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Demolition time



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council members, members of the media and others watch as demolition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site began during an event hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Event marks the beginning of the end for Blue Heron buildings

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer **REGON CITY – The Confederated Tribes** of Grand Ronde celebrated the beginning of onsite work at the former Blue Heron Paper

Mill property. A private demolition event, held on Tuesday, Sept. 21, marked the start of a new era at the site.

Chris Mercier told a group of approximately 25 people who attended. "One thing I really like about this site is its history. Our roots run deep here."

Mercier also said that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ceded homelands stretch from the Willamette Valley all the way south to the California border.

Tuesday's demolition began with a prayer and

Casino implements myriad efforts to recruit employees

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

mow someone in need of a job? Refer them to Spirit Mountain Casino and you might receive \$500.

The referral award is just one of many efforts being made by Spirit Mountain Casino to recruit employees and solve its staffing shortage.

General Manager Bruce Thomas said during the Thursday, Sept. 9, Facebook Live event that the casino was short-staffed before the pandemic hit, remained that way during the pandemic and is currently in the same situation as the Delta variant surge sweeps through Oregon.

Currently, the casino has more than 900 employees and has open positions for 91 people – 78 fulltime and 13 part-time.

Assistant General Manager Camille Mercier said that if Grand Ronde Tribal members refer friends or family members to apply for employment at the casino and that person is hired and successfully completes their 90-day probationary period, the person making the referral will receive \$250 per applicant. If the employee stays 180 days, the person making the referral will receive the other \$250.

The offer also is good for nonprofit organizations that refer people to the casino for employment. The organization would receive a \$500 donation for each employee they refer who successfully completes

"I just want to say about 10 years ago, if you told me we would hold this property here, I'm not sure I would have believed you," Tribal Council Vice Chair

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Tribal member seeks to become Mrs. Oregon America

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

ribal member Brittny Frederick says she never imagined being in the running for the Mrs. Oregon America title.

However, her social media post about not letting trauma get in the way of letting your future unfold caught the eyes of the then-reigning Mrs. Oregon America, Salena Griffith, who contacted Frederick and asked if she'd ever considered doing pageants.

"I was like, 'No way, I'm a mom, I'm married and is that even a thing for us?"

With a husband, three children ages 11, 3 and 1, as well as a fulltime job, Frederick wasn't sure if she could also juggle pageant obligations.

However, the 32-year-old Beaverton resident agreed to attend the Mrs. Oregon America statewide pageant earlier this summer and see what was involved.

There. Frederick learned about Victoria's Voice, an organization dedicated to keeping teenagers from drug abuse. It was founded

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Tribal member Brittny Linton Frederick was recently named Mrs. Washington **County and will** be competing in the Mrs. **Oregon America** pageant in the summer of 2022.

Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	LIME
Wednesday, Oct. 13	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27	4 p.m.

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

Health & Wellness Center hours

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

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- Sunday, Oct. 3 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Zoom teleconferencing application. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Oct. 11 Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Oct. 16 26th anniversary of the opening of Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.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.)

Salem seeking Tribal input on Climate Action Plan

SALEM – The city of Salem is preparing a Climate Action Plan and specifically seeking the input of Grand Ronde Tribal members who have respected and managed the land in the Willamette Valley since time immemorial.

The Climate Action Plan's goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create a resilient community. A majority of Salem's greenhouse gas emissions come from transportation at about 53 percent. Many actions in the plan are focused on reducing those emissions by expanding and supporting public transportation, building an electric vehicle charging network, and improving biking and walking options.

To provide input on the proposed actions and any new suggestions, visit salemclimateactionplan.com and leave comments.



Government continues limited office access due to COVID cases

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Due to a continuing increase of COVID-19 cases in the West Valley and among its workforce, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde government will continue its re-opening pause that started in early August through at least Friday, Oct. 1.

According to the Tribal government website www.grandronde. org, there are 57 active cases of COVID-19 being monitored by the Health & Wellness Center as of Wednesday, Sept. 29, and 17 new cases detected. The website also says the Tribe has recorded 200 positive COVID-19 tests and 3,134 negatives for an increasing positivity rate of 6 percent. The Tribe has vaccinated more than 20,900 people in 2021.

In addition, the Willamina School District previously reported it has 25 students who have tested positive for COVID-19 and 57 students who are in quarantine because of exposure.

"I believe the increase in positive COVID-19 infections in the West Valley is mostly attributed to the increased contagion of the Delta variant," Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said.

The government-opening pause started on Tuesday, Aug. 3, closing the governmental campus to everyone but essential employees due to an increase in COVID-19 cases. It was the first COVID-related closure in almost three months.

"We all want to put this behind us, but the COVID-19 pandemic is far from over," General Manager David Fullerton said. "Practice social distancing, wash your hands and wear a mask. Let's work together to get past this."

Employees are encouraged to work from home if possible. Staff not able to work remotely have been given administrative leave. Beginning Sept. 7, Central Phones staff returned to the campus to assist callers who need to reach

specific employees working from home. The campus remains closed to visitors and guests, and essential employees who report to work are required to wear masks.

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The increase in COVID-19 cases in the West Valley, the state and nationwide has been attributed to the Delta variant, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said is far more contagious than the original strain, and that some vaccinated people can contract Delta in a breakthrough infection and may be contagious.

However, vaccinated individuals still represent a very small amount of transmissions, and an overwhelming majority of hospitalizations and deaths continue to be among the unvaccinated.

Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said that none of the district's cases are linked to in-school transmission. All Willamina district staff must be fully vaccinated by Oct. 18 as mandated by Gov. Kate Brown.

"I had an Oregon Department of Education meeting on Tuesday and the state epidemiologist shared some staggering information," Zimbrick said. "Something I was alarmed to see is positive Delta pediatric cases among our American Indian children are disproportionate at a rate of 4 to 1 compared to their white peers."

Willamina teachers did not have students on Monday, Sept. 27, to give them time to plan for simultaneously teaching students in the classroom and those who cannot attend school because of the pandemic.

According to health experts, the best way to avoid the worst of the pandemic is to get vaccinated. All Tribal members and those who live in their households, other Native Americans and their household members, and Tribal employees and their household members 12 and older can schedule a vaccination through the Health & Wellness Center by calling 503-879-1900. ■

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

Casino gift store seeking Tribal member artwork

The gift store at Spirit Mountain Casino is seeking Native American and contemporary art from Grand Ronde Tribal members as the store refocuses. However, there is one catch.

Tribal artists must first contact the Tribal Employment Rights Office to become vendors and be certified as an Indian-owned business.

"Becoming an IOB vendor is the first step in the process," said Assistant General Manager Camille Mercier. "Once they are a qualified vendor, their pieces will need to meet a predetermined list of standards in order to have any items in the gift store."

Mercier said the target date is mid-October for the gift store to start accepting consignment items from Tribal artists.

"It's been long overdue to have our own Tribal member artwork featured," she added.

To contact the Tribe's TERO office about being listed as an Indian-owned business, call TERO Director Harris Reibach at 503-879-1455 or send an e-mail to tero@grandronde.org. ■

Food Bank news

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

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

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- · Ceremonial Hunting Board meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- · Culture Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam makhmak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting is 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, using the Zoom teleconference application. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial.Board@ grandronde.org.
- Education Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Fiders Committee** meets at 10 a m, the third Wednesday of the month in the Fiders



2016 - The Tribe hosted the fifth Coffee & Conversation meeting in Medford and an encampment at nearby Upper Table Rock trailhead. The Tribal contingent included seven Tribal Council members and administrative staff, as well as Cultural Resources and Education department employees. "This is a meaningful event," Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said. "I really hope one of these years we can have a larger event."

2011 – A first-ever Tribal Government Day between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and city of Portland was held in a concerted effort to build more awareness throughout city staff about the Tribe and its historical connection to Portland.



File photo

The meeting also laid the groundwork for a more official government-to-government relationship. "The message we're conveying today is that the connection to this land is with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde," Tribal Council Chairwoman Chervle A. Kennedy said.

2006 - Familiar faces returned to Tribal Council. Former Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. were re-elected along with Valorie Sheker, who returned to council after her last re-election bid came up short. "The year off that I took was good," Sheker said. "It was educational. I needed that year to take care of some things. Now, I feel strong."

2001 - Various state and Tribal leaders gathered at Spirit Mountain Casino to honor Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison for her years of service to the Tribe. Approximately 400 people attended the event. Among them were Sen. Kate Brown, who served as the evening's master of ceremonies, and former Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh, who played a key role in assisting the Grand Ronde Tribe with its Restoration efforts. "Some of you know that it wasn't too long ago this casino was not here. It wasn't too long that the hotel was not here," Atiyeh said. "It wasn't too long ago the administration building was not there. They all sprang forth upon Tribal recognition. We know what Kathryn Harrison and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have given to Oregon."

1996 - The first annual Community Health Fair held at Grand Ronde Elementary School was successful. More than 60 immunizations were provided to children and 400 fingerprint identification kits were completed. Bill Shonley, radio announcer for the Portland Trail Blazers and spokesman for Oregon LifeFlight Network, arrived on a helicopter and signed autographs while children toured the helicopter.

1991 – Community Center construction was underway with the foundation poured and framing of the walls. All utilities for sewer, water and electricity also were installed for the underground portion. The project was expected to be completed sometime in February 1992. "Over the next several weeks the building will actually begin to take shape as the walls and the roof go up and some of the parking is completed," a Smoke Signals article stated. "The general contractor has been extremely fortunate with the warm weather we have had and we hope it continues for us as long as we need it."

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

- Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- · Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- · Housing Grievance Board meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- · Powwow Special Event Board meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- TERO Commission meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- Timber Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- Veterans Special Event Board meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

(Editor's note: All committee and special event board in-person meetings have been suspended during the Tribe's reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)

Health & Wellness offering vaccinations for 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, the Tribe has vaccinated more than 20,900 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. \blacksquare



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is in the process of purchasing the 37.65-acre Bateman property at 45375 Hebo Road. The site is just west of úyxat Powwow Grounds off Highway 22 in the Grand Ronde area.

Tribal Council approves acquisition of properties

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's land holdings are about to increase by more than 500 acres after Tribal Council approved two land acquisitions during its Wednesday, Sept. 15, meeting.

The first property purchase would see the Tribe acquire the 37.65-acre Bateman property just west of úyxat Powwow Grounds off Highway 22 (Hebo Road) in the Grand Ronde area.

To facilitate that purchase, Tribal Council also approved the sixth supplemental budget of 2021 that would allocate \$360,000 in gaming dividend to fund the acquisition.

The second land acquisition would bring the Tribe the 463-acre Enchanted Oaks property located in Marion County just north of Jefferson. The purchase would use Bonneville Power Administration funds through its Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program.

The property features several types of habitat, including oak woodland and savanna, riparian forest and wet prairie that hosts multiple priority species.

Enchanted Oaks would bring the Tribe's conservation property holdings purchased through the Bonneville Power Administration Pacific Northwest Tribe participating in the program.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
 Approved a 10-year agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Partners Program for the Takilth conservation property located in Polk County. The Tribe took ownership of the 108-acre property earlier this year. Enrolling in the Partners Program will provide the Tribe access to more resources for restoration of the property;
- Approved Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. retaining a maximum of \$12.25 million in gaming revenue to fund capital improvement projects, such as building a recreational vehicle park and installing food outlets that are taking the place of the now-defunct Cedar Plank Buffet;
- And approved re-appointing Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees for two-year terms.

The Sept. 15 Tribal Council meeting marked the first for newly elected member Michael Cherry. Tribal Council also re-elected Cheryle A. Kennedy as chairwoman and elected Michael Langley as secretary. Langley succeeds Jon A. George, who nominated him for the position. To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Tribal Council OKs fifth supplemental budget

By Dean Rhodes Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved the fifth supplemental budget of 2021 during its Wednesday, Sept. 29, meeting to fund an increase in wages for Tribal governmental employees.

The \$486,000 allocation will cover the increased salaries due to the Tribe raising its minimum wage to \$15 an hour and a complementary increase for some employees to offset wage compression caused by the minimum wage increase.

Interestingly, the sixth supplemental budget of 2021 was approved before the fifth on Sept. 15 when Tribal Council OK'd spending \$360,000 to purchase the 37.65-acre Bateman property in Grand Ronde.

Previous supplemental budgets in 2021 have allocated an additional \$300,000 to the Small Loan Program, funded a cost-of-living increase for the Elders' pension program, allowed the Natural Resources Department to purchase a new 500-gallon wildland fire engine and permitted the Tribe to purchase properties in Grand Ronde and Wood Village. In other action, Tribal Council:

 Approved the Tribe's \$7,500 in annual dues to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and named Tribal Council member Jon A. George as the principal delegate to the organization and also OK'd the Tribe's \$30,000 in annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians and named Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley as the principal delegate to the organization;

- Approved a Tribal credit card for newly elected Tribal Council member Michael Cherry and removed former Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. as a signer on Tribal accounts;
- Re-appointed Tribal Council member Kathleen George to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors and appointed Cherry to the board to fill a vacant seat. Both terms run through September 2024;
- And approved the enrollment of 24 people into the Tribe and the re-enrollment of four individuals because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Tribal Council also approved the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, General Council meeting, which will be a presentation by Baird regarding the Tribe's investment portfolio. The meeting will be held via the Zoom teleconference application.

Also included in the Sept. 29 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that names the new home ownership development in Grand Ronde tipsu-ili'i, which translates into grassland. Rejected names included lakal-ili'i (flatland) and haws-lulu (circle of houses).

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

Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays 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.

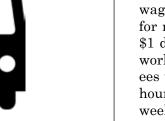
For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. \blacksquare

program to more than 2,456 acres.

Lands Manager Jan Michael Reibach said during the Tuesday, Sept. 14, Legislative Action Committee meeting that Grand Ronde has obtained the most acreage of any

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



'This is happening at every casino and business nationwide'

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their probationary periods.

However, the referral bonuses do not apply to rehires at the casino.

Other incentives for people to work at the casino include a \$1,000 sign-on bonus, including re-hires who have been gone at least six months; a \$17-an-hour minimum wage – more than \$35,000 a year – for non-highly tipped positions; a \$1 differential for graveyard shift workers; time and half for employees who work holidays; and \$3 an hour extra for employees who work weekends that fall on a holiday.

And wait, that's not all, Mercier said.

For each quarter that an employee has perfect attendance, they will receive an additional \$250 (an extra \$1,000 a year) and employees earn up to 19 days off in their first year of employment. They also receive a free meal and are paid while they eat it.

As far as benefits, Mercier said that employees pay only \$10 per paycheck for health insurance, can contribute to a 401(k) plan for retirement, receive free flu immunizations and get a free turkey or ham for the holidays.

"This is happening at every casino and business nationwide," Mercier said about the casino's difficulties in attracting employees. "I recognize we are not the only organization suffering." ■

Taking the oath of office



Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble swears in Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy during a ceremony held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tribal Council Chambers. Kennedy led all candidates in votes with 869 during the Sept. 11 Tribal Council election to secure her eighth consecutive term in office dating back to 2000. The swearing-in ceremony opened with a prayer and drum from Cultural Resources Department Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier.



Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble swears in Tribal Council member Jon A. George during a ceremony held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tribal Council Chambers. George finished second in the tally during the Sept. 11 Tribal Council election with 778 votes and secured his fourth consecutive term on Tribal Council dating back to 2012.



Incoming Tribal Council member Michael Cherry and outgoing Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. share a moment before the swearing-in ceremony held in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 15.



Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble swears in former **Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Michael** Cherry during a ceremony held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tribal **Council Chambers. Cherry finished** third in the Sept. 11 Tribal Council election with 661 votes and becomes the 49th Tribal member to serve on Tribal Council since 1983's Restoration. She also follows in the footsteps of her mother, **Candy Robertson, and sister, Angie** Blackwell, in serving on Tribal Council.



Tribal Council members Lisa Leno and Jack Giffen Jr. present Steve Bobb Sr. with a Pendleton blanket and other gifts in appreciation of his service to the Tribe following the swearing-in ceremony held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Tribal Council Chambers. Bobb served three terms on Tribal Council from 2007-13 and 2018-21. He finished fourth during the Sept. 11 Tribal Council election with 595 votes.

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'It's actually finally happening'

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drum song led by Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta and Tribal member Chris Rempel.

In addition to Mercier, other Tribal Council members in attendance included Jon A. George, Michael Cherry, Lisa Leno, Denise Harvey, Jack Giffen Jr. and Secretary Michael Langley.

"This (property purchase) opened up the door for us to partner with other local governments and tell the story of our people in this area," Mercier said. "This is a crown jewel of one of the goals, to reflect the values and mission of this Tribe."

After Mercier finished speaking, employees of Elder Demolition started running an excavator to begin removal of insulation and aluminum siding from one of the buildings on site as the crowd looked on. Tribal Council approved an \$847,852 contract with the Portland company on May 5.

"It's actually finally happening," Harvey said. "It's been a long road and it's still a long way to go, but it is happening. I think 10 years from now, there will be no regrets. It's really nice that the Tribe is cleaning up this property. It's a blessing for Oregon."

Cherry, the newest Tribal Council member, said she feels a personal connection to the site on the banks of the Willamette River.

"Just being here today is an honor," Cherry said. "This morning I woke up and thanked our ancestors, feeling very grateful. I enjoyed listening to Bobby drumming and have a profound sense of gratitude. I'm very excited when I think of my grandkids and great-grandkids coming here in the future and partaking in the culture, never knowing a time when this wasn't here. It warms my heart that that they will be here on this land."

The Tribe acquired the 23-acre Blue Heron site near Willamette Falls in August 2019 for \$15.25 million.

"This is a special time for our

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the role of caregiver over an important piece of its homeland.

Development could include office, hospitality, institutional or educational spaces, as well as Tribal spaces, public gathering spots, restaurants, retail and a river walk area. Any new development would reflect the story of the Tribe, and its historical and cultural connection to Willamette Falls.

The site has been used for numerous industrial purposes since the 19th century and includes more than 50 abandoned and dilapidated buildings.

Since acquiring the property, the Tribe has worked with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality regarding remediation efforts and also received an \$800,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for site cleanup. ■



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From right, Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta and Tribal member Chris Rempel drum before the start of the demolition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site during an event hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The Tribe purchased the property in August 2019 for \$15.25 million and shared its vision for the site in March of this year. The vision is focused on healing the landscape through extensive ecological restoration, celebrating the site's Tribal connection and bringing the public back to Willamette Falls through mixed-use development and gathering places. Three of the more than 50 buildings at the site are scheduled to be taken down by the end of the year.



Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier makes remarks to those who attended the demolition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site during an event hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Bonde

people as we bless the site and begin our work to heal the land as stewards of the falls," said Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy in a press release announcing the demolition event. "We are excited to take these initial steps toward real progress toward our vision for this site and re-introducing the general public to this special place."

In March, the Tribe shared its vision for the site, focused on healing the landscape through extensive ecological restoration, celebrating the site's Tribal connection and bringing the public back to Willamette Falls through mixed-use development and gathering places.

Potential plans include environmental and cultural restoration along with new development. Other priorities are to provide economic prosperity and return the Tribe to aper will site during an event hosted by the confederated fribes of Grand Konde.



An employee from Elder Demolition of Portland begins the demolition of a building at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site during an event hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

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'I'm excited to represent the Tribe'

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after a family lost their 18-yearold daughter, Victoria, to an opioid overdose. They believe that by Victoria's death, thousands will be saved through their foundation that supports ways to reduce drug experimentation, addiction and overdose.

"That really struck a chord with me," Frederick says. "I didn't realize it was that big of an aspect in the event and that there was so much community outreach. That's when I decided to think about doing this. I wanted to get back to working with youth."

As a teen and young adult growing up in Grand Ronde, she worked for the Tribe's Youth Education Department and the Native Wellness Institute as a facilitator, educating other youth about healthy alternatives to using drugs and alcohol.

"It really was such a passion of mine, I thought that was the direction my life would go, but plans



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Brittny Linton Frederick was recently named Mrs. Washington County and will be competing in the Mrs. Oregon America pageant in the summer of 2022.

changed," Frederick says. "I got pregnant and had a daughter and didn't want to be away too much at the time. That's why I felt this

(pageant) was a good opportunity. Community outreach is the biggest part of the pageant and it really inspired me."

Frederick decided to apply for Mrs. Washington County, the first step to becoming Mrs. Oregon America. She was accepted in August and recently participated in her first community outreach charity event at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course.

The statewide pageant will be held in July 2022, and involves a panel interview, then a dance, fitness, evening gown and onstage question portion.

Mrs. America was established in 1976 to honor married women throughout the United States. Each of the contestants represents one of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and participants range in age from their 20s to their 50s. Participants earn the right to participate in the national event by winning their state competition.

"I'm really looking forward to the community outreach piece," Frederick says. "I'm excited to get out there and talk to people, and do some of my own events as well. My goal is reduce drug exposure to kids and teens, and encourage other activities."

She says she is nervous about participating in the pageant itself.

"I'm a farm girl and grew up wearing jeans and boots, not makeup and gowns," Frederick says. "But I know it will all be OK. The other women are very supportive and it's like a sisterhood. We're already getting really close. I'm excited to represent the Tribe in this way, too,"

Frederick's Tribal roots come from her father, Dennis Linton, grandfather Thomas Linton and great-grandmother Geraldine "Toots" Mercier.

"The reason I decided to do this is because of the experiences I had growing up and what the Tribe means to me," Frederick says. "I'm very proud to be Grand Ronde."



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TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LI-

HEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human

Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating

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

Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area

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CTGR Social Services Department, Attn: Tribal Veterans Service Officer 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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VETERANS CORNER, September 2021:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August to December 2021 Coffee & Chat with the TVSO

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

Sept. 2021 (Date/Time TBD-tentative) Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available) E-mail CTGRTVSO to register.

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

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

The original plan was to take you out to coffee and meet with you face to face. Due to the pandemic, that isn't possible and I do not want to risk anyone's health and safety. Because I still want to connect with you, I will be reaching out to you via phone call to speak with you about your benefits or other related veteran topics. In return for your time the TVSO will send you a gift card as a token of appreciation.

The Tribal Veterans Service Officer will call all Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans to review Veteran Benefits the Veteran might be eligible for. Reviewing and applying for benefits can mean more money in your pocket and/or more benefits that you qualify to use. In some cases, spouses can also benefit in case of the Veterans passing. Let's chat!

(Via Zoom) Cultural Class #2 – Cattail Cordage Video link, supplies, and instructions will be sent upon request.

September 22, 2021 at 10 a.m. (email TVSO for link to register) Mindfulness Behavioral Health Training #3

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOUTHWEST ASIA THEATER OF OPERATIONS?

The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing disability claims August 2, 2021 for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis based on presumed particulate matter exposures during military service in Southwest Asia and certain other areas - if these conditions manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service. Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office to determine if your dates of service and location of service fall within the qualifying dates.

IRAQ or AFGHANISTAN?

Did you serve in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield, New Dawn, Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom? The Open Burn Pit Registry allows eligible veterans and service members to document environmental exposures, such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment, as well as record health concerns, through an online questionnaire.

VIETNAM VETERANS - AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?

The list of conditions presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure has recently expanded. Whether line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia?

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Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office for more information.



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Riding In selected as 2021-22 Hatfield Fellow

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals staff writer

Grand Ronde Tribal member Samuel Riding In has been selected as the 2021-22 Hatfield Fellow by the Tribe's philanthropic arm, Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

Riding In, a recent Portland, Ore., transplant, grew up in Apache, Okla., and received a bachelor's degree in Indigenous and American Indian studies from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan.

Riding In also holds a certification in behavioral health and was employed as a case worker and behavioral health technician at Lutheran Indian Ministries, a nonprofit organization in Kansas. He is passionate about mental health issues, Indian education and economic development for Tribal communities.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity a lot," he said. "I never had a political leaning or saw myself in that position, but I have a passion to help Native people any way I can. I want to represent the Tribe and the Pacific Northwest the best I can."

The Grand Ronde Tribe established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a tribute to his accomplishments as Oregon governor and representing Oregon in the U.S. Senate. The Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as an intern in an Oregon congressional office, enhancing the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

A virtual meet-and-greet event was held via Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 15, to welcome Riding In as a fellow. The event was hosted by



Tribal member Samuel Riding In, 23, participated in a virtual meet and greet with Tribal Council on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Riding In is the newest Hatfield Fellow and will work in the office of Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley during his time in Washington, D.C.

Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Sears and former director Michael Cherry. Also in attendance were Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Kathleen George, Jack Giffen Jr., Michael Langley, Jon A. George and Vice Chair Chris Mercier. Kathleen George, Giffen and Harvey also serve on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees.

"I am sure you will enjoy your time in D.C. and will also have big shoes to fill in Merkley's office," Harvey said. "They will lean on you heavily for your Native American knowledge."

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Past Hatfield Fellows

1998: Pete Wakeland (Grand Ronde) 1999: Direlle Calica (Warm Springs) 2000: Alyssa Macy (Warm Springs) 2001: Bodie Shaw (Warm Springs) 2002: Kevin Simmons (Grand Ronde) 2003: Bryan Mercier (Grand Ronde) 2004: Joseph Hostler (Grand Ronde) 2006: Dennis Worden (Coeur d'Alene) 2007: Rebecca Knight (Grand Ronde) 2008: Francene Ambrose (Grand Ronde) 2009: Stacia Hernandez (Grand Ronde) 2010: Shana Radford (Nez Perce) 2011-12: Darrel L. Lawrence (Grand Ronde) 2013-14: Rudy Soto (Sho-Ban) 2014-15: Mary Bodine (Warm Springs) 2015-16: Maria Givens (Coeur d'Alene) 2016-17: Robert Ahern (Warm Springs) 2017-18: Karlen Yallup (Warm Springs) 2018-19: Traven Joseph (Koyokan Athabascan/Gros-Ventre) 2019-20: Cholena Wright (Klamath) 2020-21: Simone Auger (Grand Ronde) 2021-22: Samuel Riding In (Grand Ronde)

Cherry, who served as Community Fund Director from February 2017 until September 2021, told Riding In she was "super proud and excited."

"You can always reach out to us and you're going to do great things," she said.

Kathleen George noted that the timing "couldn't be better" for Riding In to begin his fellowship due to his interest in mental health issues affecting Native Americans, especially given the isolation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We live in community together and those things are missing from our lives now," she said. "We know some Tribal people are isolated now and don't have access to those supports that nonprofits can provide."

Sears added that she hopes there will be more opportunity for in-person collaboration than the last two fellows have had.

"This really is an amazing opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., as a Hatfield Fellow," she said. "You will probably still have a lot of Zoom meetings and I know it's been challenging for our last two fellows. I wish you the best of luck and hope you can rise above the challenges of the pandemic." long orientation with the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., in November, and then begin working with U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley's office. This will be the second time Merkley has hosted a Hatfield Fellow.

"I wanted to serve as the Hatfield Fellow because historically Native people have been left out of many conversations and legislation that ultimately affects our livelihoods as sovereign nations," Riding In said. "Our people have overcome immense obstacles in order to keep our culture and sovereignty as distinct Tribal Nations intact, and I believe it is imperative we create a sustainable future for the survival of our political autonomy. My professional goal is to ensure our next generation of people are equipped with the knowledge to succeed and carry on our culture."

Riding In becomes the 10th Grand Ronde Tribal member to be named a Hatfield Fellow, joining the likes of Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose, Tribal Elder and Housing Grievance Board Chair Simone Auger and Bureau of Indian Affairs Pacific Northwest Regional Direc-

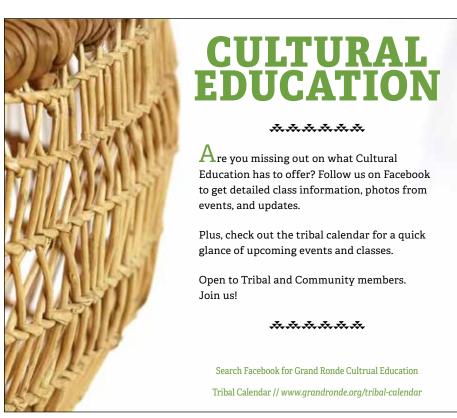
This program has limited funding and will be a first come, first served program.

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You can also email us at ssdinfo@grandronde.org



Riding In will attend a month- tor Bryan Mercier. ■



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Grand Ronde Editorial Board position opening

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") of overseeing its independent Tribal press (Smoke Signals), invites applications to serve on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board. There is one (1) open board position with a term that expires in March 2023.

The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of Smoke Signals to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members. Submission deadline: Friday, Oct. 15, 2021

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:

Grand Ronde Editorial Board c/o Smoke Signals Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Phone: 503.879.1463 E-mail: editorial.board@grandronde.org





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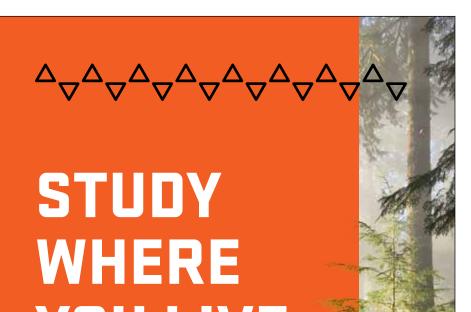
Transportation Specialist Edy Moreno with Access Corp. empties a box of materials during the first community shred event held on Monday, Sept. 13. Records Administrator Kim Mueller said that she hopes that it will turn into an annual event.



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Watchlist: 'Inupiaq food: A Barrow family describes how whale is prepared'

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

In the Sept. 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*, we shared a video on the traditional Native Alaskan whale hunting experience. In this edition, we are sharing a video on how Native Alaskans process the whale meat and this way of life.

The Alaska Dispatch News published a video in 2016 called "Inupiaq food: A Barrow family describes how whale is prepared." This video follows Lillian Nageak around her kitchen in Barrow, the northern-most town in Alaska.

She points to a paper plate holding "maktak," frozen cubes of black whale skin and pink blubber. The maktak is a staple for the people of Barrow and Nageak explains how they prepare maktak to last several months.

Nageak's granddaughter, Michelle Kaleak, is next to her grandmother for most of the video. Kaleak shares that from a young age she was taught how to properly prepare the maktak so the process may be passed down through generations.

And passed through generations it was. Whale hunting is a group effort and Nageak's late husband was their family's whaling captain. When he passed, the tradition was kept alive with the help of their sons.

Nageak says that whale season is a "fun time for the whole family." It may take days for the family to catch a whale and boil and preserve the meat, but when the family harvests a whale, Nageak says the entire community celebrates and shares the catch.

To signal to the community that maktak is available, a flag is flown on top of the house so people know where they can go to share their traditional food.

To watch the video for yourself, go to www.youtube.com/ watch?v=G0iOo1wuNQw or find it in the *Smoke Signals* YouTube "Watchlist" playlist. ■



A paper plate holds "maktak," frozen cubes of black whale skin and

Tribes request creation of Water Vision Task Force

By Dean Rhodes Smoke Signals editor

The nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon have requested that Gov. Kate Brown create by executive order a Tribe-Agency Water Vision Task Force that would include representation from each Tribe and the nine state agencies identified in the state's Water Resources Strategy.

"The goal of this group would be to fully coordinate the vision and goals of a holistic water vision," the Tribes said in a collective letter mailed to Brown on Monday, Sept. 20.

In 2018, Brown announced the beginning of a multi-year effort to develop and implement a 100-Year Water Vision for the state to meet the needs of healthy communities, a robust economy and the environment for today and future generations.

During the fall and winter of 2019, the Governor's Natural Resources Office and state agencies sought input regarding the Water Vision. According to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, the state met formally with seven of the nine Tribes and had "conversations" with the other two Tribes.

"Water is sacred. Water is life. Water is the heartbeat of our culture," the Tribal letter states. "Our understanding of these truths is based upon a legacy of survival and reliance on our oceans, rivers and lakes. Whether we are planning for one year or 100 years, any water vision must, at its core, restore and protect cold, clean water. As modern Oregonians, we have not done this well. It is time for a step forward."

The Tribes also requested that the state collaborate with each Tribe to develop specific recommendations for the water plan. "Each of our sovereign Tribes may have unique, specific interests pertinent to water resources and/or water infrastructure within their ancestral areas."

"All of Oregon's Tribes are eager



Kathleen George

and willing to engage," the letter concludes. "The inclusion of Oregon's Tribal voice in its water vision will ensure its comprehensive commitment to our collective human and ecosystem resiliency needs. Oregon's Tribes hope your office can instruct all affected state agencies to reciprocate in kind."

Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who also serves as the chair of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission, said that the letter arose out of a desire to see that fisheries essential to Tribes be included in the state's 100-year Water Vision.

"Fisheries such as lamprey and salmon have always sustained us as Tribal people and we have a responsibility to do everything that we can to make sure that they are included at every turn," George said. "For far too long, Oregon has not recognized that these fisheries are on the brink of extinction in several basins in our ceded lands. The Tribes have seen many state plans come and go, and we know that unless we act now to change the course, our precious cultural fisheries will be lost."

For more information about the state's 100-Year Water Vision, visit oregonwatervision.org. ■

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TERO Worker of the Month *August 2021*

Name: Jonah Cox Employer: RJR Construction LLC Position: Laborer

Jonah Cox applied for the TERO Skills Bank in June 2021. He was hired by RJR Construction and has helped with the Spirit Mountain Casino bathroom remodel. He has learned new skills in demolition and construction.

Jonah has been selected as our August TERO Worker of the Month for his dependability, hard work and overall great work ethic. He said he is thankful for TERO



Jonah Cox

helping him find a well-paying job very quickly and plans on utilizing TERO in the future.

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

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

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(HEMaWa STATION

Request for Proposals for Native American Art Chemawa Station Development

Due to the small number of responses in the original RFP, based partially on the previously short timeline, the RFP is being extended to allow artists time to develop a design and plan for the art.

Selection Criteria

- Artwork will be selected based on representative dedication to both Tribes, how the art complements the water feature, materials used, and cost (60 points)
- Appropriate for Oregon and/or the Pacific Northwest (10 points)
- Reflective of the Native American culture and spirit (20 points)
- Preference will be given to Native American Artists who are enrolled members of either the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians or the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. (10 points)

The Chemawa Station LLC Board of Directors and development team ("Team") is accepting art concept and design submissions that would complement the proposed water feature that will Submission be built at the entrance of the Chemawa Station development in Keizer, OR. This development is located at the intersection of Ulali Drive and Chemawa Road. The development is an equal Resume or CV . partnership of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. • The Team is looking for something in the realm of a monument, sculpture or mural that is representative of both Tribes, recognizing the Tribe's contribution to the community and long

standing cultural history in the area. An understanding that this area is tied historically to the Chemawa Indian School could be taken into consideration in the design. The art should be made of material that is durable and long lasting and that will withstand weather storms and the overall climate of Keizer, OR, as well as minimize potential damage from graffiti or other mal intent.

- An architect's rendition of the water feature to be placed on the property is included as an attachment to this RFP.
- Art commissioned to enliven this space will reflect both Tribe's shared values, including respect
- for natural resources, family, and of the sacredness of art and artists in our cultures. The art will
- be both welcoming and a source of pride for the community as well as visitors to the businesses that are present in the development.
- Pacific Northwest Native American artists are encouraged submit art design proposals.
- Artist must be Native American or include a Native member on their team.

Space

The art space will be very observable to those driving on Ulali Drive, walking along the sidewalk, as well as those who are visiting the planned food establishments and other potential tenants near the development.

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- The size of the art should fit the overall scale of the water feature.
- The final design will be subject to the approval of the City of Keizer. • •

- Submission due by WEDNESDAY 5:00 pm on November 24th, 2021
- Proposal for this project including a written idea and concept of the piece.
- A developed and detailed sketch Description of the idea and concept • Materials needed to create the art, deliver the art, and install the art All team member names and contact information A budget showing all costs to complete the project including: artist design fee, cost of creation, materials, insurance, delivery and installation A proposed timeline required to produce the art • Any additional information necessary for the Team to make a decision • Past Imagery – Up to 10 JPEG images or PDF files of previous and related work. All
- photos, paintings and other works of art must be original and the submitting artists must have all rights to the images. Images should be named:
 - Last Name Size Example: Hill_24x36x2_800
 - Please include an image list of the medium, materials and locations.
- Email the proposals to Daniel McCue, Co-CEO Chemawa Station at danielm@ctsi.nsn.us
- Include in subject line: Chemawa Station Art Project

Estimated Timeline

11/24/2021, Wednesday @ 5:00 p.m. -REVISED Submission deadline

December 2021 – Board of Director Meeting and review of proposals December 2021 – January 2022 – Selected artists/artist teams notified Installation date - Estimated to be late Spring 2022, subject to change based on selected artists schedule, material availability, and weather.

Contact

With questions about this RFP, please email Daniel McCue at danielm@ctsi.nsn.us

IN THE I	RIBAL COURT OF THE	CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE				
	GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON					
IN THE MATTER OF:)	Case No.: C-21-011				
PETITE, Myah,)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE				
	Minor,)					
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PETITE, Alicia,))					
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Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon on November 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. to show cause why						
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The Court is n	w conducting hearing	ngs via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting by				
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IT IS FURTHER	ORDERED that any wi	ritten response to this Order by any				
party to this case s	hall be filed on or	r before October 22, 2021.				
The Clerk of t	he Tribal Court sha	all cause a copy of this Order to be				
served upon all part	ies in accordance w	with the Rules of the Court of the				
Confederated Tribes	of the Grand Ronde	Community of Oregon. The Clerk shall				
also cause a copy of	this order to be p	published in one (1) issue of the				
Smoke Signals, the c	Smoke Signals, the official newsletter of the Confederated Tribes of Grand					
Ronde.						
DATED THIS 21st DAY (F SEPTEMBER, 2021.					
		/s/ Cynthia Kaufman Noble Cynthia Kaufman Noble				
		Cynthia Kaurman Noble Chief Judge				

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PUBLIC NOTICE HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant Application Opportunity

HUD recently published notice of its 2021 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) competition. Projects are to serve a predominantly low-moderate income (LMI) population. Grants can be for up to \$750,000 and require match of \$250,000 for full points (1/4 cost share). Eligible project areas include public facilities, infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and some economic development (creating jobs for LMI people). Past Grand Ronde Tribal ICDBG projects HUD selected include the Food Bank and the Police Station and current projects include the Language Education Building (in design now) and the Community Services Center Addition (about to start design). Tribal Council will be reviewing options and suggestions including those from Tribal departments such as Emergency Services, Education, and Social Services regarding a possible 2021 application. Suggestions and comments on the current opportunity can be sent to Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Development manager, at kim.rogers@grandronde.org or you may call him at 503-879-2250. If Tribal Council selects a project and proceeds with an application, it is expected to be reviewed at the Oct. 12, 2021, Legislative Action Committee and approved at the Oct. 13, 2021, Tribal Council meeting. (Comments are also requested regarding the Tribe's two current ICDBG grant projects and you may call or e-mail Rogers on those as well.) ■

Grand Ronde Housing Department

Opportunity for comment on Grand Ronde Housing Department 2022 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) and Abbreviated 2022 Indian Housing Plan

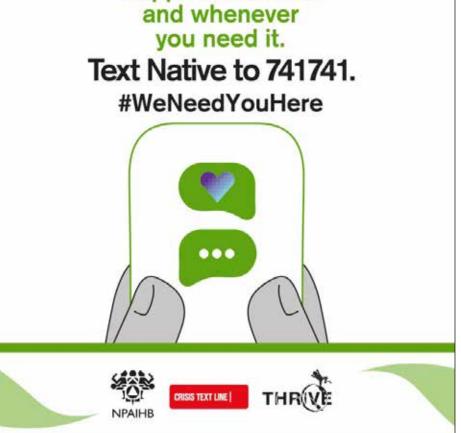
Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Grand Ronde Housing Department has received multiple grants under this program that were active during 2021. Comments on the Indian Housing Plan are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRHD office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 2022. All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD. ■

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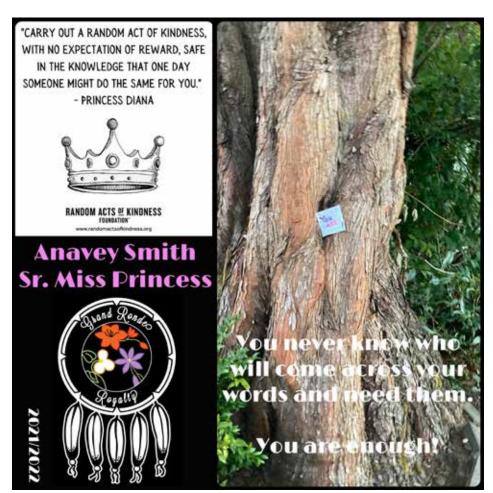
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Kalea and Nacoma came home



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Aubrey Campbell Little Miss Princess 2021/2022





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Kalea Liebelt, Veterans Junior Queen 2021/2022 Nacoma Liebelt, Veterans Warrior from school and picked up trash in the neighborhood.







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I Enjoy Holding My Niece When She's Upset And Watching Her After School When I Can. Desirae Hernandez Little Miss Princess





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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG

Thursday, Aug. 26

- Motorist assist performed in the area of Tyee and Grand Ronde roads.
- Abandoned vehicle found in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Northwest Main Street in Willamina.
- Animal complaint received in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- DUII arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Aug. 27

- DUII/recklessly endangering a child arrest occurred in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.

Saturday, Aug. 28

- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 100 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Car fire reported in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Aug. 29

- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- Trespass arrest occurred in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Drug activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious person reported in the 8500 block of Rowell Creek Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 48200 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.

Monday, Aug. 30

- Arrest occurred for an outstanding warrant, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Noise complaint reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. **Tuesday, Aug. 31**
- Suspicious person reported in the area of highways 18B and 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 600 block of Mill Street in Sheridan.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Northeast Yamhill and North Bridge streets in Sheridan.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

- Criminal mischief arrest occurred in the 900 block of Barber Avenue in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Southwest Walnut Street in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a mentally ill subject in the area of Northeast Main and B streets in Willamina.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. **Thursday, Sept. 2**
- 911 hang-up reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- · Sex offense reported in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo Road and Highway
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- Suspicious person reported in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the area of Northwest Main and D streets in Willamina.
- Restraining order violation arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the Sheridan area.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and King Road.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Motorist assist performed in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 4 on Highway 18.
- · Assist outside agency in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 27900 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 200 block of Northeast Third Street in Willamina.

Thursday, Sept. 9

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Assist outside agency in the 27900 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Friday, Sept. 10
- Assist outside agency in the 22900 block of Spirit Mountain Road.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Identity theft arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Motorist assist performed in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.

Saturday, Sept. 11

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Assist outside agency in the area of Fort Hill and Yamhill River roads.
- Theft reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 8000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- 911 hang-up reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Sept. 12

- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Property found in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Sept. 13

- Stalking complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 Warrant arrest occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
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- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.

Friday, Sept. 3

- Fight reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 8 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Hill Drive in Willamina.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Sept. 4

- CPR-in-progress call received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Sept. 5

- Crash reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. The driver was arrested for having a criminally suspended license.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Responded to a disabled motorist in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

Monday, Sept. 6

- Assist outside agency in the area of King Road and Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency to the 500 block of Jefferson Street in Sheridan.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

- Possession of a forged instrument arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast First Street in Willamina.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Northeast Blair and Northeast Elm streets in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a homicide investigation in the Salem area. **Wednesday, Sept. 15**
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminally driving while suspended arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 400 block of Box Court in Sheridan.
- Felony possession of methamphetamine arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Tyler Brown.

Walking On...

June Lorraine Olson

Jan. 1, 1948 – Sept. 13, 2021 Grand Ronde Tribal Elder June Olson

walked on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, at the age of 73 in Milwaukie, Ore. She had been battling bladder cancer for several months and passed peacefully in her sleep with her family nearby.

June was born Jan. 1, 1948, in Orland, Calif., to Marion Haller Davidson and Wesley West. She was the fourth of nine children, all Tribal members like their mother, Marion, and grandmother, Adeline Menard Haller.

June grew up in the city of Odell near Hood River, Ore. She attended Wy'East

High School and graduated in 1966. In that same year she was married and went on to have three children including a daughter and then fraternal twins, a boy and a girl. After her marriage ended in 1983, June raised her children in Vancouver, Wash., where she worked for the Clark County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher for much of her professional career.

She moved to Eugene in 1990 and enrolled in classes at the University of Oregon. She graduated in 1992 with a degree in Early Childhood Education and eventually received her master's degree there as well.

Later, she came to work for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, helping to improve the Head Start program for children. It was there where she met and developed strong relationships with many of her fellow Tribal members as well as others in the Tribal community. June was eventually promoted to manager of the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department and retired from the Tribe in 2007.

June was active in the Tribal community and Tribal government throughout her Elder years and kept up on Tribal and community events through social media. She was always very passionate about Tribal history, the telling of family stories, protecting sacred objects and, above all else, preserving Tribal traditions for the younger generations.

She wrote and published "Living in the Great Circle: The Grand Ronde Indian Reservation from 1855-1905" in 2011. The book was well-received and has become a research tool for Tribal members and Tribal historians, especially for those of Kalapuya descent.

Over the years June became a respected historian, especially as related to Oregon's Trail of Tears, Tribal treaties and the Termination era. She enjoyed helping friends and other Tribal families research and chronicle their own family trees.

June's other passion was spending time with her family, including her four beautiful grandchildren. She was deeply involved in their day-to-day lives and spent as much time with them as possible.

She also enjoyed card games with her family, especially progressive gin with the girls. June was an accomplished Scrabble player and she loved antiquing and discovering old collectibles and treasures.

June was a wonderful mother and grandmother, and proud Tribal Elder. She is survived by her children, Tracy Moreland and her husband Tom, Karen Page and her husband Nathan, and Clifford Olson; sisters, Joyce DeHart and husband Dillard, Jean Turman, Judith Meyer and Joannie West; brother, Wilbur West and his wife Susan; and four grandchildren, Dylan Page, Jason Page, Annie Page and Addie Moreland. She also is survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Wesley West and Wallace West; and sister, Janice, who passed away as an infant.

A memorial service and celebration of June's life was held at 11 a.m.

Stanley Monroe Speaks

Nov. 2, 1933 – Sept. 15, 2021

Stanley Monroe Speaks Sr., 87, of Pryor, Okla., passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at this home. He was born on Nov. 2, 1933, in Milburn, Okla., the son of J.D. and Minnie (Cumberson) Speaks. He worked for many years for the U.S. government in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was a wonderful husband, father and brother who will never be forgotten.

Speaks spent his career involved in Indian affairs of every nature. He graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. He joined the Bureau

of Indian Affairs soon afterward and never stopped devoting his time to bettering the way of life for Native Americans.

Recently honored for his years of service to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Speaks' career included serving as a teacher, supervisor, manager, agency superintendent, area director and most recently as the director of the BIA's Northwest Regional Office in Oregon, which oversees 15 agencies that serve 45 federally recognized Tribes.

His career also involved his service as acting director of Indian education, acting deputy commissioner for Indian affairs and acting director for the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office. Speaks was key in the progress and development of the joint Tribal/Department of the Interior task force for the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Speaks was dedicated to protecting Tribal rights and in helping Tribes achieve economic and business development success.

There will be no formal services. To leave his family a message, visit his tribute wall at www.shipmansfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service.

Richard Luciano Loy-Martinez

Feb. 1, 1949 - Aug. 3, 2021

Tribal spouse Richard "Dickie" Luciano Loy-Martinez, 72, of Sheridan, Ore., passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2021, after complications from a medical procedure. Dickie was born Feb. 1, 1949, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Luis Loy and Virginia Martinez.

Dickie went to school in Wilmington, Calif., and graduated from Banning High School. He grew up with his siblings, Louie, Larry, Vivian, Arty, Bobby and Jesse.

Dickie and Mary met in California through a mutual friend. It was love at first sight. They were truly soulmates. Dickie and Mary moved to Portland in 1978 to start a family. First came their son Kenji in 1980 and later Richard in 1981. Dickie loved being a father. He was so involved in his sons' sports from coaching baseball to NAYA basketball, and took them to the boxing gym, never missing a game.

Boxing was a big part of his life. It was a family sport and he wanted to make sure everyone could take care of themselves if they needed to.

Dickie was selfless. He was so giving and always wanted to help those who needed it. If he saw someone on the side of the road who needed help, changing a tire or assistance, you could find Dickie jumping in to help anywhere he could. Faith was a strong part of Dickie's life. He loved God and made sure to pray every day. He used to tell his children words to live by: "Love God first, and your family a close second" and "Always be a man of your word." Many of Kenji and Richard's friends considered Dickie like a father to them. Everyone was always welcome at their house. Dickie worked for Multnomah County for 15 years in facility management, retiring in 2007, and he later moved to Sheridan in 2015. AA was a part of his life and he ran the Good Medicine meeting as well as the sunrise meetings at St. Philip Neri. This went along with Dickie's giving spirit where he was able to help others maintain their sobriety as he did for 45 years. Let's not forget he was a lifelong Dodgers fan. He was a loving husband. He would do anything for his family, and was a protector of his household. Dickie is survived by his spouse of 43 years, Mary Loy-Martinez; son, Richard Loy-Martinez; and granddaughter, Reina Loy. He was preceded in death by his son, Kenji Loy-Martinez, who passed away in 2005.





Friday, Sept. 17, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. The service was followed by a potluck meal at the Lighthouse Community Church on Grand Ronde Road.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Museum of the Oregon Territory in June's memory at http://clackamashistory.org/donate.



<u>Other passings</u>

Franklin Richard Norwest

Aug. 16, 1959 – Sept. 26, 2021

Tribal Elder Franklin Richard Norwest walked on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Tribal gym with a gravesite service that followed at the Tribal Cemetery. There also was a meal held at the Lighthouse community building.

Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is assisting the family.

I LISTEN TO SMOKE SIGNALS 84 PODCASTS

1: Chris Mercier discusses expanding Tribal Media.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ronde, Warm Springs and Intertribal Relations in the Casino Era."

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

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

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

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

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

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

33: Audio excerpts from the 35th Restoration Celebration.

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

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

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

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

38: Bryan Langley and Tracy Biery discuss higher education and education programs.

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

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

41: Duke Kimsey discusses the Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights

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

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

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

56: Patti LeClaire discusses the Grand Ronde community garden.

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

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

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

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

61: Etched in Stone: Ramona Quenelle. Ramona Quenelle, recently added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial, talks about her Navy service.

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

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

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

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Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.

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

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

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

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

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

79-83: Episodes 79-83: 2021 Tribal Council candidate interviews

84: 2021 election results with Tribal Council member **Denise Harvey**. Smoke Signals discussed the 2021 election results with Tribal Council member Denise Harvey. We ask Harvey if she was surprised by any of the results, how she expects Tribal council's dynamic to change with a new Council member joining and to address the low voter turnout.

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

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

18: Excerpts from the open house celebrating the Phase II opening of Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center.

19: Brook Colley, Southern Oregon University Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, discusses her new book, "Power in the Telling: Grand

Office.

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

43: Domestic Violence Coordinator Danielle Murrell discusses Missing and Murdered Indigenous Woman and Girls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

73: How Tribal court is protecting the Tribe's "greatest asset and resource" Lorena Rivera and Shane Thomas are incorporating Tribal culture with Tribal court programs. Specifically, the



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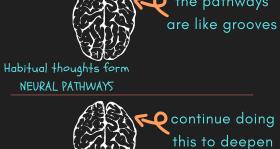


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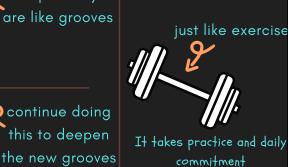
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