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keeping busy — pg. 11



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## Welcome to Lakamas Lane

*Linfield University renames  
campus street with support  
from Grand Ronde Tribe*

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**M**CMINNVILLE — After learning that a private two-block street on its campus was named after a former science professor who had stolen Native American burial artifacts, Linfield University chose to right a wrong.

In November 2020, the Board of Trustees recommended removing the name of A.M. Brumback from the campus street and creating a commission to discuss replacement names.

The committee, which included students, faculty and staff, invited Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson to join the group in proposing a new name centered on the Indigenous people who had been there since time immemorial. Specifically, Linfield University is located on what is the traditional territory of the “Yam

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## Veterans Royalty crowned



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**The 2021-22 Veterans Royalty Court, from right, Senior Miss Tasina Bluehorse, Junior Miss Kalea Liebelt, Little Miss Leloo Quenelle and Warrior Nacoma Liebelt receive congratulations during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9. See more photos on pages 12-13.**

## Tribe hoping to break ground on home ownership development this fall

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**T**he Tribe is getting closer to having a new housing development for its membership. After contracts are approved by the Tribe’s attorneys and then Tribal Council, Housing Department officials are hoping to break ground on the 86-acre Rink 2 property east of Grand

Meadows manufactured home subdivision by August or September.

“At this point, we are gathering an interested list of Tribal members,” Tribal Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno said. “We are awaiting an infrastructure contract and one for a builder, financier and designer partnership. So then a Tribal member can go through the

process from qualifying for a loan to having a home built.”

Leno declined to comment on which companies were selected until the contracts have been finalized.

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## Roads to recovery: Clark’s addiction started late in life

**Tribal member Sydney Clark shares her story of recovery with *Smoke Signals*. She recently celebrated four years of sobriety from crystal meth and credits her recovery to hard work, a desire to be there for her children, attending Narcotics Anonymous meetings, journaling and culturally based Wellbriety principles.**

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez



*(Editor’s note: This is the second in a series of Smoke Signals stories in 2021 that examines 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*

**S**ydne Clark didn’t follow a common addiction trajectory of experimenting with drugs as a youth and getting hooked on stronger narcotics as time wore on.

The first time she tried meth was at the age of 33.

Clark, 39, was going through an extremely rough period in her life and was encouraged to try meth by an ex-boyfriend.

“Sometimes, you don’t realize



what you may turn to when you go through depression or big life

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**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
**DATE** **TIME**  
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.*

LETTERS

**Dear Smoke Signals:**  
I read with much interest the articles on boarding schools for Native American children in the latest edition of *Smoke Signals*. My grandmother, Cecil Rose Russell Porter, was taken from her home in Tiller, Ore., in 1908 by the state of Oregon and incarcerated in Chemawa Indian School in Salem. There she was kept until 1918 when she was 19.  
Over the course of that time, many relatives from the Norwest family on the Grand Ronde Reservation tried in vain to get custody of her. Her mother, Rosalia Nippising Quintal Russell, died at her birth in 1899. Her older sister, Agnes, was also sent to Chemawa and later back east.  
Our family was fortunate to ask for and receive a 60-page transcript of grandmother Cecil's entire records of her stay at Chemawa. We got these records, after much red tape, from Seattle where all Northwest Native and Alaska Native records are archived at NARA Pacific Alaska Region.  
The pages of the transcript are filled with letters from Native American family and family friends pleading with the state of Oregon to allow her to at the very least come to their homes for visits. She was never allowed off the Chemawa Indian School grounds. A book could get written about the toils and troubles in those letters both from grandmother and from the relatives. Several hearings were held during her incarceration about allowing her to be with her family. In every instance, the requests were turned down.  
I am sure her story is one of thousands that document the taking and locking up of Native children.  
**Bradley M. Kowing**  
Roll # 1816



Cecil Rose Russell Porter

**Dear Smoke Signals:**  
Our Spirit Mountain Casino is about to undergo a sudden change, which I feel is not in the best interest of the Tribe or the casino. As most have heard by now, it is being planned to shut down the buffet at the casino. What a huge mistake! We go to the casino as friends, family and community. Two weeks ago, seven of us met at the buffet for a birthday lunch for a 78-year-old man. We had fantastic meals with great service by our waitress. So enjoyed the seating and not like in a food court.  
There have been thousands of dollars spent in advertising alone that has stated the "drawing card" to the casino as being "the premier casino and entertainment center of Oregon with the largest buffet in the state." We have even seen it stated on "Wheel of Fortune" on television! People can go to any of the other seven casinos in Oregon to gamble. We are not in Las Vegas, nor are we a mall where folks want a food court! Our only reason people come to our casino is to enjoy each other and to have a great meal at the buffet and then go gamble some more.  
You do not make money off of the food, but rather off the playing floor and what keeps folks there is being able to eat a fabulous meal and stay at the lodge. Without the big buffet and all its varied foods in one place, not a food court, people will not start coming again now that the COVID-19 is being lifted. This is the worst time to shut down the buffet! The summer traffic to the coast going and coming is something we have depended on. Please speak out as otherwise I hate to see us lose our casino. It belongs to our Tribe; that is why it even exists. We are community!  
I hope that the temporary CEO, Tribal Council and other officers of the casino reconsider this most drastic decision.  
**Susie Shaw** (Tribal wife and former employee of Spirit Mountain Casino and Lodge)  
Cornelius, Ore.

**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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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25 .....	SEPT. 1, 2021
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8 .....	SEPT. 15, 2021

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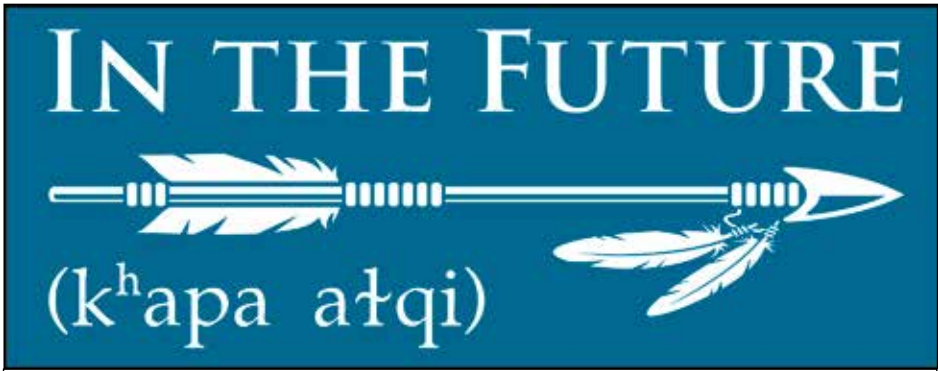


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July

- Saturday, July 24 – Youth Vaccination event held 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.

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.)

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing noon Friday, Sept. 3, and closed on Monday, Sept. 6, in observance of Labor Day.



Seeking Veterans (men and women) from all eras (wartime and/or peacetime).  
(Especially WWII, Vietnam, Korea, the Gulf War and the War in Afghanistan)

### Are you a military Veteran?

(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?  
**A:** Contact me and let’s try anyway. You might qualify for additional compensation.

**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?

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

Contact me, the [CTGR TVSO](#) to find out more about the available benefits that could help you and/or your 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?



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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](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by July 15, 2021. ■

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. ■

SOCIAL SERVICES  
2021 SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM


Program is now open.

This is a first-come, first-served program.

Child must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Child must be of school age and enrolled in preschool, elementary, middle or high school.

Income criteria applies.



DONATION BOX

Please contact Social Services at  
800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for an application.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III



**Box lunches provided (limited supply) first come first serve**



## 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. ■

# Wood Village City Council creates land statement

**By Dean Rhodes**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

WOOD VILLAGE – The Wood Village City Council is continuing to read a land acknowledgement statement at its meetings, according to the agenda posted at woodvillageor.gov.

City Manager Greg Dirks said the statement grew out of a City Council retreat and the city worked with Grand Ronde Environmental Policy Analyst Torey Wakeland to craft the statement.

“This came out of our City Council retreat. We do a retreat around February time and this year, like many organizations, we were talking about equity and inclusion,” Dirks said. “That was a big part of our retreat and the council was talking not so much about what we’ve done, but what we haven’t done or acknowledged. Certainly, our partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has put that into focus of this isn’t really our land.”

The statement reads: “The Chinookan peoples known as the Clackamas and Cascades are the indigenous people of the land now inhabited by the city of Wood Village and other areas of the Columbia River. The village of Nechacokee (now referred to as Nichagwli – “nee chalk lee”) was located near today’s Blue Lake Park. Ancestral life of these peoples included a seasonal round of resource gathering and stewardship from the wapato fields and fishing areas of the Columbia River to the cedar and huckleberry gathering areas of the high Cascades. Introduced disease from early settlers dramatically reduced the number of these people. They signed the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 with the United States government and were forcibly removed to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation.

“We thank the descendants of

these Tribes for being the original stewards and protectors of these lands since time immemorial. We also acknowledge the systemic policies of genocide, relocation and assimilation that still impact many Indigenous/Native families today.

“We are honored by the collective work of many Native nations, leaders and families who are demonstrating resilience, resistance, revitalization, healing and creativity. We are honored to be guests upon these lands.”

Dirks said the statement is placed on all city agendas and Mayor Scott Harden reads it before every City Council meeting. In addition, the statement will adorn a plaque that will be placed on the new Wood Village City Hall and complement a map of the Tribes that used to live in the area.

“This isn’t for us,” Dirks said. “The point was to acknowledge how we got to where we are and what that meant for a lot of people and their future ancestors and what those impacts were.”

Wood Village is an eastern suburb of Portland with a population of approximately 4,100 residents.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been working with the city since December 2015, which is when the Tribe purchased the former Multnomah Greyhound Park property. In early October 2020, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced the Grand Ronde Tribe would reassess its use of the site for a possible second casino in reaction to the Siletz Tribe’s application to the Department of the Interior to build a second Tribal casino in Salem.

In June, Tribal Council approved a supplemental budget to purchase two properties, once of which was an almost acre lot adjacent to the former Greyhound Park in Wood Village. ■




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**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  
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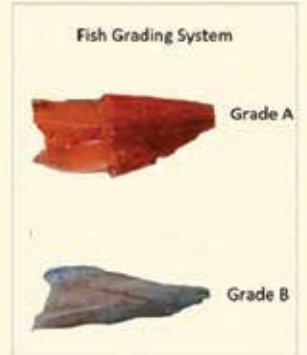


**When:**  
Thursday, August 26, 2021 9:00am – 5:30pm  
Friday, August 27, 2021 9:00am – 5:30pm  
Saturday, August 28, 2021 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**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 reappoints committee, board members

**By Dean Rhodes**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council voted to reappoint one member each to the Culture Committee and Veterans Special Event Board during its Wednesday, July 14, meeting, which featured a light agenda of action items.

Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose was reappointed to the Culture Committee with a term expiring in March 2023. She has served on the committee since April 2015.

Marine Corps veteran Cecil Donahue was reappointed to serve on the Veterans Special Event Board with a term also expiring in March 2023. He was appointed to the board in January 2020.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe because he or she meets the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution;
  - And approved applying to the Administration for Children and

Families for a five-year Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program grant that would bring the Tribe at least \$1.75 million over the life of the grant. The federal funding would help pay a full-time teen pregnancy prevention coordinator, staff trainings, and contracting with the Willamina and Sheridan school districts for the health education to teach the course and the purchase of curriculum.

Also included in the July 14 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that OK'd the Education Department's two-year proposal for funding from the Oregon Department of Education's Youth Community Investment grants. The department will use the requested funding for youth enrichment activities and youth employment.

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

## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tax Preparation Request for Proposal

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

Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

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

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

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

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# ODOT planning chip sealing on Highway 22

The Oregon Department of Transportation will be chip sealing Highway 22 between Valley Junction and Hebo from mileposts 10 to 24 beginning Wednesday, July 21, through Thursday, Aug. 5.

The chip seal work is scheduled to occur between July 21 and Thursday, July 29, and the following week will involve completing the fog seal.

Scheduled work hours will be 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and the public should expect up to 20-minute delays. Traffic control resources, such as flaggers, will be in place during the work. ■



Photo by Timothy Sofranko, Linfield photographer

**Linfield University Facilities Department employee Darrell Driver recently erected a new street sign after the school decided to rename a street that was named after a former science professor who stole Native American burial artifacts. The new name, Lakamas, means “camas,” which is a traditional Native American first food.**

## Board of Trustees unanimously approved the name change

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Hill” band of the Kalapuya people. The committee considered six possible names and unanimously voted to support Lakamas Lane as the new street name.

“It has been a privilege to support members of the renaming committee ... with this effort,” Harrelson wrote in a letter to Linfield University President Miles K. Davis. “Their commitment to learning and inclusion was always at the forefront of our conversations. After much thoughtful deliberation, the committee has selected Lakamas Lane. I am writing to enthusiastically support the recommendation of the committee to rename Brumback Street to Lakamas Lane.

“Lakamas is the Chinuk Wawa name for the blue-flowered camas plant that was and continues to be an important food of our people. At the time of early Euro-American settlement of the Willamette Valley, camas was so thick in areas that the patches of blooming flowers were confused as lakes from a distance. This name honors the people and lifeways of the Kalapuya people who are the Indigenous

people of the Willamette Valley.” While the word “lacamas” exists in other parts of the Pacific Northwest, such as Lacamas Lake is Clark County, Wash., “lakamas” is unique to Chinuk Wawa and makes Linfield University the only place in the world where one can find Lakamas Lane.


The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the name change at its May 1 meeting. Since then, signage has been updated and all students living on campus will have their mail delivered to the new address.

“David was instrumental in providing leadership, guidance and knowledge, and was generous with his time,” a committee statement said. “His willingness to engage with the university in this renaming effort has led us to envision a fruitful and collaborative future between Linfield and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.”

Linfield's McMinnville campus also is home to large remnant patches of camas that, under intentional management, thrive around Cozine Creek. ■

*Includes information from Linfield News.*

# SUICIDE PREVENTION



**Join us for a QPR training!**  
Provided by Native Connections and Project I-LAUNCH.

**Question Persuade Refer**

**A brief training** on how to recognize possible signs of a person being suicidal. Gives you the tools needed to talk with a person at risk and for directing that person to further support.  
**Break the Silence. Save a Life.**

**Join us on Zoom!**  
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





# Thomas discusses casino operations during Facebook Live event

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Spirit Mountain Casino Interim General Manager Bruce Thomas briefed the Tribal membership on myriad changes occurring at the Tribe's gaming facility during a 33-minute Facebook Live event held on Wednesday, July 14.

Thomas took over at the casino on June 16, almost two weeks after Stan Dillon's resignation took effect. Previously, Thomas was the chief executive officer at Spirit Mountain Casino from 1993 to 2000.

Since taking over, Thomas has instituted several changes at the casino, including the controversial closure of the Cedar Plank Buffet as of Sunday, July 11.

In addition, youths are now allowed back at Spirit Mountain Lodge for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic became a public health emergency in March 2020, valet parking has ended and employees have seen their minimum wage increase to help remedy a critical employee shortage at the casino.

The Facebook Live event was the 19th held by the Tribal government since March 2020. Approximately 140 people logged on to watch the broadcast, which included Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Human Resources Director Camille Mercier.

After giving a brief summation of his resume, Thomas detailed the reasoning behind closing the popular buffet, which included staffing



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Spirit Mountain Casino Interim General Manager Bruce Thomas gives an update on casino operations during a Facebook Live event held in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, July 14.**

shortages, losing money and new public health concerns.

Thomas said that the buffet lost \$2.2 million in 2019 and \$4.6 million between June 2020 and May 2021 as the price of protein, such as meat, chicken and seafood, skyrocketed during the pandemic. To break even, the casino would have had to increase its buffet charge to \$60 per person for dinner.

He also said the COVID-19 pandemic has changed attitudes toward buffets.

"Buffets generally and multiple people touching utensils and food ... people look at issues like germs, bacteria and viruses differently today than they did a few years ago," he said. "There was nothing positive about it that we could see."

The approximately 100 employees who worked at the buffet have been transferred to other casino

restaurants, which were about 100 employees short, and are helping to keep those eateries open. "We really had a crisis situation," Thomas said.

Thomas said a "food hall" will take the place of the buffet and feature multiple food outlets, including authentic Asian offerings.

He also explained the cessation of valet parking. It cost the casino \$760,000 a year or more than \$2,000 a day to park an average of 46 cars daily, or \$45 per car. Thomas added that after the top 230 customers were questioned, only two said they used valet parking.

"It's important, I believe, for the Tribe and the Tribal members who are our shareholders that we make all of our decisions in a way that maximizes the long-term benefit to the casino," Thomas said. "That makes us competitive, desirable and maximizes profit."

Mercier said other changes at the casino are aimed at attracting and retaining casino employees, including an increase in the minimum wage to \$16, offering a \$250 quarterly perfect attendance incentive, paying bonuses for referrals and new hires, and offering gas cards to employees who must drive to work.

"We're looking at some things that benefit the employees because we are in a market where it is important to attract and retain our team members," Mercier said.

"And it's not going to be inexpensive," Thomas added.

In response to the lone question, Thomas said the casino will not reinstitute the bus shuttle that brought customers from Portland to the casino because it was not cost-effective.

## Another COVID-19 relief payment

Kennedy also announced that Tribal Council has decided to distribute more COVID-19 Relief Program funds to Tribal members on Aug. 13. Adults 18 and older will receive \$4,000 and minors 17 and younger will get \$1,000.

Tribal members and parents and legal guardians must request a form from Member Benefits Administrator Liz Leno at 503-879-2082 or Member Services at 503-879-2116 to receive the payment. Deadline to submit the form is July 30.

The one-time distribution will be a general welfare payment and nontaxable, Kennedy said.

"This general welfare payment is to help ease the continued financial burden of COVID-19," Kennedy said. "We're very pleased that we are able to assist our Tribal members. We know that the pandemic has hit our members very hard."

In 2020, adult Tribal members received eight COVID-19 Relief Program payments that totaled \$4,400.

In closing, Kennedy again encouraged Tribal members to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 coronavirus especially since the Delta variant is increasing case numbers throughout the country. ■



## TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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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)**  
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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  
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Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

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or Email: [CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org](mailto:CTGRTribalVSO@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 [CTGRTVSO](mailto:CTGRTVSO) 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.





# ‘I knew I was going down the wrong path’

RECOVERY continued  
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changes,” she says. “Meth is what got me.”

A family history of addiction led Clark to choosing partners with drug and alcohol issues. One abused prescription medication. Another was an alcoholic.

“The guy after that, he was addicted to meth,” she says. “I was always trying to fix people, not realizing that I couldn’t fix him.”

A combination of a child custody fight with her ex-husband, domestic violence and family tragedies created the perfect storm.

“All of these stressors just added up,” Clark says. “My boyfriend at the time used meth and always said I never would do anything he wanted. ... So, I decided to try it.”

This led to a two-year downward spiral that began in 2015. Urged on by her boyfriend, who promised to take care of her, Clark quit her job. Two weeks later, he moved out. She asked her ex-husband to care for their four children and began living in her vehicle.

“I had to figure myself out,” she says. “It wasn’t my ex’s fault that I did this. It was my fault and my fault alone. ... I knew I was going down the wrong path.”

Living in her car and using drugs made Clark feel “like I was in a matrix. I wasn’t sure what was real and what was not real. ... Mental health was also a huge part of my drug addiction.”

During this time, court proceedings involving her children were ongoing. To help deal with the stress, Clark took Zanax while she was using meth. This came to a head when she was drug tested after court officials suspected she was high.

“I thought they would just take a urine sample and I would pass,” Clark says. “But they took hair samples. I was bitter and had so much resentment about being called out for it.”

Hair samples can detect if someone has used methamphetamines for up to 90 days, whereas a urine sample only covers up to four days.

“That wasn’t even the turning point for me to get clean,” she says. “I just couldn’t forgive myself for the choices I was making.”

Looking back, Clark realizes that many of her decisions to use drugs were a way to self-medicate and escape from early life traumas.

“I do a Facebook Live every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and a lot of things come from childhood trauma,” she says. “People have to realize that it is not their fault and they are worthy of love. Society is very quick to judge people who use drugs without knowing the entire story.”

One of the ways people who battle addictions cope is through sobriety meetings such as Narcotics Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, those services switched to a mostly virtual formats in March 2020. A

## 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. ■

combination of pandemic-related isolation, stress, financial problems and loneliness has led to many relapses during this time. Preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention project an increase of almost 30 percent in drug overdoses nationwide, from approximately 70,000 in 2019 to 100,000 in 2020, the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded.

This is why Clark has been very grateful to be attending in-person Narcotics Anonymous meetings at Lighthouse Church in Grand Ronde, which are held Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 6 p.m.

“You really need that in-person interaction and accountability,” she says.

Clark’s first attempt to quit using meth came in 2016 after she called the police after an attempted break-in at her home.

“That was the kick start of looking at what I was going through,” she says.

Although the first attempt resulted in relapse, which is very common, she didn’t give up.

In May 2017, Clark was involved in a car crash in Sheridan. She hadn’t used meth for a day, was dehydrated and exhausted, and fell asleep at the wheel.

“I was arrested and spent three days in jail,” she says. “Quitting wasn’t easy. I went through a lot of emotions and told a lot of people off.”

She has been sober for four years now and says that continuing to be so requires a lifetime effort.

“You fight with it, to some degree or another, for the rest of your life,” Clark says. “I don’t have the urge now, but that doesn’t mean it won’t ever be there. Now I am on the road to recovery of my physical health as well. I take every day as ‘just for today.’ Sometimes I have to take it second by second. I don’t want that lifestyle back ever again.”

After being released from jail, Clark told the guard on duty, “You’re not going to see me here

again.” She remembers the woman replying, somewhat unconvinced, “We’ll see.”

A year later, Clark ran into the guard while shopping at Wal-Mart.

“I said, ‘Remember me?’ She said, ‘No, should I?’ I replied, ‘I told you that you weren’t going to see me in jail again.’ I felt good being able to say that.”

The road to recovery hasn’t been an easy one. At one point, Clark lived at the Women’s Transition House in Grand Ronde, which helps house women and women with children, and assists with their transition back into the community. It includes behavioral health, alcohol and drug counseling, post-treatment services and cultural support. However, that living arrangement didn’t work out.

“I had a lot of times where I wondered why I was bothering,” she says.

Ultimately undeterred, Clark kept plugging away at her recovery. She began working for the Tribal Employment Rights Office, moved in with a friend and secured a full-time position with the Tribal Facilities Department as a housekeeper.

She encourages Tribal members who are struggling with addiction to be willing to forgive themselves and move forward.

“Don’t be upset with people who won’t enable you,” she says. “Those who helped me the most were the ones who pushed me to make my way out of addiction. Helping people and not enabling them can be a fine line.”

Clark adds that society in general can be extremely judgmental of anyone who struggles with addiction or mental health issues, especially if they are homeless.

“If you haven’t eaten for days, you get the same hallucinations as you would if you were on meth,” she says. “So just because you see someone out there yelling at something that isn’t there, it doesn’t mean that they are high or mentally ill. They could just be hungry. ... We should be here to build people up, not tear

them down and judge them. We should want them to know that they have value.”

Clark adds that being able to talk with an addiction counselor she trusted was very helpful in her recovery.

“If you’re a Grand Ronde Tribal member, call your insurance person and ask who is in your network, and look for the counselors who have been open for years,” she says.

Substance misuse and abuse have long been prevalent in rural areas, especially with alcohol, cigarettes and meth, according to the 2014 survey on drug use and health conducted by the Rural Health Reform Policy Research Center. Contributing factors in rural communities include poverty, unemployment, isolation and lack of access to treatment options.

The lack of treatment options is why Clark hopes that one day there will be a center close to home so Tribal members can get assistance close by instead of traveling more than 30 miles each way to do so.

“I hope that one day, I can plant the seed to help with recovery,” she says. “Having someone you know who has gone through it helps a lot. That is what I would like to do, be in community outreach for sobriety.”

The thing she enjoys most about being sober is having her children, ages 13 to 18, in her life more.

“I’m looking forward to the first summer with my children,” she says. “The other thing I enjoy about sobriety is my own personal growth. I’ve learned to listen to my body and take a break when I’m tired.”

Clark says as a Tribal member, there are an abundance of services to help those who want to stop abusing drugs or alcohol. However, when someone is in crisis, it can be challenging trying to navigate through these.

“We have a lot of services, but I would love to see a rehabilitation center out here for our people and those in the surrounding areas,” she says. “Let it be culture based through Native ways.”

She connected with Wellbriety while at the Women’s Transition House, and says the concept of providing culturally based healing is one that resonates.

The mission of Wellbriety is to utilize culturally based principles, values and teachings to support healthy community development and leadership, and to support healing from alcohol, substance abuse, co-occurring disorders and intergenerational trauma.

She encourages those who are suffering not to be afraid of judgment, as most of it is comes from within.

“You are worth sobriety,” Clark says. “People say they would die for their kids. Ask yourself if you will also live for your children. You can go to a NA meeting even if you’re high. They will still accept you. I also recommend doing a lot of journaling. Try to build yourself up, not knock yourself down.” ■



# Bobb speaks to McMinnville veterans group

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

McMINNVILLE – Despite having their ancestral lands stolen and being forced to live on desolate and sometimes remote Reservations, Native Americans continue to serve their country in the largest percentages per capita of any ethnic group.

This commitment, along with the history of the Grand Ronde Tribe in Oregon, was the focus of Tribal Council member and Vietnam-era Marine Corps veteran Steve Bobb Sr.'s speech during a Thursday, July 1, event to the McMinnville chapter of the Band of Brothers veterans group at Evergreen Aviation Museum. The group is open to all veterans.

Bobb was originally scheduled to speak about the Tribe and Native Americans' military service in April 2020, but it was postponed more than a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 21 people attended the event, which was one of the first in-person meetings for the group since the pandemic began.

"Until 200 years ago, we were living in peace, going about the daily business of surviving the elements," Bobb said. "Then, the Oregon Territory was opened up to the white settlers with total disregard for the Indigenous people who occupied the lands for 10,000 years. ... With the advent of the white settler into the farmland of the Willamette Valley, and the overwhelming dominance of the U.S. Cavalry, my ancestral leaders were forced to the table to cede lands to the United States government in the form of treaties.

"We signed seven in all, and traded our lands for health care, education and housing. We negotiated in good faith, but the government never honored any treaty with any Tribe in Oregon."

Bobb recalled how Tribal mem-

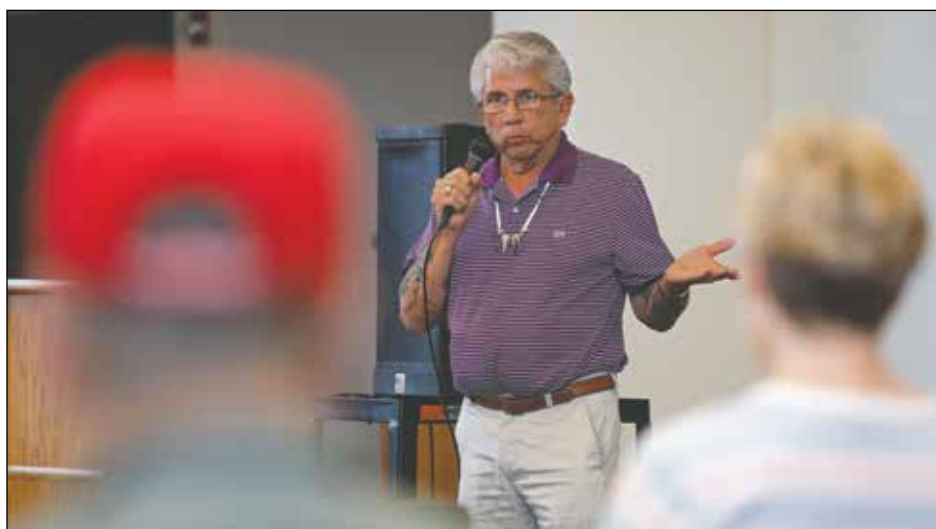


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**Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. speaks during the monthly meeting of the McMinnville chapter of the Band of Brothers Veterans held at Evergreen Aviation Museum on Thursday, July 1. Bobb spoke about the history of Native Americans, especially the experiences of the Grand Ronde Tribe, and why despite these experiences Native Americans still enlist in the military in larger percentages per capita than any other group.**

bers were forced by federal troops to march almost 270 miles in the winter of 1856 from their temporary reservation at Table Rocks near Medford to the 60,000-acre Grand Ronde Reservation. The journey is referred to as the Oregon Trail of Tears.

"Joel Palmer was the Indian agent who was supposed to care for the Indians while he cheated them out of everything," Bobb said. "That was his job. But in time, Grand Ronde transitioned into a logging area and a positive place to live, where we still had our cultural practices and language. Then came the Western Oregon Termination Act of 1954. It terminated all trust responsibilities from the U.S. government to the Tribes west of the Cascades because that land had become valuable with old growth timber."

Bobb explained how after Termination, Tribal members scattered over the United States.

"But we were always Grand Ronde Indians, regardless of what the gov-

ernment told us we were going to be," he said. "But we suffered adversity and prejudice along the way."

Bobb then touched on the Tribe's Restoration in 1983, getting emotional as he did so.

"President Ronald Reagan signed the Grand Ronde Restoration Act, which re-recognized us as Grand Ronde people again. There was so much work our people did to get to that point. ... Now, we thank Creator every day for our blessings. Spirit Mountain Casino has done very well. We have services for health care, education and housing. Six percent of the revenues from the casino go back to people in the community."

Despite Native Americans' terrible past experiences with the United States government, they still continue to serve in the military and defend a nation that was once taken from them. Bobb explained why from his perspective.

"Creator put us here with the intent

to share the land, not for man to dominate and take what was not intended for them to have," Bobb said. "We will protect this beautiful nation that was intended for us. If we were called today, we wouldn't hesitate. The nation is still ours and we still want to share the wealth. We are all a family of God and we believe everything has a spirit and a purpose. ... You'll never see us out destroying other people's property but you will see us come out when the environment is about to be destroyed, even more than it has been already."

Bobb also discussed misconceptions about Native Americans that persist in today's society.

"Until recently, there was no teaching in schools about Native Americans (in the present) and how Tribal cultures are still alive today," he said. "They are working on that, though, so people will learn more about the First Peoples who lived here and continue to live here."

Bobb added that most knowledge of Tribal people is limited to what he called "The John Wayne Indian."

"The Indian was always the renegade, the savage, the bad person," he said. "That's what was depicted in most movies when it was really the other way around."

He added that Native Americans are also the only minority group with sports teams named after them, which often included demeaning names such as "Redskins." Bobb noted that some of that is beginning to change, along with the use of the word "squaw" for names ranging from creeks to geographical locations.

"For Native Americans, you got to be positive and move forward," Bobb said. "You're not going to be able to change what has already happened. Our world is in turmoil. We have to work together and stay together. Everyone in this nation is one family." ■

# First phase will have 20 single-family homes

**HOUSING continued from front page**

It's been 23 years since Grand Meadows, located on Tribal property at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads, opened a 36-lot manufactured home subdivision to Tribal families. Housing Department officials say a second development is long overdue.

In 2020, Reece and Associates of Albany was selected to conduct a property development plan for the new site. The first phase will have 20 single-family homes on 10,000-square-foot lots.

The Tribe's current housing options typically have occupation rates of 94 percent or higher, and lack of available market-rate homes has been a sticking point in Tribal members moving to Grand Ronde and working in the community.

Leno and Housing Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger said that new home ownership opportunities will help fill a void in the local housing market. The Tribe currently offers low-income housing, market-rate rental units



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Farm equipment sits on the Rink 2 property where Tribal members will eventually be able to purchase a lot to build a home. The property encompasses approximately 86.5 acres and is east of the Grand Meadows development.**

and Elder housing. The home ownership piece will fill that void where a person can buy their own house and move out of a rental, which also creates room for other renters.

According to the 2020 Housing Department annual report, it operates 61 low-income Elder units, 100 rental housing low-income units and 36 market-rate units.

Before the Housing Department

began actively pursuing home ownership, a survey was sent out in June and July of 2019. Out of 222 Tribal members who answered the question regarding whether they were interested in buying land and building a home in Grand Ronde, 142 said yes. Of those, 69 indicated they would be interested in leasing land and building a home, and 71 said they are interested in buying a home and

have the financial resources to do so. Thirty people were re-interviewed over the phone.

The survey also found that the most popular new home option would be stick-built homes and the most popular lot size was between a half-acre to an acre.

The Housing Department used the survey results to determine a target population for the phase one

housing development and found there were 20 families that were ready to buy whenever housing became available, and that they were willing to go through the pre-qualification process to obtain a loan.

Dugger says all loans will have to be made through the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Program, which is a federal program specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska villages, Tribes or Tribally designated housing entities. Congress established the program in 1992 to increase homeownership and access in Native communities. With Section 184 financing, borrowers can get into a home with a low down payment and flexible underwriting.

A price point for homes has not been set. The Housing Department is hoping to have multiple plans to suit a variety of budgets.

For more information or to be added to the interested list of Tribal members, contact Leno at shonn.leno@grandronde.org or call him at 503-879-2397. ■





## Watchlist: ‘How the U.S. poisoned the Navajo Nation’

By Kamiah Koch  
*Social media/digital journalist*

During World War II and the subsequent Cold War with the Soviet Union, the United States was building up its domestic nuclear arsenal. To do so required the radioactive substance uranium. The American Southwest experienced a boom in uranium mining starting in the 1940s and at the center of that boom sat the Navajo Nation.

Vox published a 12-minute video in 2020 examining the toxic history of uranium mining in Church Rock, N.M., and the health effects Native people of the area experience today.

The Tribal people welcomed mining at the time because they saw job opportunities and potential for economic growth to their region.

However, the U.S. was not fairly compensating the Navajo Nation for the land it leased for mining, did not warn Native mine workers of the well-known health hazards that come with working in uranium mines and the private company that was hired did nothing when cracking appeared on a dam holding millions of gallons of radioactive sludge produced from the mines.

In 1979, the dam broke and spilled its contents into the Rio Puerco creek bed, a water source for the people and livestock of the area.

This was the largest radioactive spill in the country’s history.

Little warning was given to Navajo Nation residents to avoid the water and no cleanup plan was devised. Vox interviewed the few remaining residents of the area and they listed off the decline in their peoples’ health.

“They just came in, tore up the place and left the contamination behind, and they really don’t want to do anything about it,” Edith Hood, a former mine worker, said in the video.

She takes the Vox camera crew just a few steps from where they interviewed her to show them the giant pile of uranium mining waste stacked up behind her house.

In more recent years, Hood and community members took action to get cleanup in motion. The Environmental Protection Agency and the mining company agreed to a proposed cleanup plan for the mines, while no plan was proposed for cleaning the contaminated waterway. Instead, the EPA wants the people of the area to move from the Navajo Reservation to Gallup, N.M., and adjust to a new way of life.

To watch “How the U.S. poisoned the Navajo Nation,” go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETPogv1zq08&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETPogv1zq08&t=5s) or visit the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel to find the video listed under our “Watchlist” playlist.

## Mineral Spring Poultry joins U-Haul network

WILLAMINA – Mineral Spring Poultry, 25500 Yamhill River Road just east of Fort Hill, has joined the U-Haul network and is offering trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies and in-store pickup for boxes.

Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Mineral Spring can be reached at 971-309-5079 or by visiting [www.uhaul.com](http://www.uhaul.com) and searching for rental locations near Willamina. Owned by Nels Youngberg, Mineral Spring Poultry joined U-Haul’s national network of more than 20,000 dealers in North America. When a customer rents from a U-Haul dealer, they are creating supplemental income and are supporting an independent small business in the community. ■

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Cultural Landscapes Project  
Cultural Resources Department

The Cultural Resources Department is seeking Grand Ronde members who hunt, fish, gather traditional foods and use the Willamette River dams/reservoirs and their surrounding areas for these and other purposes.

We are interested in conducting interviews with interested members. We will be able to provide an honorarium for your assistance.

If you are interested, please contact Greg Archuleta or Chris Rempel at 503-879-1887 or by email at [greg.archuleta@grandronde.org](mailto:greg.archuleta@grandronde.org) or [chris.rempel@grandronde.org](mailto:chris.rempel@grandronde.org).

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Tribal Council members represent YOU, the member! I encourage all eligible members to participate in the annual election process.

Whether elected or not, one of my goals is to see an increase in tribal member participation and engagement, and that starts with your vote.

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Visit my website below or find me on Facebook to learn more about issues that are important to me.

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# Tribal fire crews are keeping busy

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

With historic hot and dry temperatures across much of the Pacific Northwest, the Tribe’s firefighters have been keeping busy.

The Tribe recently dispatched two 400-gallon engines with six wild-land firefighters to the Hualapai Reservation in northwestern Arizona on a 21-day assignment to assist with wildfire suppression efforts. Those crews returned Sunday, July 11.

“We also have a type six engine out on the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest helping with the Star Ranger District,” Interim Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake said. “We have a great partnership with them and help out as needed with fire patrols. Our crews get a patrol district and wait for a fire so we can assist immediately.”

There also was a 20-person wild-land crew working down at the Jack Fire just outside of Glide, Ore., located east of Roseburg in the Umpqua National Forest, who returned to Grand Ronde on Monday, July 12, after 21 days of battling the 11,000-acre blaze. According to information from inciweb.nwcg.gov, the fire is only 10 percent contained.

Additionally, the Tribe’s Emergency Management Department has two volunteer firefighters as well as manager Steve Warden assisting with the 150,000-acre Bootleg Fire near Klamath Falls. The volunteer firefighters are working on structural protection, while Warden is part of the State Fire Marshal’s incident management team. They are expected to be on site for at least another week and potentially two, depending on fire conditions.

Oregon’s wildfire season began early this year due to drought and record-high temperatures.

In late June, Gov. Kate Brown declared a state of emergency because of what she called the “imminent



Photo courtesy of the Grand Ronde Emergency Management Department

**The Grand Ronde Tribe has dispatched three employees to help fight the 150,000-acre Bootleg Fire near Klamath Falls, Ore.**

threat” of wildfire across the state and has emergency orders on both the Jack Fire and the Bootleg Fire.

“Most all of our resources are out in the field right now,” Drake said. “We do have one type six engine here and are expecting to go to Washington state next, where we will be assigned. We definitely have a partnership with the Reservations in that state, and will assist them as needed.”

In Grand Ronde, Drake said that Emergency Management and Natural Resources are trying to get out as much information as possible to the community about fire safety regulations.

“So far, we still have camping open on the Reservation and are asking people to carry a gallon of water or a fire extinguisher if possible,” he said. “If you see smoke or a fire, please call 911, not the Tribal Police or the Natural Resources Department. It’s the fastest way to get a response. Things are somewhat calm now, but it will be getting active soon.” ■

***This article contains information from the Salem Statesman Journal.***

## Public Notice Open For Comment

This notice is for comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe’s 2021 application for Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) funding. The Grand Ronde Tribe has operated the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program from the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for many years to help income-eligible Tribal members with energy assistance (electrical and gas bills). Congress approved funding to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills as part of the American Rescue Plan emergency assistance and now there is LIHWAP. Tribes and other eligible entities can model much of their Grant Implementation Plans on their LIHEAP plans as far as eligibility documentation and applications.

The Tribe’s LIHWAP (& LIHEAP) service area includes Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook and Clackamas counties.

The Tribe is taking public comment on the 2021 LIHWAP application and plan and the associated policies which are to be submitted by Aug. 9, 2021. The latest draft will be available for review at the Social Services Department at the Community Services Center starting July 15, 2021. If you would like to comment on the Tribe’s plan, please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or Planning & Grants Development at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan. ■



## GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

Grand Ronde Housing Department has been awarded Treasury dollars that are available for Tribal members that have been adversely affected by Covid-19. These funds will be able to be used for rents and utilities that are past due and/or additionally for those that are currently affected by and continue to be affected by Covid-19. In addition to past-due rent and utilities, applicants may request assistance with current month rent/utilities and up to three (3) months Prospective (future) rent and/or utilities. Prospective assistance can be requested in three (3) month increments at a time. If you need to request additional assistance, you may do so for an additional three (3) months, providing you still meet the qualification requirements.

**\*\*Funds will be applied to past-due balances before applying assistance to current or future payments which cannot exceed 12 months total.**

These grants are available to enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members throughout the United States who qualify under HUD income guidelines.

For more information or to apply please contact the Grand Ronde Housing Department at 503-879-2401 or email the Housing Department at [grhd@grandronde.org](mailto:grhd@grandronde.org) or download the application paperwork from the Housing website at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/housing/covid-19-emergency-rental-assistance/>

## Clothes Closet open Friday mornings

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays during the summer on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items. For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■



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**Outgoing Veterans Senior Queen Kaleigha Simi and Veterans Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse perform the “The Lord’s Prayer” during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9. The last Veterans Royalty Pageant was held in 2017 since the Veterans Special Event Board does not hold pageants unless there is more than one candidate per category, Royalty Coordinator Chelsea Baranski said.**



**Tribal members An Quenelle and Wash Squetimkin drum.**

# Veterans Royalty Pageant



**2020-21 Veterans Junior Queen Tasina Bluehorse competes for the Veterans Senior Queen title during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9.**



**2020-21 Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt delivers a speech during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus.**

**2021-22 Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt adjusts his sash while Little Miss Leloo Quenelle, Junior Miss Kalea Liebelt and Senior Miss Tasina Bluehorse look on during the Veterans Royalty Pageant.**



**Kalea Liebelt delivers a speech during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9.**





Crowns await to be awarded during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus.

Anthony  
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2021-22 Veterans Senior Miss Tasina Bluehorse receives her crown from 2020-21 Veterans Senior Miss Kaleigha Simi during the Veterans Royalty Pageant.



2021-22 Veterans Little Miss Leloo Quenelle receives her crown from 2020-21 Veterans Senior Miss Kaleigha Simi during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9.

2021-22 Veterans Junior Miss Kalea Liebelt receives her crown from 2020-21 Veterans Senior Miss Kaleigha Simi during the Veterans Royalty Pageant.



Fancy dancer Leloo Quenelle competes for the Veterans Little Miss title during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government campus on Friday, July 9. Tribal youth competed for three positions on Veterans Royalty.



2020-21 Veterans Warrior Nacoma Liebelt participates in the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds.

Fancy dancer Kalea Liebelt competes for the Veterans Little Miss title during the Veterans Royalty Pageant held at the old powwow grounds on the Tribal government.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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# Health & Wellness offering vaccinations to youths

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

The Tribe is using the Pfizer vaccine for 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. ■

# St. Michael’s offers brunch


St. Michael’s Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

For more information or for kitchen and hall rental, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■






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Tribal Veteran Service Officer  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
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## STUDY CHINUK WAWA

Broaden Your Horizons, Deepen Your Roots:

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



Snacks provided

# 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 24<sup>th</sup>**





### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>**



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



# Walking On...

## Toye Donald Jeffers

Dec. 6, 1962 – May 29, 2021

*In Loving Memory of  
Toye Donald Jeffers*

Fifty-eight years ago in Eugene, Ore., Toye Donald Jeffers was born to parents Elota and Donald Jeffers. Grandparents were Carl and Nellie Minnick and Ira and Bertha Jeffers.

Toye grew up in the Lorane Crow area, attending grade school in Lorane and high school in Crow.

Toye was very active in school sports, playing basketball and football for the Crow Cougars. He was well-liked throughout school with many friends and companions.

After school, Toye started logging at an early age, carrying on as the third-generation family tradition of logging.

Toye's brother, Mark, and brother-in-law, Mike Parker, became a well-known team amongst the local logging industry. They were featured in the *Logging*

*World* newspaper. The three logged together until the issue with the spotted owl. Many, many local loggers lost the only professions they knew. At this point, Toye entered the displaced logger's program with on-the-job training at the Blue River Fisheries and Forest Service.

Toye truly enjoyed the education he received, which enabled him to do night scuba diving, counting, identifying and tagging fish in the high Cascade lakes. He also teamed up with another worker and measured water depth, counted fish and mapped the high Cascade streams.

With the job ending with the displaced logger's program, Toye moved to Christmas Valley where he farmed alfalfa fields near his brother Mark and other family members.

The outdoors, wildlife, nature and photography were his greatest passions. He was extremely proud of his Native American heritage and being a Grand Ronde Tribal member.

After years of hard physical labor, his body gave way to needing several extensive surgeries due to many health problems, but he continued his desires for fishing, hunting and photography.

Toye was deeply loved and cherished by his entire large family. He was their counselor, companion, comedian, educator and the love of their lives.

Toye left behind his loving mother, Elota; son, Michael, whom he cherished; brother, Mark; and sisters, Darla Wilson, Tina Parker, Tonya Starmar and Natalie Jeffers. He also left his brothers-in-law, Harold Wilson, Marcus Johnson, Craig Starmar and Mike Parker (deceased) along with eight nieces, five nephews, 13 grandnieces and 10 grandnephews.

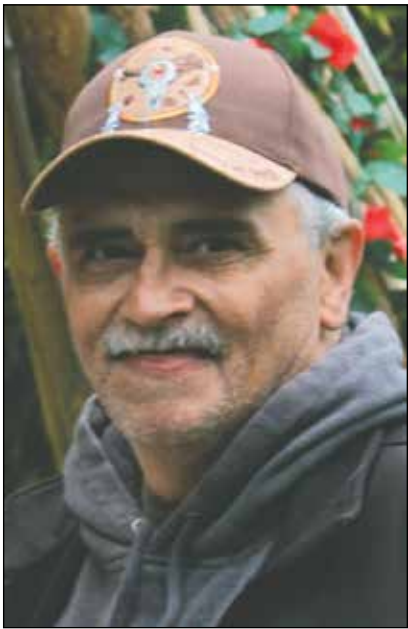
Toye also had to leave behind his best buddy and friend, Donovan Kaufman, and his loving "Dad," fishing buddy, traveling companion and "Captain," Floyd Holbrook.

Toye thoroughly enjoyed traveling dirt roads in central Oregon, taking landscape photos and playing his music loud! Unfortunately, his life was taken May 29, 2021, on a country road in a single-vehicle crash. When his truck accelerated, taking him through two fences and landing on its side, it burst into flames in the Little Deschutes River.

Toye's spirit "moved on" in a beautiful stream taking his "Native Pride" with him. The accident is still under investigation.

We wish you well "son." Rest peacefully.

From all the family.



## Alfredo Castro Manangan

May 24, 1947 – June 28, 2021

Fred or Freddy as he was known to be called had many challenges throughout life, though having overcome many setbacks in nearly all aspects of living he was able to resign living peacefully with his latter years in southeast Portland.

Fred was well-liked among many of his neighbors and he was loved by all of his siblings, mom and dad. He succumbed to the record high heat that hit the Portland area for three consecutive days in June.

Fred was a certified welder in the 1960s. He enjoy fishing in the '70s and in recent years he collected recyclable copper wiring for resale. He was an Elder in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Fred is survived by his mother, Rosetta L. Manangan; sisters, Philamena, Marcia, Rosetta C. and Elaine; and brother, Steve.

Fred will be dearly missed. Rest in peace.



## Loretta Ann Sisemore

June 28, 1952 – July 9, 2021

Loretta Ann Sisemore went home to Jesus on July 9, 2021, at the age of 69 surrounded by loved ones after a difficult battle with cancer.

She was born to Bill and Delores Knight on June 28, 1952, in Salem, Ore. She was Kalapuya and a Grand Ronde Tribal Elder from the Haller-Menard family, descended from Chief Joseph Sangretta.

Loretta joins her husband, Steve Sisemore, and her father, Bill Knight, in heaven. She is survived by her mother, Delores (Odie) Jean Knight of Grand Ronde, Ore.; sisters, Brenda S. Gray of Grand Ronde, Ore., and Karen M. Plunges of Chewelah, Wash.; and brothers, Jesse R. Knight of Grand Ronde, Ore., William L. Knight of Cusick, Wash., and Dennis C. Knight of Washington state. She is also preceded and survived by countless aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Loretta spent her life helping others as a registered nurse. "Give me strength and wisdom when others need my touch; a soothing word to speak to them, their hearts yearn for so much. Give me joy and laughter, to lift a weary soul; pour in me compassion to make the broken whole. Give me gentle healing hands, for those placed in my care; a blessing to those who need me, this is a nurse's prayer."

In addition to being a dedicated nurse, she also was very spiritual and knew her Lord and Savior. She was a strong prayer warrior. She knew the Lord's word and applied it to any situation she faced. We all have stories to share of how she encouraged us and reminded us to pray and that the Lord will answer. Throughout her life, she held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surrounded her. She will continue to stay with us all through memories.

Loretta's favorite Bible verse; Deuteronomy 31:6: "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." She leaves these as parting words to her loved ones, until we are reunited.

Gravesite service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 15, at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Cemetery where she will be laid to rest next to her loving husband. Services will immediately follow with a meal at The Lighthouse Church.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family. [www.dallas-tribute.com](http://www.dallas-tribute.com)



## Tribe receiving \$90,934 in Head Start funding

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will receive \$90,934 in Head Start funding as part of the American Rescue Plan, U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced on Tuesday, July 6.

"Head Start programs give low-income kids in Oregon and nationwide a leg up, preparing them to excel in school," Wyden said. "It's critical to get the Head Start programs of our state back in person as quickly and safely as possible to make sure Oregon's youngsters don't fall behind. This funding from President Biden's American Rescue Plan ... will help do just that."

In total, the state of Oregon will receive \$5.4 million in Head Start funding. Other Tribes receiving funds include the Warm Spring Tribe, \$177,082; the Umatilla Tribe, \$47,860; and the Coquille Indian Tribe, \$23,930.

## Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, now has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■



# ‘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



Desirae Hernandez

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



JOSEPH A. MERCIER, PFC  
US ARMY  
1918-1945

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



Grace Macon

Little Miss Princess 2020/2021

Thank you for your service Uncle Fred.



## CULTURAL EDUCATION

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

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

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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

Little Miss Grand Ronde 2020/2021

Veterans Queen Candidate 2021/2022

Great Grandpa Kenneth Lafferty  
Marine Corps




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 WW/2 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  
Quenelle  
Little Miss  
Princess  
2020/2021



Veterans  
Queen  
Candidate  
2021/2022



Great Grandpa Robert L. Simi - US Navy

Great Grandpa Marvin L. Kimsey - 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  
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Great-grandpa Arthur Zimmer, Army  
Grandpa Joseph Zimmer, Army





Real heroes don't have a name on the back of their jersey.

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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





With  
Respect, Honor  
and Gratitude  
Thank You Veterans



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 out-going 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.



HELLO  
  
MY NAME IS NACOMA LIEBELT.  
I AM VETERANS WARRIOR FOR  
2021/2022  
  
I AM 12 YEARS OLD AND GOING  
INTO 7TH GRADE AT WILLAMINA  
MIDDLE SCHOOL. MY PARENTS  
ARE LEVI AND NICHOLE LIEBELT.  
  
I AM VERY HONORED TO BE THE  
VETERANS WARRIOR AND WILL  
DO MY BEST TO REPRESENT  
OUR TRIBE AND ALL THESE  
VETERANS TRIBAL AND  
NON-TRIBAL.  
  
HAYU MASI



Hello Everyone,  
  
My name is Leloo Quenelle and I am your  
2021-2022 Little Miss Veterans Queen. My  
parents are Ramona and Anthony Quenelle.  
I am Pit River, Chippewa and Sioux on my  
mother's side and Klamath, Modoc Lower  
Umpqua and Chinook on my father's side. I'm  
an enrolled member of the Confederated  
Tribes of Grand Ronde.  
  
I am 8 years old. I am in the Chinuk Immersion  
program. I attend Willamina Elementary School  
and I am entering 4th grade in the fall. Some of  
the activities that I like to do is play baseball  
with my family, color, do art, read, do my hair  
and play Lego. As Little Miss Veterans Queen,  
I will represent my tribe and my family in a  
good way.  
  
My mom is a Navy Veteran and that is really  
special to our family. I look forward to  
representing Veterans this year. Thank you  
everyone for all the support.  
Hayu masi!



HELLO  
MY NAME IS KALEA LIEBELT AND I AM  
JR VETERANS QUEEN 2021/2022.  
  
I AM 9 YEARS OLD AND I AM GOING  
INTO 4TH GRADE AT WILLAMINA  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.  
MY PARENTS ARE LEVI AND NICHOLE  
LIEBELT.  
  
WHILE I AM JR VETERANS QUEEN MY  
PLAN IS TO WORK HARD AND BE A  
GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR OUR TRIBE AND  
COMMUNITY.  
  
I AM HONORED TO BE THIS YEARS  
JR VETERANS QUEEN. HAYU MASI



Hello everyone, my name is  
Tasinalutawin Bluehorse and  
I am the new Sr. Veterans  
Queen for 2021-2022. I am  
honored to be serving another  
year on royalty, it's been a joy.  
  
This is my 5th year serving on  
royalty and I've experienced  
so much. This year I am hoping  
we get to do more activities,  
travel and connect with people.  
  
Thank you to all family and  
friends for everything over these  
past years. Hayu Masi





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# 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.

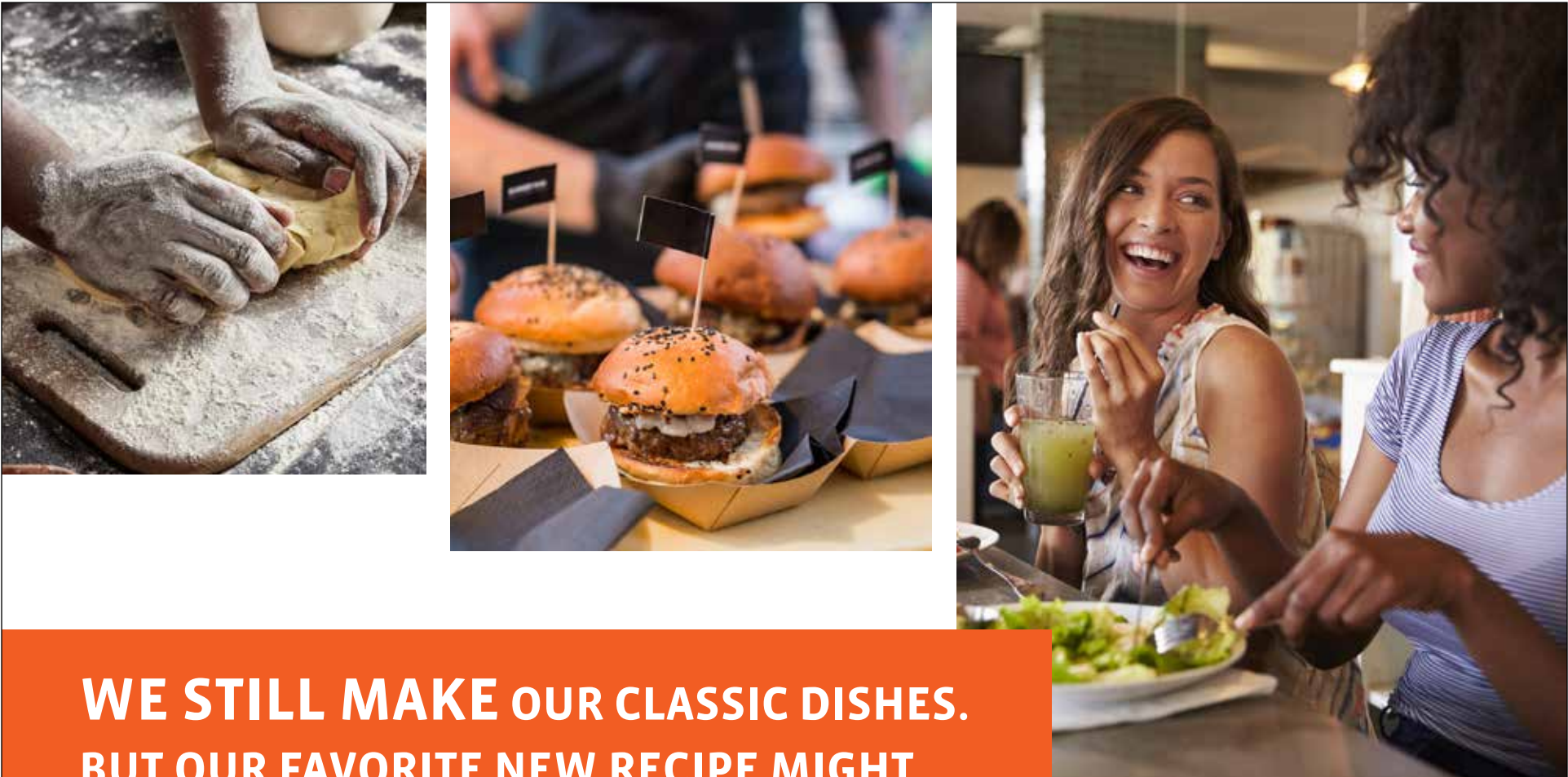
Four professional development workshops will be offered this summer for all Native students currently in grades 9 -12th. The fifth and last workshop will be for Tribal member students ages 18-20.

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.

<http://bit.ly/summer2021professionaldevelopment>


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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**Thursday, June 24**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 8 on Highway 22.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast E Street in Willamina.
- Felon in possession of a weapon arrested in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Friday, June 25**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 3 on Highway 22.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 18.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Willamina Creek and East Creek roads in Willamina.

**Saturday, June 26**

- Assist outside agency in the area of Main Street and Barber Avenue in Willamina.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Noise complaint reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.

**Sunday, June 27**

- Hit-and-run reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Several traffic assists occurred along Highway 18 with multiple vehicles overheating during the hot day.
- Traffic hazard reported in the 47700 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Attempt to locate a reckless driver in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Attempt to locate regarding a road rage incident at milepost 11 on Highway 18.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Fight reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Fire Hall Road and Highway 18.

**Monday, June 28**

- Domestic assault arrest occurred in the area of milepost 2 on Agency Creek Road.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Deceased person reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic assist performed in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 28400 block of Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.

**Tuesday, June 29**

- Abandoned vehicle reported in the area of milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- Parking violation reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Cover request received in the 25000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

**Wednesday, June 30**

- Attempt to locate on a stolen vehicle in the area of milepost 10 on Highway 22.

- Civil complaint received in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Crash reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Thursday, July 1**

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 8000 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

**Friday, July 2**

- Driving complaint reported in the area of Highway 22 and Butler Hill.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Warrant arrest performed in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Harassment reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Saturday, July 3**

- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Animal complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest performed in the 51000 block of Hebo Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Sunday, July 4**

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of highways 18 and 18B.
- Assist outside agency in the Willamina area.
- Courtesy transport in the area of Highway 18 and Steel Bridge Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 22 on Hebo Road.
- Warrant arrest performed in the area of Yamhill River and Fort Hill roads.
- Driver arrested for failure to carry or present in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Northeast Box Street in Sheridan.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the area of Fort Hill and Yamhill River roads.

**Monday, July 5**

- Shots heard in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Prowler reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Burglary reported in the 8600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, July 6**

- Civil complaint received in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Motorist assist performed in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Missing person reported the area of milepost 4 on Agency Creek Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Wednesday, July 7**

- Welfare check performed in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Tyler Brown.



## TERO Worker of the Month

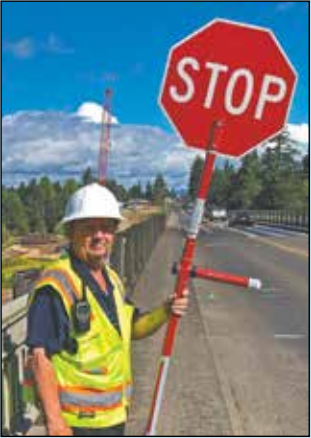
### June 2021

**Name:** Lewis Younger  
**Employer:** A+ Flagging  
**Positon:** Flagger

Lewis Younger applied for the TERO Skills Bank in February of this year. He took advantage of TERO's flagging certification class and was dispatched to work for A+ Flagging on March 11. He has flagged on several projects since being dispatched and says he truly enjoys his job.

Younger's employer said they wish they had 100 employees like him and that he is a great asset to their team. This is not Younger's first experience with TERO as he was a commissioner on the first TERO Commission in 2013.

Great job, Lewis. Way to represent Grand Ronde TERO!



Lewis Younger

*For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.*  
**TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)**

## Tribal youth playing in Oregon All State Game

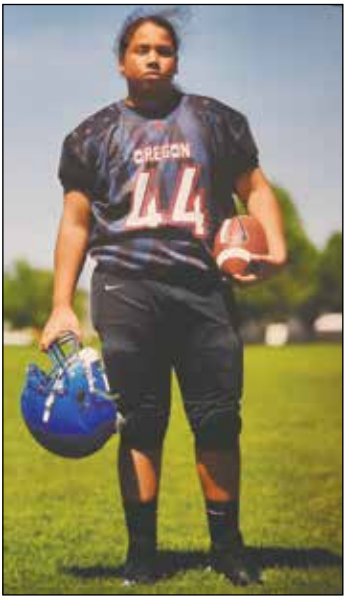
Tribal youth Kaikanim Mercier will play in his second Oregon All State Game on Saturday, July 24, at Parma High School in Idaho.

Mercier represents Willamina High School, where he plays tight end and linebacker. Last year, as a seventh-grader, Mercier played linebacker in the All State Game, which pits the best sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in the state to square off in a bowl game-type experience. Mercier will play on Team Oregon, which will play against other eighth-graders from the Portland metropolitan area.

The All State Game is also designed to heighten awareness of the almost 450,000 children nationwide in the foster care system.

Attendance to the games is free, but spectators are asked to bring a gift card, backpack, toiletries or school supplies that will be donated to a foster child.

For more information, visit [oregonallstategame.com](http://oregonallstategame.com) on the Internet. ■



Kaikanim Mercier

## 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](mailto:sueclark2050@gmail.com)

## The Jeffers Family Reunion

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

### Kamilla Grayce Elerath

Born to Tribal member Bianca Rose Trejo and Doug Elerath on July 2, 2021, at 8:42 a.m.  
6 pounds 11 ounces,  
18.21 inches  
Welcome baby Kami to the family.  
Love you, Mommy, Daddy, sisters Genna and Jenette, as well as Mimi, Papa, auntie Kodi and all the kids.



### John Orvis Harrelson

was born on Feb. 16, 2021, in Newberg, Ore., to Tribal member and Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson and his wife, Kristen Svicarovich. John is from the Bean-Menard-Sengretta family of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation, the Harrelson family of Tacoma, Wash., and the Svicarovich-Schmidt family of Forest Grove, Ore. Joseph Sengretta, his great-grandfather of seven generations, signed the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 on behalf of the Kalapuya people. John is named after two of his great-grandfathers, John Lake Svicarovich and Orvis Atkin Harrelson.



The Grand Ronde Tribal Library's Summer Reading Program presents a virtual afternoon of Comedy & Music Entertainment

July 20th @ 1:00pm  
Free for all ages

### ANGEL OCASIO'S COMEDY

Join for an interactive virtual comedy, magic, and juggling show.  
Perfectly suited for family audiences.

Join Us Via Zoom  
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For patrons without access to reliable internet, The Tribal Library has a limited number of T-Mobile hotspots available for use. Devices provide access within the T-Mobile coverage area.

**BOOK PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO JOIN US FOR THIS FUN ZOOM EVENT!**

Join us for our  
Virtual Sobriety Zoom Meeting..

July 29, 2021  
6:00PM - 7:00PM

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

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

Meeting ID: 945 4811 1618  
Passcode: 276766

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

Let's get together and Support Recovery..

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







# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## GOOD MEDICINE in Grand Ronde!



Taken just below Yoncalla Falls on the Rez – May 2021  
Photo courtesy of Kandee Little

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's Behavioral Health Program has started a "Good Medicine" group. It has nothing to do with seeing your counselor or therapist! Our first gathering was last month and we visited beautiful Yoncalla Falls. A Tribal member offered a song to the falls before talking about the importance of the falls to our people.

What else is good medicine? Beading, carving, singing, dancing, making regalia and participating in ceremonies like sweat lodge are examples of Good Medicine. Making connections with your ancestors is the best medicine! Going where they went and doing what they did is a great way to honor your ancestors and to make deep connections. You can find so much peace, balance and spiritual connectedness when you make things like we made long ago.

You are welcome to join our Good Medicine group! There are no assessments, no fees, no mandatory meetings or anything else. Good Medicine is offered free of charge. We provide the supplies, transportation and/or whatever else might be needed.

The thing about Good Medicine is that it brings healing to your spirit. The only thing you can't do when using good medicine is to invite the drug and alcohol spirit in, which you do by using drugs or alcohol. As you get more familiar with practicing Good Medicine, you may find no interest in using mind-altering substances. Many, many Native people say working with their hands to create something provides focus, balance and a happy spirit. Why would anyone want to mess with peace and a happy spirit by adding alcohol or drugs to the mix?

**Give Good Medicine a try!** For more information, call 503-879-2026.

## 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

11:30 Meal  
1:00-4:00 Other Events

Vaccinations Offered for Youth 12+  
More Details TBA  
July 24--Tribal Campus Tents

Info?: Tresa Mercier 503-879-2008

Grand Ronde  
Tribal Friends  
and Family  
Event

SWAG BAGS FOR THE  
FIRST 300 ATTENDEES  
GIFTS FOR VETERANS



## KEY MILESTONES in childhood development



### SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

This is when children understand who they are, what they are feeling and what to expect when interacting with others.



### COGNITIVE

This is how children think, explore and figure things out. It is the development of knowledge, skills and problem solving, which help children to think about and understand the world around them.



### FINE MOTOR SKILLS

This is when children do small movement activities that develop the muscles in their hands, wrists, fingers, feet, toes, lips and tongue.



### GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

This is when children do activities that develop muscles that help babies lift their head, sit and crawl and eventually walk, run, jump and skip.



### COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

Communication and language development is about more than talking. It means all the different ways a child understands and communicates, only part of which are spoken words. Some children use sign language or other ways to communicate their needs.



This information is provided to you by the Indigenous Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health). The purpose of this grant is to foster culturally responsive models to support and promote the wellness of children and families.

## ZOOM TRAINING



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

## POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

2 hour class for 4 weeks

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



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## THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE



### 2021 TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

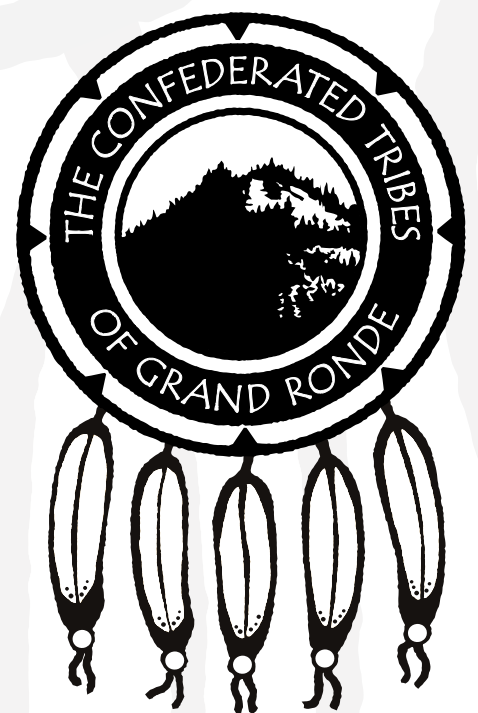
Meet your Tribal Council candidates and hear their views on topics that are important to you!

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Date:** July 28, 2021

**Time:** 6 - 8 P.M.

Tribal members may submit questions for candidates ahead of time by emailing [CandidateQuestions@grandronde.org](mailto:CandidateQuestions@grandronde.org) (please include name and roll number).



For more information, contact Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304