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Willamina schools will soon offer in-person learning for all students

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

WILLAMINA — After almost a year of online classes, the Willamina School District expects to re-open to all students by Tuesday, March 16.

The COVID-19 pandemic left most Oregon schools shuttered starting in March 2020, but with vaccinations on the rise and positive cases falling, in-person learning is now possible.

Willamina School District first- and second-graders returned to the Oaken Hills campus under a hybrid model on Tuesday, Feb. 9, joining kindergarteners who had been attending half-time since September. Later that week, northwestern Oregon was pummeled with an ice storm that left many without power.

“Despite the crazy weather, the return of first and second grade went well, (both) teachers and kids were happy to see each other,” Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said.

Most Tribal and descendant students in Grand Ronde attend school in Willamina.

The return to the classroom has been a slow and arduous journey at times, but district officials have met regularly with their leadership team to discuss evolving state guidance on how to best re-open schools safely.

The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the state Health Authority, authored a “Ready Schools, Safe Learners” guide for in-person instruction last summer. The guide has undergone several revisions, including in January to allow counties with higher COVID-19 case counts to return if they followed certain safety restrictions.

Beginning on Jan. 1, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s instructions for returning to school became “advisory rather than mandatory,” according to a letter sent to the Oregon Department

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Absence to presence



Contributed photo by Luke Schneider

University of Washington archaeology student Ian Kretzler recently received the Society for American Archaeology’s 2021 Dissertation Award for outstanding contributions to the discipline for “An Archaeology of Survivance on the Grand Ronde Reservation: Telling Stories of Enduring Native Presence.” He worked for five years on the Grand Ronde Reservation, including during the summer of 2018 on the Molalla encampment when the above picture was taken.

Grand Ronde-based dissertation wins national recognition

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

For five summers, University of Washington archaeology student Ian Kretzler was digging in the dirt of Grand Ronde.

During the summer of 2015, he was helping excavate the Umpqua encampment of the original Grand Ronde Reservation.

For the next four summers, he was working in the Molalla encampment.

All of his work is encapsulated in a dissertation, “An Archaeology of Survivance on the Grand Ronde Reservation: Telling Stories of Enduring Native Presence,” which was recently awarded the Society for American Archaeology’s 2021 Dissertation Award for the outstanding contributions it makes to the discipline.

The society is the largest professional archaeology organization in the United States. It recognizes one dissertation annually and Kretzler received a plaque and three years’ worth of free membership in the organization.

“Ian is the first archaeology graduate recognized for this honor who has conducted community-based research with a Tribal nation,” says Dr. Sara Gonzalez, an associate professor with the University of Washington’s Department of Anthropology. “For a field whose history of relations with Indigenous communities can be best characterized as extractive, Ian’s Tribally led approach to conducting heritage research with the Confederated Tribes of

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Winter storm affects Grand Ronde area



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

A winter storm that dumped freezing rain and snow on most of northwestern Oregon over the Valentine’s Day weekend forced the closure of two state highways at Grand Ronde Road and Portland General Electric reported power outages in the Grand Ronde area.

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation’s Trip

Check site, both Highway 18 and Hebo Road (Highway 22) were closed westbound at their intersections with Grand Ronde Road.

Highway 18 closed at 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, from milepost 20 to milepost 6 and Hebo Road closed from milepost 21 to milepost 11.

Ice caused many trees lining the highways to either topple or lose

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An Oregon Department of Transportation employee works on cleaning up fallen tree branches along Hebo Road on Friday, Feb. 19, in the aftermath of the Valentine’s Day weekend snow and ice storm. The employee declined to give *Smoke Signals* his name.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 7

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 10.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 24.....	10 a.m.

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

This week I had the good fortune to receive a text from a dear friend who told me about the COVID vaccine clinic being offered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, a clinic that had been opened to the community. I ran to my computer to sign up. I was ecstatic!

My husband and I live on the edge of Salem, so after getting our tickets, we jumped in the car that very afternoon to drive to the clinic. We are in the elderly category with autoimmune issues, so we've been sheltering and distancing as much as possible. We had hoped to receive our shots in the coming weeks, but felt it important to get the vaccine at our first opportunity.

Once at the site, we found that everything was being run extremely well. The wait was about 15 minutes and everyone respected the mask and social distancing requirement. We were kindly greeted by a staff member who gave us a simple form to complete and responded to any questions we had. When our turn came, we entered the gymnasium to see a very well-organized event. There were six vaccination stations where vaccines were being administered. We were comfortably seated at our respective stations to receive our shots. As we waited for the required 15 minutes, we noticed that staff was available to watch for any possible reactions that people might be experiencing. A trained EMT was very accessible, which further reassured us.

I spent my time thanking everyone I came in contact with who was part of this clinic, and I now want to offer my thanks to the Tribal leaders who recognized that any additional vaccine received by the Tribe should be provided without restrictions to awaiting arms. Like many people, I have been following the news about distribution issues that have been occurring nation- and statewide. I have been significantly disappointed that even one shot has been wasted in this disorganized process.

So thank you and thanks to everyone who was involved in working on the clinic and treating everyone with the respect we all deserve to not only receive, but to also extend to one another.

Donna Hirt
Salem, Ore

Dear Smoke Signals:

I just finished reading your minutes of the Feb. 24, 2021, Tribal Council meeting. You take great notes of these meetings! You explain what the resolutions are for (or about) in your articles. I hope every member will take the time to read these articles carefully.

I appreciate your work.
Rosemary Jameson
Roll No. 883

Free Playgroup in
Grand Ronde!



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

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MONDAY, APRIL 26.....	MAY 1, 2021

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IN THE FUTURE



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- 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.
 - Sunday, March 14 – Daylight Saving Time begins. 2 a.m.
 - 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.)



CULTURAL EDUCATION

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

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

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!

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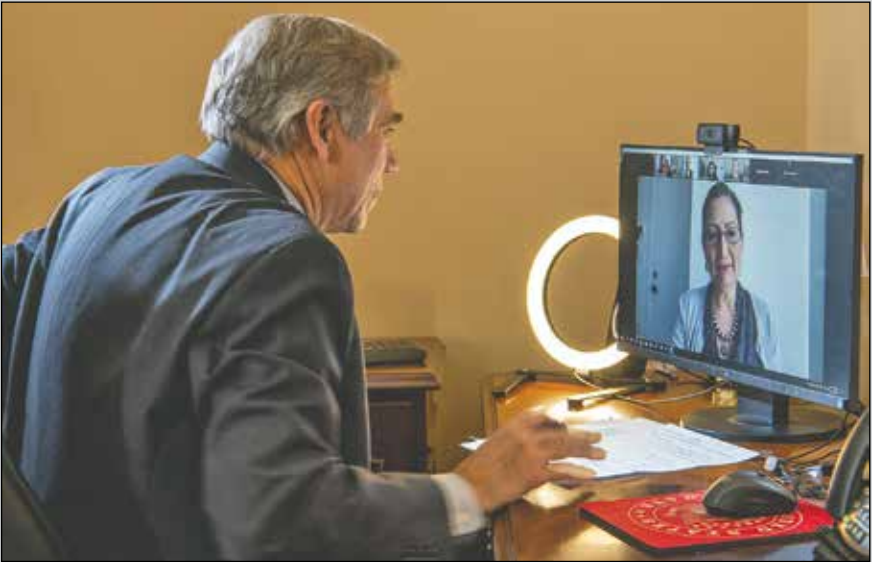
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Merkley backs Haaland



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Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, who is chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the Department of the Interior, met virtually with New Mexico Rep. Deb Haaland on Thursday, Feb. 25, and expressed his support for Haaland’s nomination as the first Native American Cabinet member. “I’m proud to support Deb Haaland’s nomination to lead the Interior Department,” Merkley said. “It’s long past time for a Native woman to join the Executive Cabinet and run the department that carries out the federal trust responsibility toward Tribes. ... I have full faith that she will put the health, safety and well-being of our communities and environment above the wish lists of mega-polluting corporate executives who have spent the last four years ransacking the department.” Haaland is currently undergoing confirmation hearings in the U.S. Senate regarding her nomination. She is a member of the Laguna Pueblo Nation.

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. ■

Weather affects planned Feb. 17 vaccine clinic

The Tribe’s Health & Wellness Center was planning on offering its third COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Wednesday, Feb. 17, but frigid temperatures and storms in the southeastern United States grounded flights and disrupted shipping across the country.

Oregon’s doses of the Moderna vaccine were stuck in Memphis, Tenn., as of Wednesday, Feb. 17.


State officials were optimistic that the delayed vaccine doses would arrive the next week and distribution would get back on schedule. It also could mean that some hospitals, counties and Tribes will receive twice the amount of vaccine doses the following week than they were previously expecting.

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said the Tribe received its backlog of vaccines on Monday, Feb. 22, and the Tribe scheduled its third Vaccination Clinic for Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Feb. 24 clinic, like the other two, filled all of its appointments quickly.

The Tribe offered its first Vaccination Clinic on Feb. 3-4 where it put the vaccine in the arms of 1,636 people. The second clinic was held on Feb. 10 and 750 doses were dispensed.

To date, the Tribe has vaccinated more than 3,700 people with more than 1,400 of them being given to Elders 55 or older.

The Tribe is only offering the Moderna vaccine because it does not have the ultra-cold storage that the Pfizer vaccine requires, Thompson said ■



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To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

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 March food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 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, March 12 and 19, 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: Harold Lyon.
- **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 Elder and the Tribe's oldest member Pearl Lyon celebrated her 104th birthday at the Elders Activity Center. She lived to 105 years of age, walking on in November 2017. In 2012 at the time of her 100th birthday, she had 37 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Her birthday was celebrated every February with a party at the Elders Activity Center.



2016

File photo

2011 – Tribal Elder Lottie Child hosted a Celebration of Life during her battle with terminal cancer. Lines formed on both sides of a hospital bed set up in the Tribal gymnasium. Two-and-a-half hours later, Child, who was resting in the bed, was still exchanging greetings and stories, excited about the celebration she insisted upon having while she was still alive. Child worked for many years as a dealer at Spirit Mountain Casino. She said her fondest memories went beyond her hobbies of hunting, fishing, cooking, beading and leather work. “It’s all the love I have for my people,” she said. “I always wanted to be a part of our people. They’re still my family. A lot don’t understand what our people are all about.”

2006 – The Tribe helped the McCormick and Baxter Superfund site cleanup in Portland Harbor with the planting of more than 10,000 trees and shrubs. “We want to let you know that this site is in the homelands of the Grand Ronde people,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. She added that the Grand Ronde people were “astonished to what degree contamination affected the lands and peoples that lived here.”

2001 – A new education building was on the horizon after several years of discussion. “You know, I’d say since 1993 we’ve been talking about getting a new education building,” Education Manager Marion Mercier said. “I’m happy for this.” The almost 25,000-square-foot complex would include four buildings and cost approximately \$6.8 million. The buildings would include spaces for Youth Education, preschool, a library and gymnasium.

1996 – Tribal Council voted to approve a Tribal Housing Ordinance to establish the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority that would be charged with the development and implementation of Tribal housing programs to assist members in need of securing safe places to live. “There is a shortage of decent homes in the Tribe’s service area at prices and rents that are affordable to many Tribal members. This shortage cannot be alleviated by the private sector,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

1991 – Tribal member Shonn Leno won the 2A high school state wrestling championship by defeating opponent Ryan Henry of Dayton 2-0. Leno, a sophomore at Willamina High School, pulled off a victory in the 106-pound weight class by using a reversal technique to defeat his opponent. “At the end of the match I just kept thinking, ‘state championship,’” he said.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

sheridanfd.org – swpolkfd.org – westvalleyfd.org

Tribal Council adds 25 names to Restoration Roll

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council continued adding Tribal member names to the Restoration Roll by approving 25 new names during its Wednesday, Feb. 24, meeting.

The 25 names brings the number of Tribal members who have been added to the historically important roll since 2019 to 377. Tribal Council added 204 names in 2019, 127 names in 2020 and had previously added 21 names this year.

The Restoration Roll was the first roll compiled of Grand Ronde Tribal members after Nov. 22, 1983. However, because the membership had become so dispersed during the 29 years after 1954’s Termination, all those who should have been included could not be identified at the time or were unaware that they should have had their names on the roll.

The current process, which requires Tribal members apply to Member Services for addition to the Restoration Roll, allows a Tribal member who was living on Aug. 13, 1954 – date of congressional approval of the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act – and born to a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to be added.

In November 2018, Tribal Council approved a resolution that established criteria for consistently applying the phrase “entitled to be on the membership roll of the Tribe on Aug. 13, 1954” as meaning that the person was entitled to be on the roll if that person was alive on that date and born to a Tribal member.

The 25 new names now move forward to the Department of the Interior for approval.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a Friday, March 12, per capita distribution date. The payment amount will not be known until early March after Spirit Mountain Casino reports its proceeds for the quarter, Finance Officer Chris Leno said. Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. said during the Tuesday, Feb. 23, Legislative Action Committee

meeting that Spirit Mountain Casino had a record-breaking January and continues to do well despite the COVID-19 pandemic;

- Approved the first supplemental budget for 2021. The \$350,000 appropriation will fund a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for the Elders’ pension program and will be funded by the Elders’ pension endowment. The increase will be retroactive to January, Leno said;
- Approved three grant applications to the Oregon Department of Transportation that will fund transit service between Grand Ronde and Salem and Grand Ronde and McMinnville. The three grants total approximately \$333,000 for the upcoming biennium;
- Approved installing an access gate at the Tribal conservation property Chahalpam in Marion County to limit and discourage trespassers and combat illegal dumping at the site. The Tribe will have to pay \$2,500 to apply to the county to vacate Dieckman Lane Southeast and it will cost about the same amount to install the gate, said Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen. He added that two nearby property owners have signed off on the vacation effort;
- And approved one blood quantum correction.

Tribal Council also approved the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, March 7, General Council meeting that will include a presentation from the Tribal Lands Department. The meeting will be held via the Zoom conferencing program.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier also announced that the Tribe’s new Small Loan Program will start accepting applications on Monday, March 8. Tribal members will be able to borrow up to \$1,000 from the Tribe and have two years to pay the loan back.

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

Dating game



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Information Systems Applications Specialist Dina Sayer, center, is excited about receiving a book from Library Aide Crystal Bigelow, from left, Librarian Kathy Cole and Activities Wellness Promotion Coordinator Kande Little during the Blind Date with a Book event held outside of the Tribal Library on Friday, Feb. 19. Participants in the drive-through event took home books that were wrapped to conceal the titles. Cole said about 100 people participated in the event.



Wrapped books for children wait to be distributed.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A SECURITY OFFICER?

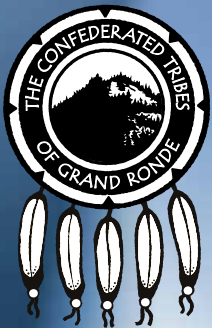
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DPSST training is 14 hours (2 days)

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



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- At least 18 years of age
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- 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.

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.



Congratulations,


Tatianna,

for making honor roll!

We are proud of you!

Mom, Dad & your family





**TRIBAL VETERANS
SERVICE OFFICE**

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde presents the first of our
Bi-Monthly Veterans Meetings

**Tribal Veteran Service Officers (TVSOs)
in Native Country with guest panelists:**

LaVada Anderson and Eugene Talas

March 9, 2021 at 2 p.m.
**Via Zoom ~ Register at: zoom.us/join
Enter Meeting ID: 998 1048 8787**

LaVada Anderson

LaVada is currently employed by the Suquamish Tribe and the Makah Nations in their Veterans Centers. LaVada has previously worked at the Colville and Nez Perce for veteran's services and benefits. LaVada is the Co-Chair for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the Joint American Indians Advisory Council. LaVada was a nominee for Under Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs in 2009. LaVada has a deep understanding of veteran benefits, services, and 38 CFR with a multitude of certifications and trainings related to veteran benefits in addition to being a business owner and running her own businesses'.

Eugene "Geno" Talas

Enrolled in the Hopi Tribe; Bamboo/Reed clan member.

Manager of the Hopi Veterans Services (HVS) since June 2008 providing a full array of veteran related services to assist and advocate for veterans and their families in a jurisdiction covering 1.6 million acres. Eugene was instrumental in researching and providing technical expertise on the ten Hopi Code Talkers who served in World War II resulting in a Congressional Gold and Silver Medal to the Hopi Tribe and next of kin in November 2013. Eugene is very active in veteran events and organizations, active in his culture, and he is mentor to young Hopi children.

Retired Air Force
Chief Master Sergeant

30 years of service from Vietnam
to the Iraqi war eras

Accredited Tribal Veteran
Representative

Accredited Since 2004

Decisions to resume in-person instruction made by districts

**SCHOOLS continued
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of Education and Oregon Health Authority on Dec. 23.

"Moving forward, the decision to resume in-person instruction must be made locally, district by district, school by school," Brown said. "In addition to schools continuing to adhere to required health and safety protocols and working in close consultation with their local public health authority in understanding and considering the metrics, teachers, school staff, parents and students should be engaged in this decision-making process to allow schools to make the best choice for their community and their students."

Changes to the state guidance on Jan. 19 included resources to support outdoor instruction, revisions to align with the occupational safety and health rules, requiring employee representation for back-to-school planning and a requirement that districts offer on-site COVID-19 testing if they are located in counties with high case counts. Schools in Yamhill, Marion and Polk counties are currently included in that category.

The Willamina hybrid model features a half-day, morning or afternoon session for three hours, four days per week, Tuesday through Friday. Students are given two meals when they finish the day to take home with them rather than eating in the cafeteria.

Some of the priorities for opening included providing opportunities for staff to be vaccinated against COVID-19, and for the district to provide rapid testing for symptomatic students or staff. Each building has a "re-entry" team focused on creating protocols for bringing students back to school. These include arrival, dismissal, sanitation and transition between classes.

The Yamhill County Public Health Department held a vaccination clinic at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan on Tuesday, Feb. 2, where 100 doses were administered to teachers. The purpose was so teachers in Sheridan and Willamina didn't have to drive far for their shots. Some teachers in other districts have had to drive up to hundreds of miles across state lines to receive both vaccinations before they begin teaching in-person classes.

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Department reported it vaccinated 22 school employees during a clinic held on Feb. 3-4 at the Tribal gym.

Additionally, football, volleyball and cross country teams in the district have started practicing and expect to return to competition in March. Parents were required to sign forms acknowledging the risk of COVID-19. Additionally, testing must be provided for symptomatic athletes and coaches.

Meanwhile in McMinnville, the school district is planning to tentatively resume in-person learning for elementary school students in mid-March. The district, like most others, also will use a hybrid model. However, the exact re-opening date depends on the availability of vaccines for teachers.

In the Salem-Keizer district, kindergarten and first grade students will start in-person classes the first week of March. The district doesn't expect to have all students back in the classroom until April at the earliest.

Sheridan School District kindergarten through second grades returned to the classroom in mid-February. Hybrid instruction is set to begin for all students by mid-March.

Students in any district may choose to continue comprehensive distance learning if they do not feel comfortable returning to school.

On the Tribal campus, Youth Education began phasing in a re-opening on Monday, Feb. 22.

"This re-opening will be conducted in phases with the first phase to return to service delivery levels in place in November prior to the closure of the campus," Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said. "Most programs will be offering one-to-one meetings with students and the Internet classrooms will be re-opened on a limited basis." ■

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 Friday, 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@nwiha.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. ■

**Join us on Zoom for a series of
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SAVINGS

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde-Social Services has partnered with Financial Beginnings Oregon to bring a series of Financial Wellness classes to our community members! This program provides the financial knowledge and strategies that help reduce debt and manage financial barriers. Participants will develop personalized financial goals such as establishing an emergency savings fund or developing a plan to build and fix credit.

Gift Cards will be raffled each class!

Save the dates

GOALS & TOOLS	INCOME & TAXES	CREDIT & DEBT
Take a look at living expenses, develop short-, intermediate-, and long-term goals, as well as understand and utilize tools to attain those goals, such as banking and budgeting.	Analyze current and possible future income potential, as well as understand financial responsibilities, budgeting, and the tax system framework.	Learn the importance of maintaining strong credit, how debt accumulation affects one's financial future, different loan types and how to improve or build credit.
Tuesday, March 9th from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Tuesday, March 16th from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Tuesday, March 23rd from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Thursday, March 11th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Thursday, March 18th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Thursday, March 25th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

To join this class go to **ZOOM.COM**
Meeting ID: 856 405 4515 Passcode: 12345
For more information contact Lorena.Rivera@grandronde.org or 503-879-1991

Kretzler’s work traced the 19th and 20th century Reservation

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Grand Ronde serves as a model for how our discipline might begin to transcend its colonial legacies by grounding research in the values of mutual respect, generosity and trust. I can say without hesitation that Ian and his work with Grand Ronde embodies these values, and in so doing is helping to transform the discipline and practice of archaeology in the 21st century.”

The 496-page dissertation draws on Gerald Vizenor’s concept of survivance, which centers on Native presence in all aspects of archaeology.

“In doing so, they address gaps in existing studies of European and U.S. colonialism and position archaeological research as counter to settler colonialism’s pursuit of Native absence,” Kretzler writes in his dissertation’s abstract. “They also challenge archaeologists to shed their self-appointed role as narrators of Native histories and work collaboratively with Tribal nations to bring stories of their ancestors into the present.”

Kretzler’s work while in Grand Ronde traced the development of 19th and 20th century settlement patterns and foodways on the Grand Ronde Reservation. During that time, he worked with many employees from the Tribal Cultural Resources Department, including Manager David Harrelson, Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards, Cultural Protection Specialist Chris Bailey and Senior Archaeologist Jessica Curtman.

“Being able to work in partnership with the staff at the Historic Preservation Office, with Briece Edwards and David Harrelson and really the whole staff there, really taught me what archaeology

“To counter these programs of absence – to transform archaeology into an anti-settler colonial practice – archaeologists must develop frameworks that center Native presence.”

~ Ian Kretzler writes in the dissertation

can look like if conducted with the oversight of a Tribe and in the interests of a Tribe,” he says during a 30-minute phone interview.

Edwards says that Kretzler’s dissertation is reflective of a change in archaeology that adds enrichment and contributes to a larger understanding of the Tribe’s history.

“It really has been about starting with community first, asking how he can contribute here,” Edwards says. “And out of that, good things came for the Tribe in terms of the work that he did. It also sets this example ... We’re seeing this permanent change emerge within this discipline.”

“My thesis is that settler colonialism and archaeology have pursued the physical, political and/or cultural absence of Native peoples and thus unrestricted access to Native land, resources, bodies, material culture and knowledge,” Kretzler writes in the dissertation. “To counter these programs of absence – to transform archaeology into an anti-settler colonial practice – archaeologists must develop frameworks that center Native presence.”

Kretzler, 31, grew up in Longview, Wash., and attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, where he graduated magna cum laude in 2012 with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology. From there, he enrolled in the University of Washington, obtaining his master’s degree in 2014. The dissertation is part of his work to obtain a Ph.D. in anthropology.

“What drew me to archaeology in college was a combination of being able to learn more about the natural world, being able to be outside and understand geology, plants and animals and people’s relationships with them over a long period of time,” he says during the phone interview. “And understanding history, but understanding history in a way that was more long-term and had references to the landscape.”

“As I was going through my undergraduate degree I realized that what really attracted me to archaeology, particularly in the United States, was a growing movement back then that is still going on today of Native people and Indigenous communities really pushing archaeology to recognize some of the failings that have run through the 19th and 20th century history of archaeology, of being very extractive in taking knowledge, objects and human remains away from Native lands.”

That experience, he says, made him pursue in graduate school the topic of Indigenous archaeology and de-colonializing the field.

He currently works for a private sector cultural resources protection firm in the Seattle area that performs work similar to that of the Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office. He says his experience working collaboratively with the Grand Ronde Tribe can be incorporated into his work in the private sector.

“The private sector is not im-

mune,” he says. “It has inherited a lot of archaeology’s failings in some senses of its relationship with Tribes. It’s been an interesting transition. One where I can take the insights that I learned during the dissertation process and alter certain aspects of how we do things.”

Kretzler says he hopes the recognition of his dissertation is a beginning point in how archaeology can be transformed into something that positively adds value to Tribes’ understanding of their own culture and history.

In the closing of his dissertation, Kretzler writes that “it is my hope that the ties between belongings, people and places it created not only prove lasting but creates opportunities for future generations of Tribal members to come to know their history in ways they recognize as meaningful and valuable.”

“It is my hope that this project contributes to the cultural resurgence and thriving of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the composition of new survivance stories. And it is my hope that this dissertation, itself a product of hundreds of hours of effort and commitment by students, scholars, Tribal members and HPO (Historic Preservation Office) staff, inspires you to reflect on your relationships with Native lands, heritage and peoples – and to ensure that the stories you help tell are themselves stories of Native presence.”

Edwards says Kretzler’s dissertation is available to read at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center’s Research Room.

“It is meant to be discoverable. It is meant to provide an opportunity for individuals to have conversations and, like all good research, be a start point on a wheel that should continue to roll,” Edwards says. ■



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UPDATE FROM:

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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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T-SHIRT
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Accepting Submissions
Until...
March 31st

Submit a drawing or sketch
of what you feel best
represents a
Wellness Warrior!

SHOW US YOUR
CREATIVITY

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A
\$50 GIFT CARD & A
HOODIE WITH THEIR
DESIGN ON IT!



Submit your design to Youth
Empowerment and Prevention:
angey.rideout@grandronde.org

Questions call Angey
503.879.4533

The winning design will be
printed the hoodies that will be
given out at the Mental Health
Awareness Walk in May, and
used through the next year!

Storms closed highways 18 and 22

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their limbs as the weight became too much to bear. The remains of more than 400 downed trees had to be removed for Highway 18 to re-open and about 450 downed and hazardous trees were cleaned up to re-open Hebo Road.

Highway 18 re-opened at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14. ODOT crews and utility workers continued cleanup work and hazardous tree removal on the roadside for the next couple of weeks and motorists were told to expect lane closures and delays while the work continues.

On Hebo Road, the section from Highway 18 to Grand Ronde Road was the last section of roadway to open in the West Valley because of downed trees and limbs.

Many trees on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus and at Spirit Mountain Casino also suffered damage. Tribal employees worked most of the week after the Tribal Chiefs' holiday to clean up the Tribal campus.

Portland General Electric reported power outages in most of the West Valley, including Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan. According to the company's outage map, there were 295 affected customers in the Grand Ronde area on Sunday afternoon with an estimated restoration of power set for 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.

Tribal Communications Director



A damaged tree sits outside of Black Bear Lodge on Tuesday, Feb. 16. A snow and ice storm hit the Grand Ronde area over the Valentine's Day weekend and knocked out power and damaged many trees.

Sara Thompson said power to the government campus was out for approximately 36 hours. There were no reports of damage to Tribal facilities.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, who lives in Tribal Housing, reported that his power returned at about 1:30 p.m. Sunday after it went out on Saturday morning.

"Other than that, it was cold," he said. "A lot of trees split. One by my house was cut down."

PGE reported 4,405 account outages in Polk County and 7,603 in Yamhill County. The Grand Ronde community straddles the line be-

tween the two counties.

According to social media posts, Tribal General Manager David Fullerton and Tribal police officers, as well as other Tribal staff members, went door to door on Saturday morning checking on Tribal Elders and getting generators for those with medical needs.

In addition, Tribal Maintenance staff members cleared sidewalks of snow and ice.

Fullerton sent an all-employee e-mail on Wednesday, Feb. 17, to thank Tribal staff and volunteers who worked to ensure the safety of the community and Elders by

shoveling walkways, brewing and delivering hot coffee, removing downed trees, preparing and delivering hot meals, delivering heaters and generators, and knocking on doors to check on elderly residents.

Spirit Mountain Casino remained open throughout the weekend.

Tribal governmental offices closed at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, because of a threat of freezing rain and remained closed on Friday, Feb. 12. Offices re-opened Tuesday, Feb. 16, following the observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day on Monday, Feb. 15, which marked the beginning of a warming trend in western Oregon.

However, the regularly scheduled Tribal Council Legislative Action Committee hearing held at 9 a.m. Tuesdays was postponed because of ongoing power and Internet connectivity issues. The Willamina School District also canceled classes on Tuesday because many students did not have electricity or Internet to attend distance learning classes via computers.

Temperatures in western Oregon reached into the high 40s on Monday, Feb. 15, and throughout the rest of the week, melting most of the remaining ice and snow and allowing workers to clean up the debris and start reconnecting electrical power lines.

The storm was the largest snow and ice event to hit western Oregon since the December 2008 storm that shut down Tribal offices for an entire week. ■



Groundskeeper Youvani Ring tosses a branch onto a pile while cleaning up fallen branches on Salmon Way in Grand Ronde on Tuesday, Feb. 16.



A car passes fallen branches at Spirit Mountain Casino on Tuesday, Feb. 16.



An Elder walks to his home past a damaged tree on Coyote Court on Tuesday, Feb. 16. The storm damaged many area trees and forced the closures of both highways 18 and 22 heading westbound at Grand Ronde Road.

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Attorney’s Office publishes first Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons report

Heather Cameron case included in Oregon summaries

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

PORTLAND – The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon released its first Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons report on Friday, Feb. 19.

The report is the first to be released by any U.S. Attorney’s Office since the Justice Department began a new program, nicknamed Operation Lady Justice, to address the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Native Americans.

The Oregon report provides Tribes, law enforcement and the public with an overview of current cases as well as the Attorney’s Office plans to address the crisis in 2021.

The report includes summaries of eight murdered and 11 missing Indigenous people, including Grand Ronde Tribal member Heather Cameron, who has been missing since August 2012 from a remote area near Redding, Calif.

On the day of her disappearance, Cameron called 911 three times from her ex-boyfriend Daniel Lusby’s cell phone near the remote Keswick Dam area in Shasta County, saying she had been drugged and needed help. A male voice was audible in the background, according to police reports.

Police conducted an extensive, multi-agency search, according to the Shasta County Sheriff’s Office. Lusby was interviewed as a primary person of interest in the case on three separate occasions, but never arrested.


Although Cameron went missing in California, she is included as part of the Oregon data because she is a member of an Oregon Tribe,

MISSING PERSON - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

Date: 9/11/2012

Case #: 201227344

Author ID: SCSO



Last Name:	CAMERON	Gender:	Female	Complexion:	Light
First Name:	Heather Leann	Height:	5 ft. 6 in	Race:	White
Alias:	HALLER, Heather	Weight:	115 lbs	Date of last contact:	8/18/2012
Age:	28	Eyes:	Brown	Tattoo on her back of tribal flowers;	
Date of birth:	8/11/1984	Hair:	Brown	Tattoo on right calf of a girl with a gun	

On Saturday, August 18, 2012, at approximately 1450 hours, Heather Cameron called 911 from the area of Keswick Dam claiming she had been drugged and needed help. A male voice could be heard in the background. An extensive multi-agency search of the area with the assistance of the CHP helicopter did not locate her or any suspicious activity. At the time of the call, Cameron said she was on foot.

Vehicle associated with Cameron is a Gray 2003 Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4door truck, bearing CA license plate 8Z75740.

Anyone with information please contact the Shasta County Sheriff's Office at (530) 245-6025

SHASTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(530) 245-6025

Produced on Critical Reach System 10190:641. See www.criticalreach.org for more information on Critical Reach alerts.

Grand Ronde Tribal member Heather Cameron has been missing since August 2012. Although her disappearance occurred in northern California, she was included in the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon’s report on murdered and missing Indigenous people because she is a member of an Oregon Tribe.

according to the report. During report research, it was discovered Cameron was still listed as “white” in the California Missing Person Clearinghouse, which is a racial misclassification. These gaps in data can often lead to inaccurate and underreporting of how many

Indigenous people are missing and murdered nationwide.

“Our priority in 2021 is to formally consult with Oregon Tribes and collect and maintain all available data,” the report stated. “The USAO is also committed to track and assist in any missing and murdered Indigenous person cases connected to the District of Oregon, including Oregon Tribal members that are outside of Oregon.”

Grand Ronde Domestic Violence Program Coordinator Danielle Murrell said that the Oregon U.S. Attorney’s Office work is vital in bringing more attention to address the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous people throughout the country.

“We know that American Indians/Alaskan Natives experience violence and sexual violence at a disproportionate rate (compared to) nonAmerican Indians/Alaskan Natives,” she said. “This makes the USAO’s work of momentous importance to continue to bring awareness to this problem. In (the) Urban Indian Health Institute’s 2016 report, they noted that 95 percent of the murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls cases never received national or international news coverage. This is a problem.

“Not having accurate reporting

has also prevented researchers from gaining a true understanding of the problem, in addition to inconsistent racial misclassification and jurisdictional issues. The USAO’s efforts plan address these barriers.”

The 2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Action Plan includes the following goals:

- **Tribal consultations:** Schedule virtual meetings with each federally recognized Tribal government and Tribal law enforcement entity in Oregon.
- **Gather data:** Request information from all law enforcement offices that respond to Oregon Tribes or Tribal offices that have data.
- **Develop Tribal community response plans:** Work with each Tribe to establish Tribal response plans that would include creating four different protocols of community outreach, law enforcement agency response, victim services, and public and media communications customized for each Tribe.
- **Creation of a working group:** Invite Tribal representatives and law enforcement to establish a District of Oregon Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Working Group to share information and work to address issues.
- **Increase collaboration and communicate:** Col-


laborate with all Oregon law enforcement to better track and provide assistance in all missing and murdered Indigenous cases, including Tribal members who are outside of Oregon.

• **Address issues found in Oregon State Police report:** Work with Oregon State Police to overcome the barriers identified in its 2020 report. This includes addressing gaps in data and information sharing, improving communication between different jurisdictions involved in investigations, and facilitating resource sharing.

“For generations, American Indians and Alaskan Natives have suffered from disproportionately high levels of violence. Tragically, this is not a crisis of the past; it’s a crisis of the present,” outgoing Oregon U.S. Attorney Billy Williams said. “In this report, we look back and forward, summarizing what is known about missing and murdered Indigenous people in Oregon and outlining our plans and goals for the year ahead. While we won’t solve this problem overnight, our office is working closely with Oregon law enforcement partners, other U.S. Attorney’s Offices, and the U.S. Department of Justice to end endemic violence in Indian Country.” ■

Cultural Lifeways Online

March 6th, 2021 10am-12pm



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Bear Grass Bead Making | March 6th 10am-12pm

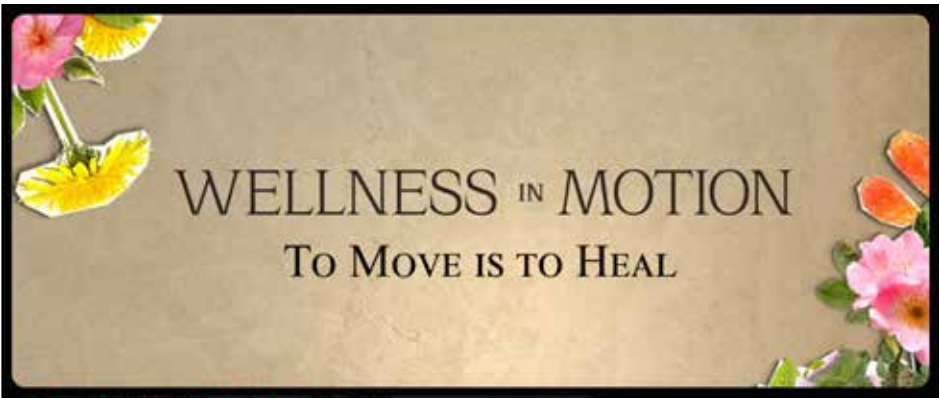
Make traditional braided bear grass beads with Grand Ronde relatives and friends on Zoom. Supplies provided. 10 spots available per session. To sign-up please contact:

CulturalEducation@grandronde.org
503-879-1690



‘Wellness in motion: to move is to heal’

The 2020–21 Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups show their team spirit and/or favorite way(s) to stay active!
The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB.



Kalea Liebelt

Little Miss

Grand Ronde

2020/2021



Grand Ronde

Royalty

DO

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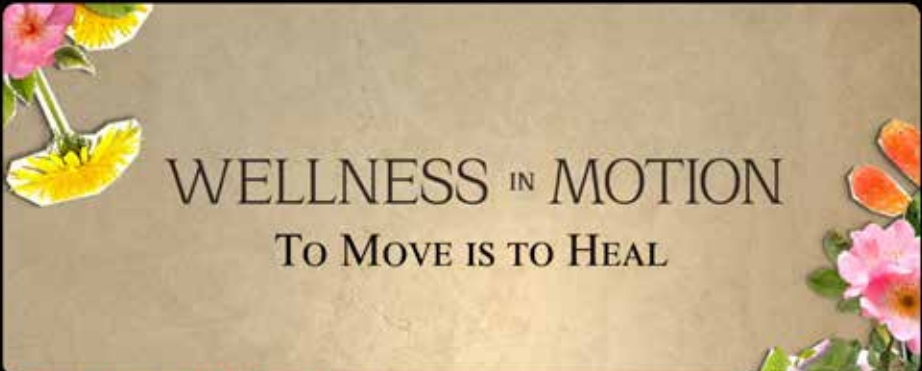
YOU

LOVE

I like to stay active by playing outside and riding my bike & skateboard

WELLNESS IN MOTION

To Move is to Heal



Kaleigha Simi

Veterans

Senior Queen

2020/2021



VETERANS

GRAND RONDE

ROYALTY

DO

WHAT

YOU

LOVE

My favorite way to stay active is to go on walks and hikes with my dog! Also Go Beavs! 🖤🧡

Satara Blanchard

Little Miss Princess

2020/2021



Grand Ronde

Royalty

DO

WHAT

YOU

LOVE

I stay active by helping out at the ranch, riding horses, learning lasso and cooking with family.

Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our 2021-22 crowns and medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo (including feathers)

Court Year 2021-22

Titles: Little Miss Grand Ronde Junior Miss Grand Ronde Senior Miss Grand Ronde

Crowns and medallions must be completed and delivered by Aug. 6, 2021



Must submit photos of progress when requested

Bid deadline is March 15, 2021 (deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to: CTGR Royalty c/o Tribal Council 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Chelsea at 503-879-1418 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

*Bids and designs can be sent to the above email address.

Sophia Grout

Junior Miss Grand Ronde

2020/2021



Grand Ronde

Royalty

POSITIVE

energy

I stay active by playing volleyball on my schools team and hope to play club volleyball this year.

Tasina Bluehorse

Veterans Junior Queen

2020/2021



VETERANS

GRAND RONDE

ROYALTY

POSITIVE

energy

I love to stay active by going on walks with my dog.

Grand Ronde Royalty & Veterans Royalty applications

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 fundraisers. 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 age
Junior Veterans Queen: 11-13 years of age
Senior Veterans Queen: 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. 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

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): _____

Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

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

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

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:

1. 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





GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Friday, Feb. 5

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest made in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest made in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Reported armed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Feb. 6

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 22.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22.
- DUII arrest made in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18. The driver had a blood alcohol content of 0.16 percent.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Feb. 7

- Animal complaint reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. One subject was arrested for harassment.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Feb. 8

- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 24600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

- Assist outside agency in the Willamina area.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Feb. 11

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest made in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Follow-up for a child crime case. One female was arrested for child neglect and recklessly endangering a minor at the 7400 block of Ash Avenue.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Feb. 12

- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Prowler reported in the 27600 block of Salmon River Highway. Ended up being weather related.

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18. Assisted the Oregon Department of Transportation during a freezing rain storm.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of Highway 18 and Jahn Road. Downed trees and power lines.
- Tree reported down in the area of the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads. More trees and power lines down.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road. Downed trees and power lines.
- Prowler reported in the 27600 block of Salmon River Highway. Call was regarding a possible person trespassing on the property, but ended up being weather related.
- Assist outside agency at the 29400 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers could not respond due to damage on the highway.

Saturday, Feb. 13

- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road. Assisted Oregon Department of Transportation with keeping people from driving past the roadblock into unsafe areas of the highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Welfare check performed in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. No arrests were made.
- Drug complaint reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic stop occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a felony suspended license.
- Traffic hazard/wires down in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Traffic hazard/wires down in the area of Firehall and Andy Riggs roads.

Sunday, Feb. 14

- Welfare check performed the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Traffic hazard/wires down in the 2400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Attempt to locate a reckless driver. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Feb. 15

- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency by assisting Department of Human Services' employees with an investigation.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 2 on Agency Creek Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 20 on Hebo Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, Feb. 18

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Intoxicated male reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal
Police Department Officer Tyler Brown.

WEST VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL APPLICATION

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2021

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*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.

Walking On...

Candace May Longe

Sept. 13, 1970 – Feb. 16, 2021

Grand Ronde Tribal member Candace May Longe, 50, a resident of the Forest Grove community, passed away on Feb. 16, 2021, at her home.

Candace was born on Sept. 13, 1970, in Hillsboro, Ore. She was the younger of two daughters born to Gene and Carolyn (Knopski) Davidson. She was raised in Buxton and attended Buxton Grade School and Banks High School, graduating with the class of 1988.

Following high school, Candace began working as a certified nursing assistant at local nursing homes and assisted living centers in the Forest Grove area. Later, she ran a truck loading business called Barnett Loading.

Candace met her lifelong companion, Jason Barnett, while in high school. They were always very close. Candace enjoyed making other people happy; she had a huge heart and was always giving. She enjoyed gardening, coloring, camping and fishing. She loved visiting the Oregon coast and watching the waves. Candace was always on the lookout for real-life mysteries and phenomena, and enjoyed sharing her interests with her family.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Jason Barnett; two children, Samuel Longe of Forest Grove and Nichole (Steven) Ruiz of Beaverton; a stepson, Jason J. Barnett II of Forest Grove; parents, Gene and Carolyn Davidson of Buxton; sister and brother-in-law, Tamara and Leonard Gonuscio of Wasilla, Alaska; and five grandchildren, Caleb, Steven, Hayden, Averie and Presley.

She will be forever in our hearts.

Duyck & Van Dettey Funeral Home of Forest Grove assisted the family.



St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information or for kitchen and hall rental, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■



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Other passings

Donna Mae Burkett

Dec. 12, 1946 – Feb. 17, 2021

Tribal Elder Donna Mae Burkett, 74, walked on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021. Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Portland, Ore., is assisting the family.

Betty Maxine Reed

March 1, 1928 – Feb. 17, 2021

Tribal Elder Betty Maxine Reed, 92, walked on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021. Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene, Ore., is assisting the family.

Kenneth Lee Haller

March 11, 1949 – Feb. 24, 2021

Tribal Elder Kenneth Lee Haller, 71, walked on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021. Dallas Mortuary is assisting the family.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, March 5, in the Tribal gym. Viewing will be at noon and the services will begin at 1 p.m. There will be a gravesite service following at the Tribal Cemetery with a meal at the Grand Ronde Community Lighthouse building on Grand Ronde Road.

The family asks that anyone who attends wear a mask and practice social distancing.


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 Ronde, OR)
- 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 skins
- Eggs are stored vacuumed sealed and frozen.



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



OR 18 and OR 22 Road improvement design and planning project

Learn more and share your feedback between now and March 19!

We want to hear from you! Share your experience traveling on OR 18 and OR 22, tell us your concerns and identify any opportunities you see for improvements.

Visit the project website to learn more about our progress on the project and to add comments to the project map. Your feedback is important to the process—make sure your voice is heard.

Scan the code on the back or visit: oregon.gov/ODOT/Projects and type project number **#18854** into the search field in the Project List section.

Project Information


We are looking at ways to improve safety and reduce congestion on OR 18 and OR 22. This is the first opportunity for you and other community members to ask questions and tell us what you think about travelling on OR 18 and 22.

For more information, contact: Brennan Burbank
Resident Engineer — Consultant Projects
brennan.burbank@odot.state.or.us | 503-986-6922

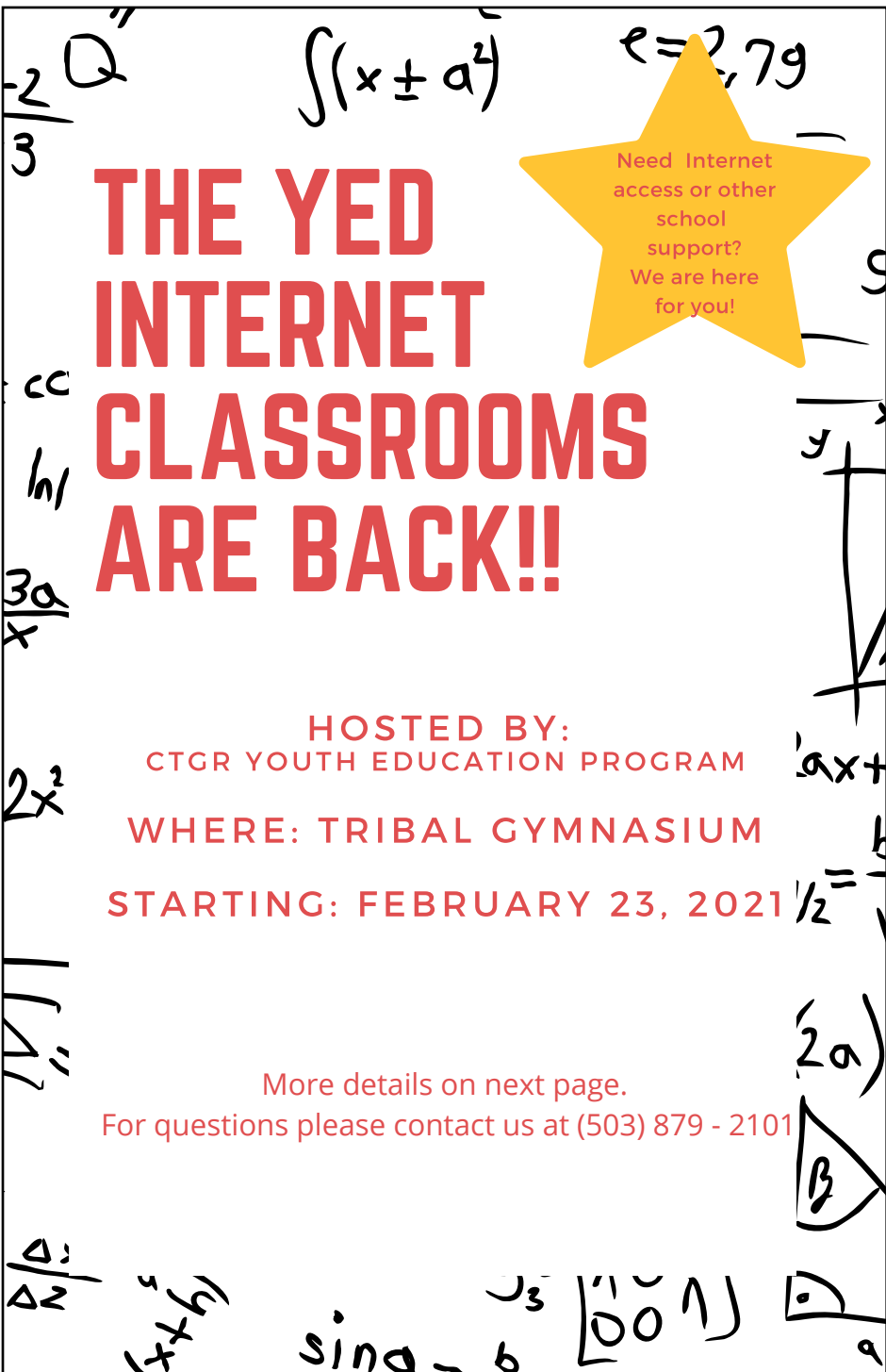
ODOT Region 2
455 Airport Road SE
Salem, OR 97301

Learn more and share your feedback until March 19th!

Visit our interactive map! You can use your smartphone to scan the code.



Access for pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will be available through or around work zones. This information can be made available in alternate format by calling 503-373-7093 or via the Oregon Telecommunications Relay System: 7-1-1 or e-mail: ODOTee@ODOT.state.or.us.



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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Doctors add to opioid addiction-fighting arsenal

For the past several months, providers at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center have been able to provide medication-assisted therapy (MAT) to Tribal members dealing with opioid use disorder.

This means that along with counseling and other behavioral health resources, doctors have been certified to prescribe drugs that help control cravings and decrease chances of relapsing.

When it comes to treatment, there is not a “one size fits all” answer. Choices in treatment are made based on the individual needs and goals of each patient. With this in mind our treatment team has added two new tools to support patients in their recovery.

Sublocade (buprenorphine injection):

- Useful for individuals using buprenorphine (Suboxone or Subutex) sublingually daily
- Must be on stable dose that controls withdrawal symptoms for at least seven days.
- Once monthly injection
- Only available through certified health care provider
- Minimizes daily “ups and downs”
- Don’t have to store drug at home

Vivitrol (naltrexone injection):

- Useful for individuals whose goal is total abstinence
- Must be opioid free for 7-14 days before starting
- Only available through certified health care provider
- Once monthly injection
- Non-addictive and not a narcotic
- Blocks effects of opioids

GROWTH MINDSET

what is it?

We used to think that our intelligence was fixed - meaning we were either smart or we weren't. Scientists have proven again and again that simply is not true. Our brain acts like a muscle - the more we use it the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.

IS YOUR MINDSET FIXED?

A person with a fixed mindset may do these things:

- avoid challenges
- give up easily
- ignore feedback
- become threatened by other people's success
- try hard to appear as smart or capable as possible

WHAT DOES GROWTH MINDSET LOOK LIKE?

A person with a growth mindset may do these things:

- embrace challenges
- give their best effort
- learn from feedback
- become inspired by other people's successes
- believe their intelligence can change if they work hard

3 things to stop apologizing for:


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 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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It's never too late to heal from addiction.

Have a courageous spirit. Reach out now, for you and your children.

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





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