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## Incumbents, two challengers seeking council seats in 2021

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

**T**ribal Council incumbents Cheryle A. Kennedy, Jon A. George and Steve Bobb Sr. and two challengers, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Michael Cherry and Tribal Elder Perri McDaniel, are seeking election during the Sept. 11 Tribal Council election in what ties as the smallest candidate field in the history of the Tribe since Restoration.

Kennedy, 73, is the longest serving Tribal Council member in Grand Ronde history. She will be seeking her eighth consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council.

During the 2018 election, Kennedy set a record for the most votes received by a Tribal Council candidate at the time with 712 votes. That record was surpassed in 2020, which also saw only five candidates run for Tribal Council, when Lisa Leno received more than 1,000 votes and Chris Mercier and Michael Langley both received more than 900 votes.

Kennedy has served as Tribal Council chair for 15 years, including the last four years. She was nominated by Langley.

George, 60, is the current Tribal Council secretary and will be seeking his fourth consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. During the 2018 election, he finished second to Kennedy. He has served as Tribal Council secretary for the last five years. He was nom-

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer is sharing her story of addiction for the first time in the hope that it will help other Tribal members who are addicted to drugs. “I believe stories of recovery are the hope that we give to the addicts who are still suffering,” she says.**

## Tribal member used prison time to confront her addiction

*(Editor’s note: This is the first in a series of Smoke Signals stories in 2021 that will examine addiction and recovery. If you have a recovery story to share or if you work with Tribal members in recovery, contact reporter Danielle Harrison at [Danielle.harrison@grandronde.org](mailto:Danielle.harrison@grandronde.org).)*

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**M**ichele Plummer’s addiction story began with her birth in 1971.

“My parents were alcoholics,” Plummer, 49, says. “I didn’t have a stable beginning. A week

before my second birthday, I was dropped off (to be baby-sat) and my dad didn’t come back for me. I entered the foster care system that way. I was in 13 different placements.”

The couple who had baby-sat her, the Bradshaws, had four boys

and wanted to adopt a little girl, Plummer says. When she was 4 years old, that adoption was official.

Although Plummer doesn’t

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## Thomas named casino interim general manager

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

**T**ribal member Bruce Thomas, former chief executive officer of Spirit Mountain Casino from 1993 to 2000, has been named interim general manager of the Grand Ronde Tribe’s gaming facility.

Thomas succeeds Stan Dillon, who resigned effective June 3 after six and a half years at the helm.

Thomas’ first day on the job



Bruce Thomas

A. Kennedy said during the Tuesday, June 22, Legislative Action

was Wednesday, June 16, Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board Chairman Andy Jenness said.

“We’re happy to have him on board,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle

Committee meeting.

“I am extremely excited to be able to help Spirit Mountain Casino navigate through these changing times,” Thomas said. “Spirit Mountain has evolved in amazing ways since the early days and I am extremely impressed with the organization and all of the people in it. I’ve only been here for a short time and it already feels like home again. I appreciate the opportunity to finish my career as part of such

a wonderful place.”

According to his LinkedIn profile, Thomas developed Spirit Mountain Casino from the very beginning with consulting assistance.

“We obtained one of the first direct loans in Indian gaming without the use of a management company,” he says on LinkedIn. “I oversaw construction, built the manage-

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**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 14.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, July 28.....	10 a.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 11.....	10 a.m.

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

**Election Office opens on July 26**

The Election Board office will be open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from July 26 through Sept. 9. Office hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

For convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms – with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver’s license, member ID card, passport, etc.) attached – need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on July 28. Tribal members may submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 11. For our members’ convenience there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center building during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a box in the Community Center where completed ballots can be dropped. There will be ballots available, as has been done in the past, for those members who want to vote in person.

It is the voters’ responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day – be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by 6 p.m. Sept. 11. ■

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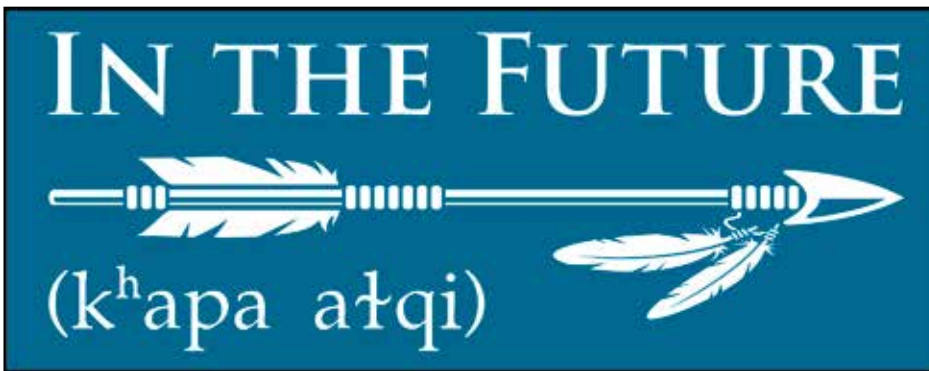
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**July**

- Monday, July 5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.
- Wednesday, July 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, July 24 – Youth Vaccination event on Tribal campus put on by the Health & Wellness Center. 11:30 a.m. meal followed by other activities at 1 p.m. 503-879-2008.
- Wednesday, July 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 28 – Tribal Council Candidates Forum, 6 p.m., via the Zoom teleconferencing program. 503-879-2304.

**August**

- Wednesday, Aug. 11 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

**September**

- Monday, Sept. 6 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council Election Day. Ballots are due by 6 p.m. to be counted.
- Sunday, Sept. 12 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

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

## Tribe drops mask mandate, temperature checks on campus

The Tribe will no longer require masks being worn on the governmental campus and will end temperature check stations in all buildings starting on Thursday, July 1, General Manager David Fullerton announced via e-mail on Tuesday, June 29.

“Although we remain in an active State of Emergency due to the global pandemic, we recognize the accomplishments and the results of all the effort and work our staff and community have done to minimize the impacts of COVID-19,” Fullerton said.

However, he added, specific work areas and duties might continue to require masking due to the nature of the job, such as health care workers in the Health & Wellness Center.

Fullerton said the Tribal government will continue to limit onsite visitors and meetings, and re-evaluate campus access on Aug. 1.

“Most importantly,” he added, “we ask staff to stay home when sick.” ■

## Casino changes: Buffet closing, youths allowed in lodge

**By Dean Rhodes**

*Smoke Signals editor*

The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed one more victim in Oregon: the Cedar Plank Buffet at Spirit Mountain Casino.

In a press release on Tuesday, June 29, the casino announced the buffet, which had not been self-service for many months because of the pandemic, will serve its final meal on Sunday, July 11.

“The classic buffet model has become outdated and unworkable in the current climate,” the press release stated, citing health concerns and the challenging labor market.

After reopening in June 2020 after the casino’s 74-day closure, the buffet went from self-service and myriad dining options to offering customers a list of entrees they could order that would be delivered to their tables. In addition, seating was limited to ensure social distancing.

“We will have no layoffs as a result of this change. All of our existing buffet employees will be offered positions in our other casino restaurants, which will enable us to reopen and even expand the services our other restaurants provide to our gaming guests.”

Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who sits on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors, said during the Wednesday, June 30, Tribal Council meeting that the buffet

was always thought of as a loss leader, but Coyote Club statistics found that buffet customers predominantly do not gamble.

“We would have to charge \$60 per person to break even,” George said, adding that the new concept will increase casino profits by about \$5 million annually.

What will replace the buffet? The casino said it is in the final stages of concept planning and will release details of the new food options “soon.”

In addition, the casino also announced that guests younger than 21 are now allowed to stay at Spirit Mountain Lodge. Those under 21 were banned in 2020 because of the pandemic when the casino and lodge reopened on June 1 after the 74-day closure.

“For the safety of minor guests, they will be limited to our lodge area only,” the casino said in another press release.

Youths will not be allowed to dine at casino restaurants, but guests 21 or older can pick up to-go orders and take them to minors staying in the lodge.

In the second press release, the casino characterized the food option that will replace the buffet as a “new multi-outlet food service area” that people under the age of 21 would be able to patronize.

George said that whatever the new dining concept, Tribal Elders will still be able to get their free Monday evening meal at the casino. ■

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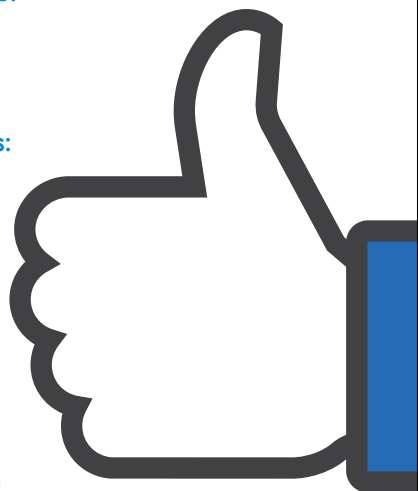
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### ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

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. ■

# Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək 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 July food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

“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 mək<sup>h</sup>mək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 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.)

## YESTERYEARS | A LOOK BACK...

**2016** – Twenty-three Tribal members visited the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to pay their respects to the meteorite Tomanowos in a private ceremony. The delegation was one of the largest ever, and included Tribal staff, Tribal Council members, Tribal royalty, and Tribal members and Elders. For many, it was the first time they participated in a private ceremony with the meteorite.



2016 File photo

**2011** – After a two-year hiatus, the Spirit Mountain Stampede rodeo was back. It had been corralled in 2009 and 2010 as the Tribe tightened its collective belt due to the nationwide recession. The rodeo also had the financial backing of Spirit Mountain Casino to help make it financially successful. There were billboards advertising the event along Interstate 5 and Highway 18, a Facebook page and radio ads.

**2006** – Tribal member Jake McKnight was profiled in *Smoke Signals* after launching a mixed martial arts career. “I just got into it and now I love it,” McKnight said. “It’s a great sport.” In addition to cage fighting, McKnight also worked at the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department. McKnight had spent the past five months training for his newest challenge, and had an extensive history in boxing and wrestling.

**2001** – U.S. Attorney Kristine Olson, who worked with Oregon Tribes throughout her career, was honored at the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse to celebrate her retirement after a long career. “She had the Tribe’s best interests at heart,” Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison said. “She was a good friend to the Tribe, and not only with us, but throughout the nation.” During the event, Olson announced that she would be working with Harrison to write an autobiography of her life. Olson had been collaborating with Harrison on the project for the past several months.

**1996** – In an effort to further increase the number of Tribal members employed at Spirit Mountain Casino, the Human Resources Department was looking to hire someone who could spend the majority of their time to accomplish this goal. “We share the desire to increase the number of Tribal members employed at the casino,” Human Resources Director Kit Devine said. “The new HR representative will take a hard look at finding the right job for every Tribal member who wants one and to work with Tribal programs to ensure Tribal members receive the skills and training necessary to find that right job.”

**1991** – A Grand Ronde veterans group held several meetings during the last few months, hosting organization speakers and planning activities. Recent meetings included information sharing from various veteran organizations. The Grand Ronde group was hoping to become involved with the Northwest Indian Veterans Association and had representatives visit to discuss NIVA activities. In addition to meeting with other organizations, the Grand Ronde group also hoped to establish a Tribal Honor Guard for special events and veteran funerals.

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

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### Enrollment and membership meetings – follow-up

Smoke Signals invited Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and contracted attorney Robert Lyttle, right, to recap the four enrollment and membership meetings held in June. The meetings were intended to provide uniform information to Tribal members about Grand Ronde's enrollment issues. In this podcast, they discuss how they think the meetings went and what the next steps will be for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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# Thomas will guide the day-to-day operations of the casino

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ment team and implemented all of the policies, procedures and systems used in the operation.”

After leaving Spirit Mountain Casino, Thomas worked for nine years for Polaris Gaming Group, which developed four Tribal casinos, two in Washington state and two in California.

For 16 years, he was chief executive officer of Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, Calif., leaving that position in October 2017.

After establishing a horse ranch in Wilsonville, he returned to Grand Ronde Tribal employment in late 2018 when he was hired as the Tribe’s Economic Development director. He helped the Tribe develop two medication-assisted treatment clinics in Salem and Portland to treat people addicted to opioids and also expand the services provided by the Tribe’s Health & Wellness Center.

As interim general manager, Thomas will guide the day-to-day operations of the casino and help the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors find a permanent replacement.

“I am very pleased that Bruce has decided to step back into leadership at the casino,” Jenness said. “His

experience and education will serve the casino and Tribe well in this position. Honestly, Bruce is a breath of fresh air to me and the board as we continue to navigate the ripple effects of COVID-19.

“As you may know, a labor shortage is plaguing all businesses in our community, larger area, region and state. Bruce spent the first several days assessing these issues and working with the executive team on several tactics to address this at the casino. The board is excited to see these tactics rolled out in the near future.

“I am also pleased to personally work with Bruce again. I had the pleasure of working with him while on Tribal Council when we first established Spirit Mountain Casino. It is no surprise to me to see him working well and gelling with the current casino executive team. Bruce is a leader who inspires those around him to growth and excellence. I look forward to laboring with him in leading the Tribe’s primary economic engine to new heights.”



Thomas, 68, graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor’s degree in Economics and English and received a Master’s of Business Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Willamette University College of Law in Salem. ■

## LIHEAP program open in service area

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

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

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







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### VA Virtual Claims Clinic

**Contact Event POC to Schedule an Appointment**

**During the event, you can:**

- ✓ Speak with a VA representative
- ✓ Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions
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**EVENT DATE & TIME(S):**  
July 21-22, 2021

**EVENT POINT OF CONTACT(S) OF VIRTUAL CLAIMS CLINIC:**  
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:**  
Ramona Quenelle  
Tribal Veteran Service Officer  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Phone: 503-879-1484 or Email: CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org




**GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT**  
28450 Tye Road – Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 – 503-879-2401 – Fax 503-879-5973

**ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST**  
**PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING**  
Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.

## 2021 Annual Fish Distribution

Natural Resources Department  
Fish Lab  
47010 SW HEBO ROAD  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347  
(503) 879-2424

**When:**  
Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:00am – 5:30pm  
Friday, August 27, 2021 9:00am – 5:30pm  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



**GRAND RONDE LIVING and ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS**  
**Must show current photo I.D.**

*This year fish will be handed out in a drive through system. Please follow the signage up the hill to the fish lab, receive your fish and then follow the new exit loop road out.*

“See Directions Above”

**We will be asking that you remain in your vehicles again this year and the fish will be brought out to you. Thank you for understanding and consideration of others during this time.**

In 2021, we will continue to use the fish grading system. Each person will be given One **Grade “A”** Fillet and will have the option of ALSO taking multiple **Grade “B”** fish.

“See fish grading chart”



**If picking up for others:**  
A signed release AND **copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required!**  
No early or late pickups  
Fish will NOT be mailed

August 2021 Fish Distribution Release Example

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number, \_\_\_\_\_

Give \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to pick up my fish.

Signature of Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Portland Office Fish Distribution**

When: Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 10 am – 4:00 pm.

Fish will **ONLY** be available to those who preregister.

Preregistration is required **BEFORE Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 4:30pm.**

Please contact Lisa Archuleta to preregister for pickup (503) 879-1881.

## Tribal Council OKs supplemental budget to purchase two properties

By Dean Rhodes and Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff members*

Tribal Council approved a third supplemental budget for 2021 during its Wednesday, June 16, meeting that will allow the Tribe to purchase two new properties – one in Grand Ronde and one in the east Multnomah County suburb of Wood Village.

The \$1.455 million budget increase will fund the purchase of the 25.62-acre Risseeuw 3 property that is immediately south of the Tribe's Risseeuw 2 property at the end of McPherson Road in Grand Ronde.

Tribal Council approved the purchase and sale agreement during its May 19 meeting.

The second property is 0.85 acres located in Wood Village adjacent to the former Multnomah Greyhound Park site that the Tribe purchased in December 2015 for \$10 million.

In October 2020, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced that the Grand Ronde Tribe was reassessing the Wood Village property for the possible location of a new casino in light of the Siletz Tribe's proposal to build a new casino in north Salem.

Tribal Council also OK'd the purchase and sale agreement for the Wood Village property during the June 16 meeting.

The first supplemental budget of 2021 funded a cost-of-living increase for the Elders' pension program and the second allowed the Natural Resources Department to purchase a new 500-gallon wildland fire engine.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved an amendment to the Burial Fund Ordinance that will increase the benefit from \$6,000 to \$7,000;
  - Approved a revised Leasing Ordinance that will allow the Tribe to assume authority to process and approve leases on Tribal trust lands;
  - Approved new transit agreements with the Tillamook County Transportation District for the

60X Coastal Connector route between Lincoln City and Salem and the 70X route between Grand Ronde and Salem;

- Approved a grant agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for eight current grant programs of which only four are currently funded;
- Approved applying to the Administration for Native Americans for a five-year Esther Martinez grant that would fund a teacher and assistant teacher for the planned fifth- and sixth-grade Chinuk Wawa immersion classroom. The grant would bring the Tribe approximately \$1.4 million in funding over the five years;
- Approved accepting a maximum of \$51,000 from the Oregon Youth Corps to help fund Natural Resources' summer youth crew;
- And approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

At the close of the meeting, Tribal Council member Kathleen George said that the Tribe had chosen to recognize Juneteenth as a holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States and is recognized on June 19.

"That is something we all supported and thought it was the right thing to do," she said. "It is a day of reflection and an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of this nation. Tribal people, especially our ancestors, knew what it was like to be oppressed, minimized and expendable. We have great compassion for the long, cruel road that our African-American brothers and sisters have had to travel."

On June 17, President Joseph Biden signed legislation to make Juneteenth a federal holiday after the U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to approve the measure.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Firefighter training



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Grand Ronde Wildland Firefighter Eugene Ryan, front, works with first-year firefighter Ian Overcash digging a hard line on the site of a future prescribed burn on Thursday, June 17, which was the last of training for this year's crew.**

### 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.

Veronica Montano, Member Services Department  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
[Veronica.montano@grandronde.org](mailto:Veronica.montano@grandronde.org)  
503-879-2253

## Health & Wellness offering vaccinations to youths

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations to youths 12 to 17 years of age, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on June 15.

The Tribe is using the Pfizer vaccine on youths. To schedule an appointment, contact the clinic at 503-879-2032.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control recently expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to adolescents, meaning the two governmental organizations determined that clinical trials show the vaccine is safe and effective for children in this age range.

According to [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org), the Tribe has vaccinated more than 20,500 people since it started receiving the two-dose Moderna vaccine in late December with more than 9,950 of those people being Elders 55 and older. ■

## Tribal Council members are paid approximately \$86,000 a year

**COUNCIL continued  
from front page**

inated by his son, Ty George.

Bobb, 72, served two terms on Tribal Council between 2007 and '13 and was re-elected to a third term in 2018, garnering 606 votes. He will be seeking his fourth three-year term on Tribal Council. He was nominated by Kennedy.

Cherry, 50, is attempting to follow in the footsteps of her mother, Candy Robertson, and sister, Angie Blackwell, in serving on Tribal Council.

Cherry worked for 13 years at Spirit Mountain Casino, ending her employment there as the marketing manager. In that position, she oversaw VIP Services, the Coyote Club and the call center, among other duties.

Cherry took over at Spirit Mountain Community Fund in February 2017, also following in Blackwell's footsteps. She was nominated by

Robertson.

McDaniel, 60, was nominated by Tribal Elder Tracie Meyer. She has worked for the Tribe as the Eugene Office coordinator and as an economic development analyst, served on the Tribe's Culture Committee and Cultural Trust Board, and has previously run for Tribal Council four times, most recently in 2011.

Tribal Council nominations occurred Sunday, June 27, in the Tribal Governance Center. Like last year, COVID-19 protocols were in place with only nominators, nominees and a limited number of Tribal staff members in attendance.

Tribal Council members are paid approximately \$86,000 a year with Tribal Council officers earning slightly more, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said. Tribal Council members also have access to an annual \$9,000 travel allowance. ■



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Provided by Native Connections and Project I-LAUNCH.

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**Break the Silence. Save a Life.**

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Wednesday, July 21st from 9:00 am - 10:30 am

If you have questions or to RSVP, please call:  
Amber Mercier at 503-879-1476  
Nancy Versaw at 503-879-1396



# Harrelson named to Oregon Arts Commission

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson has been appointed to a four-year term on the Oregon Arts Commission, which provides leadership, funding and arts programs through grants, special initiatives and services.

Gov. Kate Brown said that Harrelson has championed the use of his people's ancestral art forms for the purpose of public art and his support has resulted in five public art installations in Oregon in the last four years.

"I look forward to lifting up Indigenous artists and art forms while ensuring broad reach and accessibility of the arts statewide," Harrelson, 36, said. "No matter where you live, you are on Indigenous land. Seek out and know your area's Indigenous people and their art."

Harrelson has worked in the field of cultural resources for 10 years after previously working as a wildland firefighter for the Tribe.

Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor said Harrelson's experience in Tribal artistic practices will enhance the organization's efforts to "pursue ensuring greater equity and inclusion in all we do."

"His experience and expertise in



David Harrelson

Tribal artistic practices will enhance our conversations," Taylor said.

Art is also a hobby for Harrelson, who said his inspiration comes from his Indigenous heritage and the western Oregon landscape.

"The process of creating art should be a part of everyone's life," he said.

Harrelson currently sits on the State Advisory Committee for Historic Preservation and is a former board member of the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. He also served as a founding member of the Grand Ronde Editorial Board, which oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals*.

He has a bachelor's degree in history from Lewis & Clark College and his research interests include ethnobotany, contact-era Pacific Northwest history and western Oregon Indigenous art.

His four-year term begins immediately. ■

*Includes information from the Yamhill County News-Register.*



## TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE, CALL 1-800-273-8255 AND PRESS 1 OR TEXT 838255**

**VETERANS CORNER, JULY 1, 2021:**

E-mail [CTGR TribalVSO@grandronde.org](mailto:CTGR TribalVSO@grandronde.org) to register for events and training!

All CTGR veterans send us your e-mail address so we can include you on the monthly CTGR Veterans Newsletter Distribution List and periodic e-mail information updates.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**July 21 & 22, 2021 (Virtual)**  
Veterans Virtual Claims Clinic

Brought to you by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Your Service. Our Mission.

Bringing the VA benefits home event into your community. Contact Event POC to schedule an appointment. During the event, you can:

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Event Point Contact of Virtual Claims Clinic:  
Ramona Quenelle  
Tribal Veterans' Service Officer  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

To schedule an appointment Phone: 503-879-1484  
or Email: [CTGR TribalVSO@grandronde.org](mailto:CTGR TribalVSO@grandronde.org)

**July 24, 2021**  
Veterans Service Office – Gun Lock Event

TVSO will have a booth at this event handing out gun locks to veterans. There will be opportunities to win prizes and meet some of our veteran partners.

**Sept. 2, 2021 at 2 p.m.**  
Mindfulness Behavioral Health Training #3

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

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

**SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:**

**Aug. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)**  
Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available)  
E-mail CTGR TVSO to register.

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**VIETNAM VETERANS - AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?**

The list of conditions presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure has recently expanded. Whether you were on land, air or sea, you may be entitled to compensation from the VA.

**Blue Water Navy: Agent Orange Presumptive Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam.**

1. Are you a Vietnam veteran (includes military, naval, or air service) who served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975?

2. Did you serve aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia?

3. Do you have one or more of the Agent Orange presumptive conditions listed below: IHD, type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, respiratory cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, soft tissue sarcomas, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, hyper thyroidism, etc.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office for more information.





## Watchlist: 'How the U.S. stole thousands of Native American children'

By Kamiah Koch

*Smoke Signals social media/digital journalist*

The history of residential schools in North America is once again in headlines. The Associated Press reported on Thursday, June 24, that 751 unmarked graves were found at a former Native American residential school in Saskatchewan, Canada.

For this edition's Native American Watchlist video, we chose the Vox video "How the U.S. stole thousands of Native American children." This video published in 2019 is 14 minutes long and narrates the history of stolen children from Native lands. Contrary to what some may think, the story of stolen children did not end when residential schools closed.

Instead, Vox's video follows two eras: The boarding school era and the adoption era.

The story starts by introducing the goals of the American government to exterminate the Indigenous people and take their land. The video explains schools were started to assimilate the vulnerable Native children and what life was like for them. They cite mental, physical and sexual abuse, forced manual labor, neglect, starvation and what we are still uncovering today, death.

"By stripping the children of their Native American identities," the narrator says in the video, "the U.S. government had found a way to disconnect them from their lands and that was part of the U.S. strategy."

By the time the video is halfway through, the narrator has brought us up to the 1960s. Around this time schools were closing, but another assimilation tactic was taking shape.

The adoption era started with Native children being represented as "forgotten children." Adoption was cheaper than running federal boarding schools so it was encouraged for Native children to be removed from their families and placed with non-Native families.

Vox interviews Native people who explain their painful experience being placed in new non-Native families.

"Children were taken and believed – like I believed for a long time – that there was something wrong with me, versus something wrong with the system," says Jane Harstad of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

This video says the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1977 was passed and required states to finally provide services to prevent separating Indigenous families and keep children within extended family. It was a move to protect Native families, yet almost 50 years later, it's still under attack.

To watch the full video, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGq-WRyBCHhw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGq-WRyBCHhw) or visit the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel and see our playlist "Watchlist."

## Tribal Council approves grant applications for Portland MAT clinic

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Tribe has yet to open its second medication-assisted treatment clinic for opioid dependency in east Portland, but Tribal Council approved two grant applications during its Wednesday, June 30, meeting that will, if received, help staff the site.

Tribal Council approved a State Opioid Response grant application to the Oregon Health Authority that would bring the Tribe \$200,000 that would help fund a peer support counselor at the Portland clinic.

It also approved a Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant & Substance Abuse grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice that would bring the Tribe \$600,000 over three years that also would help fund staff at the Portland clinic, as well as possibly a school resource officer within the Willamina School District.

The Tribe opened its first medication-assisted treatment center, the Great Circle Recovery clinic, in Salem in March at 1011 Commercial St. N.E. The Tribe purchased a former dental office off Southeast 82nd Avenue in Portland in July 2020 for the Portland clinic.

"We are still working through the permitting and construction process, so we don't have a definite timeframe for opening (the Portland clinic)," Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an application to receive \$333,654 over a three-year period from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fund the Tribe's 477 employment and training program within the Social Services

Department and to consolidate general assistance, Native employment works and job training programs into a single, coordinated plan;

- Approved a Tribal Transportation funding agreement with the Department of the Interior that will bring the Tribe \$1.4 million in funding during fiscal year 2021;
- Approved the enrollment of 13 people into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- And approved the long-term management plan developed by Portland General Electric for the Harborton site on the Willamette River because it will provide significant fish and wildlife benefits for species affected by hazardous chemicals released into Portland Harbor.

Also included in the June 30 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that will permit the Cultural Resources Department to transfer \$10,000 to Oregon State University Press to support publishing of the second edition of "Indians Fire and the Land in the Pacific Northwest" edited by Robert Boyd.

In addition, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier announced that the Tribe's popular Small Loan Program will receive more funding in the near future to allow loans to up to 300 more Tribal members. The initial budget was expended in about two months, he said.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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

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# Virtual Education Summit explores teaching Native culture

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

Approximately 200 Oregon educators from all grade levels participated in the Grand Ronde Education Summit to learn more about the Grand Ronde Tribe, best practices for teaching standards required by Senate Bill 13, Native American art, cultural lifeways and the importance of Indigenous studies.

It's the second year in a row the summit has been held in a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The free professional development training was open to all teachers, who were also provided resources and materials to use in their classrooms.

The one-day summit was held on Thursday, June 24, with Tribal Curriculum Specialist Justine Flynn welcoming participants.

"We strive to bring you meaningful and useful information to help educate your students about Native culture in Oregon, and how it helps all Oregon students," she said.

Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson gave attendees an overview of Grand Ronde Tribal history, governmental structure, various ceremonies and events, as well as a virtual campus tour.

"Tribal people have been here in Oregon since time immemorial, before time began," Harrelson said. "Our people have long memories and the oldest geological event our people remember is the flooding of the Willamette Valley. ... One thing that is really helpful is the names of our ancestors are written on the landscape. These names might be familiar to you and they are named after the people who lived there."

Harrelson also thanked attendees



*"We really do provide a wide variety of support through the state of Oregon to meet the objectives outlined in our plan."*

~ Oregon Indian Education Director  
**April Campbell**

for making Senate Bill 13 curriculum meaningful to students. Senate Bill 13 required the Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon. This includes Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events.

"We have as many schools as Tribal members," Harrelson said. "It's so important to have advocates and allies to help us do the work that needs to be done."

Tribal member and diversity coach Cheyanne Heidt delivered the keynote speech, where she discussed being a Native student and teacher, and her experiences with education in both roles.

She also talked about her business, Destination Diversity, and how she is working to help teachers implement culturally responsive teaching in their classrooms.

"My main theme is focusing on roles in my personal and professional life and how they interact with each other," Heidt said. "What drives my view of education is that the best teachers are those who are willing to learn from their students."

Heidt discussed her background and cultural foundations, and how her educational journey and differ-

ent experiences have informed her passion for culturally responsive teaching.

"I talk about culturally responsive teaching a lot. Not everyone knows about it," she said. "It is integrating students, family and community into your classroom curriculum and strategy. If you ask questions and learn more about students, you can take those pieces of information and integrate them into your classroom and what you teach. ... You can slowly and meaningfully bring culturally responsive teaching into your classroom. Everyone can benefit from these practices."

The summit has continued to increase in popularity among educators, especially in its virtual format, increasing from 90 attendees the first year it was held in Grand Ronde to 250 the fifth year.

After the keynote address, several breakout sessions were held where attendees could ask questions and work in small groups, just as if they were attending the summit in person.

Grand Ronde Tribal member and Oregon Indian Education Director April Campbell was one of the presenters. She works closely with state education groups, Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, and other Native communities and organizations. She also led the revision efforts for the Oregon American Indian/Alaska Native Education State Plan and currently leads efforts to implement Senate Bill 13.

Campbell discussed the services that she provides as Indian Education Director and plans for the future.

"We really do provide a wide variety of support through the state of Oregon to meet the objectives outlined in our plan," she said. "I felt proud that we were able to offer funding to all nine Oregon Tribes for language grants to continue to develop their Tribal language programs. ... With COVID and the social and emotional needs of our Native students, it was nice to be able to support them."

Plans for the next two years include a focus on what Campbell calls the "data justice" issue.

"There really is a gap in compiling data on our students," she said. "When you register a student you will be asked about ethnicities. We're looking at how we can collect it differently to help better identify all our (Native) students."

Other goals include managing discipline, assisting with transition to high school and post-secondary education, having increased Native school staff members, translating materials into Spanish and conducting assessments of Senate Bill 13 implementation efforts.

Curriculum for Senate Bill 13

was developed in 2018 and 2019 by a committee and implemented in school districts for required teaching in the 2019-20 school year to students in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades.

The committee included 18 representatives from Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, led by Portland-based Education Northwest Consultants, a nonprofit organization that worked with the Department of Education to support implementation of Senate Bill 13.

Tribal member and Guided Study/Credit Recovery Teacher Adam Langley led another breakout session that highlighted the importance of Indigenous studies in the classroom.

Langley discussed ways an educator can implement these practices into the curriculum and various starting points, as well as how these studies benefit all students.

"The number one thing we hear from kids is, 'Why haven't we learned this before?'" Langley said.

In the fall, he and Tribal member Zoe Holsclaw will be co-teaching a Shawash (Native) Studies course that will focus on historical and contemporary Native American issues, culture and language, especially as it relates to the Grand Ronde Tribe, and the resiliency of Native people as a whole. It will be offered to all Willamina High School students, regardless of Tribal affiliation.

"It is our hope that Shawash Studies will encourage a deeper understanding of Native American cultures and strengthen relationships and communication between Tribal and non-Tribal students and faculty," Langley said. "It will allow us to dive in and see how different history looks from different perspectives. Indigenous studies are needed because everyone deserves to understand how history has shaped their lives."

Langley also emphasized that anyone can teach Indigenous studies.

"You don't have to teach about culture or language if you don't feel comfortable doing so," he said. "You can examine federal, state and local policies/history same as you would any other subject in your classroom."

Langley closed with providing a brief tutorial of the Tribe's curriculum page and materials. All of these can be accessed for free at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org). Click on the "history and culture" tab, then on "curriculum."

Other morning breakout sessions included the Tribe's Natural Resources Department classroom programs, Native art, opportunities to learn about First Foods and a discussion on federal Native American policies.

Afternoon sessions included cultural and Native stories, Grand Ronde Tribal curriculum, Chinuk Wawa language programs, implementing Native culture in the classroom environment and culturally responsive teaching practices.

All sessions were recorded and will be posted at [www.grandronde.org/educationsummit2021](http://www.grandronde.org/educationsummit2021). ■



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(All Veterans Welcome! Tribal or non-Tribal and in the local area)

**Q: Has it been a while since you applied for benefits or had your benefits reviewed?**  
**A: New legislation could have been passed since the last time you applied for benefits which means potential new avenues of eligibility for you!**

**Q: Do you have a current service-connected disability, but are interested in applying for an increase or additional disabilities?**  
**A: Contact me to schedule an intake appointment as soon as we can to start the process.**

**Q: Have you thought about applying, but think you might not qualify?**  
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**Q: Do you know a Veteran who has not applied for their military benefits, but should try?**  
**A: Refer them to me or give them my contact information (blue box below).**

## Are you a spouse of a military Veteran?

Do you want to help your Veteran spouse apply for and/or increase their benefits?

Have you heard there might be burial benefits or spousal benefits but aren't sure?

Contact me, the **CTGR TVSO** to find out more about the available benefits that could help you and/or your family.

Do you have questions about Veteran benefits for you or the family?

Do you worry about what to do if something happens to your Veteran spouse? Have you wondered how you might make ends meet if something happened?



## Congratulations from Tribal Council



Smoke Signals screenshot by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Tribal Council member Kathleen George, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Secretary Jon A. George and Steve Bobb Sr. offer congratulations to the Tribe's 2021 graduates during a virtual Graduation Celebration held on Friday, June 18.

## Tribe honors 78 graduates during virtual celebration

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde honored 78 graduates earning eighth-grade promotion certificates through graduate degrees during the virtual Honors and Recognition Graduation Celebration held Friday, June 18.

Due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony was held virtually for the second year in a row. Two videos, one featuring GED and college graduates and another featuring high school graduates and eighth-grade promotions, were streamed on the Grand Ronde Education Program's Facebook page.

The videos began with Education Department Manager Angela Fasana offering graduates congratulations.

"Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life," she said. "It's a huge accomplishment and it is lots of work. You have given us something to celebrate this year. We hope someday your journey will bring you back to the Tribal campus, working with Tribal government, but wish you well wherever your journey leads."

Education Committee Chair Tammy Cook and other members also congratulated all of the graduates, along with Higher Education Manager Brian Langley, Youth Enrichment Manager Tim Barry, the Youth Empowerment Prevention Team and other staff members.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that this past school year has been like no other.

"This year has been a year of obstacles," she said. "You as students have gone through a time no other students have had to. For all of your hard work, you've come to this day and this time of your graduation. Tribal Council stands before you to honor you and celebrate you."

All graduates' names will be added to a plaque with other graduates that lines the wall in the Adult

Education Building.

Tribal graduates honored this year were:

**Eighth grade:** Owen Graham, Izzy Youso, Taytum West, Daneyella Davis, Michael Smith, Katherine Stryker, Sean Gerbrandt, Madison Grant, Matthew Trump-Torres, Austin Carrasco, Gracie Mercier, Braxton Stonebrink, Grayson Farr and Moriah Langley.

**High school:** Kaleb Allen, Dominik Briant, Olivia Hughes, Joshua Rye, Gabriel Keith, Liam O'Gallachoir, Sophia Morning-Star, Isabelle Grout, Jason Page, Makai Simmons, Inatye Lewis, Moses Mercier, Vivyan Lopez, Aiyanah Larsen, Mabel Brisbois, Ian Davis, Caty McCormick, Prommis Thornley and Neeko Gilbert.

**GED:** Dillon Gibbons.

**Associate degrees:** Isabell Bobb, Jessica Fore, Nathan Fugate, Kaelyn Gleason, Joseph Ham, Taylina Jeffers, Keri Kimsey, Madison Leno, Megan Love, Justin Parazoo, Tisha Pellett, Nathan Rolston, Trinity Sherwood, Mike Smith and Jessica Winder.

**Bachelor's degrees:** Anthony Ahedo, Taylor Bradford, Gabrielle Colton, Bailey Daniels, Samantha Furtado, Dustin Hawks, Zoey Holsclaw, Cassandra Hughes, Jesse Norton, Abigail Portwood, Michael Reyes, Samuel Riding In, Katie Schmitt, Thomas Schmitt, McKenna Thomas, Christian Trimpe, Gary Westley, Crystal Goldade and Allison Wockenfuss.

**Master's degrees:** Valeria Atanacio, Melinda Bonson, Bradly Dorman, Tricia Gray, Christopher Mercier, Veronica Montano, Bryanna Trevino, Lela Weeks, Lindsay McCue and Charlotte Weiss.

Those earning a GED, certificate or associate degree received a Pendleton saddle blanket. Bachelor degree graduates received a Pendleton blanket and those who earned a graduate degree received a Pendleton blanket and carved paddle. ■

## Cultural Encampments slated in Linn County

**SWEET HOME** – Two three-day encampments in Linn County will be put on by Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Deitz Peters and family.

The first, being held July 9-11 at Sunnyside County Park near Sweet Home, will feature two tipis for viewing, leather crafts and storytelling around a campfire.

The encampment begins at 1 p.m. each day and wraps with a celebration feast scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11.

The second cultural encampment is slated for Aug. 27-29 at Cascadia State Park, which is east of Sweet Home off Highway 20.

It will follow the first encampment schedule.

For more information about either encampment, visit the Linn County Parks & Recreation website at [linnparks.com](http://linnparks.com). ■

## 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. ■

## 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](mailto: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.



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# In-person family event planned for July 24

**By Danielle Harrison**

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

The Grand Ronde Tribe is planning its first in-person family event in more than 15 months since the pandemic shut down the Tribal campus to visitors.

With Oregon closing in on a 70-percent vaccination level for adults, the Tribal Health & Wellness Center will be hosting an event for Tribal families beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 24, on the Tribal campus that will include vaccinations for youth ages 12 to 17, a meal, social powwow, lacrosse activities and 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

“I’m looking forward to being able to celebrate each other and our culture,” Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said during a Wednesday, June 23, Facebook Live event. “We will be doing this outside and include lots of hand sanitizer and distancing for those who have not yet been vaccinated. People will also need to sign in for the event.”

The Facebook Live event was the 18th held since the Tribal government shut down in March 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Approximately 90 people logged on to watch the event, which featured Rowe, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier and General Manager David Fullerton.

The event was originally scheduled for June 16, but had to be rescheduled due to technical issues. Those issues also appeared during the June 23 event with Kennedy’s microphone going out and forcing her to move to a different seat in Tribal Council Chambers.

Fullerton said that the Tribal government was still in a state of emergency, but that more than 70 percent of employees have been vaccinated so some restrictions are being lifted.

“Vaccinated employees no longer have to wear masks unless they are interacting with the public,” he said. “We’re hoping to move into phase four soon, but for now limited access

to the campus is still in place.”

Phase four would allow in-person meetings and outside visitors to the Tribal campus.

Fullerton also said that the Tribe still has rental assistance funds available to members whose incomes have been affected by COVID-19 and to contact Social Services at 503-879-2077 for more information on how to access the funds.

Mercier announced that the Tribe has two new grants set up for Tribal member households to access. One is for healthy eating and the other is exercise related.

“One of the good things that came out of the pandemic is that it forced us to look at the services we offer to members and what we could do to promote healthy living,” Mercier said.

The healthy foods assistance program will include a one-time \$300 allowance for households and can be used for items such as fruit and vegetable gardening supplies, online meal kits and farm box deliveries.

The exercise program will follow the same model and include things like weights, fitness equipment, gym memberships, athletic camps for youths, swimming lessons, bikes and more.

“Because of COVID, many people were stuck at home, sitting on the

couch and eating,” Mercier said. “These programs are important to help promote better habits. It’s good to be mindful of your eating and exercise. We hope these will become permanent grants.”

Information on how to apply will be announced soon, he added.

Rowe also announced that the clinic is now vaccinating all youth ages 12 to 17, provided they are registered with the clinic. For more information or to make an appointment, call 503-879-2032.

So far, the Tribe has vaccinated 20,588 people, which includes 9,961 Elders. Since testing began at the clinic in April 2020, it has administered 2,423 with 2,148 negative and 89 positive results. There are currently two active cases of COVID-19 that the clinic is monitoring, she added.

Kennedy closed the Facebook Live event by giving a brief overview of the American Rescue Plan Act funds, of which the Tribe has thus far received \$27.5 million, according to [usaspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov).

“We’re making decisions about the use of those funds,” Kennedy said. “They have a longer lifespan than the CARES Act in 2020.”

CARES Act funds must be spent by the end of 2021 while Tribes will have until the end of 2024 to spend American Rescue Plan monies. ■

## Health & Wellness Center hours

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

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Tribal member and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta helps his sister, Portland Area Tribal Services Representative Lisa Archuleta, adjust her floatation vest before harvesting lamprey at Willamette Falls on Monday, June 14. The lamprey harvesting season goes from June to the end of July, Friday through Monday, in the daylight hours.



Tribal Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta and Child & Family Services Caseworker Kevin Simmons look on as Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Fishery Tech Michael Buck (Yakama Nation) scans a lamprey for a tag at Sportscraft Marina.

# Lamprey harvesting



From left, Tribal member Izayah Hall joins Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen and Wildlife Technician Kyle McLaughlin as they carry an ice cooler of lamprey to the scanning site at Sportscraft Marina.



Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Fishery Tech Michael Buck (Yakima Nation), center, shows, from left, Tribal member Izayah Hall, Youth Empowerment and Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout and Child & Family Services Caseworker Kevin Simmons how lamprey scanning works at Sportscraft Marina on Monday, June 14. Tribal members caught the lamprey fish at Willamette Falls.

Freshly caught lamprey wait in an ice cooler to be scanned for tags at Sportscraft Marina.



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**Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez**

The boat carrying Tribal members to harvest lamprey nears the fishing site at Willamette Falls on Monday, June 14.



# ‘Staying clean requires honesty’

RECOVERY continued  
from front page

have a conscious recollection of the early part of her life, the trauma of abandonment would play a huge role in her addiction story.

“When I was 14 years old, I stumbled across some paperwork about my life, and got really confused and angry,” she says. “Soon after, I began using drugs. My adoptive parents were wonderful people, but they had no idea about the issues they would later come across. No one did at that time, really.”

Before her discovery, Plummer had known little about her birth parents or circumstances leading to her adoption.

“My parents tried to shelter me from everything bad,” she says. “I went to a Christian school. I never learned anything about drugs in school and we didn’t have any sex education. We went to chapel. I never felt like I fit in there. I didn’t know who I was mad at, exactly, only that I was very angry.”

After experimenting with marijuana, she tried meth and became involved with older men.

“I liked doing drugs at first,” Plummer says. “It was an escape.”

As her addiction evolved, Plummer learned to change the groups of people she associated with depending on how deep she was in her addiction in an effort to feel better about herself when comparing the things she did with their behaviors.

“I was partying with older men and went back and forth to my parents’ house,” she says. “I got pretty tangled up in some bad situations at a young age. It was easy for me to get the drugs because the people I was around were pretty big (in the drug scene) so it was easy for me to get it. I didn’t have a problem with access, so I never had to do anything too bad.”

After a tumultuous year, Plummer told her parents she wanted to quit Salem Academy and get her GED after she finished her sophomore year of high school.

“I did what I said, and then got my GED and had a job working at Taco Time,” Plummer says. “The only trouble I got into was being out past curfew. Looking back, what I put my parents through was sad.”

After her 18th birthday, Plummer began to search for her birth parents. After calling the Siletz Tribe and getting nowhere, someone suggested she contact Grand Ronde. Unbeknownst to her at the time, her biological aunt Margo George was the Tribe’s enrollment clerk.

“I’ll never forget what she said to me,” Plummer recalls. “She told me, ‘I’m your aunt Margo and we’ve been looking for you.’”

Soon after, she connected with her birth family, learned her birth name was Tonia George and became close to brother Marty George. She also met her first ex-husband, became pregnant and was a mother at 20.

“I wasn’t doing much drugging during that time,” she says. “But

## 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, and 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](mailto: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. ■



my marriage only lasted a short period of time. My ex would disappear with my son and weeks or months would go by until someone would finally tell me where they went. We didn’t have a custody arrangement so I would have to track my son down. My old lifestyle crept back in. It never completely left, really. It became the life I knew. I felt like I fit in there.”

However, Plummer also felt conflicted.

“I had been brought up a certain way, with values that were deep-rooted from going to church, that God could see everything I was doing. There was always a twinge of guilt when I used. It became hard to walk that line.”

Plummer continued on that path for a few more years and had a daughter in 1994. A custody battle ensued a few months later between her and the baby’s father. That went on until 1997, after her second son was born and tested positive for methamphetamine.

That incident is what began a 14-year entanglement with the Oregon Department of Human Services and Indian Child Welfare. Both children were removed from her care. Her daughter was placed with her father and her youngest son with foster parents. Plummer’s oldest child already lived with family members in Portland.

“After my (youngest) son tested positive for meth, that was when DHS and the Tribe got involved,” she says. “That was also when I first was confronted with having a drug problem. It took me a long time to understand the depth of the problem. I did what they asked and got my baby back. I would eventually fall into that lifestyle, but I had a job and my house was spotless. I

was a fairly functioning addict for a while.”

Plummer’s pattern with men didn’t change.

“I had horrible relationships with them until I met my current husband,” she says.

Eventually, her choices led to being sentenced to three-and-a-half years at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville in 2009.

There, with plenty of time to reflect, Plummer reached out via a letter in *Smoke Signals*. That letter connected her with Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr. and his wife, Connie, who began writing to her.

“Meeting them was a lifesaver,” she says.

Plummer also began to see how the root of her addiction began with childhood trauma of abandonment and other unresolved issues.

“I could have just blamed my ex-husband because he was abusive and say that I didn’t have a choice and had to sell drugs in order to pay the rent and feed the kids, but I needed to get honest with myself,” she says. “I had to stop fighting.”

When she was released from prison in 2011, Plummer stayed with the Bobbs.

“It was a blessing,” she says. “I knew that I didn’t want to get out of prison and move back to the same town I had lived my entire life.”

Then came the toughest moment she had faced: During a 2011 hearing to determine if her parental rights would be permanently terminated, Plummer was advised by her lawyer Todd McCann to give guardianship of her two youngest children, who were still minors, to their foster parents. After she had achieved sobriety, a place to live and a job, her lawyer said they would petition the court for custody.

“I immediately got to work,” Plummer says. “Regardless if I got them back, I needed to be present. I needed to be clean. I wanted to at least be available to them. It was my own choices that led to this. It was painful, but it was also freeing.”

Plummer began working for the Tribe in the temp pool, then applied

for a job as the Housing Department receptionist. She then found a place to live. By the end of 2013, she had been given sole custody of her children.

“My kids did a lot of suffering at the hands of my choices,” she says. “I feel so blessed because of the amount of unconditional love my kids have given me throughout all of this. They saw me work hard and then fall down, but they loved me.”

Plummer is also grateful to the Tribe.

“I didn’t have a great experience with state DHS, but am thankful for the Tribe and the chances we are given,” she says. “They really want to keep families together.”

After regaining custody, next on her list was getting an education. Plummer attended Portland Community College, then went on to complete a bachelor’s degree in management and organizational leadership from George Fox University, then a master’s degree in business administration from Eastern Oregon University, and is currently enrolled at Tulsa University, where she plans to earn a master’s of jurisprudence in Indian law.

“Recovery has not been easy, but it is simple,” she says. “You have to make a decision. It has been 10 years now, so I don’t think about it anymore. My hard work is going to work every day, being a good grandma to my four grandkids and going to college.”

Plummer adds that her grandchildren are “the light of my life.”

“If I was loaded, I wouldn’t get to be a grandma,” she says. “I wouldn’t be able to work with my daughter in the Housing Department. I consider it all a blessing.”

One program that was key to keeping a connection with her children while she was in prison was the Family Preservation Project. There, families eat lunch together, bond and do activities, all without the watchful eye of a guard the entire time. Plummer is a speaker and advocate for the program, and has testified several times before the Oregon Legislature in favor of keeping it when budget cuts threatened to eliminate it.

“The recidivism rate for the women who were involved in the program when I was is zero,” she says. “We get together every year and all are still doing OK. They have dedicated their lives to this cause.”

And her advice for Tribal members who are struggling with substance misuse?

“Staying clean requires honesty: Brutal, painful honesty,” Plummer says. “It is hard work and you have to change everything, including the people you hung around with. Sometimes, it’s a family member. You have to have boundaries. Will power ain’t gonna do it.”

Plummer says it is the first time she’s shared her recovery story in detail, but she hopes telling it will help others.

“I believe stories of recovery are the hope that we give to the addicts who are still suffering,” she says. ■

# 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
<b>Hunt Name:</b> _____
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"/>

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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. 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"/>

1ST SEASON ELK
BULL ONLY
NOV. 13 - NOV 16, 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. 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"/>

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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
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## TAG RETURN DEADLINES

In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (Kill or No Kill, and lost tags) are required **TO BE REPORTED within 10 days of the last day of hunt.**

In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities the following ways: Telephone at 503-879-2424; e-mail at NRD@grandronde.org; mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension. ■

### Bow Deer (Buck Only)

AUG. 28 - SEP. 26, 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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### BOW ELK - BULL ONLY

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 26, 2021

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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### BEAR

AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### C/D DOE PERMITS

OCT. 02 - NOV. 5, 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### YOUTH Antlerless ELK

AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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### YOUTH Upper Tualatin - Trask

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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. ■

### Optometry hours

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
  - 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday
  - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday (no eye exams, optical only)
- Please call to schedule your appointment at 503-879-2097 or 800-775-0095. ■

## Community Health Program

### Medical Transport Services

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

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



## Haaland orders boarding schools report by April 2022

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the first Native American to serve in a presidential Cabinet, has ordered her federal department to prepare a report by April 1, 2022, that will comprehensively review the legacy of federal boarding school policies.



Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland

While speaking before the National Congress of American Indians mid-year conference on Tuesday, June 22, Haaland announced the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative that will be supervised by Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

“The Interior Department will address the inter-generational impact of Indian boarding schools to shed light on the unspoken traumas of the past, no matter how hard it will be,” Haaland said. “I know that this process will be long and difficult. I know that this process will be painful. It won’t undo the heartbreak and loss we feel. But only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we’re all proud to embrace.”

Beginning with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the United States enacted laws and implemented policies establishing and supporting Indian boarding schools whose purpose was to culturally assimilate Indigenous children by forcibly relocating them to distant residential facilities where their Tribal identities, languages and beliefs were suppressed, often forcibly.

One of those schools, Chemawa Indian School, opened in February 1880 in Salem, Ore. Spurred by the recent discovery of 215 unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Canada, the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative will investigate the loss of life and the lasting consequences of residential Indian boarding schools in the United States. The goal will be to identify boarding school facilities and sites; locate known and possible student burial sites; and identify children interred at such locations and their Tribal affiliations.

The Interior Department continues to operate residential boarding schools through the Bureau of Indian Education, but now the schools aim to provide quality education to Native students and empower them to better themselves and their communities, according to the Department of the Interior.

Haaland, a member of the Laguna Pueblo Nation in New Mexico, also became the first Native American to lead the Department of the Interior when she was sworn into office earlier this year after being nominated to the post by President Joseph Biden. ■

**THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE**

# TRIBAL COURT

## INDIGENT DEFENSE PROGRAM

The Tribal Court is actively seeking attorneys for our Indigent Defense Program to represent parents and children involved in neglect and abuse cases within the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court.

If interested please contact the Tribal Court:

Shane Thomas  
Tribal Court Programs Coordinator

9615 Grand Ronde Road,  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Phone: 503-879-4623  
Fax: 503-879-2269  
shane.thomas@grandronde.org

[www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-court](http://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-court)

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9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
503-879-2116  
[memberservices@grandronde.org](mailto:memberservices@grandronde.org)



## We Want To Hear From You!

That's right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! We look forward to hearing what you have to say. ■



## 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.  
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SESSION 3 JULY 22 at Noon to 2 p.m.  
LAST SESSION JULY 29 at Noon to 2 p.m.

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## 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

"taxayami!"

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>- K-5 group  
June 29<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>- K-5 group  
July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>- 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>- K-5 group  
August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>- 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...

### Laisane Ray McKnight

Nov. 3, 1956 – June 6, 2021

Tribal Elder Laisane Ray McKnight was born on Nov. 3, 1956, in Dallas, Ore. He then moved to Seaside, Ore., where he graduated high school in 1974. The day after graduating, he enlisted in the Army where he was a tanker in I Troop 3/11 ACR stationed in Germany. After serving, he returned to Clatsop County, where he then began dispatching with Medix Ambulance.

He soon met Donna Schott and inherited Latt and Melissa Benfield. He had three children: two sons who preceded him in death, Donald and Nicholas McKnight, and a daughter, Jacqueline McKnight.

Climbing the ranks of Medix First Responder and EMT, he eventually became a paramedic. He took classes at Clatsop and Chemeketa community colleges.

While taking classes, he met his wife, Sally McKnight. He was then further blessed with two more sons, Keith Haynes and Bryan Arceneaux. He taught CPR and first aid throughout the community, as well as teaching EMT classes at Clatsop Community College. Along with belonging to the American Legion, he spent a lot of time watching and betting on the horses and dogs at the track. He had a horse and turtle that he enjoyed feeding and caring for at his home in Arizona.

Along with his many hobbies and accomplishments, he orchestrated the creation of Olney Walluski Fire and Rescue. He was instrumental in getting the department up and running with donations from local fire departments. He was their first fire chief. In 2001, the state of Oregon added Zane to its Star of Life, which was held in Washington, D.C. After that, he sought out warmer and drier climates, so he moved to Arizona. There, he continued to work as a paramedic until he retired. After retirement, he continued to teach CPR and first aid to foster and adopting parents. He never stopped educating and training; emergency medical services were his life.

He was preceded in death by Cleo and Geneva McKnight and is survived by his brothers, Leslie McKnight and Lorry McKnight and his wife, Elaine; sisters, Patricia Watson and her husband, Ron, and Nadine Scott and her husband, Brady; nieces, Wendy and Teri Watson; nephew, Cody Watson; great-niece, Tessa Reither; great-great-niece, Aariyah Paden; and granddaughter, Tiana Haynes.

Laisane, you may be gone, but never forgotten. Your love and service throughout your life will live on in the hearts and memories of the communities and their families that you have touched along the way.



### Joe Allen Simi

Sept. 7, 1957 – June 23, 2021

Tribal Elder Joe Allen Simi walked on peacefully on June 23, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. Joe was born on Sept. 7, 1957, in Silverton, Ore., to Robert Simi and Annabell Poole (Houck).

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandmother, Anna Pionteki; brother, Bobby Simi; sister, Janet Titus; and niece, Amy Jeffers. He is survived by sisters, Julie Little, Jeanna Buxton, Janie Stuck, Jill Brandon and Jolene Kamna; and lots of nieces and nephews.

Joe mainly grew up in Molalla and McMinnville, and had recently lived in Willamina for the past 20 years. He graduated from Molalla High School. After high school, Joe began his logging career. He was an avid logger, hunter and fisherman. He spent most of his free time in the mountains; it was his happy place. He chose a logging career in honor of his father, Robert. He gained the nickname "Slimy Joe" from his logging buddies.

His dogs were his children. He left behind two black labs, Rilee and Charlie. He also was preceded in death by his previous dogs, Rosie and Molly. If you ever received a card or gift from him, he always signed his dogs' names. His dogs were also considered as aunts to his nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 1, at Grand Ronde Lighthouse Church. Interment will follow at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Joe will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



### Other passings

#### Robert Gene Mason

March 9, 1958 – June 25, 2021

Tribal Elder Robert Gene Mason walked on Friday, June 25, 2021. Geiland-Buehner Funeral Home in Oelwein, Iowa, is assisting the family.

## 2nd Holmes Reunion

Noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 17.  
Bring your own chairs and either a side dish or dessert.  
Bring your own drinks. 22870 S.W. Grand Ronde Road  
Contact: sueclark2050@gmail.com

## The Jeffers Family Reunion

will be canceled again for 2021.  
For more information, contact Evelyn Seidel  
at 503-831-4955.



### Bennett Schlappie-Guerrera birthday

June 25:

Bennett Schlappie-Guerrera turns a year old!

He has brought so much happiness to our lives.

Happy Birthday Sun Son, we love you! -Mama, Dada and family.



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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## Thursday, June 10

- Welfare check performed in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of Hebo Road and Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 28100 block of McPherson Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Friday, June 11

- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Tyee and Grand Ronde roads.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Willamina Drive and Fifth Street.
- Trespass arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate on a vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Saturday, June 12

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Stolen vehicle arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of West Main and Bridge streets in Sheridan.
- Public assist occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.

## Sunday, June 13

- Hit-and-run reported in the area of Tilixam Circle and Raven Loop.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic assault reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Restraining order violation arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Methamphetamine arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Monday, June 14

- Attempt to locate a hit-and-run suspect vehicle occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 99.
- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Shots heard in the area of Blacktail Drive and Blue Jay Court.
- Assist outside agency in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Welfare check reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Tuesday, June 15

- Trespass arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Civil standby performed in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Crash reported in the 8300 block of Steel Bridge Road.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.

## Wednesday, June 16

- Unlawful entry to a motor vehicle/theft arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate on a possible homicidal subject occurred in the 47400 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency at the 260 block of Southeast Washington Street in Willamina.

## Thursday, June 17

- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, June 18

- Crash reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 7 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River

Highway.

- Illegal dumping reported in the area of Tyee and Grand Ronde roads.
- Theft reported in the area of milepost 4 on Agency Creek Road.
- Alarm went off in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 13 on Highway 18.

## Saturday, June 19

- Driving complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 30000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance arrest occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Disorderly conduct reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Sunday, June 20

- Assist outside agency in the area of highways 18B and 18.
- Traffic assist in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate a reckless driver in the area of milepost 16 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of A.R. Ford Road and Birch Avenue.
- Assist outside agency in the 900 block of Southwest Pine Street in Willamina.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- 911 hang-up call reported in the 26300 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Monday, June 21

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Cover request occurred in the 500 block of Northeast Main Street in Willamina.
- Attempt to locate performed in the 28200 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Ordinance violation reported in the area of milepost 2 on Agency Creek Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Ead Creek Road and Wind River Drive.

## Tuesday, June 22

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- No contact order violation arrest in the area of Hebo Road and Old Fort roads.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast First Street in Willamina.

## Wednesday, June 23

- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Cover request received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Missing property reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 26000 block of Highway 18B.

*Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Tyler Brown.*

# 'Thank a Veteran'

Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB acknowledge the service of veterans in their family and the community.

The collections also can be found at [www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty) and [www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB).





**With Respect Honor and Gratitude Thank you Veterans**

**Great Uncle Tom Bean US Army**


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





Hayu masi to all of our brave veterans that have served and continue to serve our country. I'd also like to thank my Little Grandpa, Uncle Al and Christopher for their service. - with love and gratitude Des

Desirae Hernandez  
Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022





Thank you for your service Uncle Fred.

Grace Macon  
Little Miss Princess 2020/2021





hayu masi k'anawi uk shulchast-tlixam pus k'anawi ikta msayka munk. -Willow  
(Thank you to all of the Veterans for all that you do.)

Willow Squetimkin  
Tiny Tot Candidate 2021/2022





Not only are you my Grandpa, but you are also my hero. For your bravery and service I want to take the time to thank you. r.i.p. Love, Kalea Liebelt

Great Grandpa Kenneth Lafferty  
Marine Corps

Little Miss Grand Ronde 2020/2021  
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## CULTURAL EDUCATION

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Isabelle Grout  
Senior Miss Grand Ronde · 2020/2021




Sophia Grout  
Junior Miss Grand Ronde 2020/2021



Our favorite Veteran is our 3rd cousin "Uncle Jr. Herman Hudson" he was our tribes last living WW2 Veteran and passed away just this month (June). It was a privilege and honor to know him. He was kind and loving and was always there for a hug. We will miss him.




Vincent Mercier, age 24. WWII Veteran

I am so glad that Grandpa Vincent fought for us and I am very proud.

Ila Mercier  
Little Miss Candidate 2021/2022




The Veteran I want to honor is my Mom, Ramona. She served in the Navy from 1999-2003. And now, she makes beautiful dresses for us to dance and dances Old Style Jingle. I am so proud of her because she served our country.

Leloo  
Leloo Quenelle  
Little Miss Princess  
2020/2021





Veterans Queen Candidate 2021/2022




Great Grandpa Robert L. Simi - US Navy



I'd like to recognize & honor my two great-grand father's for their service to our country. Our family appreciates the strength & sacrifice it takes to serve our country.

Kaleigha Simi  
Veterans Senior Queen  
2020/2021  
Senior Miss Candidate  
2021/2022





Thank you to my great grand father Russell P. Lazore for your service and all who have served.

- Anavey Smith



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




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Great-grandpa Arthur Zimmer, Army  
Grandpa Joseph Zimmer, Army



Real heroes dont have a name on the back of their jersey.

They have their country's flag on the arm of a uniform. Thank you for our freedom.

Love,  
Nacoma



Nacoma Liebelt • Veterans Warrior 2020/2021  
Veterans Warrior Candidate 2021/2022



Marie Quenelle

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



The Veteran I want to honor is my Uncle Jake. He was a Sergeant in the Army and he was a Mechanic. He loved visiting with family and loved fry bread. We love you Uncle Jake. ~Marie



Ulali Quenelle  
Tiny Tot 2020/2021  
Tiny Tot Candidate  
2021/2022



The Veteran I want to honor is my mom. She was in the Navy. I am so grateful to have her as my mom. She got to see a lot of different countries in her travels. She is and will always be my hero. I love you mom. Love, Ulali



Tasina Bluehorse

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



Thank you  
great uncle  
John.



Sophia Catron  
Tiny Tot  
Candidate  
2021/2022

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



Hello everyone, my name is Kaleigha Simi and I am the outgoing Senior Miss Veterans Queen for the years of 2020-2021. It was definitely a rough year for all of us in our own ways, but we all pushed through it. I wouldn't have been able to make it through this past year without the support from my mom, so a huge thank you goes out to her. I'd also like to thank my family, my royalty family and our community for all of their love and support. One thing I've learned this past year was to always look forward, that even though things are rough in the present, it will get better in the future. I dedicated my year as the Senior Miss Veterans Queen to my two great-grand fathers; Robert L. Simi (US Navy) and Marvin L. Kimsey (US Navy), our family appreciates the strength and sacrifice it takes to serve our country. We respect and honor those who serve, as well as those who support them at home. In closing, I'd personally like to thank all the men & women in uniform; past, present and future, it has been my honor to represent you.

Hello,  
My name is Nacoma Liebelt and I am very proud to have been your Veterans Warrior for 2020/2021. I would like to thank my tribe, the honor guard, and my family for letting me represent for another year. It's been a rough year as I haven't been to a powwow in 16 months. I have high hopes this year will be different and that things will open up and we can go back to life as we knew it. I am also running for Veterans Warrior 2021/2022 this will be my 5th year representing my tribe and it will be my honor.  
Stay safe  
Stay healthy  
Hayu masi



Hello everyone my name is Tasinalutawin Bluehorse, I am 14 years old. I attend McMinnville High School and going into the 10th grade. Even though the pandemic hit us hard I'd still like to thank everyone who helped me over the past year and I wished that I've could've been more active as the Jr Queen. It's been a honor serving as the Jr Veterans Queen of the past 4 years, and I'm excited to serve another year. With being on royalty I've traveled and been more part in the community and with the tribe. With stuff slowly opening up and places getting better I hope this upcoming year we get to do more activities and travel more. Hayu Masi.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty) and [www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB](http://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.



laxayam,

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



laxayam,  
lulu-t'wax nayka nim.  
taxam-k'ul nayka.  
shawash-ili?i nayka.

## Ila Mercier

(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.)



## GROWTH MINDSET

### what is it?

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

### IS YOUR MINDSET FIXED?

- o become threatened by other people's success
- o try hard to appear as smart or capable as possible

A person with a fixed mindset may do these things:

- o avoid challenges
- o give up easily
- o ignore feedback

### WHAT DOES GROWTH MINDSET LOOK LIKE?

- A person with a growth mindset may do these things:
- embrace challenges
  - give their best effort
  - learn from feedback
  - become inspired by other people's successes
  - believe their intelligence can change if they work hard

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






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.





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.

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**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  
503-879-1920  
elaine.lane@grandronde.org

*We enroll families, not just students. It is our belief that the only way for the language to live and flourish is for it to be learned and used in the home by the whole family.*

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Certified Application Assisters at the Health & Wellness Center

Cassandra Rhomey is available to assist with recertification and applications for the Oregon Health Plan. She can be reached at 503-879-1359 or [cassandra.rhomey@grandronde.org](mailto:cassandra.rhomey@grandronde.org). Leah Bailey also is a Certified Application Assister available to help. She can be reached at 503-879-2197 or [leah.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:leah.bailey@grandronde.org). ■

## Mark your calendar!

Come join us for food and fun on July 24, starting at 11:30 a.m.! Get your team together and start practicing while you are waiting for more information on the 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament!

We want to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Please RSVP to 503-879-1407 or e-mail [sisiley.scott@grandronde.org](mailto:sisiley.scott@grandronde.org) with a head count if you and your family plan on attending.

## Indig-Immunity

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### Youth Vaccination Event Social Powwow 3 on 3 Youth Basketball Lacrosse Activities

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July 24--Tribal Campus Tents

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Event

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## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

in early childhood settings

Parents & Caregivers, keep an eye out for your child's invitation to a screening event happening soon!

### CHARACTERISTICS OF SCREENING TOOLS

- Quick and easy to use
- Accurate, both sensitive and specific
- Completed by parents, caregivers, doctors, teachers, child care providers, home visitors, or other professionals.



**SCREENING ANSWERS THE QUESTION,**  
"Does a child need an in-depth assessment?"

### SCREENING CAN...

- identify children who are developing on schedule.
- identify children who would benefit from practice or support in specific areas.
- Identify children at risk for developmental delays who should be referred for further evaluation.



### SCREENING CANNOT...

- diagnose delays or disabilities
- identify specific child goals to target.
- screening only provides information on general areas of development.



### EXAMPLES OF SCREENING TOOLS USED WITHIN THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY:

- ASQ (Ages & Stages Questionnaire)
- ASQ-SE (Ages & Stages - Social/Emotional Questionnaire)
- EPDS (Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale)
- PHQ-9 Teen Version (Depression Assessment)
- CRAFFT Questionnaire (Substance Use Questionnaire)
- MCHAT (Autism Screening)
- DECA (Devereux Early Childhood Assessment/focuses on key social and emotional strengths).
- ILAUNCH Social Needs & Stress Assessment



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### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES



#### You can help stop the pandemic by getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

To protect our elders and our community, we need to use all our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect our health. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so you can fight the virus.

Each tribal nation or state has its own plan for deciding who will be vaccinated first. Contact your health department or clinic to find out when and where vaccines will be available in your community.

#### The COVID-19 vaccine can help keep you from getting COVID-19.

COVID-19 can cause serious illness or death. All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective. Even if you still get the disease after you get vaccinated, the vaccine should protect you from more serious illness.

#### The COVID-19 vaccine will be free for you.

The United States government is providing the vaccine free of charge to all people in the United States. No one should be charged for the vaccine.



#### Some COVID-19 vaccines need two shots.

If you are told you need two shots, make sure to get your second shot at the time you are told, so you can get the most protection.

#### The COVID-19 vaccine will not give you COVID-19.

The authorized COVID-19 vaccines **cannot** make you sick with COVID-19. They **do not** contain the virus that causes COVID-19. Getting vaccinated may also protect others around you.

#### After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects.

You may have tiredness, headache, chills, and mild fever for 1-2 days. These are normal signs that your body is building protection against COVID-19. After getting the shot, you will be asked to wait for 15-30 minutes to see that you are okay.

#### You should still get vaccinated if you've already had COVID-19.

Even if you have already had COVID-19, it is possible—although rare—that you could get COVID-19 again. Experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after having COVID-19. Vaccination is the best protection.

If you have recovered from COVID-19, ask your health provider when you should be vaccinated.



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