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Virtual Restoration Celebration to include gifts, raffle

If you attend

37th Restoration Celebration

When: 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 Where: Virtually at www.grandronde. org and www.facebook.com/CTGRgov More info: 503-879-2304

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

he Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 37th Restoration Celebration will be virtual, but still include gifts for Tribal members.

"On Nov. 22, 1983, Grand Ronde's federal recognition as a Tribal government was restored when the Grand Ronde Restoration Act was signed into law," a statement on the Tribe's website says. "Every year since then, we have gathered as a Tribe, a community and a family to celebrate our Restoration. Even with our 37th celebration moving online, we want to get small gifts to our Tribal members."

To register for a gift, visit www.grandronde. org, scroll down to recent announcements and click on "Restoration Day 2020 Celebration," where there is an online form to fill out.

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Two COVID-19 positive tests affect **Tribal government**

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

n a day when the Oregon Health Authority reported a record number of new COVID-19 cases in the state with 805, Tribal General Manager David Fullerton announced on Thursday, Nov. 5, that two Tribal governmental employees for the first time have tested positive for the coronavirus.

The two positive tests prompted Fullerton to limit campus access on Friday, Nov. 6, and Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9-10, to only essential staff members. Other staff members were asked to work from home or granted administrative leave for the day.

Since Wednesday, Nov. 11, was Veterans Day and a Tribal holiday, the Tribal government resumed normal schedules and operations on Thursday, Nov. 12, with the exception that guests were no longer allowed on the Tribal campus.

Fullerton added that the Tribe's Facilities staff members would begin a deep cleaning of Tribal governmental facilities on Friday.

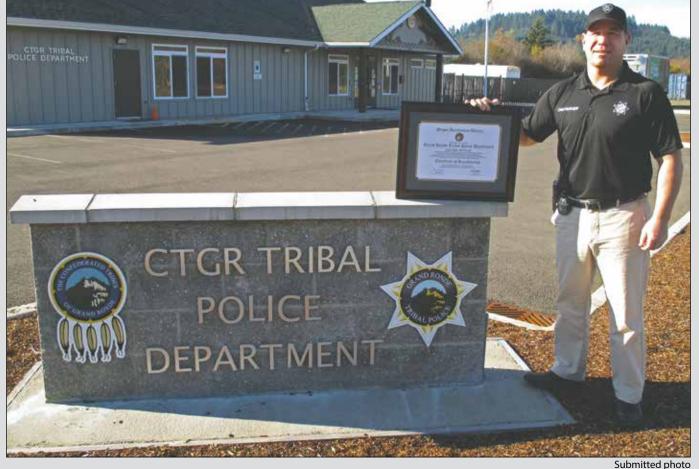
The two positive cases within the Tribal government, which employs more than 500 people, are not the first coronavirus cases to affect the Tribe.

Spirit Mountain Casino, which employs more than 1,000 people, reported four of its behind-the-scenes employees had tested positive for COVID-19 in mid-October.

According to the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, as of Wednesday, Nov. 11, it has conducted 984 COVID-19 tests with 954 negative results, 16 retests and 14 positive results.

Fullerton said in his all-employ-

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Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight stands outside the Police Department building with the new accreditation certificate issued by the Oregon Accreditation Alliance. The alliance operates under the authority of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Association of Public **Safety Communication Officials.**

Tribal Police Department receives state accreditation

By Danielle Harrison

 $Smoke\ Signals\ staff\ writer$

he Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department is the first Tribal law enforcement agency to become part of the Oregon Accreditation Alliance.

The alliance was formed in 2011 under the direction of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and the Association of Public

Safety Communications Officials. Its goal is to improve the quality of law enforcement and emergency services agencies in Oregon and Alaska, as well as the quality of services provided to the citizens of both states.

Executive Director Scott Hayes met with Tribal Council members and the Tribal Police via Go to Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29, to virtually present the certification

"Grand Ronde is the first Tribal agency in Oregon to become accredited and this is a great step," Hayes said. "In normal times, I would have a plaque with me to present, but due to COVID, we can't do that."

To be accredited, law enforce-

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings Wednesday, Dec. 2......1:30 p.m. Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/DISABILITY (SSD) & MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

It's time to send us a copy of your "2021" Social Security award letter

*If you haven't received your "2021" Social Security award letter yet, please contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 or online at www.ssa.gov

*Your "2021" SSA award must reach our office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, to avoid future delays in your benefits.

Please send a copy of your "2021" SSA letter to:

CTGR Member Services Attn: Shannon Simi 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org - Fax: 503-879-2480 -Phone: 503-879-1358 or 1-800-242-0232, ext. 1358

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to submit your annual SSA letter and/or notify the Tribe of any changes may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income & Disability payments and Medicare Part B reimbursements.

Clothes Closet open Friday afternoons

The Clothes Closet is open from 3 to 6 p.m. Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The change in hours will better serve the community so people do not have to choose between going to the Grand Ronde Food Bank or the Clothes Closet. It also will be open and available to those who work.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE **OPEN FOR COMMENT**

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Oct. 28, 2020, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments include: (1) a provision restricting a commissioner's access to records if the commissioner also bids on a project; (2) a provision granting limited administrative supervision of the TERO Director to the Chief of Staff or in her/his absence the General Manager; (3) a requirement that TERO workers on construction projects be afforded the opportunity to work the same hours as nonTERO workers; (4) and other minor technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights 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, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@ grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Dec. 15, 2020.

Tribal Office Closures

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday-Friday, Nov. 23-27, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day and Thanksgiving.

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IN THE FUTURE



November

- Wednesday, Nov. 18 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Nov. 22 37th Restoration Celebration to be held virtually. 503-879-2304.
- Monday-Friday, Nov. 23-27 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Restoration and Thanksgiving holiday.

December

- Wednesday, Dec. 2 Tribal Council meeting, 1:30 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Dec. 6 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., using the Zoom teleconferencing application. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Dec. 6 Tribal Council Christmas Party. CANCELED.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Dec. 25 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 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.)

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff.

To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

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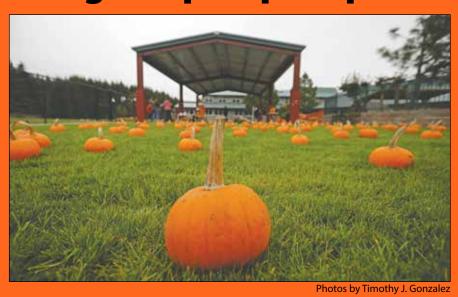
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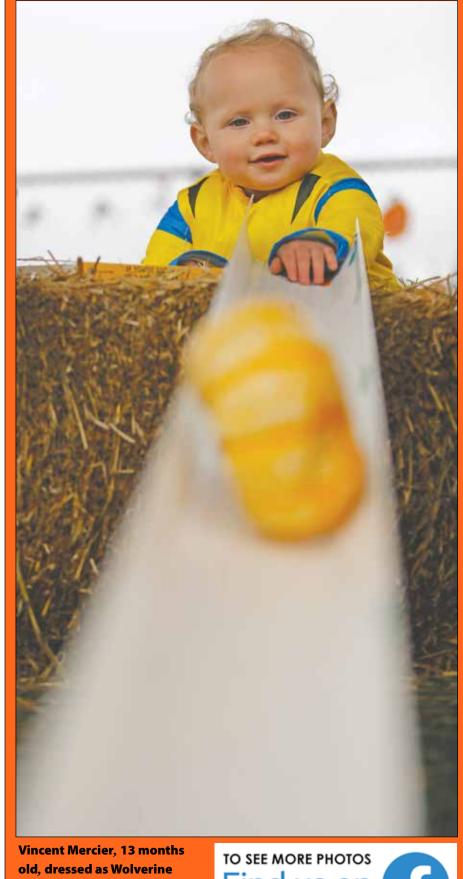
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The great pumpkin patch



Socially distant pumpkins form a pumpkin patch behind Youth Education on Thursday, Oct. 29. Three families at a time were allowed into the patch. Home-based education families were given 30 minutes and older students participating in classroom learning were allowed 15 minutes.



Vincent Mercier, 13 months old, dressed as Wolverine enjoys the Socially Distanced Pumpkin Patch behind Youth Education.

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Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center is pleased to add additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings. The clinic will be scheduling patients at 8 a.m. every Thursday preceding or following a holiday closure.

Urgent care also will be available during this time.

Food Bank news

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 continuing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold November food distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. The Food Bank will be closed Thanksgiving week, Nov. 23-27.

"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 limiting 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 the Farm Share Rx program with 35 farm shares being distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. 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.

The Farmers to Families food box distributions that were occurring on Tuesdays in Grand Ronde have been discontinued until a new distributor is found. Please follow the Food Bank on Facebook for updates about how and when distributions will start again.

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

- 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 at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 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 4 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 - Grand Ronde Tribal member Marcel Allen won the 40th annual World Junior **Bull Riding Championship** at the 2015 Indian Nation Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas, Nev. Allen qualified for the world championship after winning three of seven bull riding events the past summer. "There were a lot more people," Allen said. "There was a different setup and it was just a whole different thing. I was super excited about the whole thing. It was fun."

2010 – Oregonians rejected a private casino proposal in Wood Village in the November general election. "I hope they got the point," Tribal Council member Chris Mer-



File photo

cier said. "Sixty-eight to 32 is a very convincing statement." If approved, the measure would have been the first step in opening the door for a privately owned casino in Oregon.

2005 – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. testified before Congress with other Tribal gaming representatives from across the United States. They traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge their representatives to block other Tribes from setting up casinos outside their Reservations. Kennedy said her three main concerns were an explosion of off–Reservation casinos that undermined the policy foundation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, off-Reservation casinos threatened public support for existing Tribal gaming, and each approval of an off-Reservation casino set a bad precedent by changing the nature of Tribal gaming.

2000 – Warm Springs Tribal member Alyssa Macy was named the third recipient of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship. She was slated to begin work as a liaison for Native American issues in Rep. Darlene Hooley's office. "This definitely creates more possibilities for me," she said. "And I've always wanted to get a good understanding of how policies are developed."

1995 – The Grand Ronde water tank project was almost complete. The last phase of construction had begun and was scheduled to be on line in early 1996. The 500,000-gallon tank would provide water to Grand Ronde residences and businesses, as well as add to the fire protection in the area, and would allow a moratorium on new water hookups to be lifted. The water tank was the result of cooperative efforts between the Grand Ronde Tribe, Grand Ronde Community Water Association, the Economic Development Association, Housing and Urban Development and Spirit Mountain Development Association

1990 – A landmark bill honoring America's First People was passed by Congress. It designated the month of November to be recognized as National American Indian Heritage Month. Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Rep. Eni Falcomavaega of American Samoa, letters of support from Tribes and the American Indian Heritage Foundation spent several years securing national support and the more than 270 necessary votes.

1985 – The Tribe's new Parent Committee officers were Chair Margo George, Vice Chair Mike Larsen, Secretary Sandra Roselle, Treasurer Lennis Mercier, Coordinator Jayne Mercier, L.E.A. Darlene Kepford, Teacher Representative Becky Fendall and Alternate Teacher Representative Sandra Petty.

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



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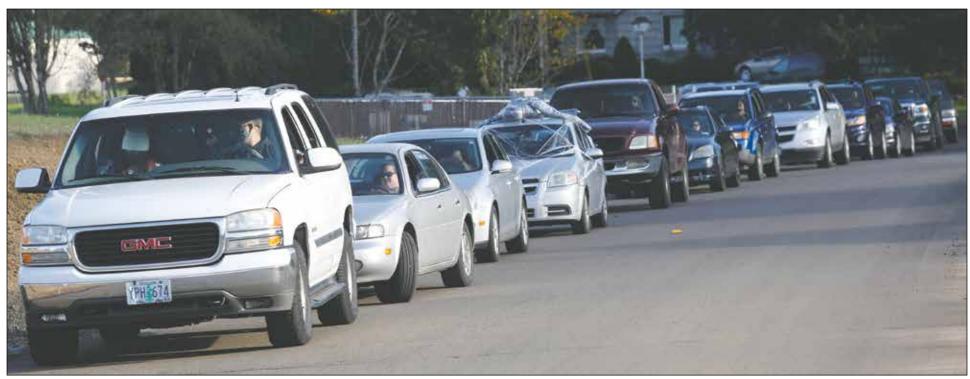
Do you need help managing your diabetes?

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

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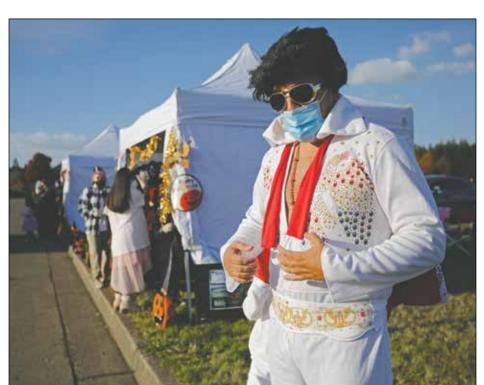
Cars line up to participate in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde drive-thru Halloween event held on Friday, Oct. 30. Trick-or-treaters were driven past tables where Tribal employees in costumes passed out candy and read segments of a Halloween story.

Trunk-or-treating



Community Health COVID-19 Relief Representative Stephanie King uses tongs to deliver candy during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde drive-thru Halloween event.





Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier dressed as Elvis Presley during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde drive-thru Halloween event held on Friday, Oct. 30. Trick-or-treaters drove past tables where Tribal employees in costumes passed out candy and read segments of a Halloween story.



Employment & Training 477 Caseworker Chris Martin reads to a trickor-treater during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde drive-thru Halloween event held on Friday, Oct. 30.



Senior Veteran Queen Kaleigha Simi, center, reads a segment of a **Halloween story as Junior Miss Grand Ronde Sophia Grout, left,** looks on during the Confederated **Tribes of Grand Ronde drive-thru** Halloween event.



Tribe joins effort to hold vaping firm responsible for targeting Native youth

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has joined a list of Tribal and nonTribal governmental entities in the United States going after Juul, which reportedly controls 75 percent of the e-cigarette market in the country.

Tribal Council voted on Wednesday, Nov. 4, to retain the services of law firm Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry of Anchorage, Alaska, and two of its co-counsel firms to investigate and file potential legal claims against Jull Labs Inc. and its related companies and management.

Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D'Aquila said during the Tuesday, Nov. 3, Legislative Action Committee that the firms would receive payment for reimbursable costs associated with investigating potential Tribal claims and be paid 25 percent of any financial settlements that the Tribe receives as a result of those claims.

The Tribe is going after Juul because Congress released evidence showing that Juul Labs targeted Native American Tribes and American Indian/Alaskan Native youth in promoting its products as a safe alternative to tobacco products.

However, the products actually are highly addictive and cause sig-



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Juul products are offered for sale at Grand Ronde Station on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Tribal Council has hired an Alaskan law firm to investigate whether any claims can be made against the manufacturer of the vaping product for targeting Native American youth to use its products.

nificant health issues.

"Juul and other manufacturers ... falsely marketed and sold these products causing Tribes to suffer damages, including increased costs for health care, prevention and intervention programs," states the executive summary regarding the issue.

Lawsuits have been filed against the e-cigarette manufacturer by other entities, accusing the company of failing to clearly state the dangerous chemicals contained in its products.

World Health Organization statistics show that vaping use has increased dramatically from about 7 million users in 2011 to 41 million in 2018 with the United States being the largest market in the world for vaping products.

Juli products are sold at Grand Ronde Station, the Tribally owned convenience store adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino. However, General Manager Tim Jackson said the products are only sold to customers 21 or older who provide identification to prove their age.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an amendment to clarify an easement on the former Lennis Mercier property that the Tribe purchased in 2012. The new language will provide Hubert Road landowners insurable access;
- Approved applying for a \$160,715 grant from the Bonneville Power Administration's Willamette River Anchor Habitat Investments program to reconnect the North Santiam River to a back channel pond at the Chahalpam conser-

vation property near Stayton in Marion County. Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said the project hopefully will help flush predatory non-Native bullfrogs out of the back channel pond and enhance the environment for the once-endangered Oregon chub fish;

• And approved the 2021 Department of the Interior funding agreement that will bring the Tribe \$2.886 million in funding, an \$88,425 increase from 2020.

Also included in the Nov. 4 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that authorizes General Manager David Fullerton to start a child care pilot program that would include procuring a modular building to accommodate children and staff. The pilot program, which would address a significant need in the Grand Ronde area for working parents, would be funded using CARES Act and Bureau of Indian Affairs COVID-19 funding through the end of 2021.

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

Visioning Project creates West Valley calendar

SHERIDAN – The West Valley Visioning Project has partnered with the Bulletin Board's community calendar to create an online West Valley community calendar that includes events from Sheridan, Willamina and Grand Ronde. To view the calendar, visit wvvproject.org/communitycalendar. ■



Sapsik'wała Teacher Education Program: Recruitment and Informational Sessions

Sapsik'wała is recruiting applicants for the 2021-22 cohort!
We are offering Zoom informational sessions for interested parties. Please join us for any of our three opportunites to learn more about our program!

- Tuesday, October 20th 5:30-6:30
 https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/93377936198
- Tuesday, November 17th 5:30-6:30
 https://uoregon.zoom.us/i/99866891283
- Tuesday, December 15th 5:30-6:30
 https://uoregon.zoom.us/i/97078392630



CTGR Academic Advising and Coaching Important Services Update

The program has assessed the amount of requests for academic coaching and advising services and believe we have the capacity to expand these services to CTGR Tribal descendants and other Native students at our local schools we serve. Please contact the Youth Education Program for more information or to request services.

Also note that the current Internet classroom held at the Tribal gymnasium has adjusted and expanded hours of operation to serve our youth better.

Contact information: Administrative Assistant − 503-879-2101 or Devon.Mercier@grandronde.org

We look forward to hearing from you. ■

Oregon has more than 700 deaths attributed to virus

COVID-19 continued from front page

ee announcement that the Tribal clinic's operations would not be not affected by his essential employ-ee-only order.

The Tribe limited access to the Tribal campus to only essential employees in mid-March when the COVID-19 pandemic became a major public health concern in Oregon. After the Tribal government reopened in mid-May, employees have had to undergo daily temperature checks, been asked to wear masks and encouraged to wash their hands frequently and keep socially distant.

"Although we are confident in our testing and contact tracing, we are going to limit campus access," Fullerton said. "Please take all appropriate actions related to protecting yourself, family and co-workers from this virus. ... We have done a great job keeping the virus contained to this point, but for the next few days and weeks, it will be critical that we all do our part."

The Tribe has kept the identities of any employees who contract COVID-19 confidential because of

federal health privacy guidelines. The Tribe has consistently said that people who contract the coronavirus should be supported and cared for and not identified and possibly ostracized.

The Grand Ronde Tribal campus includes several buildings, including the Community Center, Employment Services building, Education building, Governance Center, Health & Wellness Center and the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Where the two employees worked has not been disclosed.

Oregon has recorded more than 47,839 confirmed COVID-19 cases and more than 740 deaths attributed to the virus

Fullerton also announced that the Tribal government will be closed the entire week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-27. Tribal employees were already scheduled to have Monday, Nov. 23, off in celebration of Restoration and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, off in observance of Thanksgiving.

Tribal members should check the Tribe's Facebook page for clinic and Pharmacy hours of operation during the Thanksgiving week. ■



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Tribal Finance Officer Chris Leno presented the 2020 draft budget during the November 2019 General Council meeting. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, he presented the 2021 draft budget via the Zoom teleconferencing application on Sunday, Nov. 1. Adult Tribal members have until Wednesday, Dec. 2, to comment on the spending plan.

General Council briefed on 2021 draft budget

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for calendar year 2021 during the Sunday, Nov. 1, General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing app.

Approximately 40 people logged into the meeting.

Most of the meeting was held in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the details.

Before the meeting went into executive session, Leno shared the technical amendments and supplemental budgets that were added to the 2020 budget.

The largest supplemental budget portion is the \$19.3 million allocation to the COVID-19 Relief Payment program/emergency assistance using CARES Act funds the Tribe received due to the pandemic. The biggest technical amendment was also CARES Act related, with \$6.5 million in COVID-related grants.

Leno's draft budget presentation ran approximately 50 minutes and he fielded five questions and comments regarding next year's Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining the slides of Leno's presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org or 503-879-2304.

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2021 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, to submit written comments to Leno. The final 2021 budget will be adopted on or before Dec. 31.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, via Zoom with a program report from Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier encouraged Tribal students and Elders to apply for the \$500 technology grant if they hadn't already. It expires on Dec. 31.

"The grants are still available and we want everyone to have a laptop," he said. "We want to spend that money." ■

State releases updated guidance for return to in-person learning

Local school districts still don't meet metrics

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority released updated guidance for returning to in-person instruction on Friday, Oct. 30.

The metrics are based on the latest COVID-19 information, align with federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and could potentially result in the return of 130,000 students to school statewide.

However, the updated guidelines don't necessarily mean Grand Ronde Tribal students will return to the classroom immediately.

"Unfortunately, Yamhill County still does not meet the metrics at this time," Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said. "However, our leadership team will be meeting to plan for implementation of our original hybrid model with a timeline for student return."

Sheridan School District Superintendent Dorie Vickery said that following the state requirements are challenging for smaller school districts to meet, given a lack of available classroom space.

"The challenge will be meeting the 36 square feet per student requirement as we have limited space and staffing," she said. "Our standard classroom space allows for 15 students to be in a classroom, which doesn't allow for all students to attend at one time. We also know that some students will still need online learning. Given these requirements, online learning will continue while in-person provides academic support and opportunity for social interactions. I'm hopeful that the Yamhill and Polk county COVID data will allow us to open soon for a hybrid model of instruction."

Key changes to the state guidance include:

Additional time for schools to

transition between in-person and distance learning models;

- Increased access to in-person instruction at the elementary school level;
- A two-week "look back" at COVID data, rather than one week at a time over a threeweek period;
- Removes state positivity requirement in favor of county positivity requirement.

The new guidance also recommends that schools consider hybrid models at the beginning that return a portion of the school population first and then add more students on-site over time.

"This will allow schools to build new safety routines, stabilize cohorts and avoid sudden disruptive transitions back to comprehensive distance learning due to quarantine or isolation," the updated guidance stated.

A key lesson learned from a review of national data is that school districts can help protect student and staff health and well-being during in-person instruction when community spread is low and when districts strictly adhere to health and safety protocols.

"We all know that in-person instruction provides our children and families with more than access to an equitable education," Department of Education Director Colt Gill said. "Schools are a center of services to children and families, offering nutritious meals, access to social-emotional and mental health supports, as well as physical health services."

Oregon's Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance requires schools to comply with specific guidelines on physical distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene, size of student cohorts, cleaning and disinfecting, air flow and ventilation, and effective screening and responses to cases that include testing, implementing isolation and quarantining



Health & Wellness Center Entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

If you are coming to the center to pick up

one of our regular parking spaces.

Thank you, Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration

New Hatfield Fellow will begin internship virtually

By Danielle Harrison

 $Smoke\ Signals\ staff\ writer$

In what has become a year of pandemic-related cancellations, there have been a few notable exceptions: One of these is the Tribe's Hatfield Fellowship program.

Recently, Grand Ronde Tribal member Simone Auger was selected as the 2020-21 Hatfield Fellow by the Tribe's philanthropic arm, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Auger met virtually with outgoing 2019-20 Fellow Cholena Wright (Klamath), Spirit Mountain Community Fund staff members and Tribal Council members for an afternoon briefing.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity," Auger said. "Tribal affairs is an area of interest I have that means a lot to me. I'm stepping into the fellowship working remotely, but I've worked remotely for many years, so it's not that foreign to me."

Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry said that the meeting was a way to recognize outgoing and incoming fellows.

"As you know, we like to do this in person, but cannot this year," she said. "This is our opportunity to thank our outgoing Hatfield Fellow and welcome our new Hatfield Fellow. We want to send them off with our blessing and wish them well, to lift them up and support them."

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Auger is attending a virtual orientation with the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., and concurrently working remotely with U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader's office. She hopes to travel to the D.C. office in person in January.

"I started this week (remotely) in the office and I'm just really looking forward to the year ahead," Auger





From left, outgoing Hatfield Fellow Cholena Wright (Klamath) and incoming Hatfield Fellow Simone Auger (Grand Ronde) met virtually with Tribal Council and Spirit Mountain Community Fund staff members on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Auger has been assigned to work with U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader's congressional office.

Past Hatfield Fellows

1998: Pete Wakeland (Grand Ronde)

1999: Direlle Calica (Warm Springs)

2000: Alyssa Macy (Warm Springs)

2001: Bodie Shaw (Warm Springs)

2002: Kevin Simmons (Grand Ronde)

2003: Bryan Mercier (Grand Ronde)

2004: Joseph Hostler (Grand Ronde)

2006: Dennis Worden (Coeur d'Alene)

2007: Rebecca Knight (Grand Ronde)

2008: Francene Ambrose (Grand Ronde)

2009: Stacia Hernandez (Grand Ronde)

2010: Shana Radford (Nez Perce)

2011-12: Darrel L. Lawrence (Grand Ronde)

2013-14: Rudy Soto (Sho-Ban)

2014-15: Mary Bodine (Warm Springs)

2015-16: Maria Givens (Coeur d'Alene)

2016-17: Robert Ahern (Warm Springs)

2017-18: Karlen Yallup (Warm Springs) 2018-19: Traven Joseph (Koyokan Athabascan/Gros-Ventre)

2019-20: Cholena Wright (Klamath)

said. "I'm proud to serve our Tribe as a Hatfield Fellow. Even though we are under difficult circumstanc-

working in U.S. Rep. Peter De-Fazio's office. However, she logged in remotely for the last several months due to the pandemic.

"This is an experience I am deeply grateful for, despite the challenges I faced working in a congressional office from a laptop," she said. "To be a part of the work going on and helping my home state and community: I'm really grateful to be have been able to represent for the past year. It has been so beneficial."

Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears congratulated Wright for quickly adapting to a new way of working.

"She did an amazing job and I heard so many great things about her work," Sears said.

Added Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, "We want to thank you for representing us very well and being there."

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said Wright was headed toward a great future.

"I know you will have a great career and a greater understanding of what Tribes face as far as the legislative process works," she said. "I appreciate your courage and throwing your hat in the ring when

you started this journey."

Wright said her greatest challenge as a fellow was educating others about Indian Affairs policy

"I was expecting the federal government to know more about Indian Affairs," she said. "I felt more often than not, especially after the coronavirus hit and the federal response was being mishandled and Tribes were suffering, a feeling of disappointment. There were times I was shocked about the amount of work to do."

The most positive part of Wright's experience before COVID-19 was being able to walk through the halls of Congress.

"It feels like you are a part of something bigger and exciting,"

Post pandemic, the best experience was the care and concern shown to her by other congressional staff members.

"That was really helpful for me to be able to push through what was happening," Wright said.

Wright has begun a new position as policy analyst for the National Congress of American Indians, a position she secured after working with the organization during her fellowship.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a "living tribute" to honor his accomplishments, both as Oregon governor and U.S. senator.

Every year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow, who interns in a congressional office for an eight-month term. Placement of the fellow traditionally rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Auger, who lives in Vancouver, Wash., received a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design from Marylhurst University and a master's of interior architecture from the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Environment. She also holds a professional certificate in Tribal Relations from Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government and a course certificate from Northwest Energy Policy and the Columbia River-Portland State University Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.

Auger becomes the ninth Grand Ronde Tribal member to be named a Hatfield Fellow, joining the likes of Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose and Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Northwest Regional Director Bryan Mercier.

es, we are a resilient people."

Wright spent her internship

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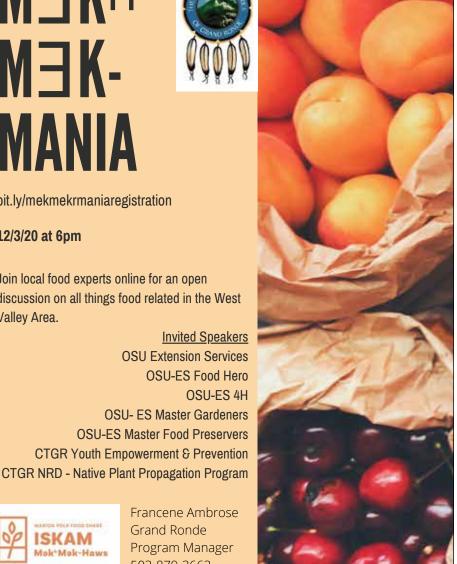
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Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees.

Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

Surveying crews prepping for eventual road improvements

By Dean Rhodes

 $Smoke\ Signals\ editor$

Surveying crews were busy in the Grand Ronde area during the last week of October, laying the foundation for eventual improvements to highways 18 and 22 by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Improvements on Highway 18 between Fort Hill and AR Ford roads are currently in the design phase, according to the project details posted on the Transportation Department's website.

The planning and design process seeks to improve safety and mobility on highways 18 and 22 (Hebo Road), support community and economic development, and enhance emergency routes.

"This area has seen increasing traffic and a relatively high rate of crashes," ODOT states.

Currently, ODOT is developing a facility plan, updating its environmental assessment, conducting right-of-way surveys and preparing engineering plans and estimates.

The surveys will "help support the planning and initial design of the project," said ODOT spokesperson Louis Torres.

Design costs for the project are estimated at approximately \$4.5 million. The funds are a combination of federal, state, Polk County and Grand Ronde Tribal monies.

"We have been working very closely with the Tribe on improving this intersection and stretch of OR 18," Torres said. "The Tribe has been an important partner in this project."

According to ODOT, Highway 18

DESIGN PLAN TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND REDUCE CONGESTION ON OR 18 AND OR 22.

Spirit Mountain Casino

Study Area

Extended Study Area

Map created by Samuel Briggs III

(Salmon River Highway) experiences heavy traffic, especially on summer weekends, that creates considerable delays.

During heavy traffic periods, drivers turning left from Hebo and Grand Ronde roads on to Highway 18 face a difficult task. In addition, freight traffic has been using alternatives to Highway 18, posing safety issues on local roadways.

"More crashes are happening with drivers crossing over the middle line into oncoming traffic or rear-ending cars ahead of them along this stretch of Oregon 18 and on local roadways," ODOT says.

The road improvements were identified by ODOT in 2004 as part of H.B. Van Duzer Forest Corridor to Steel Bridge Road environmental assessment and corridor refinement plan, which seeks to address safety and congestion concerns from the eastern edge of the Van

Duzer Corridor and Steel Bridge Road east of Wallace Bridge.

"This segment is a vital link between the Willamette Valley and the central Oregon coast that serves local, commuter, commercial and recreational traffic," ODOT states.

Tribal Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said the engineering phase of the project may be included in ODOT's next three-year state transportation improvement program that runs from 2021-24 and hopefully actual construction can be included in the 2024-27 program. ■

First time since 1984 that Tribe will not be hosting an in-person event

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The virtual event will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, and include two different sites: The Tribe's website will feature a short, pre-recorded segment from Tribal Council. Facebook Live will have a raffle that automatically includes all Tribal members with no need to pre-register

"However, it is important to remember that these plans may need to change," Communications Director Sara Thompson says. "Tribal members should follow the Tribe's Restoration Celebration Facebook event for the latest information."

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy says moving the Restoration Celebration online allows the Tribe to honor the day while keeping Tribal and community members safe, especially since COVID-19 case numbers are currently spiking in Oregon.

"We're saddened that we won't be able to gather in person for this year's Restoration Celebration," Kennedy says. "But even in this time of uncertainty, we still want to recognize this important day and honor those that made Restoration a reality for the Grand Ronde Tribe."

It will be the first time since 1984 that the Tribe will not be hosting an in-person event due to the ongoing

COVID-19 pandemic and state restrictions that limit the number of people at indoor gatherings.

The Tribe initially announced its decision in a Facebook post on Friday, Oct. 23.

"Grand Ronde's federal recognition as a Tribal government was restored when the Grand Ronde Restoration Act was signed into law. Every year since then, we have gathered as a Tribe, a community and a family to celebrate our Restoration. Unfortunately, 2020 has left us in unprecedented times and we can't gather in person this year. Restoration will still be celebrated, but the celebration will look a little different because we're moving it online."

On Nov. 22, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed House Resolution 3885 restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe, which had been terminated 29 years earlier, to federal recognition. His signature on the bill officially ended the dark time of Termination.

Every year since, the Tribe has held a celebration. It usually includes a meal, giveaways, speeches, dancing, drumming, singing, and a Restoration Powwow. Approximately 200 Tribal members, family, friends and elected officials traveled to Grand Ronde in 2019 for the event, which was held in the Tribal gym.



Harvey participates in **NIGA election analysis**

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey was one of six panelists to participate in the National Indian Gaming Association's virtual post-election analysis on Wednesday, Nov. 4.

"With so much on the line for Tribal gaming, the National Indian Gaming Association has assembled its team of leaders, lawyers and analysts to look at the post-election results through the eyes of Indian Country," said a NIGA press release. "We'll look at the presidential, congressional and state races that will have an impact on Tribal gaming."

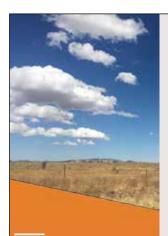


Denise Harvey

Harvey joined National Indian Gaming Association Conference Chairman Victor Rocha, Executive Director Jason Giles, Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., Red Maple Consulting's Pete Kirkham and Mapetsi Policy Group's John Harte on the panel.

Harvey has been the Grand Ronde Tribe's representative to the National Indian Gaming Association since 2016 and was appointed to its Board of Directors in 2018. ■





For more information or to request an application please contact:

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Northwest Native American Center of Excellence

Tribal Health Scholars Program

Healthcare focused internship for High School Juniors and Seniors!

Applications due Friday, November 20th, 2020.

Tribal Health Scholars (THS) is a paid externship program where AIAN high school students are supported and inspired to envision themselves as healthcare professionals and to pursue education required for a career in a healthcare field.

Due to COVID-19 in-person shadowing has been suspended so the THS program has pivoted to a completely virtual experience. Scholars meet as a group with our NNACoE team each week to discuss the different healthcare careers and pathways.

The program runs for 13 weeks with a one hour meeting each week as a cohort and then two individual meetings at the beginning and end of the pathway. Below is an overview of the program curriculum

- Identifying diverse healthcare careers and career paths Sharing what healthcare looks like in your community
- Understanding how to apply to schools, scholarships, find
- $additional\ in ternships\ and\ shadowing\ opportunities,\ etc.$

Eligibility:

- You must be a high school junior or senior to participate.
- Attendance is important and required every week for the full length of the program.
- Join weekly by computer/Wi-Fi.

This program will be conducted virtually. If you would like to participate but foresee access being an issue please reach out



Walking On...

Byron Victor LaBonte

June 8, 1932 - Oct. 26, 2020

Tribal Elder Byron Victor LaBonte was born on June 8, 1932, in Dayton, Ore., to Edna and Gus LaBonte. He grew up in Yamhill County along with his brother and three sisters, Eugene, Sylvia, Ruth and Dorothy.

As a logger, he worked about every job there was. He later started driving a truck for Moon Brothers Trucking in Eugene.

He married Sandra Plumlee on July 3, 1970, and the fireworks never ended. Together, they saw to the bringing up of Carla, Joanne, Jonathan, Byron, Myron and David.

He was a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe and loved to attend the powwows with his grandchildren.

He loved to fish (Foster, Green Peter, Hagg Lake and anyplace with water). He was a guide at Pacific City for several years.

He had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Carla, Joanne, Jonathan, Byron, Myron and David; and brother, Eugene. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters.

Family graveside services were held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the Dayton Odd Fellows Cemetery where he was laid to rest near his mother.

Other passings Edward Louis Taylor

July 30, 1957 - Oct. 31, 2020

Tribal Elder Edward Louis Taylor walked on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020. All County Cremation & Burial Services in Vancouver, Wash., is assisting

As of press time, no funeral service was planned.

'It was a goal of mine in 2020 to get accredited before the year was over'

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ment agencies must have a detailed set of policies and procedures, particularly in the areas of pursuits, use of force, evidence cataloging and internal affairs. The process is designed to help build the trust of local communities in their police departments through standards that improve accountability and increase professionalism.

Additionally, agencies must be re-accredited every three years and show proof of compliance with the required 104 professional standards of accountability, management and operations.

"It was a goal of mine in 2020 to get accredited before the year was over," Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said. "That we've done it with a few months left to go is a credit to my team, and the policies and procedures we spent years putting together. Even though we didn't have the title until now, we worked under these standards. The accreditation looks over our department to make sure we are

practicing what we are preaching. Especially these days with unrest and politics, it's good for us to be the best department we can be. We continue to learn and grow, and our police department does a great job."

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy thanked the Tribal Police Department for its due diligence in receiving accreditation.

"It is good for our community members to know their police force has received this accreditation, to be so open they are able to expose themselves to critical evaluations,"

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., who grew up in Grand Ronde, expressed gratitude that things have changed from when he was a youth in the 1960s.

"It shows me just how far we've come," he said. "We have a wonder-

McKnight also recalls some rough times when he was young.

"I never forgot that and I knew we would be a community police department that is accountable to everyone so it's a safe place to live,"

Grand Ronde Housing Department



Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Grievance Board is seeking commuity input for monthly meetings. The Housing Grievance Board meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Simone Auger.

For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. **■**



Ways to Teach Children About Gratitude

As you make holiday plans, take this opportunity to rethink gratitude and what we're truly thankful for. Here are some ways to authentically teach your child to appreciate what they have, as well as acts of kindness they can do for family members that create feelings of gratitude in others.

FAMILY TREE!

Create a family tree with you child to help them appreciate all their interwoven family connections!



DIVERSITY!

Teach about appreciating the diversity of cultures though books art and music!



STORIES!

Discuss some favorite family stories and your childhood memories and talk about the things you were grateful for growing up!



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This information is provided to you by the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking actions for unmet needs in children's health). The purpose of this grant is to foster culturally responsive models to support and promote the wellness of children and families.



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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.





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'Celebrating 37 years'

The 2020–21 Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups share Tribal facts to honor our ancestors' journey from Termination to our achievements today.

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























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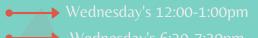
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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Friday, Oct. 9

- Warrant arrest in the area of Big Buck Campground. A male was arrested for valid felony warrant and transported to the Yamhill County Jail in McMinnville.
- Assist outside agency on a welfare check in the 28400 block of McPherson Road. Report of juveniles not being looked after.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo Road and Highway
 18. A vehicle parked in a no-parking area.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was cited and released for trespassing.
- Welfare check performed in the 58500 block of Hebo Road.
- Animal complaint in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive. Report of a dog biting another dog.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Unlawful entry into a vehicle reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request on a stolen vehicle in the area of Frank Road.
- Harassment reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Parties were separated for the night.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Oct. 10

- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Shots fired in the area of 24700 Grand Ronde Road. Police searched the area and were unable to locate the source.
- Attempt to locate pursued vehicle in the area of milepost 34 on Highway 18. A vehicle eluded Yamhill County deputies headed westbound.
 Unable to locate the vehicle.
- Animal complaint in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. Dog reportedly attacked another dog.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
 A female was arrested for DUII and recklessly endangering another person. A male was arrested for possession of MDMA.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of Highway 22 and Red Prairie Road.
- Intoxicated person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was located and arrested for DUII.

Sunday, Oct. 11

- Found property in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the Willamina area.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 and Hebo Road.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.

Monday, Oct. 12

- Report of possible assault out of the area.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was cited and released for Yamhill County warrants.
- Disturbance reported in the 27800 block of Jahn Road. Parties agreed to separate for the night.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 27800 block of Jahn Road. Argument started again and provided cover for Polk County deputies.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Male vs. female involved in an argument. Parties were separated before law enforcement arrival.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the Willamina area.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22. Unable to locate the vehicle.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Emotionally distressed person in the Willamina area. Spoke with individual involved and forwarded information to the Department of Human Services.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A male and female were arrested for possession of methamphet-amines and heroin. Both were cited and released.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Oct. 15

• Found property in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- Driving complaint reported in the area of Firehall and Andy Riggs roads. Unable to locate the vehicle.
- Assist outside agency by covering Polk County deputies on a traffic stop in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

Friday, Oct. 16

- Welfare check conducted in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road. A female who had not been seen for a couple of days was located.
- Two vehicle crash occurred in the 27700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road
- Disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop. Neighbors were arguing. They were advised to separate for the rest of the night.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. A female was advised to move along.
- Report of a deceased person in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
 A male passed from natural causes.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A male was cited and released for possession of methamphetamines.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with cover requested for a domestic disturbance in the Sheridan area.
- Reported harassment in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Oct. 17

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 Two males were arrested for possession of methamphetamines and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Report of an emotionally distressed person in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
 The vehicle's driver was advised to move along.
- Reported theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The issue was handled civilly.

Sunday, Oct. 18

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for warrants and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Oct. 19

- Report of a stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 Driving complaint reported in the area of milenost 31 on Highway 18
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 Assist outside agency with a cover request in the Sheridan area.
- Trespass in the area of Agency Creek Road. A male was advised to move out.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop. A juvenile was cited and released.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

- Warrant arrest performed in the area of Andy Riggs Road. A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Domestic assault reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop. A male was arrested for menacing, assault, criminal mistreatment and reckless endangering.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A male was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas for multiple warrants and driving while suspended (misdemeanor).
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A female was arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Two vehicle crash occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Oct. 22

- Assist outside agency with cover requested in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. Report of children being left home alone.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a welfare check in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. Report of children not being properly cared for.
- Harassment reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was cited and released.
- Assist outside agency with reported criminal mischief in the 25200

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block of Yamhill River Road.

Friday, Oct. 23

- Assist outside agency with an overdose in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. A male was transported to a local hospital.
- Report of a stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The issue turned out to be civil.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A male was arrested for multiple felony warrants and transported to the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Drug complaint in the 27100 Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for possession of methamphetamines, giving false information to a police officer and for multiple warrants. She was lodged at the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency by testing possible drugs for Yamhill County.
 The substance was positive for methamphetamines.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic dispute in the Willamina area.
- Assist outside agency with a theft in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road. A male was located and cited for theft.

Saturday, Oct. 24

- Assist outside agency with a cover request on a traffic stop in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female
 was located and arrested for first-degree theft, giving false information
 and warrants. She was lodged at the Polk County Jail in Dallas.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Oct. 25

Assist outside agency with a domestic dispute in the Sheridan area.

- Driving complaint in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint in the area of Highway 22 and Salt Creek Road.
- Animal complaint in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads. A deer was hit by a vehicle.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic dispute in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Oct. 26

- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- · Animal complaint in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic dispute in the Sheridan area.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

- Traffic stop occurred in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22. A male was arrested for misdemeanor driving while suspended.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Disturbance reported in the area of Raven Loop and Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency with an overdose in the 26600 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

- Found property in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 29900 block of Newsome Drive.

Thursday, Oct. 29

- Assist outside agency with a 911 hang-up call in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with an intoxicated male in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Suicidal subject reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A male was contacted and determined to not be suicidal.

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From the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO)



Are you a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde veteran?

The 37th annual 2020 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Restoration Celebration is online.

(See the Tribal website for more information).

Native American Heritage Month

Enjoy this time to celebrate our culture, traditions, histories, and contributions this month and all year long! On Nov. 22, 1983, Grand
Ronde's federal recognition as
a tribal government was
restored when the Grand
Ronde Restoration Act was
signed into law.

VIETNAM BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS Disability benefits available to those serving offshore

Agent Orange Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam Waters (Blue Water Navy)

Blue Water Navy Veterans are now entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. This extension of the presumption is a result of <u>Public Law 116-23</u>, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect January 1, 2020.

The law states that Veterans aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in <u>Public Law 116-23</u>, between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure.

To be entitled to disability compensation benefits, these Veterans must have one or more of the conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure that are listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e).

How do I file a claim for disability compensation?

- Apply online using <u>www.va.gov</u>, OR
- Work with an accredited representative or agent, OR
- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our Facility Locator page.
- State on your application that you are filing for one of the presumed Agent Orange conditions.
- Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the ship(s) and the date(s) you crossed within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information.
- Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current Agent Orange presumptive condition or tell us where you are being treated.

For more information on how to apply and for tips on making sure your claim is ready to be processed by VA, visit our Disability Compensation web page. www.va.gov

What conditions are related to Agent Orange exposure?

Agent Orange presumptive conditions are:

- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
- Chronic B-cell leukemias
- Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
- Ischemic heart disease
- Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin's disease
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma
 Parkinson's disease
- Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosar-coma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

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