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Tribe receives \$27.5 million from Rescue Plan

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe received \$27.544 million in American Rescue Plan funds on May 21, according to the federal government's website USASpending.gov.

A total of \$1 billion was allocated equally among eligible Tribal governments in Rescue Plan funding and \$19 billion was to be divvied up by the Treasury. Of that, \$12.35 billion was to be allocated based on a Tribe's self-certified enrollment numbers submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in April.

The remaining \$6.65 billion will be distributed based on self-certified Tribal employment data from numbers submitted to Treasury in May 2020 in connection with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act that allocated \$8 billion to help Tribes.

According to Treasury's website, the first payment to Tribes included the approximately \$1.7 million sent to every Tribal government as part of the equally distributed \$1 billion and each Tribe's prorated share of the \$12.35 billion enrollment allocation.

The deadline for Tribes to confirm their employment numbers is June 21 to acquire a share of the remaining \$6.65 billion.

Tribes have until the end of 2024 to use the funding.

Other Oregon Tribes that have received Rescue Plan funding include the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, \$27.469 million; the Warm Springs Tribes, \$26.6 million; the Coquille Indi-

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Grand Ronde Honor Guard members Rich VanAtta, Daniel Helfrich, Cecil Donahue and Al Miller carry the colors during the Memorial Day celebration held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 31. Twelve names were added to the memorial this year. The celebration has happened every year since 2003, except for in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Honoring those who sacrificed

West Valley Veterans Memorial hosts ceremony for the 18th time

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Memorial Day ceremony returned to Grand Ronde for the 18th time after the in-person event was canceled in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus on Monday, May 31, the invitation-only event was highlighted by 12 names being added to

the four black granite pillars that represent the major branches of the U.S. armed forces.

There were a few tweaks to accommodate for a post-pandemic world, such as boxed lunches instead of a sit-down meal in the Community Center, as well as socially distanced seating for the event. Other than that, the format

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Corvallis district may rename school after Kathryn Harrison

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Students in the Corvallis School District may soon be attending a school named after Kathryn Harrison, a key figure in the Grand Ronde Tribe's Restoration effort and a longtime Tribal Council member.

Corvallis School District Superintendent Ryan Noss said that Harrison was one of three people he recommended to the School Board on Thursday, June 10.

Harrison, who at 97 is the Tribe's eldest Elder, said on Thursday, June 3, that she was "humbled and very flattered."

"We are humbled and flattered



Kathryn Harrison

that she would say yes," Noss said. The process started in August 2020, according to reporting from the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, when the Corvallis School Board voted to remove the names of former presidents Herbert Hoover, Thomas Jefferson and Woodrow Wilson from elementary

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Dillon resigns as casino general manager

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Stan Dillon, who led Spirit Mountain Casino for almost seven years, resigned on Thursday, June 3.

Dillon, 65, guided the casino through an unprecedented 74-day closure in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent operation of the facility with new public health guidelines in place.

In a letter sent to casino employees by Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board Chairman Andy Jenness, it stated, "We are grateful for his years of service and wish him



Stan Dillon

well in his future endeavors."

Finance Director Jannie Tharp will act as acting general manager until an interim general manager is licensed by the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission.

Jenness said in the letter that the interim general manager will not

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General Council meeting

Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 27

Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 16.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, June 30.....	10 a.m.

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

Tribal government ends mask requirement for most fully vaccinated employees

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

Beginning Monday, June 7, fully vaccinated Tribal employees no longer were required to wear masks or face coverings in their work areas and their work area buildings on campus, with the exception of buildings or departments that require the masking standard.

Drop-in visitors are still not allowed on the Tribal campus and prearranged visitors and vendors must continue to abide by the masking standard.

General Manager David Fullerton notified employees in an e-mail sent late Friday, June 4.

“Employees who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 will be required to continue to abide by the mask requirement,” he said. “The mask and face covering requires coverage of the nose and mouth, and to be worn at all times. Employees who are vaccinated and would like to continue to wear masks are welcome to do so. We recognize that there are specific buildings that will have to continue to require staff to wear masks due to the nature of daily work their staff are engaged in. Please check with your supervi-

sor for specific direction.”

Some department areas and duties that will still adhere to mask requirements include Health & Wellness, Education, Adult Foster Care, staff who enter clients’ homes, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services.

“At this point we will not require vaccination verification for our employees,” Fullerton said. “If department managers have reason to believe a staff member may not be adhering to this policy, they will be able to coordinate with Human Resources to request verification of the vaccine. Blatant disregard of this policy will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action. The falsification of any vaccination record will be subject to disciplinary action.”

All staff will still be required to clear a temperature check daily.

As of Monday, June 7, the Tribe’s Health & Wellness Center has vaccinated more than 20,000 people with the two-dose Moderna vaccine with 9,900 of those vaccinated being Elders. The Tribe also was reporting no new cases of the COVID-19 coronavirus and only two active cases in the community. ■

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed Friday, June 18, in observance of Juneteenth. Offices also will be closing noon Friday, July 2, and closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



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



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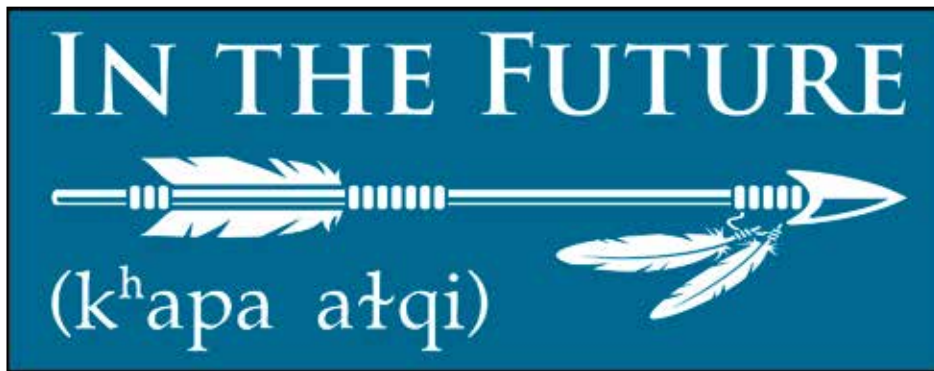
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June

- Wednesday, June 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, June 18 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Juneteenth.
- Sunday, June 27 – General Council meeting for Tribal Council nominations only, 11 a.m., Governance Center Atrium, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Only nominators and nominees and certain staff members will be allowed entrance to the event. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 30 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

July

- Monday, July 5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

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

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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

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

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

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**ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT**

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the June 2, 2021, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments will add a provision for a one year loss of membership moratorium.

The proposed amendments will not prevent disenrollment of a member who is dually enrolled in another Tribe in violation of the Tribal Constitution.

Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by July 15, 2021. ■

Harrison's name was among the top 20 suggestions that the task force considered

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schools because the men engaged in racist practices. The schools then temporarily adopted the names of their mascots for the 2020-21 academic year.

In December 2020, the Corvallis School District formed a Renaming Task Force to find new names for Husky, Jaguar and Wildcat elementary schools, and potentially some of the other 14 district-owned buildings. Harrison's name would be applied to the Jaguar elementary school, Noss said.

The Renaming Task Force included 13 members who ranged in age from fifth-graders to adults, nearly equal parts men and women, and spanning at least five ethnic groups.

Corvallis School Board member and task force liaison Luhui Whitebear is a former employee of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Harrison's name was among the top 20 suggestions that the task force considered. The top names also included Chepenefa, which was an indigenous Kalapuyan group that lived in present-day Corvallis; Bessie Coleman, the first known African American and Native American woman to hold a pilot's license; and Tiacan, a Santiam Kalapuya principal chief.

The task force filtered suggestions through six criteria, the *Gazette-Times* reported, emphasizing names that evoke inspiration, reflect commitments to social justice, represent women, honor local Indigenous history, show the community's connection to place and reject white dominance.

After the top 20 suggestions were released to the public, the task force received feedback from 150 community members and 187 students returned surveys sent out by Noss.

"There were about four people who received almost unanimous support, and Kathryn was one of them," Noss said.

Public comments were most in favor of Harrison, Letitia Carson and Chepenefa. Students leaned toward Harrison as well, and Harriet Tubman and John Lewis.

Carson was the only Black woman in Oregon to secure a land claim as a result of the 1862 Homestead Act. Tubman was known for her Underground Railroad abolitionist movement and Lewis was a Georgia politician and one of the original Freedom Riders.

Noss said that in addition to Harrison, he will be recommending Coleman and Carson as new elementary school names and that he is "pretty confident" the board will accept his recommendation. He said the School Board will not make his recommendation official until early September.

Harrison was born Kathryn May Jones in 1924 in Corvallis to Harry William Jones and Ella Flemming. Her father was Molalla and her mother Eyak. She attended school in Corvallis before enrolling in Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

She was a key participant in the Grand Ronde Tribe's early 1980s Restoration efforts and was one of five Tribal members who testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 18, 1983, in support of restoring the Tribe to federal recognition. The Tribe's federal recognition had been Terminated 29 years earlier in 1954.

After the Tribe was restored on Nov. 22, 1983, she continued her service to her people on Tribal Council from 1984 to 2001. During her time on Tribal Council, she served as secretary, vice chair and six years as Tribal chairwoman. She never lost a Tribal Council election and was the first woman to serve as Tribal chair.

During her time on Tribal Council, she helped guide the Tribe into gaming through the signing of a compact with Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts in July 1993. She also suggested the Tribe start endowment funds to benefit education, health care, economic development, and social and cultural programs. Those funds continue to be an important economic resource to this day for the Tribe.

Today, she lives at an adult foster care facility in Salem. ■

Includes information from the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

In reaction to the continuing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold June food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“We are asking clients to not come for a food box if they are having any symptoms or concerned about their health,” Ambrose said. “We are limiting our geographic service area to Sheridan to Otis on Highway 18 and Sheridan to Hebo on Highway 22. We are asking clients and volunteers to wash their hands immediately upon entry to the building. Our lobby is closed until further notice.

“Food box distribution is happening outside while maintaining a safe distance between clients. We are sanitizing and keeping the food quarantined for three days before distribution. Pre-made boxes are available on distribution days, limited to two days of food for two adults. Clients within our geographic service area are still welcome to visit us weekly.”

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Food Bank is continuing the Farm Share Rx program with 35 farm shares being distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. It is a first-come, first-served distribution until the shares are depleted.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, using the Zoom teleconference application. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first 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.)



2016 – The approximately 120-year break in Grand Ronde Tribal members fishing for salmon at Willamette Falls ended. Surrounded by the rushing water of the Willamette River and standing on a slippery outcropping of rock, Tribal Lead Maintenance Technician Andrew Freeman stuck the long handle of a dip net out into a whitewater torrent and caught a salmon. On a boat downriver, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, Vice Chair



2016 File photo

Jack Giffen Jr. and Tribal Council members Ed Pearsall, Jon A. George and Tonya Gleason-Shepek watched the historic moment as Shepek captured the moment on her cell phone. “For me, it was just amazing to see our people up there on the rocks, dip netting,” Leno said.

2011 – Tribal Council capped off more than 10 years of work at the Cultural Resources Department with an allocation of \$16,500 to buy 5,300 copies of the department’s Chinuk Wawa dictionary. The publication, which was almost 500 pages, included approximately 1,000 core words and 3,000 compound words, documenting the language as it was spoken by past generations of Tribal members. The new edition was one-third longer than the working dictionary the department had created in 2001.

2006 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund distributed \$1.7 million to 36 area nonprofits during the second quarter of 2006. “The Tribe continues to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to giving back to the communities who’ve supported us and now need our support,” Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor said. Community Fund Director Shelley Hanson said that they planned to launch a new website with information about the fund, how to apply and other details. The website also would include an online application to streamline the process and create more efficiency.

2001 – Tribal member Gene LaBonte started working with Tribal Cemetery Caretaker Russ Leno to map the area, and identify lost gravesites and deteriorating headstones. The project was facilitated through the Cultural Resources Department. Cultural Resources Manager June Olson said the mapping work was brought about by a local disaster: a fire at Harold and Velma Mercier’s home, where the old cemetery record book was located. “We are also trying to grid out a new part of the cemetery so that it’s like a regular cemetery,” she said. “It’s so we know how many people can be buried there.”

1996 – Tribal members attended a signing ceremony to mark the executive order issued by Gov. John Kitzhaber on State/Tribal government-to-government relations. The executive order recognized Tribal sovereignty and directed the state to work with each of the nine Tribes. “Our Tribe takes government-to-government relationships very seriously. ... I hope this will be the starting block of an effort between all of us,” Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier said.

1991 – Tribal students taking part in Grand Ronde educational programs were paying close attention to proposed budget cuts brought on by Measure 5, Oregon’s property tax relief initiative, which directly affected school funding. According to Tribal Education Director Dean Azule, state schools would be forced to put a ceiling on enrollment numbers and increase the GPA requirements for incoming students. The end result was that more students would need to attend community college instead of a four-year school.

1986 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier traveled to Richland, Wash., to attend the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Superintendents Conference. Siletz Superintendent Nelsen Witt had extended an invitation to several Tribal leaders. The meeting was focused on timber management issues, water rights and the bureau’s involvement in Tribal trade missions. “I had a chance to talk to the director about the housing problems we are facing,” Mercier said. “The bureau has been directed to change their approach on housing funds. The bureau is holding our funds up at the Washington, D.C., level.”

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

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. ■

Smoke Signals seeking recovery stories

Have you struggled with alcohol or drug dependency? Have you been able to find help through abstinence-based programs, medication-assisted treatment, behavior modification therapy, or a combination of things?

If so, *Smoke Signals* would like to hear your story. Reporter Danielle Harrison is writing a series on addiction and recovery, focusing on how the global COVID-19 pandemic has affected services. She would like to talk to Tribal members who are in various stages of the recovery process.

What has worked for you and why? What services do you wish were more readily available? What are misconceptions people have about those who struggle with drug and alcohol misuse?

Your story is important and we would like to hear from you, no matter where you are in your recovery journey.

Please contact Danielle Harrison for more information at danielle.harrison@grandronde.org or call 503-879-4663. We also have a private Recovery Stories subgroup on the *Smoke Signals* Facebook page if you would like to join and share your story there. ■

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tax Preparation Request for Proposal

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being conducted by the Member Services Department for the purpose of obtaining a licensed contractor who has 5+ years of experience preparing tax returns.

Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

- Provide tax preparation services to Tribal Elders and foster youth living on and off Tribal lands.
- Assist Tribal members in completing tax-related paperwork.
- Serve as a resource to Tribal members who have questions regarding payment and filing of state and federal tax returns.

Preference will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and/or Indian-owned businesses registered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO office.

Please contact Veronica Montano for information. All proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2021.

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Return of the jam



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Elder Candy Robertson, left, along with caregivers Anna Huston and Brianna Leno prepare strawberries while making strawberry freezer jam in Adult Foster Care's Elk Lodge on Wednesday, June 9. Elder Larry Cole provided eight flats of strawberries and 96 jars for the project. It was the first hands-on activity for Elders since the pandemic started in March 2020.



Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole adds blended strawberries to a glass jar while helping Elders make freezer jam in Adult Foster Care's Elk Lodge on Wednesday, June 9. Cole's father, Larry, provided eight flats of strawberries and 96 jars for the project. The Coles have always made jam for Father's Day and this was a way to continue the tradition.

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Blue Water Navy Informational Meeting

CALLING ALL VETERANS FROM THE VIETNAM ERA. IF YOU SERVED IN VIETNAM OR DURING THAT ERA, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR VIRTUAL MEETING!

June 15, 2021 at 2.p.m.

Go to: zoom.us/join

Enter meeting ID: 966 1654 4977

Featuring our guest speaker, Frankie Williams.

Frankie is a United States Navy Veteran and the Tribal Veterans Service Officer from Warm Springs. Frankie has an extensive background as a Director / Drug and Alcohol Counselor and is involved in all of his tribal cultural activities.

We are looking forward to presenting information about Blue Water Navy and hope you will join us.



Watchlist: 'Stolen Children: Residential School survivors speak out'

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

Black-and-white footage of Native children in residential schools shows the students to be smiling and enjoying their lesson in the classroom. However, we now know the reality of life in residential schools was very different.

"CBC News: The National" published an 18-minute video in 2015 interviewing residential school survivors and their children. All the survivors interviewed spent between three and 12 years in residential schools in Canada and recount their experiences being perpetually beaten, sexually assaulted and mentally abused.

With the recent discovery of 215 child remains found at the Canadian Kamloops Indian Residential School, *Smoke Signals* thought this video was a timely recommendation for those unfamiliar with Native residential schools' histories.

"Indian children ... in the residential schools ... die at a much higher rate than in their villages," Duncan Campbell Scott, the deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs, said. "But this does not justify a change in the policy of this department, which is geared towards a final solution of our Indian problem."

The survivors' descriptions of residential schools told in the video is what nightmares are made of.

Alice Littledeer survived eight years in a residential school and recounted a little girl around the age of 6 dying beside her. She stated the parents of that child

were never notified.

Mike Loft, a child of a residential school survivor, shared his father's story not being able to play around the school or go outside, so to cure the boredom students would endlessly walk around in circles.

Raymond Mason survived residential school for 12 years and shared his story of being beaten for speaking his Native tongue or trying to run away. He singles out receiving one horrible beating the time he hugged his sister when he discovered they had been in the same school and were unaware they had been living just down the hall from each other for a long time.

The stories in the interview go on. Unfortunately, they are not unique to one school or person. Treatment like this was widespread in residential schools in the United States and Canada.

And this abuse in residential schools has left its mark on Native American life today.

Sadly, the fear Loft's father experienced in residential school was passed down to him and he admits he passed that fear to his children. Children of survivors shared in the video how their parents' loss of childhood and family and suffering years of abuse was often replicated and felt generations afterward. A term well-known in Native culture today as "historical trauma."

To watch the "Stolen Children" video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdR9HcmiXLA or visit the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel and click on the "Watchlist" playlist. ■

Tribal Council proposes one-year moratorium on disenrollments

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council sent a proposed amendment to the Enrollment Ordinance that would create a one-year moratorium concerning loss of membership in the Tribe out for a first reading at its Wednesday, June 2, meeting.

The move will require the proposed amendment to be advertised in two editions of *Smoke Signals* and give Tribal members 30 days to comment.

During the Tuesday, June 1, Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council member Kathleen George said the proposal is the result of the current enrollment hearings being held by the Tribe.

In October 2019, Tribal Council hired Carefree, Ariz., attorney Robert Lyttle to research Tribal enrollment issues and conduct public meetings. The first meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, May 26, and attracted approximately 130 Tribal members and lasted almost three hours.

The next meetings were scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 17 and 24 with the June 10 and 24 meetings held in Grand Ronde with limited in-person attendance as well as Internet accessibility. Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said the in-person meetings will have a maximum of 50 people in attendance.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that the purpose of the four enrollment meetings is to gain input from members and work toward an advisory vote that at least two-thirds of the membership would support. The Tribal Constitution requires any proposed changes to the Constitution be approved by 66.7 percent of those voting.

The proposed disenrollment moratorium will not protect a Tribal member who is found to be dually enrolled in another Tribe, which is in violation of the Tribal Consti-

tution.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved applying for two grants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Invasive Species Program. Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said the \$125,653 grant for the Chankawan conservation property in Marion County would combat Scotch broom and the \$25,520 grant for the Rattlesnake Butte conservation property in Lane County would combat Scotch broom and blackberries;
- Approved applying for a maximum \$200,000 Tribal Wildlife Grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that would replant 40 acres of the Chahalpam conservation property in Marion County back to its original riparian hardwood/floodplain forest status;
- Approved appointing Denaee Towner to the Housing Grievance Board with a term expiring in March 2024 and re-appointing Kevin Schultz and Dennis Dinsmore to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission with terms expiring in June 2024;
- And approved two timber sales for the Natural Resources Department. The Near North Salvage timber sale would harvest storm-damaged trees on approximately 134 acres and bring in a net revenue of approximately \$31,000. The Coal Creek 2021 Right-of-Way timber sale would affect four acres and bring in a net revenue of about \$14,000.

Also included in the June 2 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that approved a cultural significance letter for the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program's fiscal year 2023 proposals and approved a services agreement not to exceed \$130,000 with the nonprofit Willamette Partnership.

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

Lamprey harvesting season runs through July 31

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has established the Pacific lamprey harvesting season as June 1 through July 31 of this year. Harvesting is allowed Fridays through Mondays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is not allowed Tuesday through Thursday.

Harvesting is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the horseshoe area at the peak of the falls. Harvesters should avoid these areas.

Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit.

In addition, Tribal members may harvest for distribution to other Tribal members as long as it is done free of charge. Commercial sale of lamprey and the use of lamprey as bait in fisheries is prohibited.

A catch must be recorded on a harvest card available from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW office at 17330 S.E. Evelyn St. All harvest cards must be returned by Aug. 31.

Tribal members planning to harvest lamprey should contact Natural Resources to arrange for a packet at 503-879-2424. Due to COVID-19 protocols, an appointment is required to obtain onsite services from Natural Resources. ■

Local school districts offering summer meals

WILLAMINA – The Willamina and Sheridan school districts are once again providing free meals to children from 1 to 18 years of age during the summer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture annually partners with local organizations to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Meals will be served Monday through Thursday at the following locations:

Willamina and Grand Ronde (June 21 to July 29): Willamina Elementary School, 11:30 a.m. to noon; Raven Loop Park, 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.; and Tina Miller Park, 12:45 to 1 p.m.

Sheridan (June 28 to Aug. 19): Sheridan High School, 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.; Faulconer-Chapman, 11 a.m. to noon; Sheridan City Park, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.; and Open Door Church, 12:45 to 1 p.m.

Meals will not be served on Monday, July 5.

No income requirements or registration is needed for youth to pick up a meal.

For more information, visit SummerFoodOregon.org or call 211 or text "food" to 877-877. More information also is available at the school districts' websites. ■

Dillon was under contract until September 2022

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only manage the daily operations of the casino, but assist the board in completing a recruitment search for a new general manager.

“This past year has been challenging with the COVID/pandemic restrictions, temporary close down, the local fires, national unrest and wearing masks,” Jenness said. “We know how hard you have worked and we wish to acknowledge and thank you.”

When contacted by *Smoke Signals* on Monday, June 7, Jenness said he was not fully surprised by Dillon’s resignation.

“There were some issues going on, personnel issues, that I thought we were making strides to work it out and he would stay,” Jenness said. “But he decided to resign. We were saddened about that. He’s done a great job for the casino.”

Jenness said Dillon was under contract until September 2022 and was probably going to retire then.

Jenness said the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. board has been in contact with an interim general manager candidate who has expressed interest in the job. However, he or she will not be able to take over for at least three weeks until a gaming license is obtained from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission.

Former Tribal Council chairman and former Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board member Reyn Leno posted on Facebook that he was concerned that Dillon has resigned. “That’s a big hit for us,” Leno wrote.

He also said that Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. resigned from the board after almost two decades of service.

“I would like to both thank and acknowledge Stan Dillon and Jack Giffen for all they have done for the Tribe and the casino,” Leno wrote.

Giffen said that he resigned for personal reasons and that his resignation was not related to Dillon’s departure.

“While change is not fun and the unknown can be scary, change always brings growth,” Jenness said. “We have a great management team at the casino and we are looking forward to continued prosperity.”

Dillon became general manager at Spirit Mountain Casino in September 2014, succeeding Randy Dugger in the position. He previously worked at gaming facilities in Reno, Nev., and Prior Lake, Minn. He joined the Spirit Mountain Casino staff in 2008 as the director of gaming.

For the purposes of full disclosure, Jenness also serves on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board, which oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals*. ■

Camas in bloom



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

A camas plant that Tribal Council member Michael Langley planted in the fall is now blooming outside of his home in Tribal Housing on Thursday, May 20. The approximately 40-by-4-foot area is a test garden and also brings traditional first foods to families in Tribal Housing.

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Behavioral Health Training #2
E-mail CTGRtribalvso to register.

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June 15, 2021 at 2 p.m. (Virtual)

Blue Water Navy Informational Meeting
Bi-monthly veterans meeting #2
Go to: zoom.us/join and Enter meeting ID: 966 1654 4977

Calling all Veterans from the Vietnam Era. If you served in Vietnam or during that era, please sign up for our virtual meeting! Featuring our guest speaker, Frankie Williams. Frankie is a United States Navy Veteran and the Tribal Veterans' Service Officer from Warm Springs. Frankie has an extensive background as a Director / Drug and Alcohol Counselor and is involved in all of his tribal cultural

activities. We are looking forward to presenting information about Blue Water Navy and hope you will join us.

July 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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Sept. 2, 2021 at 2 p.m.

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Veterans Day Dinner

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

Sept. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)

VISN Network Presentations – Meeting #3

Oct. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)

Native Wellness Behavioral Health Training #4

Dec. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)

Veterans End of the Year Event



Native American-themed books given to all Willamina students

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

WILLAMINA — Every Willamina School District student has access to a Native American book collection this summer thanks to extra funds from an Oregon Department of Education grant.

Rebecca Arredondo is the school district's Tribal Attendance Promising Practices Program advocate. Typically, the program provides different incentives and celebrations to support Tribal families within the district and encourage regular school attendance for elementary-aged students.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the program's grant money wasn't spent because in-person events and programs were canceled.

"That left some unused funds and the ODE was able to pass along that money to TAPP sites across Oregon," Arredondo said. "We were thrilled to get additional money to spend this year."

After brainstorming ideas with Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, the district decided to put together a list of 10 Native American-focused books for kindergarten through 12th grade students, and distribute a set to each district family.

Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole, Chinuk

Wawa Education Program Manager Ali Holsclaw and Tribal Youth Education Academic Coach Cheyanne Heidt helped select the books.

The district received an extra \$51,000 in TAPP funds, which was used to purchase approximately 550 copies of each book.



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Willamina Elementary School Tribal Attendance Promising Practices Program Advocate Rebecca Arredondo is assisted by her son, Adrian, 9, on Wednesday, June 2, in packaging books that were distributed to students on Friday, June 4. The collection focuses on the Native American experience through a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.

"Kathy Cole also gave me a great list of books and helped with ordering 'Indian No More,' and Ali Holsclaw helped review the list," Arredondo said. "I was so excited about this because I love books. We had a big list and had to narrow it down to 10."

One of the titles that the Willamina Elementary School Tribal Attendance Promising Practices Program distributed to students.

The books titles are: "Frybread: A Native American Family Story," "When We Were Alone," "Coyote in Love: The Story of Crater Lake," "Indian No More," "Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-To-Be Best Friend," "In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse," "Powwow: A Celebration of Song and Dance," "Native Athletes in Action!" "Code Talkers" and "The

Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian."

The book collection also will support the district's efforts with Senate Bill 13, which requires Oregon schools to incorporate the Native American experience and perspectives into lessons throughout different subject areas.

In an effort to stay as local as possible, Arredondo ordered the materials from McMinnville's Third Street Books. She also used grant money to purchase "The First Oregonians," which will be given to all district teachers. It details the Native American experience in Oregon, much of which is written by representatives from the state's nine federally recognized Tribes.

The books were sent home with the youngest child in each district family on Friday, June 4. Students who are in the comprehensive distance learning program were given pickup times. Any extra books will be added to the library collection, given to new families as gifts or distributed to teachers for their classrooms.

"We are so excited to give you this collection of books and hope you enjoy reading these with your family as much as we have," Zimbrick and Arredondo stated in a letter sent home to district families. ■

Tribe has not announced plans on how it will spend American Rescue Plan funds

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an Tribe, 6.9 million; the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, \$10.355 million; the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw, 7.6 million; and the Burns Paiute Tribe, 3.6 million.

The U.S. Department of Treasury held five Tribal consultations with 85 Tribal leaders in late March and early April to accept input on how to improve the allocation of funds for pandemic and economic relief.

Tribal governments used the Treasury Submission Portal and completed various requirements to receive the two payments.

In 2020, some Tribes had issues with the CARES Act methodology and sued the federal government. For instance, the Shawnee Tribe in Oklahoma and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians in Florida received the minimum \$100,000 because Housing & Urban Development data said they had enrollment totals of zero.

The Grand Ronde Tribe, as well as the other eight federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, fared well under the CARES Act. Grand

Ronde received more than \$45 million and dedicated a considerable portion to fund coronavirus relief payments to adult Tribal members who received a combined eight payments that totaled \$4,400 in 2020.

So far, the Grand Ronde Tribe has not announced any plans on how it will spend American Rescue Plan funds.

During the Tuesday, June 8, Legislative Action Committee meeting, Finance Officer Chris Leno said the Tribe is still prioritizing how it will spend the remainder of its CARES Act funds that must be spent by the end of 2021 and the new Rescue Plan monies, and that an announcement would be forthcoming.

Some of the expenditures permissible by the Treasury Department's guidance include responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic effects, providing premium pay for essential workers, investments in infrastructure like water, sewer and broadband, and replacing lost revenues to provide governmental services.

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan was signed into law by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021. ■

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Hatfield Fellow accepts full-time position as legislative assistant

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

Current Hatfield Fellow Simone Auger will become the second Grand Ronde Tribal member to work for a congressional office in Washington, D.C., in a permanent capacity after her fellowship is complete in July.

The first Tribal Fellow to work for a legislator was Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, who completed her fellowship with Rep. Kurt Schrader's office in 2010 and was hired full-time as the congressman's communications director and district representative for Tillamook and Lincoln counties.

Her specialties included fisheries, transportation, community development, grants, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and ocean issues, including tsunami, marine debris, and wave and wind energy.

Auger is also working for Schrader's office and will stay on as a legislative assistant after July 31.

"It's honestly a dream come true," Auger said. "I'm looking forward to being able to do this in person. When you are on the Hill, you get to collaborate with your team, and also have the opportunity to meet staff members from other offices and network with them."

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

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow, who interns in an Oregon congressional office for an eight-month term. Placement of the fellow



Simone Auger

traditionally rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Community Fund Director Michael Cherry said that the fellowship is a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

"I continue to be so inspired by our Hatfield Fellows, who are determined to be strong ambassadors in their communities with lasting benefits to all the Oregon Tribes," Cherry said. "I lift my hands to the Grand Ronde Tribal leaders who created the Hatfield Fellowship in 1998, and also to the 21 Hatfield fellows ... who make us all so proud."

So far, Auger's fellowship with Schrader's office has been entirely remote, although congressional offices are gearing up to return staffers to in-person work.

During her time working with Schrader's office, Auger has focused primarily on Tribal issues, but also has assisted with issues pertaining to natural resources, agriculture, Social Security, animal welfare and housing.

"Agriculture and natural resour-

ces are areas I have a lot of interest in," Auger said. "There are pieces and aspects I have familiarity with, and all of these are of interest to me. I have a lot of background knowledge that I was able to bring to the table."

In her full-time role as legislative assistant, she will continue to focus on these topics and others that come her way.

So far, the biggest challenge of the fellowship year has been the inability to work in person.

"Everything has been altered and this has really been a challenge," she said. "It's really hard because when you think of a normal fellowship, you are in the office, working together on site. You get a lot more networking and spontaneous conversations that happen."

She offered the example of various congressional committee meetings being held online.

"It's a very different model (than in-person) and that makes it hard to fulfill the complete experience," she said. "However, Rep. Schrader's office has been really helpful with helping employees adjust to the changes."

The most enjoyable aspect has been working on different policies.

"I love what I am doing," Auger said. "The nature of the work is deeply interesting. I really have found a labor of love. I enjoy every day. I'll continue to work on legislative issues and anything else that comes up, and provide support, information and input to Rep. Schrader's office."

Auger said that research is and will continue to be a big part of her job.

"There is a lot of research," she said. "There's past legislation and

current legislation that comes to us during the session. ... I'm looking forward to the transition of working in person and being able to walk around and see other people."

A small sign that things are returning to normal is the plan to meet with some fellow attendees of the American Political Science Association, where Auger attended virtual orientation sessions in the fall.

"There was a lot missing from that, but a small group of us are planning to have lunch in D.C. soon," she said.

Auger also said she appreciates the Hatfield Fellowship program.

"I'm very blessed to have it," she said. "I appreciate the opportunity and will continue to make sure I do my very best and always think about my role as something I am doing to serve our Tribal community and legislative district."

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

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



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'I'm struck by the powerful and conflicting emotions'

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remained the same as it has since 2003.

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., who is past chairman of the Tribe's Veterans Special Event Board and a Marine Corps veteran from the Vietnam War era, gave the invocation and served as master of ceremonies.

The event began at noon with the boxed lunches served to approximately 50 attendees by Veterans Royalty Senior Queen Kaleigha Simi, Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse and Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt.

The ceremony began at 1 p.m. under a blazing sun with Grand Ronde drummers playing a memorial song led by Tribal members Travis Stewart, Anthony Quenelle and Jordan Mercier, followed by Grand Ronde Honor Guard members Rich VanAtta, Daniel Helfrich, Cecil Donahue and Al Miller carrying in the colors.

Tribal member JC Rogers sang the national anthem as she has for the past four events. After she sang, Bluehorse, Simi and Liebelt performed "The Lord's Prayer."

Former Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran, read aloud a letter from Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Kelly Fitzpatrick.

"Every year, I'm struck by the powerful and conflicting emotions that Memorial Day brings," Fitzpatrick wrote. "Service can come at a great cost. This day allows us to pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate price. ... Native Americans have the highest rate of participation in the armed services. May we never forget what they have sacrificed."

The keynote speaker was retired Army Col. Larry Brown, with American Legion Post 21 of McMinn-

Retired Army Col. Larry Brown, with American Legion Post 21 of McMinnville, gives the keynote address during the Memorial Day celebration held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial.



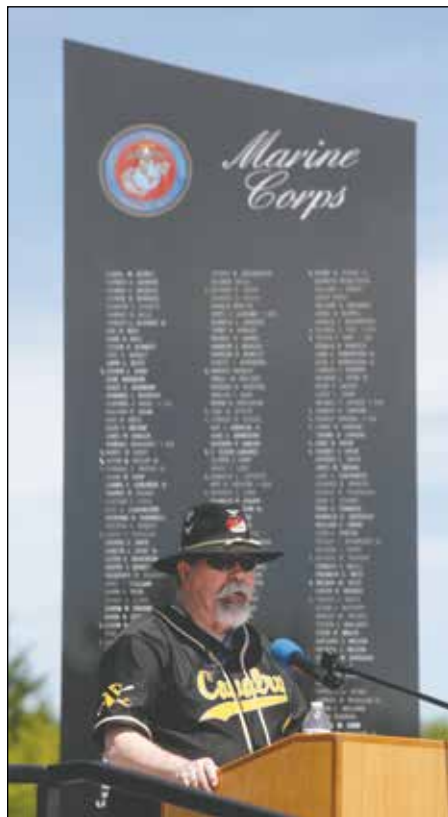
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Master of ceremonies and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. makes closing remarks during the Memorial Day celebration held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 31. Bobb is also a Marine Corps veteran from the Vietnam War era.

ville. During his two tours of duty in Vietnam, he was shot down nine times. Brown was awarded three Silver Stars, four Distinguished Flying Crosses and five Purple Hearts.

Brown read a poem, "The Brotherhood," by an unknown author.

Afterward, he recognized Tribal



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Elder and World War II veteran Herman Hudson, who walked on Wednesday, May 26, at 96 years old. He joined the Navy in 1942 during his junior year of high school and served in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Nevada. There, Hudson escorted fleet oilers and picked up downed pilots off the islands.

Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. accepted a gift from Tribal Veterans Service Officer and Navy veteran Ramona Quenelle on behalf of the Hudson family.

"I'm honored and humbled to accept this on behalf of Junior," Giffen said. "He was the kindest man I have ever known."



Former Tribal Council chairman and Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno reads a letter from Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Kelly Fitzpatrick.



From left, Travis Stewart, Anthony Quenelle and Jordan Mercier drum a memorial song during the Memorial Day celebration held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 31. Twelve names were added to the memorial's four black pillars that represent the four main branches of the U.S. military.

Added Bobb, "Herman Hudson was a great man and will be missed by everyone in this Tribe."

In closing, Brown asked all veterans from the various branches of the military to stand and be recognized.

The ceremony ended with Tribal Elder and Air Force veteran Jerry George reciting the poems "Remember Me, America" and "Freedom Is Not Free."

Names added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial for 2020 and 2021 are Air Force veteran Pamela J. James and Army veterans Alden H. Clark, Marvin L. Davis Sr., Linden W. Frederic, Mervin J. Holmes, Donald E. Holsclaw, Jamie M. Jenness, Douglas D. Stake and David W. Weaver. Other names added were Marine Corps veteran Rod McAllister and Navy veterans Roger A. Bly and Ramon L. Quenelle.

Clark, Holmes, Jenness, Davis and Quenelle are Native veterans. Gordon L. Calder Jr., an Army veteran who was killed in action in Iraq in 2019, also had his name read aloud. His name was added to the Army pillar that year, but inadvertently not read at the event.

The addition of 12 names brings the number of veterans honored on the pillars to 2,374.

After the reading of names, Tribal Lands Manager and Army veteran Jan Michael Reibach performed taps on Native flute.

The West Valley Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in 2003, was designed by Bobb and features a man and a woman dressed in traditional Native clothing standing side by side reaching to the sky. Surrounding them are four black granite pillars, which feature the names of Tribal and community veterans from Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan. ■



From left, Veterans Royalty Senior Queen Kaleigha Simi, Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse and Warrior Nacoma Liebelt pass out lunches before the Memorial Day celebration.

Community Fund awards \$706,996 in grants

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded \$706,996 in grants on Wednesday, June 9, during its second virtual check presentation event, bringing the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving since 1995 to \$85.74 million.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund receives 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and distributes those funds to non-profits in 11 northwestern Oregon counties to fund efforts in the areas of arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety.

The Community Fund was created as part of the Tribe's gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by a Board of Trustees that includes Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Jack Giffen Jr. and Kathleen George.

The virtual event was the second check presentation held by the Community Fund since March 2020. It opened with a prayer by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and video of Cultural Resources employees Jordan Mercier and Greg Archuleta performing a gathering song at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Executive Director Michael Cherry and Board of Trustees Chairman Chip Lazenby welcomed virtual attendees.

Cherry said she hopes the next quarterly check distribution will be conducted in-person, something that has not occurred since March 2020.

"Our check presentations are a way for us to get together as a

community to give thanks and celebrate and honor our grantees who work tirelessly to help those in need," Cherry said. "We wish we could be with you in person though I trust we will all be together very, very soon."

Lazenby, who has been on the Board of Trustees for 13 years, said he has underestimated the effect of the Tribe's philanthropic giving over the last 26 years.

"I've really underestimated what an impact it can have in our community," Lazenby said. "The amount of money that we have given out over the period of time is close to \$85 million. That is money going into our communities for people like you who are doing the work on the ground. While it is fun from our perspective as trustees to see the amazing work that you and people like you are doing in our communities, we realize that you're the ones who really make a difference. ... We are always here to be partners with you as we head forward into the future."

Grants Coordinator Jim Holmes showed the approximately 65 people who attended a video on the history of the Tribe.

Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears announced the grant awards and allowed organization representatives to briefly speak.

Veterans Legacy Board of Directors Vice President and Air Force veteran Phillip Groshong discussed his organization's efforts to help homeless veterans in Lane County.

The nonprofit incorporated in 2016 to ensure that no veteran should be homeless and no veteran should commit suicide. The organization's 107-acre Camp Alma locat-

ed in Veneta between Eugene and the Oregon coast now features 16 cubicles to house veterans and will use the Community Fund's \$25,000 grant to open 16 more cubicles in another three months.

"Camp Alma is now ready to help veterans in need with their journey to recovery from homelessness, substance abuse and/or mental health challenges," Groshong said. "This grant is a huge step toward us opening our doors."

During the June 10 virtual check distribution, the Community Fund awarded 10 small grants and 20 large grants.

Small grants were awarded to:

- The Portland Urban Debate League, \$3,000, for expansion of its Urban Debate Program;
- Confluence of Multnomah County, \$4,000, for Native-led professional development workshops for Oregon teachers;
- Pathfinder Clubhouse of Benton County, \$5,000, to improve the mental and physical health of adults living with mental illness;
- National Alliance on Mental Illness of Lane County, \$7,500, to expand culturally responsive services for the LGBTQIA+ community;
- Playworks Education Energized of Marion County, \$5,000, for expansion of its Keeping Playing Virtual Support Service;
- Bradley Angle of Multnomah County, \$7,500, to fund its Healing Roots program;
- William Temple House of Multnomah County, \$7,500, to improve mental health in the community by providing affordable counseling services;
- St. John's Center for Opportunity of Multnomah County, \$5,000, to improve food access for the north Portland community;
- Children's Center of Clackamas County, \$7,500, to fund its prevention program;
- ALS Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington, \$5,000, to support medical and care services for those diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

In addition to the Veterans Legacy award, large grants were given to:

- Southwestern Polk County Fire District, \$21,950, to purchase an extrication system to save those trapped in vehicles after crashes;
- Legacy Health Foundation of Washington County, \$47,750, to fund a regional COVID-19 vaccination program;
- American Military Encouragement Network, \$17,750, to fund basic food relief for veterans, military families and children;
- Wayside Friends Church of Yamhill County, \$27,750, to fund its Newberg Distance Learning

support program;

- Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion & Polk Counties, \$47,750, to fund a full-day educational program for youths in need;
 - All Hands Raised of Multnomah County, \$22,750, to improve educational outcomes through student engagement;
 - Old Mill Center for Children & Families of Benton County, \$22,750, for youth coping with mental health issues during and after the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - Prevent Child Abuse Oregon of Clackamas County, \$17,750, to fund resiliency during COVID for families and children;
 - Parenting Now of Lane County, \$47,100, for parenting education to prevent child abuse and improve school readiness;
 - Food Roots of Tillamook County, \$37,750, for its Farm to School program;
 - Horses of Hope Oregon of Marion County, \$13,400, to build human resiliency to combat adverse childhood experiences through horses and healing;
 - Together We Are Greater Than of east Multnomah County, \$45,500, to fund COVID-19 response for equitable education in underserved communities;
 - Friends of the Children Portland, \$22,750, for essential relationships and healing-centered mentoring;
 - Salem Free Clinics, \$38,119, for mental health counseling and medication management for the uninsured;
 - Relief Nursery Inc. of Lane County, \$50,000, to fund Native outreach and a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion coordinator;
 - Clackamas Women's Services, \$25,000, to expand culturally responsive youth advocacy and support;
 - ChickTech of Multnomah County, \$25,000, to increase STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning for high school youth;
 - Doulas Latinas International of Washington County, \$50,000, for maternal child emotional health equality;
 - Native American Youth & Family Center of Multnomah County, \$44,177, to fund its cultural education and wellness after-school program.
- The virtual event closed with Giffen raffling off three beaded necklaces and an Ikanum saddle blanket respectively to Food Roots, Bradley Angle, Friends of the Children Portland and Relief Nursery, and Harvey making a closing statement.
- "I am so appreciative of the work that you do in our communities," Harvey said. ■

2021 SUMMER STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

JUNE 15 • BASIC FINANCES
Learn how to manage money, learn more about checking accounts, credit cards and much more.

JUNE 22 • CULTURE PRESENTATION
Learn more about the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. This is one you don't want to miss!

JUNE 29 • COLLEGE & CAREERS
Learn about your next steps in life, what you can do now to prepare and opportunities you can take advantage of now.

JULY 6 • EMPLOYMENT
Learn practical tips of how to get a job and keep a job.

JULY 20 • 21 TRUST FUNDS
This workshop is for CTGR Tribal member students ages, 18 – 20.

Four professional development workshops will be offered this summer for all Native students currently in grades 9 - 12th. The fifth and last workshop will be for Tribal member students ages 18-20.

All sessions are approximately one hour and there will be a raffle prize at the end of each session! Workshops will be held at the CTGR Employment building lower floor conference rooms and all sessions start at 1 p.m. Be sure to sign up below on the link provided for one or all classes. There are limited openings in each workshop, don't delay and sign-up today. If you have questions, please email YouthEnrichment@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2101. We hope to see you there!

Please note: Students will be required to health screen in (temperature check and basic health questions) prior to entering workshop. Masks are required and social distancing for each session.

<http://bit.ly/summer2021professionaldevelopment>

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

St. Michael's offers brunch

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



Tribal member Amelia Mooney waits for the start of the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29, as her sister, Amaryssa, right, fist bumps teachers. The Mooneys were two of seven Tribal members who joined the other 38 graduates in the commencement.



Tribal member Madison Aaron receives her diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Madison also received a Senior Citizen Award.

Bulldogs graduate



Tribal member Darien Leno receives her diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Darien also was a recipient of an American Legion Riders Scholarship, a Tina Miller Scholarship and an Oregon Education Association Scholarship.



Tribal member Moses Mercier is directed to a photo position by Principal Jami Fluke after receiving his diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Moses also was a recipient of a Tina Miller Scholarship.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez



Tribal member Madison Aaron adjusts the balloons as she rides in the parade following the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony.

Graduates toss their caps to the sky at the conclusion of the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29.

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Tribal member Amelia Mooney receives her diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony. Amelia also received a Kiwanis Scholarship.



Tribal member Amaryssa Mooney receives her diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Amaryssa also received a Tina Miller Scholarship.



Tribal member Dominik Briant receives his diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Briant was one of seven Tribal members who joined the other 38 graduates in the commencement.



Tribal member Jayden Saldivas receives his diploma during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Saldivas was one of seven Tribal members who joined the other 38 graduates in the commencement.

Tribal member Vivyan Lopez receives her diploma from Willamina School District Chairman W. Lincoln Watson during the 108th Willamina High School graduation ceremony held on Saturday, May 29. Lopez was a National Honor Society member at Willamina High School and honors student.



Photo courtesy of Amanda Gregory

Family and friends gathered on the Willamina High School football field to watch the 108th graduation ceremony.



2021-22 Tribal Trask Management

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 voided.
- Applications must be in **BLUE OR BLACK INK**, 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)
 - **ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply.** Bow, 1st OR 2nd Season. Applications submitted for multiple Elk seasons will result in all applications being voided.
- CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK:
 - You must write the **NAME** 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 youths.
- **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.*

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 Attn: Natural Resources
 Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Physical: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road,
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 Office: 503-879-2424
 Fax: 503-879-5622
 NRD@grandronde.org

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, please 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.**

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 SEASON		
BOW DEER (Buck Only)	8/28/2021	9/26/2021
BOW ELK - (Bull Only)	8/28/2021	9/26/2021
YOUTH HUNTS		
YOUTH ANTLERLESS ELK	8/1/2021	12/31/2021
YOUTH C/D DEER	10/2/2021	11/7/2021
YOUTH - UPPER TUALATIN - TRASK (WEEKENDS ONLY)	12/4/2021	12/26/2021
GENERAL COAST ELK		
1st Season (Bull Only)	11/13/2021	11/16/2021
2nd Season (Spike Only)	11/20/2021	11/26/2021
CONTROL DAMAGE ELK		
NE TRASK MUZZLELOADER ELK	12/15/2021	12/31/2021
TRASK UNIT	12/1/2021	3/31/2022
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
PANTHER CREEK	1/1/2022	3/31/2022

CONTROL / DAMAGE ELK
Hunt Name: _____
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
By checking this box I acknowledge I have read the foregoing statement and agree with its terms. I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the State of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the federal government. <input type="checkbox"/>

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
By checking this statement and a understand the the Confederated government.

Muzzleloader Deer
NOV. 6 - NOV. 19, 2021
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.
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1ST SEASON ELK BULL ONLY
NOV. 13 - NOV 16, 2021
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____
PHONE: () _____
EMAIL: _____
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NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____
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ment hunting application rules

DEADLINES	
Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if Drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
7/23/2021	1/10/2022
N/A	11/15/2021
9/24/2021	11/15/2021
10/29/2021	11/29/2021
8/20/2021	10/6/2021
8/20/2021	10/6/2021
7/23/2021	1/10/2022
9/24/2021	11/17/2021
11/19/2021	1/5/2022
11/5/2021	11/26/2021
11/12/2021	12/6/2021
12/8/2021	1/10/2022
11/19/2021	4/10/2022
11/19/2021	2/10/2022
1/19/2022	3/25/2022
12/21/2020	2/24/2022
2/8/2022	4/10/2022
11/19/2021	4/10/2022
11/19/2021	4/10/2022
12/21/2021	4/10/2022
12/21/2021	4/10/2022

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. ■

Bow Deer (Buck Only)

AUG. 28 - SEP. 26, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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BOW ELK - BULL ONLY

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 26, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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BEAR

AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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C/D DOE PERMITS

OCT. 02 - NOV. 5, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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YOUTH C/D DEER

OCT. 02 - NOV. 7, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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2ND SEASON ELK SPIKE ONLY

NOV. 20 - NOV. 26, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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YOUTH Antlerless ELK

AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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YOUTH Upper Tualatin - Trask

Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, 2021

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

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Putting down roots



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, groundskeepers Colby Mercier and Joseph Grammer, Lead Groundskeeper Brady Bruckner and groundskeeper Joseph Kelly work on planting a weeping Arizona cypress tree in Tribal Housing on Monday, June 7. Seventeen trees in 10 varieties are being planted to replace the trees damaged during the Valentine's Day weekend ice storm that were recently felled for safety reasons.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde CREEKSIDE ELDER HOUSING – PHASE III Proposal due 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021 INVITATION TO BIDS

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE, CREEKSIDE ELDER HOUSING – PHASE III PROJECT. Sealed bids must be received by Ryan Webb, Project Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by or before 2 p.m. local time, Thursday June 17, 2021. The project includes constructing new storm and sewer systems, water main system, curbs, sidewalks, pavement, illumination and utilities for the successful completion of the project. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2 p.m. prevailing local time, Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 25000 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347. Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Project Manager, Ryan Webb, via e-mail at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org by 2 p.m. prevailing local time, Monday, June 14, 2021.

Electronic copies of the Plans and Bid Booklet are available by emailing Ryan Webb at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2404.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 2 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021, to Ryan Webb, Project Manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the Bid Booklet. ■

Police Department has nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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GRAND RONDE 2033 - OUR FUTURE
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Over the past two years, the Tribe has been working on shawash-ili?i 2033 - nsayka k'hapa alqi (Grand Ronde 2033 – Our Future), our community development plan for Grand Ronde. As part of this process, we have held numerous community meetings and listening sessions. As we move towards the final planning stage, we want to make sure your voice is heard and your vision and values are reflected in the plan.

We want to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete a short survey by June 30, 2021, and share with us where you want to see us go as a Tribe and community. This is a journey we will all take together and we invite your input.

Because it is Your Voice, Your Community, and Your Tribe.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GR2033>

Grand Ronde Community Development Plan
Jan Michael Reibach
Phone: 503-879-2394
E-mail: GrandRonde2033@grandronde.org

Broaden Your Horizons, Deepen Your Roots:

STUDY CHINUK WAWA

Fall 2021 - Lane Community College
 CW101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa
 Tu/Th 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours
 CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa
 M/W 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours

These courses will be online for the entire 2021-2022 academic year - please join us from wherever you are!

Lane Community College has two cost-saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa:
 1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW101, after completion of CW 101 and CW 102.
 2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no credit at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LOC Arts and Humanities Division.

Chinuk Wawa at LOC is presented in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde language program

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. ■

ZOOM TRAINING



STARTING JULY 8 at Noon to 2 p.m.
 SESSION 2 JULY 15 at Noon to 2 p.m.
 SESSION 3 JULY 22 at Noon to 2 p.m.
 LAST SESSION JULY 29 at Noon to 2 p.m.

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

2 hour class for 4 weeks

Positive Indian Parenting explores traditional Native values in parenting in today's society, and shares the importance of family and community from pre-natal to young adulthood.



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 PARENTS OF NATIVE
 CHILDREN,
 INCLUDING
 RESOURCE FAMILIES
 AND CAREGIVERS

Weekly raffles

A fresh look at
 ancestral ways

SIGN-UP

Please call or e-mail
 Joanna Brisbois at
 503-879-2149

Joanna.brisbois@grandronde.org

ZOOM INFO WILL BE
 SENT TO YOU AFTER YOU
 ARE REGISTERED

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



Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camps



Learn to speak Chinuk Wawa this Summer with the Chinuk Wawa Education Program! Three themed camps will be offered for youth in grades K-5 and 6-12 on a first come, first served basis! Camps will run from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Adult Education building in room 126. See below for camp and registration details. Tribal preference will be given. Transportation not provided. COVID safety measures in place, masks required.

JUNE- Games

Focusing on basic vocabulary and playing/creating games for a fun language learning experience!

June 22nd-24th- K-5 group
 June 29th-July 1st- 6th-12th group
Registration begins May 24th



JULY- Canoes

Focusing on Grand Ronde's canoes, songs, and dances through Chinuk Wawa, AND an opportunity to paddle in a canoe!

July 20th-22nd- K-5 group
 July 27th-29th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 2nd

AUGUST- Berries

Focusing on different berries and local native plants, picking berries, & making homemade jam & fry bread!

August 16th & 17th- K-5 group
 August 18th and 19th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 30th



There are only 12 spots per camp! To sign up, please complete and return registration to
Jade Colton: jade.colton@grandronde.org

Walking On...

Wayne LeRoy Sell

Sept. 19, 1943 – May 28, 2021

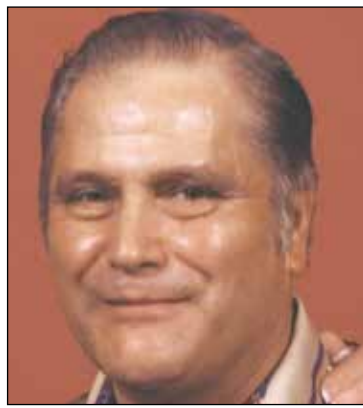
Tribal Elder Wayne LeRoy Sell was born in McMinnville, Ore., on Sept. 19, 1943. His home was in Grand Ronde and he lived most of his life in the Willamette Valley. Our beloved brother left us peacefully at Farmington Square in Salem on May 28, 2021, surrounded by loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph R. Sell and Emma H. LaBonte-Sell, as well as his younger brother, Thomas M. Sell. He is survived by his brother, William J. Sell, and sisters, Nancy H. Coleman, Le-Veta M. Sell, June Sell-Sherer, Marlena J. Lancour and Theresa J. Haller. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom he had a great impact upon.

Wayne loved walking in the woods, driving old logging roads, hunting, fishing, and gathering and harvesting forest products. He also was an old school shade tree mechanic who knew how to keep his vehicles running long past their normal life span.

A viewing was held Friday, June 4, at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, 287 S.W. Washington St., Dallas. Services were held at The Lighthouse Church in Grand Ronde on Saturday, June 5. Interment followed at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery with a meal following back at the church. COVID-19 restrictions were still in place.

Wayne will be deeply missed and we all are longing to see him again. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



Herman Keith Hudson

Jan. 4, 1925 – May 26, 2021

It is hard to know where to begin to create a summary of someone like Herman, aka Dad, brother, uncle, Junior and Papa. So, I'm taking the leap as his daughter, Kathryn, to try and make this summary be spoken from the view of his family and friends because we all feel the same about him.

Dean Rhodes wrote a wonderful tribute for the June 1, 2021, edition of *Smoke Signals*, which beautifully chronicled his life and U.S. Navy World War II service experience and his pursuit of his barber career. The barber was all any of us ever experienced. Many lasting memories of his wonderful shops in Oregon, Colorado and Washington. He was always very involved in all of those communities with Elks, American Legion and all high school sports team support.

We all experienced his complete support of our pursuits, good and not so good, his loyalty when some of those pursuits resulted in complicated and painful outcomes, and his quiet way of letting you know he was there for you.

His own life's mistakes and lessons resulted in him doing what he had to do and making what changes had to be made to himself to step up to the evolving changes that were required of him. His committed and unconditional love, care and support for all of his loved ones was his greatest legend.

Now for some fun trivia that will ring true to everyone who knows him: Toothpicks in his wallet for after every McDonald's, favorite Mexican restaurant or local loves like Fort Hill or Coyote Joe's or Monday Elder Night at the buffet meals; Butterfinger blizzards from Dairy Queen in Sheridan; the love of butter on everything; frozen strawberry jam; never met a child or pet that didn't love him; saying "hello" and making time for everyone was natural for him; but here's the one we can all agree on ... very stubborn LOL!!!

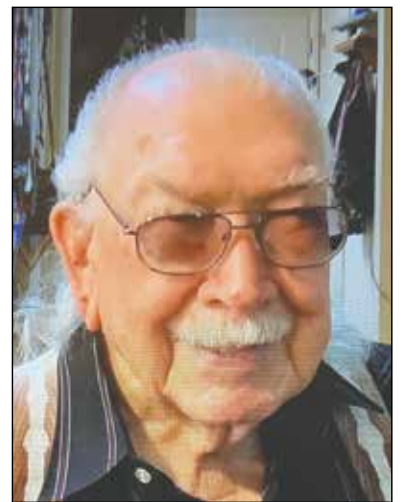
In the end, this proud Indian man, father of three, grandfather to nine, great-grandfather to 25 and great-great-grandfather to 10 walked on his way. He will be forever missed.

Also, as a family we want to thank everyone within the community of Grand Ronde. The constant help from Community Health, the Clinic and Pharmacy, the neighbors, cousins and his amazing circle of friends was something special to experience.

A special thank you to Serenity Hospice for their care, understanding and guidance and continued emotional support. We want to thank Helen Anderson, RN, MSN and owner and creator of Hello Care, In-Home Care and Strength Training for providing us with Sarah and Jared. There were with us until the end and provided such loving, kind and respectful care.

Rest in peace, dear one, and know you are now and will always be loved and missed.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. Interment will follow at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



2nd Holmes Reunion

Noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 17.

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Other passings

Jackie Lynn Erhardt

March 31, 1960 – May 17, 2021

Tribal Elder Jackie Lynn Erhardt walked on Monday, May 17, 2021. Yahn & Sons Funeral Home in Auburn, Wash., is assisting the family.

Toye D. Jeffers

Dec. 6, 1962 – May 29, 2021

Tribal Elder Toye D. Jeffers walked on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Baird Memorial Chapel in La Pine, Ore., is assisting the family.

Kenneth Lee Graham

May 17, 1956 – May 29, 2021

Tribal Elder Kenneth Lee Graham walked on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Broussard's Funeral Home in Beaumont, Texas, is assisting the family.

Laisane Ray McKnight

Nov. 3, 1956 – June 6, 2021

Tribal Elder Laisane Ray McKnight walked on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside, Ore., is assisting the family.



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Thursday, May 20

- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 near the Sheridan exit.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Hebo Road near Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 33000 block of Highway 18B.

Friday, May 21

- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 55400 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 33000 block of Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, May 22

- Assist outside agency in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 26300 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspect was arrested for driving with a criminally suspended license in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

Sunday, May 23

- Police officer hold on a suicidal subject occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- DUII and unlawful possession of a firearm arrest occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Vehicle impounded in the area of Ead Creek Loop and Wind River Drive.

Monday, May 24

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in the 55700 block of Hebo Road.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 600 block of Cherry Street. Tribal police assisted Yamhill County deputies with a stabbing investigation.

Tuesday, May 25

- Welfare check occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 800 block of Jefferson Street in Dallas.

Wednesday, May 26

- 911 hang-up/vehicle pursuit occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The suspect was eventually caught in Newport.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, May 27

- Harassment reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Trespass reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the Agency Creek Road area.

Friday, May 28

- Assist outside agency in the area of Southwest Hebo Road and Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Crash reported in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.

Saturday, May 29

- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.

Sunday, May 30

- Pursuit of a reportedly stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The suspect led officers on a pursuit along Highway 18 and ultimately got away.
- Assist outside agency in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving while suspended felony arrest in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.

Monday, May 31

- Crash reported in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 11 on Highway 22.

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, June 1

- Animal complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Crash reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person in the Grand Ronde area.

Wednesday, June 2

- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Stolen vehicle and foot pursuit in the area of the highways 18B and 18 intersection. The suspect was caught and arrested without incident.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of the highways 18 and 18B intersection.
- Sexual harassment reported in the 48700 block of Blacktail Drive.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of West Main Street in Willamina.

Thursday, June 3

- Disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driver was arrested for driving with a criminally suspended license in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22.
- Assist outside agency in the 54000 block of Hebo Road.

Friday, June 4

- Assist outside agency in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 29900 block of Newsome Drive.
- Attempt to locate a suspect who fled from the Lincoln City area. Suspect did not come to Grand Ronde.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, June 5

- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Andy Riggs and Grand Ronde roads.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 30000 block of Highway 18B.

Sunday, June 6

- Assist outside agency in the 38600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 120 block of West Bridge Street in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency in the 400 block of Northeast Falconer Street in Sheridan.
- Traffic assist performed in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.

Monday, June 7

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, June 8

- 911 hang-up occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.

Wednesday, June 9

- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 53000 block of Hebo Road.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22.

'Here's to our first heroes'

This month Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB honor ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers and singers of song.

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

Happy Father's Day to this guy, my grandpa, my dad and all the dads out there!

Anavey Smith
Senior Miss Princess 2020/2021
Senior Miss Candidate • 2021/2022

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Honoring all our first heroes.

Desirae Hernandez

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy father's day dad. Thank you for always teaching me new things. Love, Des

Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022

Aubrey Campbell
Happy Father's Day to my dad and all the dads.

Little Miss Princess 2020/2021
Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Grace Macon
Little Miss Princess 2020/2021

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
I may not ever fill your shoes Completely, Dad, but if I'm half The man you are some day, At least I'll know I've tried Love, Nacoma

Veterans Warrior 2020/2021
Veterans Warrior Candidate 2021/2021

Nacoma Liebelt

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dear Dad, thank you for always being there to support Sophie and I in all the activities we have participated in over the years. You are a great dad to us and I appreciate everything you do for our family. I hope you have an amazing Father's Day. I love you!



Isabelle Grout
Senior Miss
Grand Ronde
2020/2021



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day
To the
BEST DADDY
in the whole
Wide world

You will always
Be my
First Love
and my
Forever Hero



Love, Kalea
Liebelt

Little Miss
Grand Ronde
2020/2021

Veterans
Queen
Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Ila Mercier
Little Miss Candidate
2021/2022

To Dad,
hayu masi for being with me
when I'm scared, for driving me
to school, adventures, for love,
and for playing stick game
with me. I love you.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Leloo
Quenelle
Little Miss
Princess
2020/2021



Me and my Dad

I am grateful for my dad for
teaching me most of the things that
I do like beading, cooking, how to
ride a bike and both of my parents
taught me how to read. I am grateful
for being in the family that I am in.



Veterans
Queen
Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Kaleigha Simi



Congratulations to my brother
Dominik on graduating high school &
joining the Navy. I'm so proud of you,
thank you for being a positive role
model for me. Good luck on your next
journey. I will miss you & I love you!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Veterans
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Little Miss Princess 2020/2021
Junior Miss Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Fathers Day.

You taught me lots of skills that I will use for lots of years. You taught me how to cook, bead, sew, and so many other things. I am glad I have someone like you in my life to help me with things I would not be able to do myself.

I love you and I hope you know that.

**Marie
Quenelle**



**HAPPY Father's Day
I LOVE YOU!**



Ulali Quenelle

Tiny Tot • 2020/2021
Tiny Tot Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**SOPHIA GROVT
JUNIOR MISS GRAND RONDE
2020/2021**



**THANK YOU DAD FOR ALL
YOU DO, TO SENDING ME
ON FUN ROYALTY TRIPS
AND DEALING WITH MY
STUPID JOKES. LOVE YOU.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



**lush
Papa
San!
-Willow**

**"Happy
Father's
Day!"**

**Willow
Squetimkin**



Tiny Tot
Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

My uncle Dakota is a creative artist and a nice person. You've always been here to help to with anything since birth. 😊



Tasina
Bluehorse

Veterans
Junior Queen
2020/2021
Veterans Senior
Candidate • 2021/2022

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



**Dad your the
best thank
you for
always being
here for us**



Satara Blanchard
Little Miss Princess
2020/2021
Junior Miss Candidate
2021/2022

Sophia Catron
Tiny Tot Candidate
2021/2022



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

New court introductions

We are delighted to introduce the 2021–22 Royalty candidates for the CTGR and Veterans SEB Royalty groups. The collections also can be found at www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty and www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB, stop by to welcome our new participants!



Hello, my name is Aubrey Campbell.

I am a current Little Miss Princess for 2020/2021.

And I am a candidate for Little Miss Grand Ronde 2021/2022.



laḡayam,
desirae hernandez
nayka nim.

I am a candidate for Little Miss Grand Ronde 2021-2022. I am in third grade. I like reading and doing TikToks.

I am excited for this opportunity.

hayu masi






Hello, my name is Kaleigha Simi, I am 15 years old and a sophomore at Willamina High School. I am the daughter of Shannon Simi & Josh Baker. I am the granddaughter of Janet Titus and Virginia & Lonnie Roof. I am the great granddaughter of Robert Simi & Annabell Pool and Marvin & Eleanor Kimsey. I am a candidate for the 2021-2022 Sr. Miss Grand Ronde.

laḡayam,
lulu-t'wax nayka nim.
taḡam-kʰul nayka.
shawash-iliʔi nayka.

(Hello my name is Ila.
I am six years old.
I am from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
I am a Little Miss Contestant for 2021-2022.
Thank you.)



Ila Mercier





Hello my name is Kalea Liebelt I am the current Little Miss Grand Ronde 2020/2021 and candidate for Jr Veterans Queen 2021/2022. I am 9 years old and go to Willamina Elementary School. My parents are Levi and Nichole Liebelt. I plan to work hard and be a good role model for our community. Hayu masi.



ᕿaxayam! Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Anavey Smith, I am a 15 year old Tribal youth from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. My Indigenous heritage also includes Saint Regis Mohawk, Pyramid Lake Paiute and Mexican.

Anavey Smith



My parents are Lorena Rivera and Ronald Smith, I am the granddaughter of Kelly Lazore, Martin Gonzalez, Miguel Rivera & Kathy Dyer, the great granddaughter of Lorene Smith, Russell Lazore and Andres Rivera. My great-great grandparents are Lawrence Smith and Gertrude McCoy.

Currently in the 9th grade, my favorite classes are Chinuk Wawa and English. I am a Jingle dancer and currently Senior Miss Princess 2020-2021 and candidate for Senior Miss Grand Ronde 2021-2022. Spending time with my family and dog Delilah are important to me. Baking, dancing, gardening and traveling are some of my favorite things to do. I look forward to representing Grand Ronde at pow wows and community events as they begin to happen again. Hayu masi

Marie Quenelle

Little Miss Princess
2020/2021

Junior Miss Candidate
2021/2022



Hello my name is Nacoma Liebelt. I'm the current Veterans Warrior 2020/2021

I am also the candidate for Veterans Warrior 2021/2022.

Im 12 years old in the 6th grade and go to Willamina Middle School.

My parents are Levi and Nichole Liebelt. I am very honored to represent my tribe this year.

hayu masi.



Hi. My Name is Sophia Catron.

I am new to Royalty this year.

I'm currently running for Tiny Tot 2021-2022.

Hayu Masi

(recent tooth fairy hostess)



Hello.

My name is Satara Blanchard. I am a current Little Miss Princess for 2020-21.

I am currently running for Junior Miss 2021-2022.

I am honored to be a part of Royalty.

hayu masi



Hello! My name is Tasinalutawin Bluehorse.

I am a Candidate for Sr. Veterans Queen 2021-2022.

I've been on Veterans royalty for awhile now and I'm excited to start my next journey as the Sr. Queen.





Leloo Quenelle

Little Miss Princess 2020/2021

Veterans Queen Candidate 2021/2022






Willow Squetimkin

faxayem, wilo nayka nim. qwinəm k'ul nayka. shawash-ili ?i tilixam nayka. k'apa 2021 nayka tiki chaku shawash-ili ?i tiny tot. hayu masi.

(Hello, My name is Willow. I am five years old and a Grand Ronde Tribal member. This year I am running for the Grand Ronde Tiny Tot Princess for 2021. Thank you.)

PIC•COLLAGE

ULALI QUENELLE

TINY TOT 2020/2021

TINY TOT CANDIDATE 2021/2022





Merkley schedules remote Yamhill County Town Hall

PORTLAND – Oregon U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold a remote Town Hall for Yamhill County residents at 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.

He will update residents on his work in Washington, D.C., and answer questions and listen to suggestions on how to tackle the challenges facing Oregon and the country.

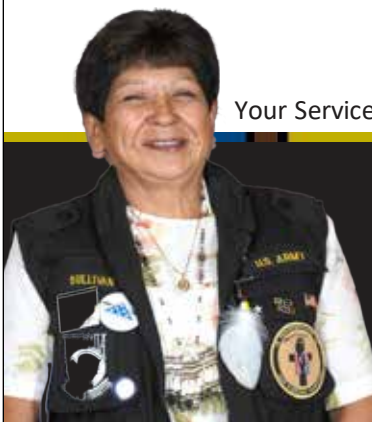
Since joining the Senate in 2009, Merkley has held a town hall in each of Oregon's 36 counties annually. The Yamhill County Town Hall will be his 461st overall and 29th this year.

Constituents should e-mail TownHall@merkley.senate.gov with their county in the subject line to receive the Zoom link. They also can listen in via phone by calling 669-254-5252, meeting ID 161 485 0603#, participant ID # and passcode 75063307#. ■




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Ramona Quenelle
Tribal Veteran Service Officer
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Phone: 503-879-1484 or Email: ramona.quenelle@grandronde.org

PHONE NUMBER TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT:

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

Muscogee Nation to vote on free press amendment

OKMULGEE, Okla. – The Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma will be voting on a ballot question that would strengthen free press protections within its Tribal Constitution in September.

The Muscogee National Council passed legislation 13-2 on May 22 that would amend the Tribal Constitution. Like the Grand Ronde Tribe, it would require a two-thirds vote of eligible citizens who vote in the Sept. 18 primary election to be adopted.

The Muscogee Nation, the fourth largest Native American Tribe in the United States with more than 86,000 members, restored free press protections to its Tribal code for Mvskoke Media in July 2020. The amendment to the Tribal Constitution would ensure that citizens must approve any future changes or repeal of the free press law.

The Mvskoke Media Editorial Board serves as a buffer between the department's leadership and the government. It outlines the board's responsibility to hire the director of the independent agency, as well as the director's oversight of staff.

The amendment also allocates Tribal funding to support daily operations of Mvskoke Media, covering essential staff and news production costs.

If adopted, the Muscogee Nation would be the first Tribe to add free press protections to its Constitution for the Tribe's independent Tribal media.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council adopted an Independent Tribal Press Ordinance in December 2016, which became effective in January 2017. It created an Editorial Board to oversee the editor of *Smoke Signals* and ensure the Tribal newspaper reports news in an unbiased fashion. It also created a buffer between Tribal administrative and elected officials and the leadership of the newspaper.

The Grand Ronde Constitution states that Tribal Council shall not deny to any person within its jurisdiction freedom of speech, press or religion, or the right to assemble peacefully. ■

2021-22 OPEN ENROLLMENT CHINUK KINDERGARTEN 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.

Applications are available at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/elementary-chinuk-language-program/> and can be turned in starting **May 17** by:
Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
OR e-mailed to either contact listed below

Elaine Lane
 K/1 Chinuk Teacher
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TERO Worker of the Month May 2021

Name: Gabriel Knight
Employer: Washington Roofing
Position: Roofing repair/laborer

Gabe Knight applied to the TERO Skills Bank program in February 2021. He was referred to Washington Roofing four days after applying and started work on the Elder housing project.

Since then, Gabe has proven to be very dependable, hard-working and willing to learn new skills. His hard work and diligent work ethic has gotten him a raise in wages and he has been offered permanent employment with the company. Way to go, Gabe!

Gabriel Knight

*For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.
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Elder Voices Supporting the Covid Vaccine



"Here at Makah, my aunt tested positive for 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 Tribal Council.



"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 Sagaber, Lummi & Quinault Elder.



"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." -Harrlette Cheeka, Makah Elder.

"I have been a nurse for 40 years. I am very pro-vaccine, for myself and others. And, I do it for my Tribe, the Makah. I was not concerned at all. 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 assure 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.



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Conflict Resolution

3 STEPS TO SOLVE



1. Calm your body

Ways to calm:

- Take deep breaths
- Get a drink of water
- Count to 20



2. Figure out if this is a **SMALL** problem or a **BIG** problem



3. Try a peaceful problem solving trick

- Ignore what's annoying you
 - Say words that mean NO
 - Flip a coin or do ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
 - Do something else
 - Share or take turns
 - Apologize
 - Talk it out and use I-MESSAGES
- I was wrong when I _____
I am really sorry and I will try to make it better by _____
I hope you can forgive me.
- I felt _____
when _____
I would like _____



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