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13 active COVID-19 cases closed government

By Danielle Harrison Smoke Signals staff writer

hirteen active COVID-19 cases, likely brought on by spring break activities and Easter family gatherings, closed the Tribal governmental campus for three weeks through at least Friday, May 7.

"There's been an uptick in positive cases recently," Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said during a Wednesday, April 21, Facebook Live event. "We were at zero for a period of time. These cases have come after spring break and Easter. It becomes a game of telephone where it gets wider and wider. We are here to help treat you, but we absolutely support vaccination."

The Facebook Live event was the 17th held since the Tribal government shut down in March 2020 because of the pandemic. Approximately 120 people logged on to watch the event, which included Rowe, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. also attended.

Table Rocks reflections

Tribal member Joseph Ham honored for poem

By Danielle Harrison Smoke Signals staff writer

s a child, Tribal member Joseph Ham recalls hearing his mother tell a tragic family story that had been passed down through the generations: A 6-year-old uncle of his great-grandmother, Ila Dowd, was lynched in Jacksonville, Ore., at the onset of the final Rogue River War in the fall of 1855.

At the time, Ham, 29, thought it was family lore and not quite believable. But time and perspective often have a way of imparting lessons.

"When I was researching the Lupton massacre I found an old article of the event depicting what she had told my mom and I kept thinking about how he has been eternally 6 years old this whole time," Ham says. "And I was mad at myself for not wanting to believe that story growing up, like a part of me only put stock into it after I read it in a book. I think that must be part of the decolonization process."

He put his thoughts into song and performed it in 2020 to accompany a photography exhibit called "The Land Remembers" by Rich Bergeman. The exhibit was a series of black-and-white photographs depicting the Rogue River War battle sites.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Joseph Ham's poem was selected by The Nature Conservancy for display on the hiking trails at Table Rocks in southern Oregon near Medford.

Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson if he knew of a descendant of the war who could add an element of Indigenous representation to the photo exhibit.

Harrelson contacted Ham again when he learned of a poetry contest, Signs of Spring at Table Rocks, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and Bureau of Land Management. Winning entries would be displayed along the Table Rocks hiking trail in southern Oregon, in conjuction with information on geology, wildflowers, pollinators and other subjects associated with the area.



The Tribe was not the only entity affected by increasing COVID-19 cases in the West Valley. The Willamina School District returned to a virtual learning platform after four students tested positive for

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Ham wrote the song after representatives from the Chehalem Cultural Center asked Tribal The subject of the contest, "What do the Table Rocks mean to you?"

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Contributed photo by Tabitha Olson, BLM recreation specialist

An unidentified hiker stops to read Grand Ronde Tribal member Joseph Ham's poetry at Table Rocks.

Grand Ronde Restoration figure Elizabeth Furse walks on



Smoke Signals file photo

By Dean Rhodes

 $Smoke\ Signals\ editor$

E lizabeth Furse, who played an important role in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe accomplish Restoration in 1983 and the return of land in 1988, walked on Sunday, April 18, at the age of 84.

Furse also represented Oregon in Congress for three terms in the 1990s. She died peacefully at her home from complications related to a fall. In the early 1980s, Furse joined with Don Wharton, founding director of Oregon Legal Service's Native American Program, to help the Grand Ronde Tribe regain federal recognition, which was taken away in 1954 by the Western

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Former Oregon congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, photographed in 2008 for the Tribe's 25th Restoration special edition, walked on Sunday, April 18, at the age of 84. In the early 1980s, she was instrumental in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe regain federal recognition.

General Council meeting 11 a.m. Sunday, May 2

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

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LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

Back in 2019, *Smoke Signals* asked for input on "How big can Grand Ronde be?" All I know about limits to growth would be resources available. There are, however, two things I would like to see included in Grand Ronde growth. Number one is "bees" and number two is "energy efficiency."

Honeybees and bumblebees pollinate billions of dollars of food crops annually in the United States. They are in decline and how great it would be to eat Grand Ronde honey instead of white sugar that is filled with chemicals and exacerbates diabetes. There are now growing walls where you can grow crops vertically to save valuable space. Without bees, we run out of food. We would need experienced beekeepers and not use debilitating pesticides.

The second need is energy efficiency to get us through times of climate change. Today, I found out that Native people who live on Reservations cannot get tax breaks for renewable energy or energy efficiency because of the tax-exempt Reservations. Possibly our new Secretary of the Interior could help.

Deb Haaland and the Biden administration are aware of climate change and could change the rule. Grand Ronde could become more self-reliant regarding food and energy efficiency.

Judith Pettibone Roll No. 717

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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. ■

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<u>May</u>

- Sunday, May 2 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Zoom teleconference. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 5 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 19 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, May 31 Memorial Day observance by invitation only, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-4555.

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



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Smoke Signals:

Spirit Mountain Casino on pace for 'record-breaking' year *Concerts to resume outdoors in July*

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. reported to the membership that Spirit Mountain Casino is on track for a possible record-breaking year during the Tuesday, April 27, Legislative Action Committee hearing.

Bobb also serves on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors, which met Monday, April 26.

"The casino continues to do very well," Bobb said. "It's kind of surprising to everybody, but certainly welcomed. The casino is on track for a record-breaking year this year if everything stays the same."

As one of the few indoor venues that has remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic, Spirit Mountain Casino has seen a steady stream of guests since it re-opened in June 2020 after being closed for 74 days.

Tribal Council also recently approved hiring another officer for the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department because the increase in casino guests has resulted in a concurrent increase in the number of calls from the casino to the department.

Bobb also said that the casino is considering returning to a 24/7 operation and that about 80 percent of the available slot machines are working on the floor. Valet parking and keno have returned as well.

Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Shawna Ridgebear said that decision is not yet final as the casino continues to monitor how the community and employees feel about returning to a round-theclock operation.

Upon re-opening in June 2020, the casino shortened its hours to allow staff to thoroughly clean the facility. It also prohibited anyone under the age of 21 from entering the casino or lodge and instituted a mask requirement for guests.

Bobb also reported that the casino plans to resume hosting concerts beginning in July, but they will be held outdoors instead of inside the Event Center.

Ridgebear said the concerts would be held outside in the parking lot west of the casino. A lineup of confirmed acts will not be released until mid-May, she said.

Ridgebear said the new guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control that state vaccinated people do not have to wear masks outside are encouraging.

However, she added, the casino has since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 worked to not only meet CDC pandemic guidelines, but to exceed them. ■

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. ■

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

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

The Grand Ronde Food Bank-iskam makhmak 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 May 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 guarantined 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-ofmonth 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 makhmak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting is still to be determined at press time. 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



2016 – The Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission voted to allow ceremonial fishing by members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at Willamette Falls, restoring rights lost by the Tribe in the 1980s when it was seeking support for its Reservation Plan. The



File photo

new rule allowed for the harvest of hatchery spring Chinook salmon and/or hatchery summer steelhead for ceremonial purposes with a limit of no more than 15 fish per year taken by Tribal members.

2011 – A two-day small business conference for Native American entrepreneurs called "Trading at the River" was held at Spirit Mountain Casino. Topics included how to keep Tribal dollars on the Reservation through small, Native-owned businesses, and how to be a catalyst for change in the community by providing jobs for Native people. The conference was sponsored by the Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network, which was formed in 1991 as a nonprofit, public benefit corporation by four Tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

2006 – Willamette University repatriated a 2.2-pound fragment of the meteorite Tomanowos after finding it in a supply closet. "I am relieved to return it." Willamette Associate Professor of Anthropology Rebecca Dobkins said. For Tribal members, having a piece of the meteorite returned was a bright moment in a troubling episode. "This piece is home," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "But it's not a good situation because there has been so much cutting on the meteorite. To me, it's like carving up a body."

2001 – Several representatives from New York's American Museum of Natural History visited Grand Ronde. Tribal Council met with the representatives to confirm details for the Tribe's first visit with the meteorite Tomanowos. They agreed the museum would be closed for all other visitors during the visit and blessings from Tribal members. Tribal Education Department representatives also met with the museum delegation. "What we talked about was the opportunity for local Tribal member students to participate in an internship at the museum in New York," Tribal Education Manager Marion Mercier said.

1996 – Construction information for the new Health & Wellness Center was discussed at a General Council meeting when architect Frank Whalen gave an update on the progress of the new clinic. He expected groundbreaking to begin in August and construction taking approximately one year for the 29,000-square-foot, two-story building budgeted at approximately \$3.5 million. Whalen added that future expansion of the building would be easy as all four wings could be expanded depending on the growth in each department.

1991 – Tribal youth Joe Mercier won the state freestyle wrestling championship in the 9- and 10-year-old division. His regular season record stood at 33-1. By winning the state championship, Mercier qualified for the national tournament in Boise, Idaho.

1986 - Tribal Council Chair Mark Mercier updated the membership about the Tribe's Reservation Plan. "Last month, the BIA requested a draft legislation copy for the BIA in the central office in Washington, D.C., for their review," he said. Tribal Council members also met with the local community, timber and lumber businesses and local government officials. "I cannot stress enough the importance of asking you,

- 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 Tuesday 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.)

the membership, to write (letters) of support to your congressional delegation, (to) let your voice and feelings be heard," Mercier said.

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

Tribe schedules ceremonial fishing at Willamette Falls

OREGON CITY - The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will resume ceremonial fishing at Willamette Falls on Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, said Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen.

The first excursion will occur on Tuesday, May 4. Ceremonial fishing at the falls was canceled in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Oregon Department of State Lands granted approval to the Grand Ronde Tribe on Aug. 31, 2018, to build a platform at Willamette Falls on which to harvest its annual state-approved take of 15 Chinook salmon and/or hatchery summer steelhead for ceremonial purposes.

The Tribe blessed the site on Sept. 4, 2018, and constructed a removable fishing platform at Willamette Falls in October 2018. The first fish netted at Willamette Falls by Tribal ceremonial fishermen occurred in May 2019. Fishing from the platform can continue through the end of July or until the Tribe catches its allotment of 15. ■

Tribal Council continues board, committee appointments

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council's Wednesday, April 21, meeting seemed very much like its April 7 meeting in that numerous special event board and committee appointments and reappointments dominated the proceedings.

Former Tribal Council member Andy Jenness was reappointed to a three-year term on the Editorial Board, which oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* and supports an independent Tribal newspaper for the Grand Ronde Tribe. Jenness' term will run through March 2024.

Smoke Signals has been a free press since January 2017, which is when the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance took effect. The law prohibits Tribal administrative or elected officials from influencing Tribal newspaper coverage and requires Smoke Signals staff to cover Tribal news in a professional, ethical and impartial manner.

Jenness, who also serves on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors, started serving on the Editorial Board in June 2017. He served on Tribal Council from 1992-95.

Other appointments and reappointments included:

- Reappointing Valeria Atanacio to the Education Committee with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Reappointing Guy Schultz, Jade Unger and Steve Rife to the Ceremonial Hunting Board with terms expiring in March 2023;
- Reappointing Sarah Ross and Shayla Myrick-Meyer to the Culture Committee with terms expiring in March 2023, and appointing Kelly Tarr to the Culture Committee with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Reappointing Steve Bobb Jr. to the Fish & Wildlife Committee with a term expiring in March 2023 and appointing former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno to the Fish & Wildlife Committee with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Appointing Jackie Many Hides and Debby Larsen to the Enrollment Committee with terms expiring in March 2023;

General Council meeting with a presentation scheduled from the Tribal Employment Rights Office and Human Resources Department via the Zoom teleconferencing program. Tentative plans for a hybrid in-person meeting were canceled after an outbreak of COVID-19 occurred in the West Valley, shutting down the Tribal government center and Willamina School District.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Added 24 more names to the Restoration Roll, bringing the total for the year to 70. Tribal Council added 204 names to the historically important roll in 2019 and 127 in 2020. The names are now forwarded to the Department of the Interior for approval;
- Approved a Tribal credit card for Jennifer Worth, new operations director for the medication-assisted treatment clinics in Portland and Salem;
- Approved the enrollment of an infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- Approved an agreement by Chemawa Station LCC, which is co-owned equally by the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes, to sublease of portion of the Keizer property to Chick-Fil-A, a Georgia-based fast food operation that is opening a restaurant there;
- Approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that would help fund the opening of the Portland medication-assisted treatment clinic scheduled to occur in early 2022. The grant would last for five years;
- Approved an application to Spirit Mountain Community Fund for \$100,000 that would be used to design and construct language immersion classrooms as part of the Tribe's Language Education Building project;
- And approved an application to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management that would bring the Tribe \$25,407 to improve

Congressional visit



Oregon Congressman Kurt Schrader visited Grand Ronde's Great Circle Recovery in Salem on Friday, April 23. This center is the first Tribally operated medication-assisted treatment facility in Oregon. Schrader posted photos to his Facebook page. He was accompanied on the tour by Clinic Operations Director Jennifer Worth, left, and Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe, right.

'Grand Ronde had nothing'

FURSE continued from front page

Oregon Indian Termination Act.

"A lot of what was important to moving us forward was Elizabeth had been to law school," Wharton recalled in a 2008 interview for the Tribe's 25th Restoration special edition. "She had not graduated, she was not a lawyer, but she understood the law and she was terrific at community organization. She was terrific at talking to people in positions of power in the Legislature, and in other places, Congress, etc. She just had a real touch for that. She knew she had access to or knowledge of an enormous amount of resources."

Wharton left Oregon Legal Service's Native American Program in 1983 and credited Furse with seeing the Grand Ronde Restoration effort through to its conclusion when President Ronald Reagan signed the law that restored the Tribe to federal recognition on Nov. 22, 1983. In a 2008 interview with Smoke Signals. Furse recalled working full-time on the Restoration effort because Grand Ronde Tribal Council members had jobs. She encouraged modern-day Tribal members to remember that Restoration was not inevitable and required a lot of hard work and myriad sacrifices by many. "Grand Ronde had nothing," she said. "They had no land, no economic development opportunities. They took the very best they could get and have made it better. I just hope the Tribal members will understand that, that they were magnificent that (Tribal) Council." Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. acknowledged Furse's passing during the Tuesday, April 20, Legislative Action Committee meeting and sent prayers to her

family.

"She was one of the good friends to the Tribe and worked very hard on our behalf in the beginning," Bobb said. "We want to recognize and send prayers to her family for that loss."

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that Furse will get greatly missed. "Elizabeth Furse was a friend and ally of the Grand Ronde Tribe and Indian Country," Kennedy said. "Her work on Tribal Restoration efforts and the Grand Ronde Restoration Act leaves a legacy that will endure the test of time."

Tribal Council held a moment of silence to honor Furse during its Wednesday, April 21, meeting.

After leaving Congress in 1999, Furse became the founding director of Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government. She also co-owned and operated Helvetia Winery with her second

• And reappointing Alton Butler, Richard VanAtta and Lorraine Lash to the Veterans Special Event Board with terms expiring in March 2023, and appointing Daniel Helfrich to the board with a term expiring in March 2023. Tribal Council also set the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, May 2, homeland security issues, such as cybersecurity, violent domestic extremism, and information and intelligence sharing.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Listening sessions set

PORTLAND – The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Columbia River InterTribal Fish Commission, Prosper Portland and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services are starting an 18-month planning process to engage Tribes, Tribal organizations and the Portland metro area Native American community to seek ideas, identify needs and explore development opportunities for the proposed Center for Tribal Nations and Waterfront Education Park at the OMSI District on the eastern shore of the Willamette River.

Listening sessions have been scheduled, all running from 1 to 3 p.m. Remaining sessions will be held on May 13 and June 2 and will be conducted using virtual meeting applications like Zoom. People also can complete a survey regarding the proposal at atnitribe.org/center-tribal-nations/. husband, John Platt, for almost 30 years.

"The legacy of her work on Tribal governance, Restoration legislation and self-determination has been profound and will continue to be realized by generations of Native Americans and Oregonians to come," said Direlle Calica, director of the Institute for Tribal Government.

Furse was born a British citizen in Kenya and grew up mostly in South Africa. She married a U.S. citizen and, after moving to the United States, became a citizen. She was the first person born in Africa to be elected to Congress.

She is survived by her children, Amanda Briggs of Beaverton and John Briggs of Seattle, and by Platt. Platt said he and the family are planning a memorial service to be held this summer. ■

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Trauma-informed care, medication-assisted treatment discussed at annual addiction medicine conference

Smoke Signals staff writer attends virtual event as a part of fellowship

By Danielle Harrison

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The COVID-19 pandemic has left what are likely lasting scars and trauma for much of the population, be it through social isolation, job loss, a heightened sense of fear, illness or death.

For those with a substance use disorder, it also has resulted in much higher rates of overdose deaths and less access to in-person treatment, counseling or peer support groups.

A primary focus of this year's American Society of Addiction Medicine annual conference was how clinicians can best assist those struggling with the added stressors of a global pandemic on top of managing a substance use disorder.

The society was founded in 1954 and is a professional organization representing more than 6,000 physicians, clinicians and other professionals in the field of addiction medicine. The organization's goals are to increase access and improve the quality of addiction treatment, educate the public, and support research and prevention efforts.

The 52nd annual event was held in a virtual format for the second year in a row due to the pandemic.

In a keynote address on Thursday, April 22, society President Dr. Paul Earley referred to substance use disorders and COVID-19 as "intertwined epidemics."

"In 2020, the overdose numbers got much worse" he said. "There was a 28.28 percent increase as of September. There has also been a significant rise in overdoses from multiple use of drugs. It's rare to find people who overdose on one substance. There is also a much higher risk of getting infected with COVID if you have a past or present diagnosis of a substance use disorder, and you are more likely to suffer hospitalization and death."

Earley cited statistics from a National Institute on Drug Abuse study involving the risk of hospitalization from COVID-19. Out of more than 12,000 patients who were diagnosed, hospitalization was 40 percent for whites with a substance use disorder and 50 percent for Blacks, compared with 30 percent overall. "Drugs all target the cardiovascular system and interfere with immune responses," Earley said. "These factors increase chances of being infected. Also, there are structural challenges, such as crowded methadone clinics at the start of the pandemic, and conditions in jail and prison systems. ... One of the biggest problems is stigma. If people (with a substance use disorder) get infected, they are far less likely to go to an emergency room because of bad treatment in the past." Earley also discussed opportunities the pandemic had presented. For example, before COVID, most who visited methadone clinics could only receive their dosage in person,



Gallup Indian Medical Center Addiction and Pain Specialist Anthony Dekker discusses how the expansion of telemedicine has provided both opportunities and new challenges in the evaluation, treatment and documentation of opioid use disorder treatment in rural Native American populations during the American Society of Addiction Medicine's annual conference held virtually April 22-24.

making it a challenge for those with small children, a job or lacking reliable transportation. Now, clients are allowed to have take-home doses, and those under quarantine could arrange for another person to pick up medication or have it delivered.

"The way that methadone delivery has changed is thought of positively by many clinicians and patients," he said. "Other opportunities are the increased use of telehealth and changes in the justice system to allow the release of non-violent offenders with a substance use disorder from jails. However, despite these changes, it is harder to get patients into treatment during the pandemic."

Earley also noted that much more marijuana and alcohol has been sold during the pandemic.

"Stress and uncertainty definitely plays a role," he said. "The way people often deal with it is consumption of alcohol and drugs. With some, there may not be (longterm) negative effects, but with others it does. ... We will be left with all of the devastation COVID has created. A lack of hope, helplessness, indifference and stigma all contribute to the devastating abuse treatment and additional stigma that pregnant women and mothers deal with that are barriers to recovery.

The workshop also discussed how stigma-free, compassionate, anti-racist and trauma-informed care have potential to improve outcomes.

"Systemic racism doesn't happen in a vacuum," Jones said. "The war against substance use has been used to harm people of color."

She cited President Richard Nixon's domestic affairs advisor discussing the war on drugs to author Dan Baum. The adviser, John Ehrlichman, allegedly said that criminalizing possession of drugs like heroin and marijuana was intended to disrupt two of the biggest anti-establishment forces that opposed Nixon: Anti-war leftists and African-Americans.

There were common themes in the stories that the women in recovery told: Early exposure to drug use, being unaware of community resources, fear of being stigmatized, lack of housing, fear of having their children taken away, death of a loved one due to drugs and lack of wrap-around services for medication-assisted treatment. "You get a prescription for suboxone and then it's out the door," one women said. "There needs to be more resources available. We want to be treated as human beings, ones who have made mistakes, and being given compassions helps."

chronic pain syndrome, and how rural communities have experienced even more shortfalls.

However, the expansion of telemedicine has provided both opportunities and new challenges in the evaluation, treatment and documentation of opioid use disorder treatment, he notes, especially for veterans and Native Americans in remote areas.

"In 2020, the use of telehealth in opioid treatment was temporarily approved," Dekker said. "It has allowed us to reach a lot more people in rural areas."

He advised those doing virtual visits to have local public safety phone numbers handy in case a patient is in danger, getting consent for a virtual visit beforehand, knowing where the patient is calling from and if they have a private place to access reliable Internet service.

"Telemedicine has been a very important tool in treating opioid use disorder," Dekker said. "Some patients also prefer telemedicine, especially in remote areas. It would be a step in the wrong direction if we lost our ability to use telemedicine."

Best practices in managing patients with kratom addiction

Cornel Stanciu is an assistant psychiatry professor at Dartmouth College and director of addiction services at New Hampshire Hospital.

An increasing number of Americans are turning to kratom for self-management of various pain, anxiety and mood states, and for those with opioid use disorders as an opioid substitute.

"People are using kratom to detox from opioids, to treat anxiety, pain and for relaxation," Stanciu said.

Kratom is unregulated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and is sold at most convenience stores to anyone who wants it. Stanciu noted that kratom and morphine are very similar in their molecular structure, and kratom can lead to addictive behaviors over time. After one year of regular kratom use, risks include lung injuries, high blood pressure, fatigue, constipation, seizures, hallucinations, elevated keratin levels, decreased liver function and, in some severe cases, kidney and liver failure. "Most doctor's offices don't include kratom in routine screenings and most labs don't know how to test for it," he said. "When users stop, it's a withdrawal similar to that of stopping opioid use. We don't have a full understanding of it. Simple detox comes with a higher relapse rate, but there is no formal guidance on how to manage treatment. However, we have had success with medication-assisted

consequences of a substance use disorder and COVID."

Numerous breakout sessions and workshops were held after the keynote address that touched on everything from medication-assisted treatment to the potential for safe injection sites with wraparound recovery services.

Stigma, anti-racism, compassion and traumainformed care

This session focused on addiction recovery and best practices to achieve success and was moderated by Dr. Vania Rudolf of Seattle's Swedish Medical Center Addiction Recovery Services and Dr. Hendree Jones, executive director of the University of North Carolina's Horizons drug treatment program.

Four women in recovery from a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds spoke about the challenges they faced in finding substance

Evaluation and treatment of opioid use disorders in remote areas with telemedicine

Anthony Dekker is an addiction and pain specialist at the Gallup Indian Medical Center in New Mexico. His areas of expertise include addiction medicine, chronic pain syndrome, high-risk youth, domestic violence and behavioral health. In the past, he served as chief clinical consultant in addiction medicine and chronic pain for the Indian Health Service.

The session focused on how the pandemic has brought many challenges to the evaluation and treatment of opioid use disorders and

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Science, history and racialization of U.S. drug policy

Staff writer reflects on opioids reporting fellowship

By Danielle Harrison

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When the National Press Foundation's Director of Training Chris Adams reached out via e-mail last month to ask if I was interested in applying for an opioids reporting fellowship, I said "yes" without hesitation.

I had originally applied for the training in 2018, about a year into my tenure as staff writer at *Smoke Signals*. At the time, there were few slots available and I wasn't selected. But opportunities sometimes arise out of otherwise unfortunate circumstances: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the training switched to an online format, enabling the Press Foundation to have 23 spots available. This time, I made the cut.

The Press Foundation conducts trainings throughout the year for journalists in the United States and around the world. The nonprofit's mission is to "make good journalists better." It seeks out a diversity of gender, age, ethnicity and type of media, which results in a mix of journalists who can potentially reach millions of readers and listeners.

The "Covering Opioids and Addiction" fellowship consisted of six training sessions, five of which occurred in April and a final wrap-up in May. Fellows also attended the April 22-24 national virtual conference of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, which sponsors the program.

Hosting the virtual Press Foundation training sessions were Adams, Program Manager Alyssa Black and Director of Digital Strategy Jeff Hertrick.

"We want to help you continue to do good stories," Adams said.

Adams and his colleagues carefully selected speakers with various background experience in opioid epidemic and addiction medicine, ranging from law enforcement to social workers, doctors, nurses, addiction researchers and other specialists. From them, fellows learned about the science and his-



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National Press Foundation Director of Training and Content Chris Adams, Program Manager Alyssa Black and Director of Digital Strategy Jeff Hertrick introduce themselves on the first day of the foundation's "Covering Opioids and Addiction" virtual training on Wednesday, April 7. *Smoke Signals* staff writer Danielle Harrison was among 23 journalists selected from across the United States to participate in the training, which culminated with reporters covering the American Society of Addiction Medicine's annual conference held April 22-24.

addiction issues doesn't help reduce crime or expenses. Humanizing them, using Naloxone and connecting with their families does, he said.

The second speaker was San Francisco's VA Medical Center Addiction Consult and Opioid Safety Director Dr. Tauheed Zaman, who noted that the leading substance for illicit drug use by those 12 and older is marijuana.

Tauheed discussed an unnamed client, a 16-year-old boy who was eating a cannabis brownie daily and using hash oil in his vape pen. The teen didn't think his habit was unsafe since a friend bought the products from a licensed dispensary.

"I told him that only 17 percent of products are properly labeled for the amount of THC," Zaman said. "That is improving as more states legalize marijuana. However, it can be very bad for a developing brain, which doesn't stop fully growing until you are 26."

The takeaway? Marijuana can be physically as well as physiologically addictive. Using it to treat mental health issues usually worsens outcomes. Also, abstinence isn't the only approach. Moderation can be utilized as well. The first speaker on April 12 was Wilson Compton, deputy director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He discussed the role of science and research in addressing drug concerns and focused on three areas: Overdose with opioids, vaping and cannabis. "We need to (continue to) change perceptions about drugs, and acknowledge that smoking, which is legal, is the number one cause of death and that one return to drug use doesn't make you a failure," she said. "We also need to improve availability and access to medication-assisted treatment, not make it so challenging that people cannot have a job, take care of their families and get treatment."

The first speaker on Wednesday, April 14, was Dr. Helena Hansen, a professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She focused on a study she conducted called "How Racial Capital Changed the Color of Heroin in America."

She began the study after the opioid epidemic "surprised" the media that addiction could be a problem for White America as well as minorities. Since the pandemic, the issue has only increased as overdose rates have increased by approximately 40 percent, as per Centers for Disease Control statistics.

"What has also changed people's minds is how the portrayal of white suffering has been perceived," Hansen said. "Whites were portrayed as sympathetic characters, compared to the portrayal of 'welfare, minority, crack mothers with addicted babies' in the 1980s." She added that in the United States, narcotics have long been associated with criminalization through marginalized groups. Examples include media portrayals of Chinese opium users, Mexican marijuana smokers, and Black heroin and crack cocaine users. Hansen said potential ways to address this problem are to realize that a "magic bullet" solution doesn't exist, understand that the problem of drug use is also biosocial, determined by social conditions people live under and to address the racialization of drug policies. The second speaker was Dr. Paul Earley, medical director for Georgia Professionals Health Program and president of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He discussed alcohol use disorders.

He said that countries with a high amount of alcohol use, including the United States, have negative medical and social effects as a result.

Also, addiction and alcohol misuse, as well as treatment modalities, are culture specific: Many people are heavy alcohol users for a time and it doesn't escalate to addiction. Examples of temporary heavy alcohol use include during a divorce, trauma, death of a loved one, job loss and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Worldwide, alcohol is the seventh leading cause of death and the leading risk factor of death for those 15 to 49 years old. Cancer is also related to alcohol use as a cause of death. Study results have shown the only safe level of drinking is zero.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a multiple health and addiction crisis. Things that help people heal, like being with other people, were taken away and many were socially and physically isolated for months.

"This will resonate in our culture for the next decade," he said.

The third speaker was Byrce Pardo, a policy researcher with Rand Corp. He discussed research about stopping the spread of fentanyl.

Since prescription opioids became harder to access, people turned to street heroin. Synthetics began arising as they were quicker and cheaper to make, and can easily be sent through the mail. They are much more potent than regular heroin though, and there has been an unprecedented rise in the death rate.

The first speaker on Friday, April 16, was Dr. Stephen M. Taylor, chief medical officer for Pathway Healthcare and head of the National Basketball Association's player assistance program.

Taylor discussed the American Society of Addiction Medicine's statement on advancing racial justice. He has been a member for 20 years and co-chaired the committee that drafted the statement, an effort to respond to recent events around racial injustice.

"Addiction is a brain disease, but it is also an interaction with other factors," he said. "Life experiences, including racism and drug policies, have supported systemic racism." The second speaker was Dr. Grant Baldwin of the Centers for Disease Control, where he is the director of the Division of Overdose Prevention. The overdose epidemic has changed over time. Now, 70 percent of deaths are from synthetic opioids. There have been three waves: Prescription opioids, heroin and then synthetics. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened overdose deaths because there is limited access to treatment, increased drug use to cope with stress and boredom, and drug users are isolated. Baldwin noted that 100,000 people are projected to have died of drug overdoses in 2020, compared to 70,000 in 2019.

tory behind addiction medicine, as well as the racialization of American drug policy.

The first speaker on April 7 was Quincy, Mass., Lt. Detective Patrick Glynn, who discussed new strategies for policing opioids and how arresting people struggling with addiction did little to curb the epidemic, so police came up with a different solution.

In 2010, Quincy became the first police department in the country to train and deploy Naloxone (an anti-overdose drug) on the streets. At first, there was pushback and concern, both from the public and some officers.

"We also had to look at the fact that society wasn't ready for police officers to be administering medication because they always looked at us as enforcers of the law as opposed to people that were out there to really assist," Glynn said.

Arresting and jailing those with

It has been well publicized that overdose rates have accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlights the importance of science to offer solutions to this public health crisis.

The second speaker was Dr. Ruth Potee, director of Addiction Services for Franklin County (Mass.) House of Corrections. She spoke about the science behind addiction and the brain, the organ that is harmed most by addiction.

The level of community knowledge around addiction being a disease of the brain has really increased, and Potee credits good journalism for much of that.

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61 first-quarter employees account for 728 years of service

By Dean Rhodes

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Although large indoor gatherings are still prohibited at the Grand Ronde Tribe because of the COVID-19 pandemic, that hasn't stopped the Human Resources Department from honoring employees on a quarterly basis for their employment longevity with the Tribe.

First-quarter honorees hired in either January, February or March were led by Procurement Assistant Kelly Leno, who reached 31 years of service to the Tribe.

Records Administrator Kim Mueller and Gaming Commission Licensing Manager Julia Papen were honored for 26 and 25 years of employment, respectively.

Other employees notching 20 or more years of employment with the Tribe include Health & Wellness Billing Supervisor Sunni Ulestad, 23 years; Purchased and Referred Care Supervisor Melody Baker, 22 years; Human Resources Employment Manager David DeHart and Compensation/HRIS Specialist Becky Mode, 21 years each; and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears, 20 years.

Employees with five or more years of service are honored quarterly. In non-pandemic times, staff receives a breakfast in the Tribal gym and General Manager David



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Tribal Records Administrator Kim Mueller, photographed in 2019, reached the 26-mark of working for the Tribe earlier this year.

Fullerton reads off the list of names and employees receive a check, handshakes and occasional hugs from Tribal Council members.

Other Tribal employees honored included:

19 years: Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight, Tribal Attorney's Office Manager Kerrina Mishler and Information Systems Web Administrator Willie Mercier.

18 years: Higher Education Program Coordinator Joshua Clift.

17 years: Social Services' Portland Area Office Tribal Services Representative Lisa Archuleta and Early Head Start Family Educator

Shawn Bobb.

15 years: Full-Charge Bookkeeper Debra Nolen and Employment Specialist Toni Mercier.

14 years: Employment Specialist Jessy Powley.

13 years: Health Information Supervisor/Privacy Officer Desiree Allen, Natural Resources Construction Supervisor Bart Bryant, Dental Assistant Rachel Clark, Enrollment Officer Nick LaBonte, Day Shift Housekeeper Rosie Saldivas, Gam-

ing Commission Compliance Analyst Tyrell Soderberg and Natural Resources Senior Administrative Assistant Michele Volz.

12 years: Purchased/Referred Care Health Care Specialist Kayla Leno, Groundskeeper Joseph Grammer and Hydrosystem Compliance Specialist Lawrence Schwabe.

11 years: Adult Foster Care Senior Administrative Assistant Candi Buswell, Shipping and Receiving Clerk Seth Mercier and Rental Housing Coordinator Leon Ramos.

10 years: Employee Relations Specialist Seth Barton, Chinuk Immersion Preschool Assistant Halona Butler, Employment Program Manager Michael Herrin, 477/ Employment & Training Specialist Khani Schultz and Dental Hygienist Erin Muchmore.

9 years: Gaming Inspector Dalton Robertson, Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards and Behavioral Health employee Alexandria Warren-Masters.

8 years: 477/Employment & Training Specialist Tiny Gibbons, Child Abuse Investigator Shauna Hastings, Adult Foster Care Caregiver Brianna Leno, Risk Analyst Patricia Mercier, Vocational Rehabilitation Administrative Assistant Angella Schultz and Swing Shift Housekeeper Sean Sell.

7 years: Tribal Police Officer Tyler Brown, Groundskeeper Joseph Kelley, Chinuk K-5 Immersion Assistant Jade Colton, Adult Foster Care Caregiver Pearline Metzker, Web Specialist Jordan Smith and Dental Secretary Whitney VanArsdel.

6 years: Tribal Police Officer Rod McAllister, Community Health Driver Stephanie King, Post Elementary Chinuk Wawa Teacher & Outreach Coordinator Zoey Holsclaw and Housing Administrative Assistant Lacy Leno.

5 years: Staff Accountant Shereena Bates, Emergency Management Assistant Brandi Bishop, Nurse Jeannette Cavan, Community Health Driver Victor Cureton, Senior Help Desk Technician Mark Donahoo, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Grants Coordinator James Holmes and Cultural Resources Interpretive Graphic Specialist Teal Reibach.

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

Effects of intergenerational trauma can last through several generations

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treatments similar to those for opioid use disorder."

Neurobiology, historical and intergenerational trauma and substance use disorders

Dr. Carolyn Ross, of Numinous Enterprises Inc. in California, discussed how ongoing research has documented the role that trauma plays in development of addictions, and how intergenerational trauma is also being explored in families of Holocaust survivors, African-Americans post-slavery and in Native Americans after violent colonialization. Ross said that understanding the effects of trauma provides a more thorough understanding of addictions and other related disorders, and cites trauma as being an important underlying factor in addictions. "Brain development is bottom up," she said. "It begins with the survival center and ends with the executive center, which handles logic, reason and empathy. The brain has a lot of plasticity, but mostly at younger ages. What trauma ultimately can do is hijack a person's potential in life. The problem begins even before birth, when a mother's behavior has important effects on brain growth and development. Healthy attachment at birth makes it more likely a baby will have healthy relationships later in life."

Additional factors, such as inadequate nutrition and toxic levels of stress in the first 1,000 days of life, can reverberate throughout a person's life, Ross added.

"Trauma is the loss of an essential part of yourself, your safety, security, place and vitality," she said. "It doesn't change the DNA, but changes the expression of certain genes, and can take up to 20 years off a lifespan. The primary impact is to the brain. We can become hyper aroused or numbed out. We cannot reason ourselves out of being frightened or upset."



She said the effects of intergenerational trauma can last through several generations.

"Kids are especially prone to the trauma in resettling in a new culture," Ross said. "It can lead to depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and other conditions."

Historical trauma includes five factors: Being deliberately inflicted on a target population, not limited to a single event, events reverberating throughout the community, the population being stripped of its culture and identity, and the trauma inflicted with malicious intent.

Both Native Americans and African-Americans were victims of historical trauma, which puts them at a higher risk of substance use disorder.

"It can also be very difficult to get treatment," Ross said. "There are a lot of suspicions of the medical community and biases (toward patients)." ■



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Backpack & School Supply Giveaway For children ages K-12 at the start of school <u>Christmas Shop</u> Adults can pick out 1 new gift for each child in their household. Children can shop for 1 gift for each adult in their household.

The Grand Ronde Clothes closet is located on the Tribal Campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts donations in clean and good condition. Please put donations in plastic bags for sanitation purposes and drop them off during open hours. Please use the Community Board to post large items. For more information or emergency clothes, please contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at (559) 847-7565.

Tribal students honored for academic success

By Danielle Harrison

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It's been a school year like none other and Grand Ronde Youth Education celebrated those who had accomplished a variety of academic and personal goals during an online Student Success Night celebration.

More than 80 Native students from the Willamina and Sheridan school districts were honored during the event held on Facebook and You-Tube on Thursday, April 15.

"The Youth Education Department is excited to celebrate many Native students at the fifth annual Student Success event," Youth Education Program Manager Tim Barry said. "Students were recognized for their success with academic achievements for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year. It has been a school year like no other, and our staff are very proud of the students' perseverance, creativity and what they have accomplished."

The video presentation featured Barry, Education Department Manager Angela Fasana, Guided Study Teacher Adam Langley, Academic Advisor Shane Thomas and Academic Coach Rachel Fluke, along with other Youth Education staff and Willamina School District Tribal Attendance Family Advocate Rebecca Arredondo.

"Congratulations students on a

job well done. This year has been so hard and you have done such an amazing job," Fasana said. "We look forward to congratulating you in person next year. Keep up the good work and have a wonderful spring and summer."

"I know it's been a hard year for a lot of us," Langley said. "Congratulations on getting through it and let's hope next year will be better for all of us."

"I'm so pleased to be celebrating students tonight who have shown success in school," Arredondo said. "Despite COVID, you've been able to rise above."

During the first semester of the 2020-21 school year, 42 elementary school students and 44 middle and high school students were honored for various academic accomplishments. Their names are not listed due to the Education Department not having parental permission to release them. A video of the event is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lVjIveW4UY.

Students were awarded Amazon gift cards and certificates for their accomplishments.

Student Success Night is organized by the Tribe's Youth Education Program, with support from other departments including Prevention and Nutrition. ■

War on drugs was used to subjugate minorities and their communities

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The first speaker on Monday, April 19, was Dr. Lisa Marsch, director for the Center for Technology and Behavioral Health at Dartmouth College. She spoke about the development of technological tools in addiction treatment.

"Digital technology has transformed how our society works, and we wanted to know how we could leverage that in the treatment and management of a substance use disorder," she said. The study found that benefits of digital technology included extending clinicians' reach, functioning as a 24/7 virtual therapist and expanding treatment access to those who live in rural areas or are otherwise homebound. was used to subjugate minorities and their communities beginning under the Nixon administration. Many people have been separated from their families and loved ones for simple possession of drugs and given long sentences.

Decriminalization of drug possession would remove one aspect of over-policing communities of color, Isom said. Decriminalization, however, does not solve the structural racism integrated into American society.

The third speaker was Dr. Pierluigi Mancini, project director of National Latino Behavioral Health

Youth Council applicants sought

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon is seeking applicants, grades six through 12, who are interested in serving on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Youth Council.

Youth who are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, direct descendants of a currently enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, or an enrolled member of another federally recognized Native American Tribe receiving services directly from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are eligible to apply.

The Youth Council acts in an advisory capacity to Tribal Council, the Youth Education Department, Youth Empowerment & Prevention as well as other Tribal departments and programs in identifying needs and developing priorities concerning Tribal youth and youth-related programs and activities.

The Youth Council will consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by Youth Council advisors. Youth Council members must be currently registered in school and in grades six through 12 at an educational facility. In selecting members of the Youth Council, Youth Council advisors shall give preference to persons who:

- 1. Have maintained good academic standing by carrying a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 grading scale.
- 2. Maintain healthy life choices.
- 3. Demonstrated leadership skills.
- Are able to commit to attend meetings and Youth Council activities twice a month in Grand Ronde, and trainings and other activities as needed. Also able to travel when needed.

Youth Council advisors will likely be selecting applicants for interviews by May 15, 2021. All interested youth are encouraged to fill out an application and submit the application by e-mail to; yep@ grandronde.org or by mail to:

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If you have any questions, please contact either Shannon Stanton at 503-879-1489, Vincent Chargualaf at 503-879-1479 or Angey Rideout at 503-879-4533, or by e-mail at yep@grandronde.org

Sincerely, Shannon Stanton Vincent Chargualaf Angey Rideout Youth Council advisors



"If digital therapeutics are developed well, they are useful and acceptable to a diverse population," Marsch said.

The second speaker was Dr. Jessica Isom, who addressed criminality vs. medication in addiction treatment.

She said the way society and clinicians view drug use over the years has changed: The view of addiction is driven by social, biological and economic value we assign to a particular group. Media portrayals have affected policies. Race can connect you to privilege or barriers, and a primary barrier is structural racism.

She added that the war on drugs

Association, an organization that provides training and technical assistance to entities that are already serving the Hispanic/Latino community.

Absorbing all of this information has helped me rethink how to cover opioids and addiction in the future, something I hope will serve the Tribe and readers of *Smoke Signals* in the years to come.

The Tribe recently opened Great Circle Recovery in Salem, the first Tribally operated medication-assisted treatment clinic in Oregon, and is due to open a second in east Portland in early 2022. I now have a much greater understanding of the science behind addiction and racial barriers to treatment, as well as innovative potential solutions. This will help enhance my reporting when writing about these clinics and their services. I'll know when to ask questions, when to listen and, most importantly, what stories to tell. ■



'It was written over a period of about a month'

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was especially poignant to Ham given that his great-great uncle was murdered in a Takelma village nearby after the Natives fled Table Rocks for their former home due to hunger, cold and disease.

Given time constraints for the entry, Ham chose to rework the song he had written to honor his uncle and other Takelma people who were killed.

When Ham composed the piece last year, he lived in Medford and was able to visit Table Rocks frequently during the writing process.

"It was written over a period of about a month," he says. "I would go up to Table Rocks and ask if I was doing this OK. I think a big part of my thought process during it was oral history. (Rewriting) it brought me back to how it felt seeing Table Rocks every day. Down there I learned that the red-tailed hawk mascot of Southern Oregon University was inspired by a Takelma story of how Table Rocks was formed."

When Ham found out his poem had been selected, he recalls it felt good looking at his finished work and remembering the original song.

"I remember, like everyone, my life was making a lot of really good strides pre-pandemic. I remember thinking, 'Everything's coming up Joseph!' Then the world ended. I felt like I lost my own private battle having to come home from the Rogue Valley, just like my ancestors did. But my life has so much depth and love right now, that it reminded me that they were the ones that made Grand Ronde a home for me in the first place when they had to say goodbye to theirs. I

Red Name - Lupton Massacre circa 1855 by descendant

Tukwila chutes Camas roots Lamprey on the bank It's a good day They'll come into camp drunk tonight Try to scatter us in a hurried flight

> Old women spit venom From their throat They hang my uncle's Up from an oak

Nobody remembers you but that's OK Because I get to talk to you everyday

Table Rocks in the morning It's time, gramma, say goodbye

They can hear our red name All up and down I-5.

could come home to Table Rocks for them, but our ancestors sacrificed to make Grand Ronde our home."

Ham currently works as a temporary accounting clerk for the Tribe and hopes to join the Cultural Resources Department in the future. He says he felt it was important to share his reflections on Table Rocks with others so that its original inhabitants would be remembered.

"I find it really important because growing up in and around the Grand Ronde community, it made me realize that so much of western Oregon Indigenous culture had been compressed into this little community," he says. "For tiny communities like Siletz and Grand Ronde and others, it is crazy to think we hold and represent all this tradition of half the state."



Molly Morison, The Nature Conservancy's Oregon Preserves manager, said that poetry is another form of storytelling that offers deep connections to people's hearts and minds.

"Maybe it is the rhythm, imagery, the succinct thoughts - I'm not sure," she says. "But Joseph's poem encapsulating the Takelma people and descendants' past and present relationship with the Table Rocks, and all the emotion within it, has stayed with me since I first read it."

The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management have organized public spring hikes at Table Rocks for 35 years. The number of hikes and diversity of topics have increased over time to include many aspects of nature and culture including the arts. Hikes are led by volunteers and have included representatives from the Grand Ronde, Siletz and Cow Creek Tribes, as well as BLM and Nature Conservancy staff members who are knowledgeable about the topics. "And we have a great team of creative volunteers who help organize and run the series," she says. "One of my star volunteers, Kathy Kudo, came up with the idea for poetry-themed hikes a few years ago. We reached out to the Oregon Poetry Association for poets to lead hikes where people could read poems and write some too along the way."

Although the in-person guided hikes were canceled again this year due to the pandemic, Morison and others didn't want people to miss the opportunity to learn something about the Table Rocks while they walked. The "Signs of Spring" project emerged as a new self-guided experience for the trails.

"This year, in honor of National Poetry Month in April, we put out a call to local poets for submissions related to the Table Rocks and nature with the idea that we could place the poems along the trails to inspire reflection and learning," Morison says. "We wanted to make sure Indigenous voices were included."

She sent an announcement to Dr. Brook Colley, chair of the Native American Studies Program at Southern Oregon University, in the hopes that some of her students might participate. In turn, the announcement was forwarded to both the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes.

"And then Joseph e-mailed his wonderful poem to me," Morison savs.

Ham's poem was displayed throughout April. He says considering some of the derogatory names that still exist for southern Oregon Indigenous landmarks, this one is a win as far as representation goes.

"The eradication of us as a people is still imprinted into the consciousness down there," he says. "But that's changing, people are looking for a way home through us and that is a good thing. ... I also have a lot of gratitude to The Nature Conservancy for purchasing so much of the area in the 1970s to save Table Rocks from overdevelopment." ■

Health & Wellness Center hours

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

who put their lives on the line; and the families who supported them. We raise our hands to acknowledge and honor the service of the Veteran in your family and their memory. hayu masi.

To Receive a Memorial Day gift:

- Be a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR) Tribal Member or, a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde family member with
- A CTGR Veteran in your family who has made their journey (from any service era) and,
- Submit a photo, biography, story, or information about your tribal veteran and/or their military service by May 21, 2021 (to TVSO office by mail/email). (All information submitted is kept confidential and will not be shared)

In return:

The first 100 submissions get to choose one of the following gifts: A gardening tool kit for the veterans gravesite (15 available) or, A picture frame for the veterans photo (15 available) or, A 4x6" American flag with a silk flower (40 available) .5x8" Military Branch flags (a few of each branch, 30 available)

Gift pick up will be during Memorial Day Week. Individuals who sign up will be contacted to set up a date/time for drive-through pick-up.

Arrangements can be made if you would like your gift mailed



GRAND RONDE GAMING COMMISSION POSITION

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking applications to fill one commission position starting June 2021 and expiring June of 2024. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires this position to be filled by a Tribal member. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming-related activities associated with Spirit Mountain Casino. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 30-40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The commission generally meets on the second and third Fridays of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393 or by e-mail at kathy.doane@grandronde.org. Closing date is 5 p.m. May 7, 2021.

For more information about the Gaming Commission, please visit our webpage at www.grandrondegaming.org.



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Health & Wellness Executive Director Kelly Rowe gives an update on Tribal vaccinations and vaccination events to combat COVID-19 during a Facebook Live event held on Wednesday, April 21.

Health & Wellness Clinic has vaccinated more than 18,000

COVID-19 continued from front page

the coronavirus and almost 100 students were exposed and asked to quarantine at home. The district returned to some in-person instruction on Tuesday, April 27.

Rowe told attendees that April 21 also was likely the last mass vaccination clinic to be held by the Tribe.

"We have 1,000 doses and a lot of capacity open," she said. "People are getting it elsewhere or are not ready yet. We believe we can now reach enough people through our clinic."

Rowe said that all Tribal members and those who live in their households, other Natives and their household members, as well as employees and their household members 18 and older can get scheduled for a vaccination by calling the clinic at 503-879-7032.

"I fully support and implore people to get this vaccine," she said.

Rowe added that the Tribe has had one confirmed death of an enrolled member from COVID-19, but that person did not live in the community.

Kennedy said she wants to send a clear message about the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine if eligible to do so. goal is to make sure we are all OK and my message is to please vaccinate. We will be OK if we consider each other's health."

Since the pandemic began, the Health & Wellness Clinic has tested 2,148 people for COVID-19. Of those, 82 have been positive results, including the 13 active cases.

The clinic also has vaccinated more than 18,000 people and 9,300 of the shots have been given to those 55 and older, Rowe said.

During the Facebook Live event, Dillon said that due to the combination of vaccinations and public health measures such as sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing, there have been a very low number of positive COVID-19 cases despite thousands of people visiting the casino every day.

Dillon said there are thermal imaging cameras that automatically scan people's temperatures throughout the casino, along with security cameras that track their movements. Employees are temperature checked before the start of every shift, just as they are at the Tribal government campus.

"Masks and vaccinations are a huge benefit," Dillon said. "There has not been an outbreak at any casino table even though there is a dealer and customers together and they

Watchlist: The 'Indian Problem'

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

(Note: To supplement the coverage Smoke Signals provides, we are going to start sharing a video from our "Watchlist" with each edition of the paper. On the first and the 15th of every month, we will share a short summary and a link to a Native American-themed video we think you should watch. We are leaving the content and sourcing for our "Watchlist" open-ended; sharing historical documentaries from museums, current events from other news sources or features from Native organizations. The only factor being it's a Native American story we want to share.)

The "Indian Problem" was controversially known in the 19th century as "Native nations getting in the way of white settlers acquiring all the land."

This "problem" and its ramifications were explored as the central video in the 2016 "Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations" exhibition in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The "Indian Problem" video is narrated by actor Robert Redford and shares the historical tactics used in stealing Indigenous homelands; mainly one-sided treaty deals and the Removal Act of 1830.

This 12-minute video produced by the National Museum of the American Indian and Interface Media Group recounts the experience of removal from Sallie Farney (Muscogee) along with commentary from historians and reflections from contemporary Native voices.

The video cites that at the time, the tragedy of displacement was felt in every Native nation in America and through the use of animations of historical events, documents and images, viewers can sense the heartbreak of displacement for themselves. To watch the video, simply search for "Indian Problem" on YouTube.

Link to video: https://youtu.be/if-BOZgWZPE



Fee assistance

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

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



"I want to appeal to our community members who aren't sure yet to take the vaccine," she said. "Our bodies are not equipped to combat this disease and are not able to acclimate to it. It affects older people aggressively because there is no immunity to it built in. Now we know it also affects younger people so we need to deal with it in a very aggressive and thorough way. My are all touching cards, due to mask wearing and using hand sanitizer."

Kennedy closed the Facebook Live event by again imploring people to adhere to public safety measures and to get vaccinated.

"We want each of us to work together so we can come together and enjoy each other's company again," she said. "We do have the answer and it is the vaccine." ■

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 one of our regular parking spaces.

Thank you, Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration

UPDATE FROM: ANGEL BOOKKEEPING LLC – Karen Case

The Federal Tax Deadline to file is May 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

ANGEL BOOKKEEPING LLC Karen Case 930 SW Bales Ave. Willamina, OR 97396

angelbookkeepingllc@gmail.com

2021-22 Tribal Trask Managen

The Natural Resources staff will draw tags on Wednesday, July 21, 2020. Staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone on Thursday, July 22, 2021. Call prioritization will be based on season begin date. A public tag draw will NOT be available this year.

What's new for 2021: Changes highlighted in YELLOW

APPLICATION RULES:

- Tribal hunting licenses are required before submitting applications. If a license is not obtained before the submitted application, all applications will be voided.
- Tribal members 11 years of age may apply. However, they must turn 12, possess a Hunting and Fishing License, and have their Hunter's Safety Certificate, before a tag will be issued. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the Hunter's Safety Certificate being provided and on file
- Incomplete or duplicate applications will be <u>voided</u>.
- Applications must be in <u>BLUE OR BLACK INK</u>, be legible, and signed and acknowledged in all designated spaces.
- Tribal members 17 and under must possess a valid Hunter's Safety Certificate or **proof of completion certificate**. Be prepared to present when picking up the tag.

TRIBAL LICENSES are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal Enrollment Cards and Hunter's Safety Certificates (if applicable) are required at the time of licensing.

ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER CATEGORY (category is labeled and indicated by bullets below: Bear, Male Elk, Cow Elk and Damaged Doe). Multiple applications for one category will result in ALL APPLICATIONS being voided for that hunter.

Categories are as follows:

- BEAR
- ELK (BOW, 1ST Season, 2ND Season) o ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply, Bow, 1st OR 2nd Season. Applications submitted for multiple Elk seasons will result in <u>all</u> applications being voided.
- CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK:
 - o You must write the <u>NAME</u> of the hunt you are applying for on your application under HUNT NAME. (Example: SE Trask, West Trask #1, Panther Creek, Trask, etc.)
- CONTROL/DAMAGE DOE: Any licensed Tribal member may apply.
- YOUTH TAGS: Any licensed Tribal member between the ages of 12-17 may apply. YOUTH MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE. One Adult may not accompany more than TWO vouths.
- Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter's responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.

• Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation. Proper documentation is: Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing License AND Grand Ronde-issued Tribal ID Card or CIB AND Hunter's Safety Certificate/proof of completion certificate if applicable.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, July 9, 2021

Applications may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following: Hand delivered applications: A drop box is located outside of the NRD building to the right of the entry door for convenience.

All tags will be available for issue on Monday. July 26, 2021

2021-2022 HUNTING SEASON

SEASONS	OPEN DAY	LAST DAY
BEAR	8/1/2021	12/31/2021
COAST BUCK: NO APPLICATION	10/2/2021	11/5/2021
CONTROL DAMAGE DOE	10/2/2021	11/5/2021
MUZZLELOADER DEER	11/6/2021	11/19/2021
	BOW SEASO	N
BOW DEER (Buck Only)	8/28/2021	9/26/2021
BOW ELK - (Bull Only)	8/28/2021	9/26/2021
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2nd Season <mark>(Spike Only)</mark>	11/20/2021	11/26/2021
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WEST TRASK #1	12/1/2021	1/31/2022
WEST TRASK #2	2/1/2022	3/15/2022
CENTRAL TRASK #1	1/1/2022	2/14/2022
CENTRAL TRASK #2	2/15/2022	3/31/2022
SE TRASK	12/1/2021	3/31/2022
NE TRASK #1	12/1/2021	3/31/2022
NE TRASK #2	1/1/2022	3/31/2022
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A Grand Ronde Tribal Hunting and Fishing License will be required to be shown at time of tag pickup. No exceptions.

If picking up for others, pleas notify Natural Resources prior to pick up. Please be advised the Tribal-issued Hunting and Fishing license AND **Grand Ronde issued Tribal** ID Card or CIB AND Hunter's Safety Certificate (if applicable) will be required when picking up a tag for others. NO Exceptions.

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TAG RETURN DEADLINES

In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. all tag reports (Kill or No Kill, and lost tags) are required TO BE REPORTED within 10 days of the last day of hunt. In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities the following ways: Telephone at 503-879-2424; e-mail at NRD@grandronde.org; mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension.

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Biden administration resumes Native American Affairs Council

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice convened the first White House Council on Native American Affairs meeting of the Biden administration on Friday, April 23.

Haaland, the first Native American Cabinet member in the history of the United States, served as the council's chair.

"The White House Council on Native American Affairs represents an important commitment to strengthen Tribal sovereignty, uphold our commitment to Tribal Nations and honor the United States' nation-to-nation relationships," Haaland said. "Addressing the systemic inequities that impact Indigenous peoples is the responsibility of every federal agency that will require an all-of-government approach across the administration."

The Native American Affairs Council is an interagency principals-level council that includes leaders from across the federal government. It was established by executive order in June 2013 under President Barack Obama in response to requests from leaders across Indian County. It did not meet on a regular basis during the Trump administration.

The convening of the council comes as the Biden administration has prioritized getting resources out to Tribal communities to address the effects of the administration's core policy pillars – climate change, racial equity, economic recovery and COVID-19 response – through the American Rescue Plan and American Jobs Plan.

During the Trump administration, many Native American outreach efforts that were held during the Obama years were discontinued, including the annual White House Tribal Nations Conference that was usually held toward the end of the year and brought Tribal leaders to the nation's capital to meet with federal department heads and elected officials to discuss the needs of Indian Country.

Haaland is a former New Mexico congresswoman and a member of the Laguna Pueblo Nation. She was sworn in as head of the Interior Department in March by Vice President Kamala Harris. ■

illioo Native Theatre

A Performance of Poetry in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Womens' Day 6 p.m. May 5



In the tradition of the REDress Project, and to honor women in our own region, illioo Native Theatre, together with the Indigenous Womxn's Wellness Group of UO will share a series of poems by indigenous poets, along the Willamette River in Springfield on **May 5th at 6pm**.

The readings will be accompanied the hanging of red garments – dresses, jackets, pants, skirts, shawls – in the trees. To volunteer/be involved, contact: Marta Lu Clifford, <u>mclifford@gcap.org</u> or Theresa May <u>tmay33@uoregon.edu</u>.

Plan & logistics: People will meet at a parking area along the riverfront park in Springfield and be directed to the wheelchair accessible trail where the poems will be read. Covid restrictions and protocols will be followed: please wear a mask. (Participants are encouraged to wear a red or black mask and a red article of clothing if they wish.) The event will begin with a prayer and land acknowledgement; then the group will walk along the trail, stopping at specific locations for land acknowledgement, honoring, and the reading of the poem for that station. Then the garment will be raised into the trees. A volunteer will stay with the garment as the procession moves to the next station. After all poems are read and garments raised, a prayer and honoring song, or other closing will take place as the garments are lowered, folded and gathered up again as the procession returns to the parking area.

How to be involved....

We are looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways...

- As readers of poems (*rehearsal prior to the event*).
- People to help with welcome, directions, parking and passing out masks.
- People to help raise the garments into the trees (this will be structured like the NASU flag raising in the EMU amphitheater).
- People to offer traditional song and/or drum, or some other element that they would like to
 offer.
- Donations of red garments (all will be returned or donated to a shelter, depending on owner's
- preference).Photography and/or video documentation.

Contact (cc) all organizers please: Marta Lu Clifford, <u>mclifford@gcap.org</u> or Theresa May <u>tmay33@uoregon.edu</u>

Co-sponsored by illioo Native Theatre, UO Indigenous Womxn's Wellness Group, Willamalane Park and Recreation; Minority Voices Theatre at VLT; UO Native Studies Program; the Center for the Study of Women in Society; and the UO Dept. of Theatre Arts.



Oregon schools are ready for in-person learning. Using steps like physical distancing, cohorts, face coverings and airflow, our teachers and staff are working hard to keep your children and family safe. Learn more about these steps at **Oregon.gov/readyschools**.







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!



1: Chris Mercier discusses expanding Tribal Media.

2: *Michael Langley* and *Lisa Leno* discuss the quick transition from Tribal employee to Tribal leader.

3: Tribal Fish and Wildlife Manager **Kelly Dirksen** discusses Grand Ronde efforts with Pacific Lamprey.

4: Dr. David Lewis discusses the 163rd anniversary of the signing of the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855.

5: Tribal Lands Manager and multiple Native American Music Awards recipient Jan Michael Looking Wolf discusses his new compact disc "Flute Medicine."

6: Tribal Council member **Kathleen George** discusses Tribal Council's statement against inappropriate personal attacks.

7: Grand Ronde Police Chief Jake McKnight discusses his law enforcement career.

8: Tribal Cultural Advisor **Bobby Mercier** discusses the Agency Creek Round Dance.

9: Tribal historian **Dr. David Lewis** returns to the podcast to discuss the Trail of Tears.

10: Tribal member **Braden Ebensteiner** discusses his experiences in New York City as part of the American Museum of Natural History internship.

11: Tribal lobbyist *Justin Martin* discusses his baseball career playing in the California Angels' farm system.

12: Coordinator **Francene Ambrose** discusses the Grand Ronde Food Bank.

13: Tribal Planning Director **Rick George** discusses the current process for updating the Tribe's Strategic Plan.

19: Brook Colley, Southern Oregon University Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, discusses her new book, "Power in the Telling: Grand Ronde, Warm Springs and Intertribal Relations in the Casino Era."

20: Deputy Press Secretary **Sara Thompson** discusses her job and the Grand Ronde community.

21: Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez discusses the advisory vote topics.

22-29: Episodes 22-29: 2018 Tribal Council candidate interviews.

30: 2008 interview: Margaret Provost and Jackie Many Hides discuss Restoration.

31: Tribal Elder **Greg Archuleta** and Natural Resources staff member **Jeremy Ojua** discuss the Champoeg Celebration.

32: Tribal member **Shelly Nichols**, a veteran of the U.S. Navy, discusses her military sexual trauma experience that led to her co-writing "Warrior Wings."

33: Audio excerpts from the **35th Restoration Celebration**.

34: Behavioral Health Support Counselor Joe Martineau discusses chemical dependency and treatment options the Tribe has to offer.

35: Tribal Council members *Kathleen* George and *Lisa Leno* discuss the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

36: Cultural Resources Department Manager **David Harrelson** discusses the "Sharing Our Stories" and the importance of the culture of storytelling.

37: Smoke Signals Editor **Dean Rhodes** discusses the new Smoke Signals website and the importance of free press.

51: Shaun Cameron and Tribal member Cindy Larson discuss missing person Heather Cameron (Haller), a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

52: Tribal Council Vice Chair **Chris Mercier** and **Dean Rhodes** discuss 2019 election results.

53: Grand Ronde Police Officer James (JJ) Flynn discusses his actions during a hostage situation.

54: The medication-assisted treatment supervisor at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center *Linda Gehrke* discusses the MAT program.

55: Grand Ronde's longest-serving employee **Tresa Mercier** discusses the changes she has seen since her first day in 1984.

56: Patti LeClaire discusses the Grand Ronde community garden.

57: Tribal member and TERO Director **Harris** *Reibach* shares his story and information about TERO.

58: Hurry up and wait: episode 1Silviculture and Fire Protection ManagerColby Drake

59: Was Grand Ronde's Health & Wellness Prepared for COVID-19? **Kelly Rowe**, the Executive Director of Health Services, discusses if the Health and Wellness Center was prepared for COVID-19.

60: Tribal Elders vs. COVID-19 Elders
 Committee Chairwoman Penny Deloe
 and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy
 Criss-Lawson discuss how Elders are doing
 during COVID-19.

61: Etched in Stone: **Ramona Quenelle.**

71: Tribal Council member Kathleen George discusses the 2020 Tribal council election results.

72: Grand Ronde's COVID-19 Relief team you probably haven't heard of. Grand Ronde hired Sam Thornsberry and Stephanie King as the new COVID-19 Relief Community Health Representatives (COVID-19 CHRs).

73: How Tribal court is protecting the Tribe's "greatest asset and resource" Lorena Rivera and Shane Thomas are incorporating Tribal culture with Tribal court programs. Specifically, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

74: You posted COVID-19 relief payment questions, Chris Leno answers them. Finance Officer **Chris Leno** addresses the commonly asked COVID-19 relief payment questions from Facebook.

75: illioo Native Theatre with **Tracie Meyer** and **Marta Clifford**. Grand Ronde Tribal member Marta Clifford recently launched the illioo Native Theatre group with a virtual show where she read Tribal member Tracie Meyer's spoken word piece to an audience of 150 people.

76: TERO's Worker of the Month: TERO Director Harris Reibach discusses TERO's worker of the month award. Anthony Quenelle discusses how it feels to be chosen as the February worker of the month.

77: Revitalizing Chinuk Wawa during a pandemic. This "postcard" style podcast shares a portion of Zoey Holsclaw's story as a Chinuk Wawa language teacher and outreach coordinator during the coronavirus pandemic.

14: Tribal Emergency Management staff members *Steve Warden* and *Brandy Bishop* discuss emergency preparedness.

15: Listen to excerpts from a September 2008 interview with longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman **Kathryn Harrison** as she discusses the Tribe's Restoration effort.

16: Dr. Randy Blome of the Health & Wellness Center discusses Tribal efforts to eradicate Hepatitis C within the Grand Ronde Tribe

17: Listen to Restoration figure **Dean Mercier**, who walked on in 2011, recall entertaining stories about the Tribe's Restoration efforts.

18: Excerpts from the open house celebrating the Phase II opening of **Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center**. **38: Bryan Langley** and **Tracy Biery** discuss higher education and education programs.

39: Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach discusses his album "Beautiful."

40: Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. and Dr. Timothy Hullar discuss cochlear implants.

41: *Duke Kimsey* discusses the Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office.

42: Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director **Michael Cherry** discusses Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

43: Domestic Violence Coordinator **Dan***ielle Murrell* discusses Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls.

44-50: Episodes 44-50: 2019 Tribal Council candidate Interviews.

West Valley Veterans Memorial, talks about her Navy service.

62: Native parallels to the Black Lives Matter movement with **David Lewis**, **Ph.D.** David Lewis discusses the parallels of Native and African-American minorities seeking social justice.

63: Hurry up and wait: episode 2. Following the Grand Ronde **Wildland Fire crews'** training.

64: Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight discusses how demands for police policy changes seen across the country have been addressed in Grand Ronde.

65-69: Episodes 65-69: 2020 Tribal Council candidate interviews

70: Michael Herrin examines the bad reputation the United States Census and the hidden ways census data impacts Tribal country.



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Interior returns trust decisions to BIA's regional directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued an order on Tuesday, April 27, returning the authority to review and approve applications to place land into trust for Native American Tribes to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' regional directors.

The move reverses steps taken in 2017 by the Trump administration that "unnecessarily" elevated land-into-trust decisions to the department's headquarters staff, increasing the complexity of the decision-making process and causing delays.

"We have an obligation to work with Tribes to protect their lands and ensure that each Tribe has a homeland where its citizens can live together and lead safe and fulfilling lives," Haaland said in a press release announcing the action. "Our actions today will help us meet that obligation and will empower Tribes to determine how their lands are used - from conservation to economic development projects."

In addition, Interior's Solicitor's Office withdrew three previous opinions that impeded the department's ability to take land into trust for Tribes and that were issued without adequate Tribal consultation.

"Going forward, the department will engage in meaningful and robust consultation with Tribes to learn about the challenges they face in the fee-to-trust process and in managing their own lands," the Interior press release stated.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIRTUAL BI-MONTHLY VETERANS MEETINGS:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Honoring Honoring families of Confederated Tribes of Grand Sept. 2, 2021 at 2 p.m. Mindfulness Behavioral Health Training #3

Sept. 17, 2021 at 2 p.m. Cultural Class #2 – Cattail Cordage

Nov. 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Veterans Day Dinner

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

May 31, 2021 at 1 p.m. (Meal starts at noon)

Open to all veterans in our local community. The meetinas will focus on various informative topics each month.

- June 15, 2 p.m. Blue Water Navy Meeting #2
- Sept. 2021 VISN Network Presentations Meeting #3

Gathering Around the Canoe Veterans Cultural Class:





Thank you to all the participants for the first Veterans Culture Class. It was an honor to learn with VOU.

Shout out to the Army veterans. You had the most participants in this event. Thank you for your support.

Honoring our Veterans -David Leno, US Army

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Ronde veterans who have walked on ...

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1. A CTGR veteran in your family who has made their journey (from any service era) and,

2. Submit a photo, biography, story or information about your Tribal veteran and/or their military service by May 21, 2021 (to TVSO office by mail/email).

(All information submitted is kept confidential and will not be shared). In return: The first 100 submissions will receive a gift:

June 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. Military Sexual Trauma (MST) Behavioral Health Training #2 (attendance limited due to COVID precautions) Memorial Day Event

July 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available) Contact TVSO to sign up.

July 2021 (Date/Time TBD) Veterans Virtual Claims Clinic

Oct. 2021 (Date/Time TBD) Native Wellness Behavioral Health Training #4

Dec. 2021 (Date/Time TBD) Veterans End of the Year Event



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Hunters Education Field Day set for May 1

The Natural Resources Department's Parks and Recreation Program is coordinating a Hunters Education Field Day on Saturday, May 1.

Registration for the class must be done at the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife website. There is a \$10 per student fee and the class is open to Tribal and nonTribal youth ages 9 to 17 by the beginning of the 2021 hunting season.

The class is only the field day and students must have attended either a conventional course, online course or completed an at-home workbook. Spots will be limited.

In Oregon, all youth hunters 17 and younger must pass a certified hunter education class before hunting unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter Program. The minimum age to hunt big game is 12 and hunters age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older when hunting.

To register for the Field Day, visit myodfw.com. For a full list of youth hunter regulations, visit www.eregulations.com/oregon.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey at 503-879-2337 or jerry.bailey@grandronde.org. ■

Salmon egg distribution

Requirements:

- Must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Member.
- Eggs cannot be sold.
- To apply call or email <u>Brandon.weems@grandronde.org</u> 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 skeins
- 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

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Registration opening May 17th-May 28th



Thursday, June 24th via Zoom

Please join us for the 5th Annual Grand Ronde Education Summit from 9am to 3pm! Engage with other educators and join us virtually for a day of discussions around Grand Ronde history, Oregon Senate Bill 13, native based curriculum, ways to engage students in cultural based education, and more!

You will earn PDU credits, gain access to useful materials, and it is all free!

To register go to <u>www.eventbrite.com</u> and search 2021 Grand Ronde Education Summit Contact Justine Flynn at (503)879-2282 or Justine.Flynn@grandronde.org for more information. for all ages Keep an eye out for updated registration information!

The Tribal Library is excited to announce we will be continuing our literacy packet program to tribal members and descendants living outside the Grand Ronde area.

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG

Thursday, April 1

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate in the area of 9400 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Warrant arrest made in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 9 on Highway 22. Friday, April 2
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest made in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Animal complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, April 3

- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 near Yamhill River Road.

Sunday, April 4

- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. **Monday, April 5**
- Animal complaint received in the area of Andy Riggs and Fire Hall roads.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Hit-and-run occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road. The driver was arrested.
- Methamphetamine arrest in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18. A male was observed carrying about 17 grams of meth on his person while seated in a vehicle.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.

Tuesday, April 6

- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 8 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, April 7

- Assist outside agency in the 8200 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

<u>Thursday, April 8</u>

- Runaway juvenile reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Fort Hill and Willamina Creek roads.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 12 on Highway 18. Friday, April 9
- Assist outside agency in the 1000 block of Willamina Creek Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Gold Creek Access Road.

Saturday, April 10

- Domestic disturbance/stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 900 block of West Main Street in Sheridan.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, April 11

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 9400 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Warrant arrest made in the area of milepost 6 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 55700 block of Hebo Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- <u>Monday, April 12</u>
- Runaway juvenile reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. <u>Tuesday, April 13</u>
- Assist outside agency in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- CPR call received in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Warrant arrest made in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Wednesday, April 14
- Assist outside agency in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 2 on Highway 22.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Tyler Brown.

2021-22 OPEN ENROLLMENT

<u>Chinuk Kindergarten</u> Immersion

> As of May 17, 2021, we will be accepting registration applications for interested incoming kindergarteners. We are a Chinuk Wawa immersion program offering literacy instruction through the use of ChinukWawa. Our students are shared with the Willamina Elementary School, so they are dually enrolled. In the year's past, we have been a half-day program holding services from 7:30-11 a.m. with transportation provided for students to end their school day at Willamina. However, due to the pandemic and unknowns regarding school plans in the Fall, our programming model has not yet been determined. If interested, please contact us for more info or fill out a registration and be updated on our plans as soon as they are decided. No prior language experience needed. If a student in a grade beyond kindergarten wants to enroll, please contact us for more information. Once we are at capacity, we give Tribal preference.

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<u>Elaine Lane</u> K/1 Chinuk Teacher 503-879-1920 elaine.lane@grandronde.org We enroll families, not just students. It is our belief that the only way for the language to live and flourish is for it to be learned and used in the home by the whole family.

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'Here's to strong women'

This month Royalty participants and candidates for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups honor the women in our lives displaying strength and love each day. May we know them, may we be them, may we raise them. The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty

and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB.









Desirae Hernandez Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022







Dear mom,

No words will ever be able to express how grateful I am to have you in my life. Not only did you raise Sophie and I to be the best women we can be, but you guided me in so many ways that created amazing opportunities for me. You always encourage me to strive for the best.

Many of the opportunities I have been blessed with wouldn't have been possible without you. As I move into my new chapter of life and start college I hope you remember to congratulate yourself too. We did it, and will always do it as a team.

So, congratulations to us for all that we've achieved together and I hope you have the best Mother's Day, because you deserve it!













Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022









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Happy Mothers Day. I really appreciate all you do for me. You also show me how to do things like, teaching me how to sew and cook a awesome meal, and organize (witch l needed). I also helped you make my dresses, and helping make my new dress.



I am really happy with all you do for me & this family. I hope one day I can return the things you do for me. I will love you forever. Little Miss Princess 2020/202 unior Miss Candidate 2021/202

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Tim Barry at 503-879-2102

Need assistance with application?

Please contact Toni Mercier at 503.879.2493 or Toni.mercier@ grandronde.org

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- Last day to submit online application May 7
- SYE Launch And Lunch Day (Tribal gym 4 7 p.m.) May 13

(Onboarding process & Official interviews)

• Student will be contacted no later than 5/21/2021	May 21
 SYE program starts 	June 7
 SYE program ends 	Aug. 13

Please note:

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HEALTH&WELLNESS NEWS



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 fan





Elder Voices Supporting the Covid Vaccine



Let's Remove Stigma! Words CAN Hurt

Why is brown skin considered "dirty" by some non-brown people? Why is talk about sex considered "dirty"?

Why is a positive urine analysis called "dirty"?

Finally, why do we associate dirt with negative things?

In fact, "dirt" is soil. We grow many foods in soil. Without soil, we would all die sooner or later. At one time, all of our tilixam knew "dirt" only as part of our Grandmother Earth. There is nothing dirty about our Grandmother Earth. She keeps all of creation healthy by allowing the plants to grow within her soil. We cannot live without oxygen. We cannot live without foods. We cannot live without the medicines.

Great! So can we all agree that dirt is not a bad thing? Sadly, there are those ashamed of their beautiful brown skin because as a child, kids teased about their "dirty skin." There are people who were told as kids to "stop talking dirty." Those adults may have uncomfortable feelings or may refuse to talk about sex. So many things can happen as a child that you do not realize can affect you as an adult.

Finally, to our people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, using the term "dirty UA" can bring out negative feelings. Addiction is a disease! Diabetes is also a disease. If a diabetic tests positive for sugar or protein in their urine, we certainly do not say, "You have a dirty UA!" Yet, we continue to use the term to describe urine that indicates the presence of certain drugs. Nowadays, it's not even a dirty UA, a person is just told, "You are dirty or you tested dirty." In the same way, calling someone a "drunk," a "junkie" or "crazy" is harmful. Better to see them as a human being who needs help.

Stigma is an attitude, belief or behavior that discriminates against people. A few words with lots of stigma attached to them are dirty, drunk, junkie, homeless, user, addict, clean and sober. As Native people, we can make the change to remove the stigma. If you hear someone talking about a "dirty UA," remind them that it is not dirty it is just positive for certain substances. A "junkie" is a human being who has a disease called addiction. Stigma prevents many people from seeking behavioral health services where addiction treatment can be found.

Think about words that you might have heard that have stigma attached. As Native people, we have experienced discrimination and stigma as a people. Let's end stigma on the Rez! Let's change our words so we do not harm others or prevent them from seeking help.

If you or someone you know has a substance use disorder or a mental health need, please call the ye?lan tilixam haws at 503-879-1389. The ye?lan tilixam haws is also known as the Helper Person Office. There is no stigma attached to this office; we simply want to help.

Phrases to Reduce Stress

I will not hesitate, I will just do what I need to do.

I will accept what I cannot control.

COVID, she is the eldest in our tribe. Also, our only Doctor at our clinic tested positive for COVID, and he has been battling it for well over a month. With that in mind, my choice was easy, to vaccinate in order to make our little village [be] that much more safe." -Nate Tyler. Makah



"We need to help protect Our People from dying. So, if they do become exposed [to COVID-19]. with a vaccine, we do not have to lose them." -Delegate from the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, THD, Marilyn Scott.



'I was not hesitant [to get the vaccine] at all. I was more fearful of NOT getting the vaccine. We got the vaccine at Chemawa and they were so helpful, friendly, and efficient. They made you feel good. They answered questions before you asked.

Did you have any side effects? "I was lucky, I was good. I'm 81 years old, so I don't know why. Only a little arm soreness." -Marie Sagaberd, Lummi & Quinault Elder.



"I have been a nurse for 40 years. I am ver pro-vaccine, for myself and others. And, I do it for my Tribe, the Makah. I was not concerned I know the vaccine had been through trials for safety and efficacy."

What would you tell others? "I would [tell them] of my positive experience, I would ssure them it is safe. And, I remind them of the possible effect of getting COVID – severe illness or even death." - Terri Markishtum, Makah Elder and nurse

"For me. I knew it was a decision between life as I know it now, or the possibility of being on a respirator and possibly dying alone and struggling for that final breath. As a 69-year-old, my side effects were extremely mild. I was a little bit sleepy the next day, but that was gone by the afternoon.

"Overall, I considered this a good experience. It brought back hope for the future. I wish everyone would choose life and science by getting this vaccine." -Harriette Cheeka, Makah Elder

With every deep breath I take, I feel myself becoming more calm.

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