino said. "We needed to tell the whole



Contributed photo

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, dressed in regalia, was filmed for the End of the Oregon Trail Museum's "Oregon's First People" movie. Kennedy will be transformed into a hologram and continually introduce the movie to museum visitors.

story. We made major changes and also reached out to the Tribe, and to the Oregon Black Pioneers."

The Tribe partnered with the museum on different projects, including signage describing the Tribe's ceded lands and the effects of westward migration. Tribal Elder and artisan Greg Archuleta,

Tribal Historian David Lewis and Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh led those efforts.

"It is historical signage that depicts the Native experience," Yazzolino said. "We wanted to enhance that again. Jon and I discussed future exhibit opportunities with the Tribe, and Cheryle and Greg talked about how cool it would be to have their story told. That dream never left us."

In early 2019, Yazzolino applied for and received a Metro Enhancement Grant for the film. Between the \$40,000 received from that, \$78,000 in matching funds from the Clackamas Heritage Partners general fund and \$15,015 of in-kind donations from the Tribe, the interpretive center

had enough funds to begin production of the film.

"The end of the Oregon Trail story gives us an opportunity and responsibility to educate visitors of the human core, persistence, resilience and other qualities that are universal to our humanity," Yazzolino stated in the grant ap-


plication. "In a time where many people are focused on differences and difficulties, there are many forgotten virtues to our differences to celebrate. The Native American stories of then and now illustrate vibrantly resilience, persistence and life."

When it opens, the film will be shown on the big screen in the interpretive center. It is being produced by Cinemagic Studios of Portland.

"The in-kind donation from the Tribe was huge, but the relationship we have formed is the most important part of all of this," Yazzolino said. "I want what I say to be followed up by actions."

In addition to Kennedy, historical scholar and expert on Oregon Native American history Dr. Stephen Beckham and George, others involved in the film included Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Michael Langley, Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Communications Director Sara Thompson and Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez.

"Every step of the way brought me to more of an understanding of the Tribal culture and how it works," Yazzolino said. "This is sometimes a difficult story to tell because of all the negative things that happened in the past. But when Cheryle was here, we worked through all of that. We went full circle with it. At one point, I was beginning to wonder if it was too hard a story to tell, but now I feel really good about all of it." ■




CULTURAL EDUCATION

Are you missing out on what Cultural Education has to offer? Follow us on Facebook to get detailed class information, photos from events, and updates.

Plus, check out the tribal calendar for a quick glance of upcoming events and classes.

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!

Search Facebook for Grand Ronde Cultrual Education
Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar



GRAND RONDE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Notice

October 8th, 2020

The Grand Ronde Tribal PD has in its physical possession the unclaimed personal property. The items listed below have been unclaimed for more than 60 days.

If you have any ownership interest in any of the unclaimed property, you must file a claim with the Grand Ronde Tribal PD within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, or you will lose your interest in that property.

1) 19-0312- 26in Mountain Bike

2) 19-0661- Pink bicycle bayside w/Misc. items

3) 20-0048- Eastport backpack w/misc. personal belongings


4) 20-0323- East West Camo Backpack, Kenneth Cole Backpack, Plastic Bag w/Misc. Clothes

5) 20-0365- Green backpack multi-pocket, hygiene products, artwork and pencils, damaged cell phone, 2 rusted machetes

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department

9655 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR. 97347

503-879-1821



Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Date Posted	Closing Date
1082	Physician	23	\$147,497.41/yr.	\$199,320.82/yr.	10/04/19	10/15/20
1169	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	20	\$115,309.56/yr.	\$149,752.68/yr.	05/24/19	10/15/20
1252	Radiology Lab Technician On-Call	8	\$18.70/hr.	\$22.94/hr.	01/03/20	10/15/20
1257	Quality Improvement Manager	17	\$90,009.12/yr.	\$112,511.41/yr.	01/10/20	10/22/20
1259	Preschool Teacher	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	01/10/20	10/15/20
1335	Integrated Behavioral Health Therapist	13	\$30.00/hr.	\$36.95	08/14/20	10/15/20
1339	Radiology Lab Technician	8	\$18.70/hr.	\$22.94/hr.	08/21/20	10/15/20
1347	Infant/Toddler Site Coordinator	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	09/04/20	10/15/20
1349	Academic Coach (Grades K-5)	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	09/18/20	10/15/20
1351	Limited Duration Chinuk Wawa K-5 Teacher	10	\$22.62/hr.	\$27.76/hr.	09/18/20	10/15/20
1356	Internet Classroom Instructional Assistant (Limited Duration Position)	6	\$15.77/hr.	\$18.96/hr.	09/25/20	10/22/20
1358	On Call Chinuk Wawa Teacher Aide	5	\$14.35/hr.	\$17.24/hr.	09/25/20	10/22/20
1361	Employee Relations Coordinator	9	\$20.57/hr.	\$25.23/hr.	09/25/20	10/15/20
1362	Quality Analyst	11	\$24.88/hr.	\$30.53	10/02/20	10/15/20
1363	Staff Attorney	18	\$7,941.43/mo.	\$10,313.55/mo.	10/09/20	10/22/20
1364	Equipment Operator	9	\$20.57/hr.	\$25.23/hr.	10/09/20	10/22/20
1366	Behavioral Health Scheduler	6	\$15.77/hr.	\$18.96/hr.	10/09/20	10/22/20
1367	Legal Assistant	11	\$24.88/hr.	\$30.53	10/09/20	10/22/20
1271	Temporary Pool	2	\$12.00/hr.	\$12.00/hr.	04/16/18	12/31/20

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde offers generous benefits and competitive pay.

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

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.

a. (Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)

2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.

3. External candidates.

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


Kick the Habit.

Call these numbers for free from anywhere in Oregon:
1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)




Español: 1-877-2NO-FUME (1-877-266-3863)


TTY: 1-877-777-6534

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



Halloween masks don't protect against COVID-19







A Halloween mask won't protect you and others from COVID-19. Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly on your cheeks.

For more information visit

healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211



Sheridan & West Valley Fire Districts



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VIRTUAL EVENT OFFERINGS

Valley of the Willamette River, 1848 by Henry J. Warre & Thomas Miles Richardson, Jr. Courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society

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Ad by Samuel Briggs III

‘Hello Autumn’

Time to harvest and celebrate rainy days, changing colorful leaves, pumpkins and tricks or treats. The 2020–21 Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups reminisce about their favorite or first Halloween costumes. *We’re a culture, not a Costume.*

The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGR-Royalty and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB.

ANAVEY SMITH

SENIOR MISS PRINCESS 2020/2021

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FAVORITE CANDY: SKITTLES







Isabelle Grout
Senior Miss Grand Rondo 2020/2021

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2003 Lady Bug Loves going to haunted houses with Kaleigha and candy corn.



Kalea Liebelt
Little Miss Grand Rondo 2020/2021

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2012 Tribal Halloween Party - 9 months old.

My favorite candy is candy corn and Twix.





Grace Macon
Little Miss Princess 2020/2021

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2014 Kitty Cat

Favorite candy: suckers & Starburst

Loves Trick or Treating





Marie Quenelle
Little Miss Princess

Leloo Quenelle
Little Miss Princess

Ulali Quenelle
Tiny Tot

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Favorite candy: suckers, Snickers & sour gummy worms.

2020/2021



Favorite activity: dressing up with family.





Satara Blanchard
Little Miss Princess
2020/2021

2017 Bat Girl,
enjoyed taking her
little sister Trick or
Treating for the
first time.

Favorite candy:
Bubble gum.



Kaleigha Simi
Veterans Senior Queen
2020/2021

Favorites: candy corn
and watching scary movies.



Sophia Grout
Jr. Miss Grand Ronde
2020/2021

2010 Garden Gnome

Loves Trick or Treating
and ALL the chocolate!



Nacoma Liebelt
Veterans Warrior
2020/2021

Devil - 9 months old.

Favorite candy:
Reese's Pieces
& Kit Kats.



Tasina Bluehorse
Veterans Junior
Queen 2020/2021

Snow Princess
(Loved this
costume!)

Four years old

Favorite candy:
Twix



Aubrey Campbell
Little Miss Princess
2020/2021

My favorite
Halloween activity
is Trick or Treating.





LIBRARY HOURS:

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

Announcing a Special Program: We are happy to announce that we are now offering a special Literacy Mail Out program to those outside of the Grand Ronde community. It is being offered to the first 20 Tribal members who sign up. Contact Kathy Cole 503-879-1488 for more information.

Fall In Love with Reading Program: Fall is the perfect time to curl up with a good book! The Tribal Library is planning a fall reading program. Registration was held through Oct. 9. Please register by calling 503-879-1488 or e-mailing Kathy.cole@grandronde.org. Complete reading logs and earn raffle tickets into our prize drawing. The Reading Program will include weekly reading packets that include a book and activities.

Donation Policy: The Tribal Library is accepting donations of books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs and other items. We do not accept VHS or cassette tapes, pocket books, damaged or dirty items.

Thank you: A special thank you to our community members for your donations to the Tribal Library.

For any questions or comments, contact the Tribal Library at 503-879-1488 by e-mail Kathy.cole@grandronde.org

GRAND RONDE TRIBAL LIBRARY MAIL OUT LITERACY PACKET PROGRAM

The Tribal Library is excited to announce our literacy packet program to tribal members living outside the Grand Ronde area.

Registration October 15-October 30

We have **20** openings so early registration is encouraged. Tribal members accepted into the program will receive an email confirmation.

Each literacy packet will include an activity sheet and book. Packets will be mailed out once a month starting November 1st and going through January 30th

SIGN UP AT THIS LINK
<http://bit.ly/mailoutprogram>



Please contact the library with any questions at
kathy.cole@grandronde.org
or call
503-879-1488



TERO Worker of the Month September 2020

Name: Lee Wilson
Employer: Wildish
Position: Journeyman carpenter

Lee Wilson applied for the TERO Skills Bank in 2016. Since then he has worked on a variety of our local Tribal projects and has been a great asset to all the projects he has worked on.

Lee has been selected for our Worker of the Month for September for his great self-motivation, dependability and carpentry craftsmanship. He has recently been referred to the four-year-long Yaquina Bay Bridge ODOT project in Newport and said he is grateful for the opportunity and trainings that TERO have provided for him to strengthen his skills as a journeyman carpenter.

Great job, Lee!



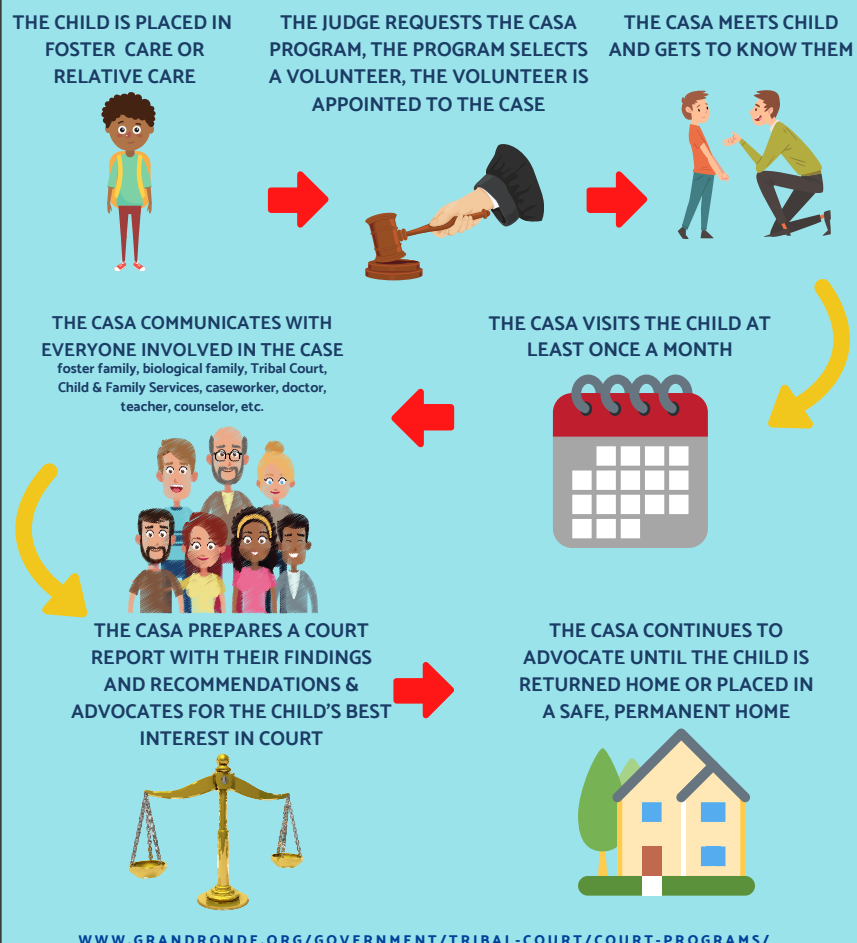
Lee Wilson

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. ■

WHAT DOES A CASA DO?

Follow a CASA Volunteer’s Journey to Help a Child Reach Permanency



Steps to becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA):

- Chat with Tribal Court staff about CASA volunteer work
- Complete the application and authorize a criminal background check
- Submit authorization for child welfare history check
- Come in for formal interview
- Complete **40** hours of initial or pre-service training and court observation

You must complete all steps above before being sworn in as an active CASA volunteer. You may be screened out at any point prior to swearing in. The pre-service training will familiarize you with the needs of children who have been abused or neglected, the CASA's role and the Tribal Court and Child Welfare Systems.

To begin the process of becoming a CASA, please contact us by email courtprograms@grandronde.org or phone (503) 879-2303.

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503-623-8175 Ext 2297



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

BIG LIFE JOURNAL

6 POWERFUL WAYS TO RESPOND WHEN YOUR CHILD COMPLAINS



DEFINE IT
Discuss the "nice Voice" or "strong voice" inside of everyone. How does that voice sound? Practice asking for things with a strong voice

LISTEN AND VALIDATE
Make eye contact, do not interrupt, and accept without judging. Use the "I hear you...AND" method. For example, "I hear that's not what you wanted...AND we have no control over the weather."



GIVE A CHOICE
When your kids start to complain, clarify what they want to happen as a result. Say, "It sounds like you are frustrated right now. Do you need to vent or do you want to make a plan?"

REPHRASE AND REFRAME
Rephrase complaints as a "want" or a "wish." If your child hates her new toy, say: "You want a different toy" (Hidden message: you are a child who know her likes and dislikes).



RESPOND PLAYFULLY
Once kids know about their "strong voice" and how to use it, playfully offer to find it when it disappears. Say, "Hey, where did your strong voice go? It was here a minute ago...Help me look. Is it under the chair? HEY! You found it! Now let me hear you use it!"

FIND THE GOOD
Empathize and then help kids notice the positive. Empower kids with several key questions: What can you learn from this? How would you like things to be? How can you take it there?



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Flu shots are in!!!

The Health & Wellness Center now has flu shots. Due to social distancing and keeping everyone safe and healthy, we ask you to please call medical at **503-879-2032** to make an appointment to get a flu shot. An appointment will be required before entry.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccination each year.



FREE COVID-19 SCREENING WITH VIRGINIA GARCIA

November 10, 2020
1 pm - 5 pm
Free Methodist Church
253 NE D St.
Willamina, OR 97396

November 17, 2020
1 pm - 5 pm
WorkSource Oregon
370 NE Norton Ln.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Join Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center for these free events.

- Free and open to the public
- All ages can be tested
- You do not need to have symptoms
- ID is not required
- Interpretation services available
- All information is confidential and will not be shared with police or immigration authorities.

These events are brought to you in cooperation with the following partners.



Walking On...

Tony Lee Cummings

Jan. 22, 1961 – Oct. 7, 2020
Tribal Elder Tony Lee Cummings passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at the age of 59.
The family held an immediate family-only funeral service on Tuesday, Oct. 13.
Huston Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ore., assisted the family.

Larry Lee Hughes

Dec. 18, 1944 – Oct. 11, 2020
Tribal Elder Larry Lee Hughes passed away on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at the age of 75.
Crown Memorial Center in Salem is assisting the family.
The family will be holding a private service.



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

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

Please send completed applications to
Stacia Hernandez, 9615 Grand Ronde Road,
Grand Ronde, OR 97347



LISTEN TO SMOKE SIGNALS 72 PODCASTS

- 1: **Chris Mercier** discusses expanding Tribal Media.
- 2: **Michael Langley** and **Lisa Leno** discuss the quick transition from Tribal employee to Tribal leader.
- 3: Tribal Fish and Wildlife Manager **Kelly Dirksen** discusses Grand Ronde efforts with Pacific Lamprey.
- 4: **Dr. David Lewis** discusses the 163rd anniversary of the signing of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.
- 5: Tribal Lands Manager and multiple Native American Music Awards recipient **Jan Michael Looking Wolf** discusses his new compact disc "Flute Medicine."
- 6: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses Tribal Council's statement against inappropriate personal attacks.
- 7: Grand Ronde Police Chief **Jake McKnight** discusses his law enforcement career.
- 8: Tribal Cultural Advisor **Bobby Mercier** discusses the Agency Creek Round Dance.
- 9: Tribal historian **Dr. David Lewis** returns to the podcast to discuss the Trail of Tears.
- 10: Tribal member **Braden Ebensteiner** discusses his experiences in New York City as part of the American Museum of Natural History internship.
- 11: Tribal lobbyist **Justin Martin** discusses his baseball career playing in the California Angels' farm system.
- 12: Coordinator **Francene Ambrose** discusses the Grand Ronde Food Bank.
- 13: Tribal Planning Director **Rick George** discusses the current process for updating the Tribe's Strategic Plan.
- 14: Tribal Emergency Management staff members **Steve Warden** and **Brandy Bishop** discuss emergency preparedness.
- 15: Listen to excerpts from a September 2008 interview with longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman **Kathryn Harrison** as she discusses the Tribe's Restoration effort.
- 16: **Dr. Randy Blome** of the Health & Wellness Center discusses Tribal efforts to eradicate Hepatitis C within the Grand Ronde Tribe

- 17: Listen to Restoration figure **Dean Mercier**, who walked on in 2011, recall entertaining stories about the Tribe's Restoration efforts.
- 18: Excerpts from the open house celebrating the Phase II opening of **Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center**.
- 19: **Brook Colley**, Southern Oregon University Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, discusses her new book, "Power in the Telling: Grand Ronde, Warm Springs and Intertribal Relations in the Casino Era."
- 20: Deputy Press Secretary **Sara Thompson** discusses her job and the Grand Ronde community.
- 21: Tribal Council Chief of Staff **Stacia Hernandez** discusses the advisory vote topics.
- 22-29: Episodes 22-29: **2018 Tribal Council candidate interviews**.
- 30: 2008 interview: **Margaret Provost** and **Jackie Many Hides** discuss Restoration.
- 31: Tribal Elder **Greg Archuleta** and Natural Resources staff member **Jeremy Ojua** discuss the Champoeg Celebration.
- 32: Tribal member **Shelly Nichols**, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, discusses her military sexual trauma experience that led to her co-writing "Warrior Wings."
- 33: Audio excerpts from the **35th Restoration Celebration**.
- 34: Behavioral Health Support Counselor **Joe Martineau** discusses chemical dependency and treatment options the Tribe has to offer.
- 35: Tribal Council members **Kathleen George** and **Lisa Leno** discuss the proposed amendment to the Constitution.
- 36: Cultural Resources Department Manager **David Harrelson** discusses the "Sharing Our Stories" and the importance of the culture of storytelling.
- 37: Smoke Signals Editor **Dean Rhodes** discusses the new Smoke Signals website and the importance of free press.
- 38: **Bryan Langley** and **Tracy Biery** discuss higher education and education programs.
- 39: **Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach** discusses his album "Beautiful."

- 40: Tribal Council member **Jack Giffen Jr.** and **Dr. Timothy Hullar** discuss cochlear implants.
- 41: **Duke Kimsey** discusses the Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office.
- 42: Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director **Michael Cherry** discusses Spirit Mountain Community Fund.
- 43: Domestic Violence Coordinator **Danielle Murrell** discusses Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls.
- 44-50: Episodes 44-50: **2019 Tribal Council candidate interviews**.
- 51: **Shaun Cameron** and Tribal member **Cindy Larson** discuss missing person **Heather Cameron (Haller)**, a Grand Ronde Tribal member.
- 52: Tribal Council Vice Chair **Chris Mercier** and **Dean Rhodes** discuss 2019 election results.
- 53: Grand Ronde Police Officer **James (JJ) Flynn** discusses his actions during a hostage situation.
- 54: The medication-assisted treatment supervisor at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center **Linda Gehrke** discusses the MAT program.
- 55: Grand Ronde's longest-serving employee **Tresa Mercier** discusses the changes she has seen since her first day in 1984.
- 56: **Patti LeClaire** discusses the Grand Ronde community garden.
- 57: Tribal member and TERO Director **Harris Reibach** shares his story and information about TERO.
- 58: Hurry up and wait: episode 1 Silviculture and Fire Protection Manager **Colby Drake**
- 59: Was Grand Ronde's Health & Wellness Prepared for COVID-19? **Kelly Rowe**, the Executive Director of Health Services, discusses if the Health and Wellness Center was prepared for COVID-19.
- 60: Tribal Elders vs. COVID-19 Elders Committee Chairwoman **Penny Deloe** and Nutrition Program Manager **Kristy Criss-Lawson** discuss how Elders are doing during COVID-19.

- 61: Etched in Stone: **Ramona Quenelle**. Ramona Quenelle, recently added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial, talks about her Navy service.
- 62: Native parallels to the Black Lives Matter movement with **David Lewis, Ph.D.** David Lewis discusses the parallels of Native and African-American minorities seeking social justice.
- 63: Hurry up and wait: episode 2. Following the Grand Ronde **Wildland Fire crews'** training.
- 64: Tribal Police **Chief Jake McKnight** discusses how demands for police policy changes seen across the country have been addressed in Grand Ronde.
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- 70: **Michael Herrin** examines the bad reputation the United States Census and the hidden ways census data impacts Tribal country.
- 71: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses the 2020 Tribal council election results.
- 72: Grand Ronde's COVID-19 Relief team you probably haven't heard of. Grand Ronde hired **Sam Thornsberry** and **Stephanie King** as the new COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives (COVID-19 CHR's).



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