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Tribal police chief concerned about ramifications of drug decriminalization

Grand Ronde Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy named to oversight committee

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

In November, Oregon became the first state in the nation to decriminalize drug possession after voters overwhelmingly approved Measure 110 with 58.5 percent supporting the proposal.

The new law, which took effect on Feb. 1, changes personal possession of drugs such as cocaine, heroin, oxycodone and methamphetamines to a civil fine of \$100 instead of having a criminal penalty with fines up to \$6,250 and potential jail time of up to one year.

Additionally, those who are fined under the new law can have the fine waived if they agree to complete a health assessment. Drug manufacturing and selling remain illegal activities.

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said he has concerns about implementation of Measure 110 locally. He said that since November, Tribal officers have been treating drug possession as a civil violation after being advised to do so by attorneys for the state

"Our caseload numbers have more than doubled from the period from November through January," McKnight said. "I can't think of a specific reason other than this new law. This is a huge jump for a small department. I believe the general

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Illustration by Samuel Briggs II

Invasive plants often found on the Grand Ronde Reservation include, clockwise from top left, scotch broom, bull thistle, tansy ragwort and Canada thistle.

Natural Resources raising awareness about non-native plants

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Invasive plants come in several forms and many have innocent-enough sounding names: Fox glove, velvet grass and water primrose. However, when not monitored closely, they can pose a serious threat to an area's ecosystem.

This year, the Tribe's Natural

Resources Department will be sending a series of educational staff e-mails with resources on invasive plants and how to best prevent their spread as a part of National Invasive Species Awareness Week on Feb. 22-26.

The effort is being led by Natural Resources Specialist Anna Ramthun. Eventually, she hopes to have a full educational program with in-person events.

"Invasive species affect every community, including Grand Ronde," Ramthun says. "They are listed as the top five causes of loss of biodiversity, an increase in wildfires and reduction of habitat restoration effectiveness."

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Long shot: Family drives from Reno for COVID-19 vaccination



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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he Tribe's two-day vaccination clinic held on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3-4, attracted droves of people from all over Oregon and Washington.

But it's likely that one family traveled much farther than many.

Lauren Klein, 51, and her daughters, Maya Reyes Klein, 19, and Isabela Reyes Klein, 21, left Reno, Nev., at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in order to arrive for their afternoon appointments at the Tribal gym for the COVID-19 Moderna vaccine. The Tribe vaccinated 1,636 people during the event, said Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe.

The Klein family heard about the clinic from

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Isabela Reyes Klein, 21, and her sister, Maya Reyes Klein, 19, drove from Reno, Nev., with their mother, Lauren Klein, to get the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at the two-day Vaccination Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Feb. 4. The three left their home at 3:30 a.m. and arrived in Grand Ronde around 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4. They say they will make the same trip in March to get their second dose.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 7

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

Wednesday, March 10......10 a.m.

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

I was so proud to hear our leader, Cheryle Kennedy, on OPB. She was so articulate, knew so much about the health issues we face and how to address them, as well as her experience over the years in dealing with different federal administrations.

She is so kind and humble, and the best representative of our people that I can imagine.

I hope she and her husband will know how much we all care about them.

Valerie Alexander

Roll No. 2274

Dear Smoke Signals:

łaxayam khanawi łaksta nyaka shiks pi tillixam (Hello, all my friends and family). I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits!

Last month, the CTGR Skookum Health Assistance Program (SHAP) team mailed out a detailed individual health care status report for 2019 plus a program guideline booklet to Tribal members. In the past, I mistook SHAP as health insurance coverage and was trying to make sense of the need to seek alternate resources in order to be eligible for SHAP. Thankfully, the program guideline booklet that was included made that more clear and I appreciated the easy-to-read breakdown of services and associated costs overall for the membership and individually.

Now more than ever, I think this type of information sharing is not only needed, but appreciated and valued by members. I want to thank the staff who made it happen and for all their hard work in getting this data and materials out to all members.

I am also grateful to past leaders who had the foresight to implement this type of program for members and to our current leaders who continue to support it and many others like it to help meet the health needs of members, hayu masi.

Michael Cherry Roll No. 1091

City Council OKs Chick-fil-A at Chemawa Station

KEIZER - The Keizer City Council unanimously approved on Tuesday, Feb. 2, a plan for a Chick-fil-A fast food restaurant to locate at the almost 16-acre Chemawa Station, which is jointly owned by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Confederated Tribes of Siletz

The approved amendments to the site reduce the number of buildings allowed from four to three and moves the proposed eatery from the north side to the west side of the site.

Chick-fil-A representative Steve Schwartz said that the changes will allow the restaurant to operate two drive-through lanes around the building.

The 5,200-square-foot restaurant is projected to employ between 80 to 100 people.

There are currently two Chick-fil-A eateries in Beaverton and one each in Hillsboro, Bend, Medford and Clackamas. The restaurant chain specializes in breaded, boneless chicken sandwiches with two buttered buns and has more than 2,400 outlets in 47 states and the District of Columbia, according to its company website.

In January 2020, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council approved a lease with 7-11 Inc. to build a convenience store at Chemawa Station.

The Federal Highway Administration transferred ownership of the 15.7-acre property to the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes under the Indian Self-Determination Act in 2002. Ground was officially broken on the site in December 2019. ■

Includes information from the Salem Statesman Journal

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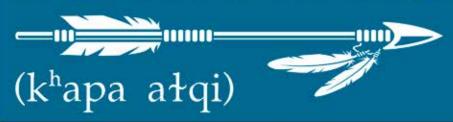
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IN THE FUTURE



February

- Monday, Feb. 15 Tribal offices closed in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

March

- Sunday, March 7 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., held via the Zoom teleconferencing application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 10 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 24 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.)

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Blue Heron fire suspect to undergo mental health exam

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

OREGON CITY – The man suspected of starting a fire that damaged the Grand Ronde Tribe's Blue Heron property will receive a mental health examination from Oregon State Hospital personnel before his case possibly proceeds to trial.

Clackamas County Judge Heather Karabeika ordered the mental health examination on Jan. 4 after finding there was reason to doubt Enrique Omar Mejia's mental ability to proceed with a criminal defense against the arson charge filed against him.

Oregon City police arrested Mejia, 29, for the Dec. 5 fire at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site that the Tribe purchased in August 2019. He was originally scheduled to go on trial on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Mejia's court-appointed attorney Ruben Medina Jr. requested a psychiatric/psychological examination, saying that a criminal trial could violate his client's "fundamental right to competency."

Mejia reportedly made "concerning statements" that call into question his ability to stand trial, Medina said. He added that his client's family members said that he has been having mental health issues for some time.

Medina told the court that Mejia claimed to have had a chip implanted in his head and wanted to know what would happen when the chip was discovered. He also asserted that he has since been followed around by a cult that is trying to frame him for a crime.

According to a Dec. 29 court fil-



Enrique Omar Mejia

ing reported by The Clackamas Review, Mejia said that because of his brain implant "a group of people can see what I'm thinking; they

can see what I see, and they can hear what I hear. ... I'm not sure exactly what it is, but I think it's part of a cell phone or Google eye or something."

Mejia's previous convictions include a 2018 disorderly-conduct charge in Lincoln City. According to the *Lincoln City News Guard*, he also was cited and released by the Lincoln City Police Department in July 2020 after police received a report of a man with a beer pushing a crosswalk button over and over again.

Oregon law states that a person may be found incapacitated if, as a result of a qualifying mental disorder, he or she is "unable to understand the nature of the proceedings against the defendant or to assist and cooperate with the counsel."

Mejia remains in the Clackamas County Jail in Oregon City on \$100,000 bail on one count of second-degree arson. He has been previously denied release because of failure to appear charges, the felony arson charge, having adult convictions and being unemployed.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 29, to determine his mental fitness to proceed. ■

Includes information from Pamplin Media Group

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE



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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 February food box distributions on Fridays from $10~\rm{a.m.}$ to $2~\rm{p.m.}$

"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.

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@marionpolkfoodshare.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, Feb.
 19, using the Zoom conferencing program. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.
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- 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.)



2016 – Tribal Silviculture/ Fire Protection Technician Jeremy Ojua and Tribal Silviculture/Fire Protection Supervisor Colby Drake had their photos featured in a new exhibit at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. "I had seen a lot of Jay and Colby's pictures online," exhibit curator and Tribal Artisan Travis Stewart



File photo

said. "A lot of people who live out here tend to take how beautiful it is out here for granted and these guys have a way of putting it out there for you to see the beauty." The photos featured many images that the two captured during their work outdoors.

2016

2011 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., asking that a U.S. Department of the Interior decision to grant the Cowlitz Tribe reservation land near La Center, Wash., be vacated. The Tribe's lawsuit said Grand Ronde is challenging the decision because "the land is not located within the Cowlitz Tribe's aboriginal territory, is not historically or culturally significant to the Cowlitz, and would be taken in trust for a Tribe that was neither 'recognized,' or 'under federal jurisdiction.'"

2006 – Tribal member Jan Reibach's CD release "A New Day" was a finalist for the best New Age album in the fifth annual Independent Music Awards. The awards gave heightened visibility to artists who worked without a major label. Winners were selected from thousands of submissions from around the world, which represented the independent music community. "It is a great honor to be recognized by the IMA," Reibach said. "The CD is really about cultures coming together, the old and the new. After all, music is a gift to all people."

2001 – More than 25 Tribes attended the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians Winter Conference, including representatives from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. "Honestly, I've gotten so much good information from all this," Tribal Council member Butch LaBonte said. "And I've had fun, too." In addition to Tribal representatives, several different agencies were on hand, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Congress of American Indians and the Bonneville Power Administration. Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison spoke during a lunch event, offering thanks to Rep. Elizabeth Furse and Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, longtime Tribal allies.

1996 – Tribal Council voted to purchase 12 acres of land adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino on Highway 18. Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier said the council made a decision to purchase the land to keep private developers from acquiring the parcel. "The Tribal Council's concern was if anyone else were to purchase it, there would be no control over what could be built there," he said.

1991 – Tribal member Shonn Leno was off to a good start in wrestling after winning third place in the Pacific Open Tournament held in Forest Grove. There were approximately 350 to 400 other wrestlers in his bracket. Leno was a sophomore at Willamina High School and ranked second in the state at 106 pounds.

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







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General Council briefed on Health & Wellness efforts

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe briefed General Council on initiatives her department has been working on during the last year, but not surprisingly spent most of her time discussing the Tribe's efforts to get COVID-19 vaccinations into the arms of Tribal and community members.

As of Friday, Feb. 5, the Tribal health clinic had delivered 1,168 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine since late December with 824 of those going to Elders 55 and older, Rowe said during the 80-minute virtual General Council meeting held on Sunday, Feb. 7.

In addition, 954 of those vaccinations were first doses and the balance – 214 – were second doses. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines require two doses given approximately 21 to 28 days apart to attain more than 90 percent effectiveness.

Rowe said 839 of those doses have gone to Tribal members, descendants, spouses or parents while 162 have gone to Tribal employees. The former group has seen 71 second doses and 40 employees have been fully vaccinated.

Meanwhile, the clinic continues to test for COVID-19 and recently received a second rapid testing analyzer that permits staff to perform 56 tests per day. Rowe said the Grand Ronde community is still seeing occasional positive COVID-19 test results.

The clinic has conducted 1,837 COVID-19 tests with 1,668 of them coming back negative. Rowe said that there were 15 active cases and 65 people have recovered from contracting the virus.

Rowe said the two-day mass Vaccination Clinic held on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3-4, delivered 1,636 doses (see story on page 1). Another 750-dose clinic occurred Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Tribal gym and the Tribe reached out to veterans and other marginalized communities to give them first dibs on appointments.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy thanked the Health & Wellness staff in helping the Tribe through the pandemic, which became widespread in Oregon in mid-March of 2020.



Kelly Rowe

"I just have to take this opportunity to thank all of our professional medical providers. Everyone who works out at the clinic and Community

Health are all professionals," she said. "In my opinion, they have been fighting this battle valiantly and that they have gone well above and beyond their call of duty."

Rowe also discussed the expansion of the Behavioral Health wing at the Health & Wellness Center. Finished in late January 2020, the 4,125-square-foot addition provides staff with eight additional offices that provide increased privacy for patients.

Rowe also said that the Tribe's first medication-assisted clinic in Salem is close to opening to treat people who have become addicted to opioids. The Great Circle Recovery Clinic on Commercial Street in Salem has almost met all of its licensure and regulatory requirements to open.

"It's been a labor of love," Rowe said. "This program will save lives."

Tribal Council member Michael Langley said he is happy that the Tribe purchased an office adjacent to Mill Creek so that water can be incorporated into traditional Native healing practices.

The Tribe also plans to open a second clinic in east Portland sometime this summer.

Rowe also complimented her employees, who have not only continued working through the pandemic, but through smoke from wildfires and adverse weather conditions.

"I can't say enough about how well the team has been performing, but also coming together as a family to do this," Rowe said. "For me, they are all health care champions."

In other action, it was announced that the Sunday, March 7, General Council meeting will once again be held using the Zoom teleconferencing program. The report will be from the Tribal Lands Department.

Robert Wiggs, Judy Ballini, Veronica Gaston, Nicomi Levine and Kathie Levine won the \$50 door prizes while Shayla Murphy, Jessica Maldanado and Stefanie Shandy won the \$100 door prizes. ■

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Back to school



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Tribal member and second-grader Evey Bishop, 7, has her temperature taken while being dropped off as Willamina Elementary School welcomed first- and second-graders back to in-person learning on Tuesday, Feb. 9. First- and second-graders are joining kindergartners in attending school for half-day, morning or afternoon sessions for four days a week – Tuesday through Friday. Higher grades are expected to return in Willamina in early March.



Tribal member and second-grader Makalee King and her brother, kindergartner Kolton, get off a school bus as Willamina Elementary School welcomed back first- and second-graders to half-day in-person learning on Tuesday, Feb. 9.



Kennedy appears on OPB's 'Think Out Loud'

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said she thinks the new Biden administration will be a welcome change for Oregon Tribes and Indian Country nationwide.

Kennedy appeared on the Friday, Feb. 5, "Think Out Loud" radio program on Oregon Public Broadcasting with host Dave Miller and Nez Perce citizen and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Executive Director Jaime Pinkham to discuss the transition from Republican Donald Trump to Democrat Joseph Biden, who was sworn in at the country's 46th president on Jan. 20.

During the Trump administration, the annual Tribal Nations Conference held in Washington. D.C., that started under the Obama administration was suspended. In addition, support for Indian Country was "pretty devastating," Kennedy said.



Chervle A. Kennedy

"I think everyone knows that the federal government has a trust responsibility for federally recognized Tribes," she said. "The budget process has always been part of the

way that services are provided for Tribes and we have seen decreases in all categories. We annually present and consult with agencies and what the needs of Tribes are. They were not met with great reception. So there has been a huge struggle to maintain services in Indian Country, particularly for Tribes. Other areas were affected as well, such as urban Indian organizations. ... We've been greatly impacted under that administration."

Miller said that one of Biden's first executive orders after taking office addressed reinforcing federal consultation with Tribal governments and respecting Tribal sovereignty.

"I've been involved in Tribal government most of my life, so I have lived through various different eras since the 1970s," Kennedy said. "There have been a lot of twists and turns. When I look back at the legacy of presidents, Ronald Reagan was named as one of the great presidents, but he was not for Indian Country and the same kind of reducing of budgets and services, and looking at means testing and questioning who was a Native American, that all went on in the '80s.

"We, as Tribes, are resilient and we're spiritual people, so we often call on our Creator to help us. Today, we are at a much different place, I believe, in that it started with the executive orders. I believe that time will tell."

Kennedy said that Biden's service for eight years under President Barack Obama as vice president probably affects the new administration's change of attitude toward Native American Tribes. Trump was known to have a contentious relationship with Tribes because of his Atlantic City casino.

"Obama was a champion of ethnic groups and recognized the unique relationship that Indian Tribes have with the federal government," Kennedy said. "He set up the White House conferences, an annual meeting, as well as engaged all of the agencies and directed them to consult with Tribes and develop policies. Not all agencies did that. So it's a wonderful thing to see that that's one of the first things that President Biden has issued and I really look forward to it. I think we're in a good time where we're respected, that our sovereignty is being respected and that our voices are being heard."

Kennedy said she has seen a concrete change in distribution of COVID-19 vaccination supplies to Tribes since the change in administrations.

"I've already seen evidence that under President Biden that Tribes are being allowed direct access to the federal stockpile of supplies and vaccines," she said. "That was unheard of here all through last year. Now, the effects are that Tribes now have received vaccines to put vaccines in the arms of their Tribal members, as well as others who frequent their clinics. There's great action taking place right now."

Kennedy added that the nomination of New Mexico Congresswoman Debra Haaland, a Laguna Pueblo member, as Biden's nominee for Secretary of the Interior is a milestone for not only Indian Country, but Native American women.

"(It's) very significant not only as a Native American woman, but because she is experienced with what the Department of the Interior has and has not done for Tribes," Kennedy said. "To have that direct voice on how Tribes manage and Tribes are partners, she knows that.

"Personally, I believe it elevates Native American women's role in government. We've always been leaders, so that's one thing. We're tied to the land and being tied to the land, Tribes have managed land for the millennia. We know how to deal with the fuel load that is in our (Pacific) Northwest forests and yet we're not in charge of it. I believe that Deb Haaland will hear that because she knows that Tribes know their land and she'll listen to us."

The show has been archived and can be heard at www.opb.org. ■

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. **■**

PREVENTION CORNER



February 2021



CTGR Office Closures:

Feb. 15: Tribal Chiefs' Day

Cooking with Shannon:

Feb. 25

Housing meetups:

Every Mon. & Wed.

Facebook LIVE:

Virtual Valentine's Family Event Feb. 11th 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up-to-date on program activities, to win cool prizes and to participate in the fun online "LIVE" events.

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Grand Ronde Youth

Empowerment and Preven-

As always, use the following hashtag ,and post your pictures

#ctgrwellnesswarriors

Staff Spotlight

As of August 2020, Vincent Chargualaf joined the YEP Team as the SPF Grant Coordinator where he focuses on engaging the community and raising awareness about the effects of underage drinking. Bringing his experience with being culturally involved and time serving on Youth Council will help him



put UNITY back in comm<u>unity</u>. Vincent worked at Youth Education as one of the tutors on the 6-12 team and looks forward to keep working with the Grand Ronde community.

Getting to know your loved one(s)

Getting to know your loved one whether it's a significant other, sibling, par ent or friend is never over. The longer your relationship with somebody, the more you see them grow and change over time. With Valentine's Day right around the corner, try asking these questions to your loved one to get to know them all over again

- What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
- · Who is your favorite music artist?
- If you could have a superpower, what would it be?
- What do you want to be when you're older?
- Who is your hero?
- What is your biggest fear?
- What really makes you angry?
- What is your favorite song to sing when nobody is around?
- What is the best gift you've been given?
- Who is the most intelligent person you know?

INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A SECURITY OFFICER?

DPSST TRAINING COMING SOON!

DPSST training is 14 hours (2 days)

Cost is \$160

(Plus cost for certification \$65 for unarmed and \$41.26 for background fee)

Free to CTGR Tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes

What are the minimum standards for Private Security certification?

Private security providers must be:

- At least 18 years of age
- Must have valid driver's license or the ability to obtain one if required by employer
- Must have a high school diploma or GED or a four-year post-secondary degree issued by an accredited college or university.
- Be of good moral fitness as determined by a background check, department investigation or other reliable sources. A lack of good moral fitness includes, but is not limited to, mandatory and discretionary disqualifying misconduct as described in OAR 259-060-0310

Please contact the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) at 503-879-2188 or 503-879-2127 for additional information or to register.

Tribal Council OKs grant application to purchase firefighting apparatus

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a \$213,095 grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security during its Wednesday, Feb. 10, meeting to purchase 25 self-contained breathing apparatus for the eventual Tribal takeover of the fire station on Grand Ronde Road.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will be responsible for fire and emergency medical response in the community by 2025, according to a five-year transition plan approved by Tribal Council in July 2020.

Fire suppression and emergency medical response responsibilities for the community are currently supplied by the West Valley Fire District in Willamina.

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

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

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

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

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

The latest grant application seeks funding for 25 self-contained breathing apparatus. Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers said during the Tuesday, Feb. 9, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the fire station currently has breathing apparatus, but they are reaching their end of use.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Sent an amendment to the Burial Fund Ordinance that would increase the benefit from \$6,000 to \$7,000 out for a first reading. It will allow Tribal members 30 days to comment on the proposed amendment before it returns to Tribal Council for final adoption;
- Approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution;
- Approved a change in the list of Tribal managers overseeing the 401(k) plan for employees. The move drops the Economic Development director and Tribal convenience store general manager from the list of directors on the Plan Administrative Committee, which now consists of the Tribe's general manager, finance officer and Human Resources director and Spirit Mountain Casino's general manager and finance director;
- Approved a resolution of support for the Riverwalk project in Oregon City. The Willamette Falls Legacy Project endeavor will eventually connect the historic downtown area with Willamette Falls and requires Tribal support because it purchased the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site along the Willamette River in August 2019;
- · And approved a new five-year Conservation Stewardship Program contract for three of the Tribe's conservation properties: the 426-acre Chankawan and the 461-acre Chahalpam properties in Marion County and the 667.5-acre Noble Oaks property in Polk County. The agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service will fund habitat enhancement work on 42 acres split among the three properties and the Tribe could receive a maximum of \$70,000 to fund that work.

Also included in the Feb. 10 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that OK'd a 2 percent cost-of-living increase to Elders pension payments and formally established June 19, known as Juneteenth, as an official Tribal holiday and incorporates it into the Personnel Management Ordinance.

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

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. ■

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■



CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER

Due to COVID restrictions TERO is putting on two 5 hour Flagger Certification Classes

Classes Feb. 24-25. 10am-3pm. 9 person max per class. Mask required.

CTGR Employment Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347 (Building C, Rooms A & B)

No cost for Tribal members and \$100 for non-Tribal members.

Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2139 or 503-879-2188

You can also e-mail us at tero@grandronde.org

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'We're very grateful for this opportunity'

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a Tribal member who is a close friend. Once they learned that the clinic had opened up to anyone 18 and older so as not to waste already thawed vaccine doses, Maya quickly secured online appointments for herself and her sister, who is immune compromised. Their mother was unable to obtain an appointment before they were filled, but traveled with her daughters for support.

"It is all about the kids," Lauren said. "It's a long drive and I wanted to make sure they were safe."

The family was undeterred by the prospect of driving in wintry conditions in their Mini Cooper wagon.

"It was too late to try and rent a car," Lauren said. "There was some ice on the way, but we were fine."

The two sisters only made their appointments after being reassured by their Tribal member friend they were not taking a vaccine from someone local who really needed it. It only takes two hours for the vaccine to thaw when removed from a freezer and then the doses are only viable for six hours.

"We were all very clear that we didn't want to take away from anyone else," Lauren said. "We were told the Tribe didn't want any of the doses to go to waste. We are so grateful for the generosity from the Tribe."

The three chose to make the 520-mile trip to Grand Ronde from Reno



Recreation Specialist Leo Ayala and Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey moved a table while working on setting up the Tribal gym for a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Vaccinations were available for Tribal and community members on Wednesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 4.

Vaccine clinic stats

Doses given: 1,636
Elders (55+): 572
Tribal employees: 280
CTGR family members: 69
School employees: 22
Community members: 361
Oldest person: 98
Source: Health Services
Executive Director Kelly Rowe

due to issues with Nevada's vaccine

"There really isn't a clear timeframe and I was feeling pretty anxious about it, especially with a sister who is immune compromised," Maya said. "The system in Reno is in disarray."

After getting her vaccination, Maya said her feelings were mixed.

"It's a combination of anxious because of potential side effects and relief at the same time because I will have some protection from COVID," she said. "I'm also feeling hopeful."

Lauren kept eyeing the gym, waiting for her other daughter to emerge. After receiving the vaccination, people had to wait 15 minutes or more depending on their health status to ensure there was no allergic reactions.

"When she comes out and I find out she is OK, then I will be less nervous," she said. "I'll be happy to know she at least has some protection."

The Kleins said they will repeat the more than 1,000-mile round trip and be back on March 4 for their second dose.

"We're very grateful for this opportunity," Lauren said.

Rowe said during the Sunday, Feb. 7, General Council meeting that the person who traveled the farthest to receive a vaccine dose was from North Dakota.

Former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno also invoked the words of Tribal Elder and Restoration figure Kathryn Harrison in saying that the Grand Ronde Tribe would care for the community after Restoration because the community cared for the Tribe during its 29 years of Termination.

The Tribe scheduled a second Vaccination Clinic for Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Tribal gym. The 750 doses available were all accounted for by Monday, Feb. 8. Rowe announced the clinic to the public at 1:06 p.m. and all of the doses were reserved within about an hour.

Individuals who registered for the Feb. 3-4 clinic through Eventbright will be contacted with registration instructions for their second dose. Those who did not register through the website should call 503-879-1420 to schedule a second appointment. ■



Retired Community Health RN Case Manager Peggy Shaver administered a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine dose to Tribal member Kallie Provost during a Vaccination Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The clinic offered vaccines to Tribal and community members over the age of 18.



Maintenance Technician Brent Bruckner works on setting up tables in the Tribal gym for a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 2.



Grand Ronde Pharmacist Dr. Brandon McDonald administers a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine dose to Lorane Hayes of Stayton during a Vaccination Clinic held in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The clinic offered vaccines to Tribal and community members over the age of 18. According to Health Services Executive Director, the Tribe's available allotment of 1,636 doses was used during the two-day event that also continued on Thursday, Feb. 4. Those receiving shots will have to return in early March for the second required dose to build up viral resistance against COVID-19.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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A shot at returning to the classroom



Willamina kindergarten teacher Miaja Lopez received a Moderna COVID-19 vaccination from Virginia Garcia Clinic certified medical assistant Jill Melara at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The event was hosted by the Yamhill Public Health Department and administered 100 doses to teachers in Willamina and Sheridan school districts. The Willamina School District welcomed first- and second-graders back to school for in-person instruction on Tuesday, Feb. 9.



Willamina teachers received Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations from Virginia Garcia Clinic employees at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan.



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UPDATE FROM: ANGEL BOOKKEEPING LLC - Karen Case

The Federal Tax Deadline to file is April 15, 2021

You are valued and please be assured we continue to be available to care for all your tax needs during this time of encouraged social distancing.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, we will not be scheduling any appointments in person at the Confederated Tribes in Grand Ronde, but will be available in the Willamina home office location.

We will continue to be doing taxes and accepting your documents via email, mail, drop-off, or by appointment at the Willamina home office location.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and encourage you to stay safe and healthy.

You may contact us at 971-237-1230

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Certificate of Appreciation

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received a **Certificate of Appreciation from** the Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service for its assistance in helping host a fire camp that battled the Echo Mountain Complex fire near Otis and Lincoln City in September 2020. At right,



Smoke Signals screenshot

Peter Daugherty, director of the Oregon Department of Forestry, was accompanied by representatives from the U.S. Forest Service during the virtual presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Glenn Casamassa, a regional forester with the Forest Service, said he appreciated that the Tribe hosted the fire camp and provided food and security for the firefighters. Daugherty said the Tribe's help was instrumental in helping to set up a fire camp in less than 24 hours while state employees also were trying to evacuate Lincoln City. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr., Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno participated in the virtual event. Mercier recalled how Grand Ronde felt "apocalyptic" during the raging forest fires that occurred in western Oregon. Tribal staff in attendance included General Manager David Fullerton, Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Communications Director Sara Thompson and interim **Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake. Participants** also thanked former Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson for his assistance. "Thank you for recognizing the partnership that we have," Kennedy said.



From the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO)

Laxayam solchas-man ~ Hello Veterans!

2021 Schedule April 20 Tuesday Tuesday June 15 Tuesday August 17 10 a.m.

October 12

2 p.m.

Tuesday

Bi-Monthly Veterans Meetings

Beginning in February 2021, the Tribal Veterans Service Office will be holding a series of one-hour or less, bi-monthly meetings for all veterans in our local community. The meetings will focus on various, informative topics each month. (For now, the meetings will be virtual).

opic: <u>Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSOs)</u> in Native Country

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Meeting Time: 2 p.m. **Zoom Meeting: 998 1048 8787**

Register at: zoom.us/join, enter meeting ID, and answer a couple of questions. An email will automatically be sent to you with your registration information.

Other Announcements:

Email Address ∼ All CTGR Veterans send me your email address so I can include you on the CTGR Veteran Newsletter Distribution List (monthly) and email information updates (periodic).

February ~ TVSO will be calling CTGR veterans in Oregon during the month of February to discuss veterans' benefits. Please have your DD-214, your current benefits and/or questions ready! (In return, you will receive a small token of appreciation for your time).

Memorial Day Gift ~ CTGR veterans in Oregon, please send or email me photos, stories, biographies, from your time in the service to receive a gift for Memorial Day due by

Future Trainings ~ We are setting up a four-series set of behavioral health trainings throughout the year. These will be open to all veterans, families, and community members with a special invitation to the other Oregon Tribes.







'Clean off your boots and your pets when you finish a hike'

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National Invasive Species Awareness Week is an international event occurring in the spring to raise awareness about invasive species, the threat that they pose and what can be done to prevent their spread. The North American Invasive Species Management Association's mission is to "support, promote and empower" invasive species prevention and management in North America.

"They want to bring awareness to the public about the presence of invasive species and the impacts on natural resources nationwide," Ramthun says. "My purpose in this is to raise awareness of invasive species on Tribal land and how we can all help keep them off Tribal land."

Ramthun says that the most common invasive species in the area include decorative plants like scotch broom and English ivy. These displace native and beneficial plants, and smother tree seedlings, hampering reforestation efforts. English ivy is particularly problematic and often threatens all vegetation levels of forested and open areas. It can grow along the ground and climb into the forest canopy, according to the website invasive.org.

Other invasive plants often found on the Reservation include common tansy, Canada thistle, bull thistle and reed canary grass.

"Some of these things have been here for decades, and others were



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Natural Resources Specialist Anna Ramthun talks about National Invasive Species Awareness Week on Monday, Feb. 1. It is an international event occurring in the spring to raise awareness about invasive species, the threat that they pose and what can be done to prevent their spread.

plants that were brought back in the 1800s and used as shipping material," Ramthun says. "Others were brought by birds or cars. Each has properties that make them destructive to the native plants, and the quality of the wildlife habitat and streams for salmon."

An annual invasive species awareness program was first held in the United States in January 2010 in Washington, D.C., and it included bipartisan groups that hosted workshops and presentations on climate change, energy and the green economy. Now, it has evolved to include the annual program as well as local, state, regional and Tribal representatives who host

educational events and workshops in their local communities. This year, everything has switched to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ramthun suggests calling or visiting a local nursery website to learn more about native plants and which ones are best suited for a particular area. Information also can be found at the Oregon State University Extension Service website at extension.oregonstate.edu.

And as far as keeping invasive species from spreading further?

"One of the best ways is to clean

off your boots and your pets when you finish a hike," she says. "It's an easy way to keep these plants from being transported elsewhere."

Tribal Restoration Ecologist Lindsay McClary says that the Tribe has a number of properties specifically designated for fish and wildlife habitat conservation, and that a large portion of these require restoration to function properly. This involves the removing of invasive species, especially non-native vegetation, and the efforts tend to be ongoing.

One of the examples she gave was that of the Rattlesnake Butte property located near Monroe, which the Tribe re-acquired through the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program. The site is predominately oak habitat, once abundant in the Willamette Valley.

"Before the Tribe re-acquired it, the site was logged in an effort to convert it to a vineyard," McClary says. "That did not happen, and invasive species colonized the site, from both natural transport and likely logging equipment. In some areas, the density is very high, specifically scotch broom. The Tribe has been successful in securing several grants to support restoration efforts on site. Although progress is happening, it will be a long road to remove these invasives and restore oak habitats."

For more information about invasive species and how to prevent their spread, visit naisma.org/resources/resource/.

Join us for our

Virtual Sobriety Zoom Meeting..

February 25, 2021 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Hosted by: Post Treatment Services / Social Services
Chris Holliday (503) 879-1452
Michael Herrin (503) 879-4543

Download the <u>Zoom</u> app or enter <u>Zoom</u> in your browser. Ask to join meeting then enter the information below.

Meeting ID: 945 4811 1618

Passcode: 276766

If you have any questions feel free to contact Social Services at (503) 879-2034

Let's get together and Support Recovery..

Did we mention there will be door prizes!!!!



Housing Association accepting scholar applications

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Northwest Indian Housing Association is accepting applications from enrolled association Tribal members for its 2021 Youth Scholarship Program. The Grand Ronde Tribe is a member of the association.

To be eligible, applicants must not have reached their 24th birthday by the application deadline, which is March 26.

Applications can be obtained by visiting www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program tab. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by e-mail to info@nwiah. org on or before 5 p.m. Friday, March 26.

All applicants will be notified of the Executive Committee's decisions and successful applicants will be recognized at the spring conference being held April 13-14.

For more information, call 360-220-9212 or e-mail info@nwiha.org.



Oversight and Accountability Council to establish plan

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public knows they can get away with it now and pay less than for a speeding ticket."

Total case numbers for November through January were 300, compared with 131 and 124 in the two previous years.

McKnight said that it isn't the act of doing drugs that bothers him, but the illegal activity that often accompanies it.

"The problem I have is there is always a trickle-down effect, not only in the way the drugs are made, but the way it is distributed to the user," he said. "Also, maybe the user doesn't have much money, so they are stealing to support their habit. All of that is a huge issue and it doesn't go away by just shifting money to rehab centers. Those who are around drug users know that they are really the only ones who can help themselves. If they really want treatment, they'll usually be successful at it. If they are mandated to go, it usually doesn't work."

Measure supporters say it will establish a more health-based and effective approach to drug addiction in Oregon by shifting the response from criminalization to treatment and recovery, and using marijuana sales taxes to finance treatment centers.

In an interview with Oregon Public Broadcasting, Outside in Harm Reduction Specialist and Measure 110 petitioner Haven Wheelock said she was proud of Oregon voters for their willingness to try something new.

"I'm excited to be a model for other places to show that we don't have to harm people for being sick," she said.

While McKnight agrees that marijuana tax revenues should go to treatment centers, he doesn't feel the Tribe will benefit from this aspect.

"I think we should have been more involved in the process," he said. "I feel like this law passed in



"If someone calls our department because they found meth in their teenager's room, there is nothing I can do about it now."

~ Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight

Oregon, but not on my Reservation. We won't see the benefits. I don't think people realize just how much drugs will be legal to possess now."

McKnight noted that up to 40 oxycodone pills is now considered personal use possession and only subject to the \$100 fine.

"Also, if someone calls our department because they found meth in their teenager's room, there is nothing I can do about it now," he said. "I actually have to observe the violation occurring."

Additionally, those who ignore paying the \$100 fine are not subject to any additional penalties, such as sending the bill to collections, while something as simple as an overdue utility bill can still be sent.

"There is really no accountability," McKnight said. "I think this is a case of putting the cart before the horse. There should have been more preparation and a treatment model created before the law was passed. Also, say your teenager gets caught with drugs. You'd never find out unless they told you because no one is contacting DHS (Department of Human Services) due to possession being only a civil violation. At least with a speeding ticket, you are going to find out because your insurance will increase."

According to an analysis by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, the state has some of the highest rates of substance abuse in the nation, but also is among the worst for access to drug treatment

services. Measure 110 requires that 15 additional treatment centers be operational by October.

Currently, McKnight said he is exploring ways to give the new law more teeth if Tribal members are caught in possession on Tribal land.

"We don't have a criminal court, but we are looking at ways to use our Public Safety Ordinance to make Tribal members accountable, perhaps by increasing the fine amount or having a wellness court. That is the end goal."

Grand Ronde Tribal Court has jurisdiction over civil actions, but not criminal cases, which are adjudicated through Polk or Yamhill circuit courts because the community is located in both counties.

"I just want to get it out to the public to look at this law more carefully," McKnight said. "I'm not sure what the right way is, but feel that the state should have been more prepared."

Measure requires oversight council, recovery services

In addition to drug decriminalization, Measure 110 also requires the Oregon Health Authority create a fund for treatment and recovery services financed with marijuana taxes. Those are expected to cover the cost of 15 treatment centers with wraparound services. Until they are created, a temporary 24/7 phone hotline has been set up by partnering with Lines for Life, a suicide prevention nonprofit.

Lastly, the Health Authority also

was required to form an Oversight and Accountability Council by Feb. 1 to implement a plan to establish treatment centers and administer funds. Almost 200 applied to serve on the council, with 21 selected, including Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

Kennedy has decades of experience in the health care field and served as the Tribe's first health administrator, starting the Health & Wellness Department shortly after 1983's Restoration. In addition, she served as executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and is the Tribe's longtime representative on the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services. Kennedy also co-chaired the Oregon Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee.

"As a Tribal Leader, I have dedicated my life's work to the health and well-being of our people," she said. "I hope that my service on the state's Oversight and Accountability Council can bring insight into how historical trauma, poverty, discrimination and racism can contribute to the increased risk of addiction among Native Americans."

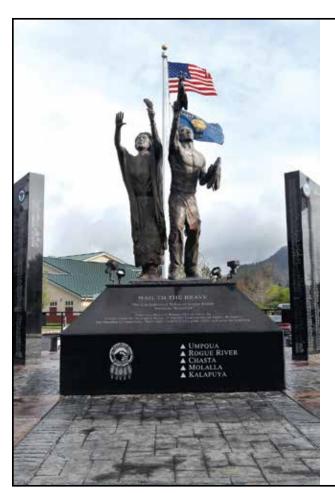
McKnight said he feels that having Kennedy on the oversight council will be beneficial, although he laments that the Tribe was not involved sooner in the process.

"I feel we should have been involved more and I expressed my feelings about this," he said.

Oregon Health Authority Director Pat Allen said he sought applicants for the council who represented diverse populations. In addition to Kennedy, the second Tribal representative is Warm Springs Tribal Health and Human Services Manager Caroline Martinez Cruz.

"We found 21 highly qualified, experienced individuals who truly represent the diverse populations who will benefit the most from the passing of this act," Allen said.

For more information about Measure 110, visit oregon.gov/oha/HSD/AMH/Pages/Measure110.aspx. ■



WEST VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2021

DOB: NAME: **ADDRESS: STATE:** ZIP: CITY: PHONE: **GENDER: MALE/FEMALE (CIRCLE)** RANK: **BRANCH: HONORABLE: YES/NO (CIRCLE)** DOE: PLACE OF ENTRY: DOS: PLACE OF SEPERATION: **DECEASED: YES/NO (CIRCLE)** PLACE OF BURIAL: CTGR TRIBAL: YES/NO (CIRCLE) IF TRIBAL, ROLL#

*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please call Steve Bobb at 503-876-3118.

Any applications received after March 15, 2021, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2022.



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Wednesday, Jan. 13

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Report of a hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 8200 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Jan. 14

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Service of civil paperwork in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Jan. 15

- Assist outside agency by helping Children & Family Services with an investigation in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- A warrant subject was located and arrested in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency with a two vehicle crash in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported. A female was having a mental health crisis in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A vehicle was called in for failure to maintain its lane in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A male with a warrant out of Washington state for a sex offense and assault crimes was arrested in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency by helping Polk County deputies in a criminal narcotics investigation at milepost 8 on Highway 22.
- A male was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.

Saturday, Jan. 16

- Attempt to locate on a vehicle in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist rendered at Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle. A juvenile was taken into protective custody and returned home to a guardian.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Crash at Highway 18 and Jahn Road. Assisted Oregon State Police with a single vehicle crash into a tree.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash at milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Old Fort and Hebo roads.

Sunday, Jan. 17

- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Motor vehicle accident reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for DUII.
- Fight reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 Report of a three-person altercation at Spirit Mountain Casino. No arrests were made.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency by helping Polk County deputies during a DUII investigation in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.

Monday, Jan. 18

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for multiple crimes.
- Warrant arrest made in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for having warrants in three different counties.
- Stolen vehicle and attempted third-degree assault in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested without incident for six crimes.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River

Highway

• Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near the Highway 22 intersection. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop. A female was arrested for trespass.
- Report of a kidnapping in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The issue was investigated and no information suggested a crime had been committed.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the Willamina area.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Multiple subjects were asked to leave Spirit Mountain Casino for causing a disturbance. The subjects left the casino.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

- Assist outside agency by helping Polk County deputies with a dementia patient who had wandered off from her residence in the area of A R Ford Road and Newsome Drive.
- Theft reported in the Agency Creek Road area.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. No arrests were made.
- Suspected DUII reported in 23100 block of Yamhill River Road. A male was arrested for driving under the influence and violating his probation.

Thursday, Jan. 21

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency at milepost 1 on Highway 18B. A three vehicle head-on crash resulted in no serious injuries.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 12 on Highway 18. A
 reported vehicle driving into oncoming traffic. The vehicle was
 found and it was determined that the driver was not under the
 influence.
- Civil issue in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Follow-up request from a separate agency.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. No arrests were made.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18. The suspect was found walking along the roadway and was arrested.
- Drug complaint received in 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. Report of subjects smoking an unknown substance.

Friday, Jan. 22

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Traffic assist performed at Highway 18 and Old Wallace Bridge Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported stolen vehicle in the 1520 block of West Main Street in Sheridan.
- Contempt of court arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for violating a no-contact release agreement.
- Assist outside agency at milepost 24 on Highway 18. There was a traffic hazard regarding a dog in the roadway.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers did not locate the vehicle.
- Assist outside agency at milepost 18 on Highway 18. There was a report of debris in the roadway.
- Assist outside agency at Highway 18B and Yamhill River Road. Officers assisted Oregon State Police with arresting a warrant subject.

Saturday, Jan. 23

- Reported contempt of court in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers did not find enough probable cause to make arrests.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for physical harassment.
- Officers assisted Yamhill County deputies in a vehicle pursuit that started in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18. The suspect was caught and taken into custody on Highway 22 near the exit to Rickreall.
- Trespass reported at 26820 Salmon River Highway. A male was arrested for trespassing and violating his post-prison supervision.

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POLICE LOG continued from page 12

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle. The victim reported being bitten by a dog.
- Suspicious activity reported in 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.

Sunday, Jan. 24

- · Assist outside agency in the 400 block of Yamhill Street in Sheridan. Officers covered Yamhill County deputies during a burglary in progress call. Yamhill County arrested a suspect in the case.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Needles were seized by police to be destroyed.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. No arrests were made.
- Theft from a motor vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was seen breaking into a vehicle, stealing items and then attempting to steal the vehicle. The suspect has not been found.
- Citizen contact occurred in 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Shots fired call received in the area of Ead Creek Loop and Wind River Drive. Officers investigated and did not locate any criminal activity.

Monday, Jan. 25

- Traffic assist performed in the 26200 block of Salmon River Highway. A male needed assistance because his car was stuck in a ditch.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 24 on Highway
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18. A male was arrested for a warrant and then charged with the additional crime of felon in possession of a restricted
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A suspect was arrested for the crime.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 47000 block of Hebo Road.
- Fight reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Three people were arrested for public fighting.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 13 on Hebo Road. Officers assisted Oregon State Police on a vehicle crash investigation.
- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. A vehicle was stuck in a ditch.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for a warrant and issued a citation for possession of methamphetamine.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A reported drug complaint turned into a warrant arrest. A male had a valid warrant out of Multnomah County.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. Officers did not locate the vehicle.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Highway 18 near Jahn Road. A male had a felony warrant out of Polk County.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. There was a reported theft at Spirit Mountain Casino. Upon arriving, officers were advised that the victim did not wish to pursue charges.

Thursday, Jan. 28

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers found a glass pipe containing methamphetamine residue.
- Identity theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers are still investigating.
- Theft reported in 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A \$550.13 money ticket was stolen. Officers are still investigating.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Jan. 29

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Criminal mischief reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road. The investigation is ongoing.
- Vehicle pursuit occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway. The driver led officers on a vehicle and foot pursuit, leading to a use of force, as well as criminal charges from multiple police agencies. The suspect was charged with more than 10 crimes, including domestic strangulation, fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest and attempted assault on a peace officer. The suspect was taken into custody without serious physical injury.

Saturday, Jan. 30

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug crime arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received at milepost 19 on Highway 18. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Crash occurred at milepost 24 on Highway 18. The two vehicle crash resulted in the cars' occupants being OK. The incident was investigated by Oregon State Police.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive. No arrests were made.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported assault in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Noise complaint reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A female was arrested for trespassing.

Sunday, Jan. 31

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Feb. 1

- Assist outside agency in the 55700 block of Hebo Road. Officers assisted Yamhill County deputies in investigating a menac-
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers assisted with an emotionally disturbed person call. A male was transported by medics to an area hospital.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River High-
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the 24700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 26800 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Reported domestic disturbance in the area. No arrests were made.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18. Officers assisted Oregon State Police in a DUII investiga-

Wednesday, Feb. 3

- Assist outside agency in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads. A vehicle crashed into a ditch.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River highway. Officers located a male with multiple felony warrants in the Spirit Mountain Casino parking lot. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River High-

Thursday, Feb. 4

- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Coyote Court. Assisted Corvallis Police Department detectives in their investi-
- Driving complaint received at milepost 6 on Highway 22. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Suspects left before officers could respond.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road. One female was arrested for physical harassment.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Tyler Brown.

'Sweetheart Wishes'

Spreading love, not germs: The 2020–21 Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups remind us that distance is just a test to see how far love can travel. Happy Valentine's Day!

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







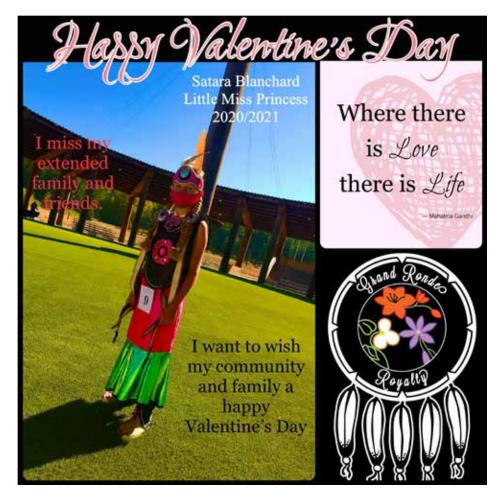






















Grand Ronde Royalty

If you are interested in participating in the 2021-22 Grand Ronde Royalty please take the following steps:

- 1) E-mail chelsea.clark@grandronde.org with name and address so we can send you the application.
 - a. Return to: CTGR Royalty c/o Tribal Council 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347
- 2) Complete the application with a parent and/or sponsor and return before March 26, 2021.

Participating in Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and public speaking. Participants represent the Tribe by attending various community events and powwows where we also work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB) Royalty participants.

Serving on Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities: organizational meetings, powwows, parades, fundraisers and more. We encourage all Tribal youth ages 4-18 to join.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021:

Warriors: 4-18 years of age Tiny Tot (Honorary): 4-6 years of age Little Miss Grand Ronde: 7-10 years of age Junior Miss Grand Ronde: 11-13 years of age Senior Miss Grand Ronde: 14-18 years of age General Requirements:

- 1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
 - 2. Must be drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free
 - 3. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
 - 4. Must be single with no dependents
 - 5. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Community Health Program

Medical Transport **Services**

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.



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. ■

Veterans Royalty

Veterans Royalty works with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB). They attend powwows, parades, fundraisers, meetings and other events with the Veterans SEB and the Honor Guard. They interact with and represent all veterans. They also work with the Grand Ronde Royalty court during events and activities such as Restoration, parades and fundraiser. The Veterans royalty should know what a veteran is and the different military branches.

When veterans royalty attend events, they are expected to stay for the entire duration of the event. This includes helping to set up events, meetings and parades and dancing during Grand Entry, inter-Tribals and staying until the flags are retired. Veterans Royalty should have their own regalia and be willing and able to dance.

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol, public speaking and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows, events, parades, fundraisers and various community events.

Serving on Veterans Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities, organizational meetings, powwows, parades, fundraisers and more. We encourage all Tribal youth ages 7-18 to join.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Thursday, July 1, 2021:

Warriors: 7 - 18 years of age
Little Veterans Queen: 7 - 10 years of

Little Veterans Queen: 7 -10 years of age Junior Veterans Queen: 11-13 years of age Senior Veterans Queen: 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

- Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Member
- 2. Must be alcohol and drug free
- 3. Never married, no children
- 4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
- 5. Sign and comply with Veterans Royalty guidelines & agreement

DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Thursday, April 1

Applicant's Name:	
Phone (Day)	(Evening):
	(Evening): Age:
	nd Phone (if different than a parent):
Why do you want to particip	ate in Veterans Royalty?
Applicant's Signature	
Applicant's Signature Parent's Signature	

Mail Applications to: Veterans SEB c/o Public Affairs 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Hudson receives \$7,500 First Peoples Fund award

PORTLAND – Grand Ronde Tribal member Anthony Hudson was one of 23 Native American artists to receive a \$7,500 cash award through the First Peoples Fund's Artists in Business Leadership and Cultural Capital Fellowship programs.

The awards aim to increase an artist's capacity to succeed and create, and have an effect on their community.

Hudson, who was profiled in the Nov. 1, 2019, edition of *Smoke Signals*, is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, performer and filmmaker. He is known as Portland's premier drag queen Carla Rossi, an immortal trickster whose attempts at realness always result in failure.

Together, they have been featured at the Port-



Anthony Hudson

land and Seattle art museums, the Vancouver Queer Film Festival, the 2019 Portland Biennial and the Yirramboi Festival in Melbourne, Australia.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Hudson regularly hosted the Queer Horror film screening series at the Hollywood Theatre in Portland. His first professionally produced play, "Looking for Tiger Lily," will make its world premiere at Artists Repertory Theatre.

First Peoples Fund is the oldest national organization dedicated to supporting Native American artists and culture bearers. Since 1999, it has awarded more than \$5.5 million in individual and organizational grants, as well as fees and honoraria to artists. The fund is supported by various foundation grants.

In addition to the cash award, Hudson will receive technical support and professional training to nurture and guide his business development goals as a Native artist. ■



Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our Veterans Royalty 2021-22 Crown Medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Logo (pictured)
- a. Little Queen 4 inches
- b. Junior Queen 6 inches
- c. Senior Queen 6 inches
- d. Warrior Medallion 4 inches
- 2. Court year Queens only
- 3. Back of Crown's medallion logo (3) 3 inches

Bid deadline is April 1, 2021 by 5 P.M. (deadline is firm and no bids accepted after 5 P.M.)

Mail bids & designs to: Veterans SEB c/o Public Affairs 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: call Shannon Simi @ 503-879-1358 or Shannon.simi@grandronde.org

Walking On...

Margaret Ruth (Leno) Peters

May 7, 1925 - Jan. 27, 2021

Margaret Ruth Peters, 95, of Lebanon passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at 12 a.m. under the light of a full moon, peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Margaret was born in Grand Ronde, Ore., where she resided for a portion of her life. Margaret and her family moved around Oregon until settling in Lebanon where she resided for the rest of her life with her loving husband and six surviving children.

Margaret worked a handful of jobs, but she will be remembered as a caring homemaking, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She married her husband, Henry D. Peters Jr., after his honorable discharge from the military and celebrated 62 loving years of marriage until Henry passed away in the same home that she chose to reside in for the rest of her life.

At the time of her passing, she was the fifth eldest Elder in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

She is survived by sons, Lavern, Norman, Jim and Deitz Peters; daughters, Merlene Bennett and Marsha Drum; 15 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren all residing near Lebanon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry; parents; daughter, Nona; seven brothers and two sisters.

A viewing was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Huston-Jost Funeral Home, 86 W. Grant St., Lebanon. A service celebrating her life was held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. 9615 Grand Ronde Road, under the direction of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

A memorial dinner was held at the Peters' residence on Sherman Street on Friday evening and anyone was welcome to come pay their respects to the family.



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Salmon Egg Distribution

Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Member.
- Eggs cannot be sold.
- To apply call or email Brandon.weems@grandronde.org or Call (503)879-2192.
- Eggs must be picked up in person with Tribal ID at Natural Resources (47010 SW Hebo Road Grand
- The frequency and quantity of the egg supply cannot be predicted. When eggs are available the applicants will be notified in the order of their application until the supply is gone. If we cannot supply eggs to meet the entire list of requests; those not receiving eggs will be moved to the top of the list for the next distribution
- Eggs can be loose or in skeins
- Eggs are stored vacuumed sealed and frozen.









LIBRARY HOURS:

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

The Tribal Library has been and will continue to offer curbside assistance. For those who cannot get to the Tribal Library, we are now offering Mobile Library services. We are offering a weekly service to deliver and return checked-out items to and from the library. Delivery can include books, DVDs and audiobooks. Some large-print books are also available. Delivery and returns are scheduled for Fridays. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Cole at 503-879-1488 or Kathy.Cole@grandronde.org.

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

Spring Into Reading Registration					
February 16th - February 26th					
Name:					
Address:					
Grade: Age:					
Email:					
CTGR Tribal member					
CTGR descendant					
Other native					
Grand Ronde community member <u>Pickup every Wednesday at:</u>					
Tribal Library 9am-5pm					
Housing basketball court 11am-11:30am					

To sign up, or for more information, Contact Brandon Weems at (503)879-2192 or brandon.weems@grandronde.org



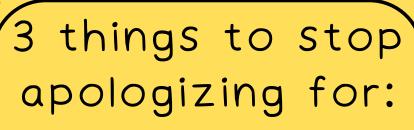
Health & Wellness Center entrance

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 prescriptions, please park in

Thank you,
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration

one of our regular parking spaces.



When your child is crying.

Try instead to notice why your child is crying. Crying is a normal emotional response that even adults do.

When your child doesn't want to give a hug/kiss to a relative.

Try instead teaching your child that they are allowed to accept or decline physical touch from anyone. People should respect your child's boundaries.

When they're fighting with another child.

Try instead to understand why they're fighting and remember that it's normal to not get along with everyone all the time. If your child was hurtful (physically or emotionally) then their job is to check on the child (Are you okay?) and then you can teach them the skills to repair the relationship.

This information is provided to you by the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unimet 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.

Know when to quitDon't chase your losses

Prevention, harm reduction, treatment and safe gambling

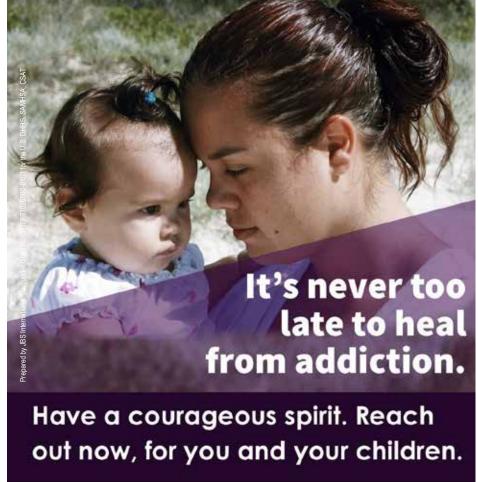


We can help with responsible gambling

Are you having problems with gambling?

Please meet Sergio Gutierrez, CADC-1, CGAC-1 Chemical Dependency and Gambling Addiction Counselor. Sergio works at the CTGR Behavioral Health Department twice a month from 8:00-5:00pm. Sergio has been practicing since 1997 and is versatile in his knowledge pertaining to gambling addiction. He is ready and eager to help our members in any way he can.





Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center
Behavioral Health Program
9605 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
503-879-2026





Tuesdays from 12:15-1:00pm

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL Q&A SESSION WITH THE GRAND RONDE PEDIATRICIAN, ALLISON EMPEY

This will be a chance for anyone and everyone to ask questions regarding COVID, schools opening back up, prevention strategies and more! Allison will also be bringing specific topics to some of our meetings.

TO JOIN THIS MEETING GO TO ZOOM.COM AND ENTER THE MEETING ID: 985 3509 1471

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