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## Tribal campus resumes normal work schedules

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

With a declining active number of COVID-19 cases being reported and only two new cases, Tribal governmental employees resumed normal work schedules and operations on Monday, Nov. 1.

The number of active cases decreased from a high of 57 that was recorded at the end of September, according to COVID-19 case numbers posted at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org).

General Manager David Fullerton encouraged employees to continue to social distance, wear masks and sanitize.

“We are not encouraging public meetings or gatherings onsite at this time, but look forward to a less restrictive campus soon,” Fullerton said in an all-employee e-mail sent on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The paused re-opening of the government started in early August as the Delta variant surged in Oregon. Only essential employees were allowed on campus for two months and employees who reported to work were required to wear masks outside of their offices. It was the first closure in three months.

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center was tracking 11 active cases as of Thursday, Oct. 28. The center has conducted 3,408 COVID-19 tests with 209 positives, which translates into a 6.1 percent positivity rate.

Meanwhile, the Health & Wellness Center is now offering

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal member Silas Hoffer sits outside of Cafe Zamora in Portland on Friday, Nov. 5. He was recently named Mr. Montana Two Spirit.**

## TRIBAL MEMBER NAMED MR. MONTANA TWO SPIRIT

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

PORTLAND — Before colonization, Native American Two Spirit people were male, female and sometimes

intersexed individuals who occupied a distinct, alternative gender status within their Tribes.

After colonialization, Two Spirit people were often viewed as “sinful” by white settlers and mission-

aries, and subjected to violence. As a result, their traditions and practices were conducted in secret

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## College dedicates Wacheno Welcome Center

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

OREGON CITY — The Wacheno Welcome Center at Clackamas Community College was unveiled at a dedication ceremony held on Friday, Oct. 29, several months after the college’s Board of Education approved naming its newest building after

the Wacheno family.

Dan “Old Man” Wacheno signed the Willamette Valley Treaty as chief of the Clackamas on Jan. 22, 1855. Current Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and former

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**Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed attendees to the Wacheno Welcome Center dedication ceremony at Clackamas Community College on Friday, Oct. 29. The college’s Board of Education approved naming its newest building after the Wacheno family in January 2021. Dan “Old Man” Wacheno signed the Willamette Valley Treaty as chief of the Clackamas on Jan. 22, 1855. Kennedy is a direct descendant of the Wachenos.**



## General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 17.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 1.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 15.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29.....	4 p.m.

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

## Health & Wellness offering Moderna booster shots

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is now offering COVID-19 booster doses of the Moderna vaccine to eligible individuals, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

To be eligible, people must be 65 or older, 18 to 64 years old with underlying medical conditions, 18 or older in a long-term care situation or 18 to 64 and older at increased risk of exposure or transmission because of their occupational setting.

The center will provide boosters to Tribal members and their spouses, other Native Americans and their spouses and families, Tribal employees and their families and established patients.

The Moderna booster dose can be administered to eligible individuals six months or more after their second vaccine dose. To make an appointment, call 503-879-2032 to schedule a booster dose.

People also can use the COVID vaccine finder to find another vaccination site at [www.vaccines.gov/search/](http://www.vaccines.gov/search/). ■

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 22, in observance of Tribal Restoration Day. Offices will be closing at noon Wednesday, Nov. 24, and closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, in observance of Thanksgiving.



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**A:** Refer them to me or give them my contact information (blue box below).

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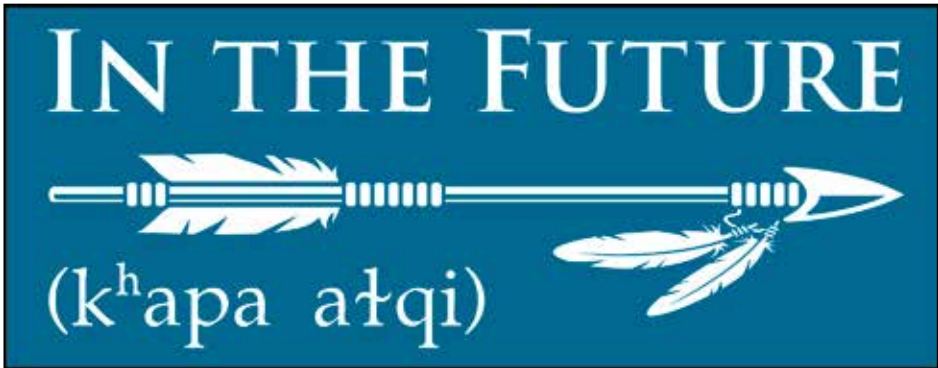
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tałlam-pi-ixt-mun **(November)**

- Wednesday, Nov. 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Nov. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Grand Ronde Tribe’s 38th anniversary of Restoration.
- Monday, Nov. 22 – Online 38th Restoration Celebration, noon, visit the Tribal government’s Facebook page to RSVP. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 25-26 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

tałlam-pi-makwst-mun **(December)**

- Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Dec. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Dec. 24 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Dec. 31 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday.

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

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now once again issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

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Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Updated addresses wanted

It is that time of the year where we in Finance are starting to prepare for tax season. In an effort to have current information for W2s and 1099s, we are asking everyone who has moved in the last calendar year to please update their address.

How do you update?

- If you are a Tribal member, please contact Member Services at memberservices@grandronde.org or Janel Lara at 503-879-2116.
  - If you are an employee, please contact HR at compensation\_HRIS@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2109 and the HR reception desk will direct your call to the appropriate person. Alternatively, an employee can make any updates in the Timesheet Module as well.
- If you have recently updated your address at the clinic/pharmacy, you will still need to update your information with either Member Services or HR since the pharmacy does not share your private information due to HIPAA regulations.
- Please remember that even if you have direct deposit, you will need to update your address.
- The Finance Department thanks you in advance for your assistance in making this year’s tax season go as smoothly as possible. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)/DISABILITY (SSD) & MEDICARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS

It’s time to send us a copy of your 2022 Social Security award letter.

\*If you haven’t received your 2022 Social Security award letter yet, please contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at 1-800-772-1213 or online at www.ssa.gov

*\*Your 2022 SSA award letter must reach our office by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, to avoid future delays in your benefits.*

Please send a copy of your 2022 SSA letter to:

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# Food Bank news

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

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

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

In a continuing reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold November food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Food Bank will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

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

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 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.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

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

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



**2016** – The Tribe’s Natural Resources Department held its first camas and yampah harvest from the Tribal Plant Materials Program at its Hebo Road office. Approximately 15 Tribal members and employees gathered to dig 200 camas and 200 yampah bulbs out of the Natural Resources’ raised plant beds. “Camas was the primary plant food of our ancestors,” said Tribal Historic Preservation Office Manager David Harrelson. “Most people recognize it because it has this beautiful blue flower. The bulbs themselves are harvested and put in an earthen oven and cooked for a long period of time. Eating camas becomes possible after you cook it for two to three days.”



**2016** File photo

**2011** – Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy pledged a \$4 million contribution in Tribal money to help fund the first phase of construction of the Newberg-Dundee bypass at a Mc-Minnville City Club luncheon. The Tribal funds, originally designated in its gaming compact with the state of Oregon to help build a new interchange at the convergence of state highways 18 and 22, will help Yamhill County and three of its city governments fund their \$20 million share of the project.


**2006** – Tribal member April Campbell returned to Grand Ronde to serve as the Education Department manager. She served as an education specialist at the Tribe from 2000 to 2005. Campbell said her goals were to focus on incorporating technology into all education programs and see the Higher Education Department work with Youth Education programs so that students would be more aware of the various services that were offered.

**2001** – Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison was honored with a Tom McCall award at the eighth annual Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism Citizenship Awards Banquet in Portland. McCall was an influential Oregon governor who achieved national fame and the award honored outstanding contributions from people who “mirrored spirit and service” to Oregonians.

**1996** – Tribal Council members met with Life Flight Network representatives to discuss the possibility of installing a helipad at the Tribe’s new health clinic, which was currently under construction. The meeting included explanations of the Life Flight Global Positioning Project and how the Tribe might be able to participate in helping to transport injured people to hospitals from Oregon’s rural areas.

**1991** – Michael Larsen was selected as the Community Encourager for the planning of the Tribe’s health and human services clinic. Larsen would act as a liaison between the Tribal community and health care and planning departments to find out what kind of health care was most needed in the clinic. “I would like to say I’m very excited about becoming involved with my people and I’m looking forward to being very helpful and informative on this project,” he said.

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



## CULTURAL EDUCATION

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# Tribe welcomes concept of sharing, connection

WACHENO continued  
from front page

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno are direct descendants of the Wachenos.

The 21,000-square-foot building will house most of the college’s student services and its name will honor Dan, who signed the treaty that ceded a sizable swath of the northern Willamette Valley to the federal government and was later removed to the Grand Ronde Reservation, as well as his family, which included his son, John.

During the dedication event, Kennedy gave opening remarks and welcomed attendees to the Tribe’s homelands.

“I am the great-great-great granddaughter of (Dan) Wacheno, who this facility is named for,” she said. “We lived here since time immemorial and fished the waters, dug the roots and gathered the materials. ... This is a sacred place to us. Thank you for the work you’ve done here in a good and respectful way.”

Tribal Council member Jon A. George led the invocation.

“Thank you for this honor and I also have the honor to work alongside Cheryle and know the caring heart she has for our people,” George said.

Afterward, he joined Tribal member Tynan George and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta as they led a drum song.

The ceremony also included remarks from several Clackamas Community College officials, in-



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

A Clackamas Community College student walks past the recently dedicated Wacheno Welcome Center on the Oregon City campus on Thursday, Nov. 4.

cluding President Tim Cook.

“When we began planning this center, we wanted it to have a name that was easily identifiable for students as a place to get started and one that also demonstrated inclusivity,” he said. “A well-supported suggestion that came up was to name it after Chief Dan Wacheno.”

Representatives from Clackamas Community College, which included Cook, met with the Grand Ronde Tribal Council with the proposal and received support. The Tribe has a long history with the college, including being involved in its Environmental Learning Center and collaborating on art projects.

At the ceremony, Cook read aloud a letter written by Grand Ronde Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson.

“Naming the Welcome Center after the Wacheno family not only honors the first people of the land that Clackamas Community College sits on. It also follows the traditional cultural customs of the Clackamas as the Indigenous people of this place. These customs include the obligations of the people of a place to be good hosts by welcoming and caring for their guests.

“Naming the Welcome Center after the Wacheno family allows for this cultural teaching to be represented on the college campus named after the people and customs it will honor.”

Kennedy said that if the intent of the 19th century policies for Indigenous people was fully carried out, she would not be standing there.

“I am happy today that we are

a people who survived,” she said. “We believe in the Creator and through his help we are able to be here today.”

Archuleta gave a brief overview of the Wacheno family name and history of the Clackamas people.

“It’s a great honor to be here today,” he said. “We are grateful you are able to name this building after one of our ancestors and it is representative of that welcoming concept of sharing and the connection we have.”

Cook closed the ceremony by reading a land acknowledgment.

“We acknowledge that the Clackamas Community College campuses reside on the traditional homelands of the Clackamas, Cascades and Tumwater bands of Chinooks, as well as the Tualatin and Pudding River bands of Kalapuya and the Northern Molalla people,” he said. “It is important that we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices they endured. Without them, we would not have access to this gathering and to this dialogue. Please join us in taking this opportunity to thank and honor the original caretakers of this land, their lives and their descendants still caring for the land today.”

Construction of the Wacheno Welcome Center is part of a \$90 million bond approved by voters in 2014 and an \$8 million state matching grant. The college, at 19600 Molalla Ave., had 5,187 undergraduate students enrolled in 2018-19. ■

## Christmas Parade set for Friday, Dec. 10

The annual Grand Ronde Christmas Parade will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, organizer Veronica Gaston announced.

Lineup will begin at 5:30 p.m. The parade will loop through Elder housing and then down Tyee Road and around the Wind River apartments before going around Raven Loop and Tilixam Circle and finally heading to Grand Meadows.

The Grand Ronde Police Department will lead the parade and be followed by Fire Department personnel and vehicles. They will be followed by decorated cars and the Christmas truck with Santa will be last.

For more information, contact Gaston at mawich69@gmail.com. ■

### 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 Oct.13, 2021, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments will (1) add the ability to use genetic testing of other family members if a parent is unable to be located or refuses to provide DNA; (2) removes the requirement for affidavits when other genetic testing is used; (3) makes DNA results confidential; and (4) may include other minor and technical changes.

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, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. ■

## Moderna booster dose can be administered to eligible individuals

SCHEDULE continued from front page

COVID-19 booster doses of the Moderna vaccine to eligible individuals, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

To be eligible, people must be 65 or older, 18 to 64 years old with underlying medical conditions, 18 or older in a long-term care situation or 18 to 64 and older at increased risk of exposure or transmission because of their occupational setting.

The center will provide boosters to Tribal members and their spouses, other Native Americans and their spouses and families, Tribal employees and their families and established patients.

The Moderna booster dose can be administered to eligible individuals who are six months past their second vaccine dose. To make an appointment, call 503-879-2032 to schedule a booster dose.

People also can used the COVID vaccine finder to find another vaccination site at [www.vaccines.gov/search/](http://www.vaccines.gov/search/). ■

TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

### Veterans Food Box Drive-Through Event

**November 18, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (or, as supplies last)**

At the Quenelle House on the CTGR Campus  
(Yellow House behind the Employment Services Building)





# Tribe distributes premium pay to government employees

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde distributed \$6.2 million in premium pay wages to its approximately 600 governmental employees on Friday, Nov. 5.

“We’re happy to announce that the Tribe is issuing premium pay wages to all those in the Tribal government whose hard work, dedication and flexibility has allowed the Tribe to continue services and expand programming to Tribal members and the Grand Ronde community over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic,” the Tribe announced on its webpage [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org).

The American Rescue Plan Act, which was passed into law in March of this year, stipulates that premium pay wages can be awarded to employees who worked and contributed throughout the course of the pandemic that began in mid-March 2020 because the employees faced a greater risk of exposure.

The Grand Ronde Tribe received \$27.544 million in American Rescue Plan funds in May and another \$23.547 million in August, bringing the Tribe’s total payment to more than \$51 million. In 2020, the Tribe also received \$45.56 million in CARES Act funding.

The Treasury Department issued guidance in May that stated American Rescue Plan funds should be used for public health response, water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and premium pay for essential workers “who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical

infrastructure sectors.”

The Tribal announcement said that the Tribe’s executive staff worked closely with department managers to determine the appropriate premium pay level for every governmental employee and calculated the premium pay accordingly.

Based on the amounts received by *Smoke Signals* staff members, employees received anywhere from \$15,000 for those who averaged 32 hours or more a week in the office to \$1,750 for those who primarily worked from home during an 18-month period that began in mid-March 2020.

“Whether they’re one of our dedicated clinic staff working on the frontlines, someone interacting with Tribal members to provide services, processing emergency or COVID-19 relief payments for Tribal members or a temperature check station employee, this service has been invaluable and the Tribe wanted to recognize that effort,” the statement said.

The premium pay sparked debate on social media by Tribal members who primarily criticized Tribal Council members for reportedly receiving \$20,000 each in premium pay.

Tribal Council members defended providing and receiving premium pay during the Tuesday, Nov. 9, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Tribal Council member Lisa Leno said the premium pay amounted to about 6 percent of the federal funds received by the Tribe during the pandemic. “This was always about our employees,” she said, adding that Tribal Council members did

not participate in determining the premium pay tiers, the amount of premium pay and where they individually fell in the tier structure. “It was about our wanting to show our appreciation for our employees and thank them for the tremendous sacrifices that they have made for our people for the last year and a half.”

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey defended, at times emotionally, her colleagues for diligently working to ensure the Grand Ronde Tribe received its fair share of federal funds that were distributed through 2020’s CARES Act and this year’s American Rescue Plan Act.

“Historically, we have this time and it’s one of the first times ever that we have been equally included in those funds,” Harvey said. “It was a lot of work. Tribal leaders had a certain responsibility that they had to do. ... This council did everything they could to ensure that not only us, but Indian Country was going to get the benefits that we were allowed.”

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said that Tribal Council has been focused on helping the membership and employees during the pandemic.

“It seemed like a narrative that was trying to be developed was this was something about Tribal Council trying to get something,” George said. “I just want to assure the membership that throughout this entire pandemic, over 18 months now, Tribal Council has been 100 percent focused on supporting our people ... and our people also includes our employees. ... Did the people on Tribal Council receive

some benefits? We did, so I guess we’re guilty of that, but we’re also guilty of putting the people first and that’s what this effort had really been all about.”

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley said that Spirit Mountain Casino employees were not eligible to receive the premium pay funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. However, casino employees received \$1,300 bonuses on Oct. 29, as well as continued to receive wages during the casino’s 74-day closure that occurred between March and May 2020.

“It is about the employees, and not about us,” Langley said.

The statement said that the Tribe also has distributed more than \$37 million in direct payments to Tribal members, including eight monthly payments that were sent between April and November 2020 to help offset financial hardships caused by the pandemic, and started more than \$5.7 million in new programs to help Tribal members during the pandemic.

A frequently asked questions posted at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) stated that Tribal members have received almost 38 percent, or \$8,400 per adult Tribal member, of all federal pandemic funds received by the Tribe while employees received slightly more than 6 percent.

One ramification of receiving premium pay, however, means that Tribal employees will not receive the usual Christmas bonus this year. “We used that budget to ensure all employees were included in some level of premium pay,” General Manager David Fullerton said. ■

## Tribal Council OKs grant application to provide veterans with new building

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

The Tribe’s Veterans Service Office and the veterans it serves will have a new home in 2022 and the Tribe is seeking a grant from the Oregon Office of Veterans’ Affairs to help convert the building.

Tribal Council approved applying for a \$51,888 grant that would help renovate the Procurement building across Grand Ronde Road from the Tribal Housing Department office for Ramona Quenelle, who started working as the Tribe’s Veterans Service Officer in July 2020.

The budget includes providing for a handicapped ramp and purchasing computers, tables and chairs, new blinds and carpeting. The current garage would be converted into a gathering area and the conference room would be used for program conferencing, training and confidential meetings.

Veterans would be able to use the computers to check on their federal Veterans Affairs benefits and access forms electronically.

Procurement soon will be vacating its current location for a new building south of the Grand Ronde



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**The Tribe’s current building housing the Procurement Department off Grand Ronde Road is slated to be converted into the new home of the Tribal Veterans Service Office in 2022. Tribal Council approved applying for a \$51,888 state grant to help with that conversion during its Wednesday, Nov. 10, meeting.**

Police Station on the west side of Grand Ronde Road.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the enrollment of five infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution;
- Approved the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department applying for a maximum \$17,000 in funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to improve habitat for existing elk and deer meadows on the Reservation. The

project would include mechanical and chemical control of invasive species and replanting of grasses and shrubs;

- Approved Friday, Dec. 10, as the next per capita payment date. Finance Officer Chris Leno said that the per capita amount will not be determined until early December;
- Authorized a Tribal credit card for new Human Resources Manager Sarah Harvey to pay for recruiting posting fees on websites, special job boards and

professional associations, as well as myriad other recruiting and departmental expenses;

- Sent a new Fuel Tax Ordinance out to the membership for a first reading. The new ordinance would allow the Tribe to impose a motor vehicle fuel tax at the same rate as the state, which is currently 36 cents per gallon. The Legislature amended the state statute to allow for the tax effective Jan. 1, 2022. Tribal members will have 30 days to comment on the proposed ordinance;
- And appointed Kalene Contreras to the Housing Grievance Board with a term expiring in March 2024.

Also included in the Nov. 10 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed to distribute \$730 timber revenue payments to Tribal members. The payment is being sent out early to accommodate Tribal members who might have to shop earlier for Christmas because of national supply chain difficulties, Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley said during the Tuesday, Nov. 9, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

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



# General Council briefed on 2022 draft budget

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for calendar year 2022 during the Sunday, Nov. 7, General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing app.

The draft budget portion of the meeting was held in executive session, which limits how much *Smoke Signals* can report on the details.

Leno’s draft budget presentation ran approximately one hour and 20 minutes and he fielded five questions and comments regarding next year’s Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining the slides of Leno’s presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2304.

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2022 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, to submit written comments.

The final 2022 budget will be

adopted on or before Dec. 31. In related news, Leno said that the next timber revenue payment to Tribal members will be made on Friday, Nov. 19. The amount will be \$728.90.

In other action, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, via Zoom.

The annual Tribal Council Christmas party will be held on a separate date and details for that are still being finalized. Members are asked to check the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Facebook page for updates.

Richard McKnight, Rosemary Jameson, Shannon Stanton, Scott Stone and Shelley Sneed won the \$50 door prizes while Lise Alexander, Tracie Meyer and Bonnie Mercier won the \$100 door prizes.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

# Salmon poaching



Photo courtesy of Jerry Bailey

Eagles were enjoying the salmon that the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department has been using to replace nutrients on the Reservation’s streams and surrounding area on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

# 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. ■

## VA Helps Veterans ...

### Stay healthy

- Eligible Veterans can receive health care, including mental health care and treatment for substance use.

### Secure safe, stable housing

- Veterans at imminent risk of becoming homeless can get assistance with expenses such as utilities and child care to help them stay in their homes.
- Qualified Veterans in temporary housing can get help finding a permanent place to live.
- VA can help Veterans having trouble making mortgage payments explore options to avoid foreclosure.

### Find a job

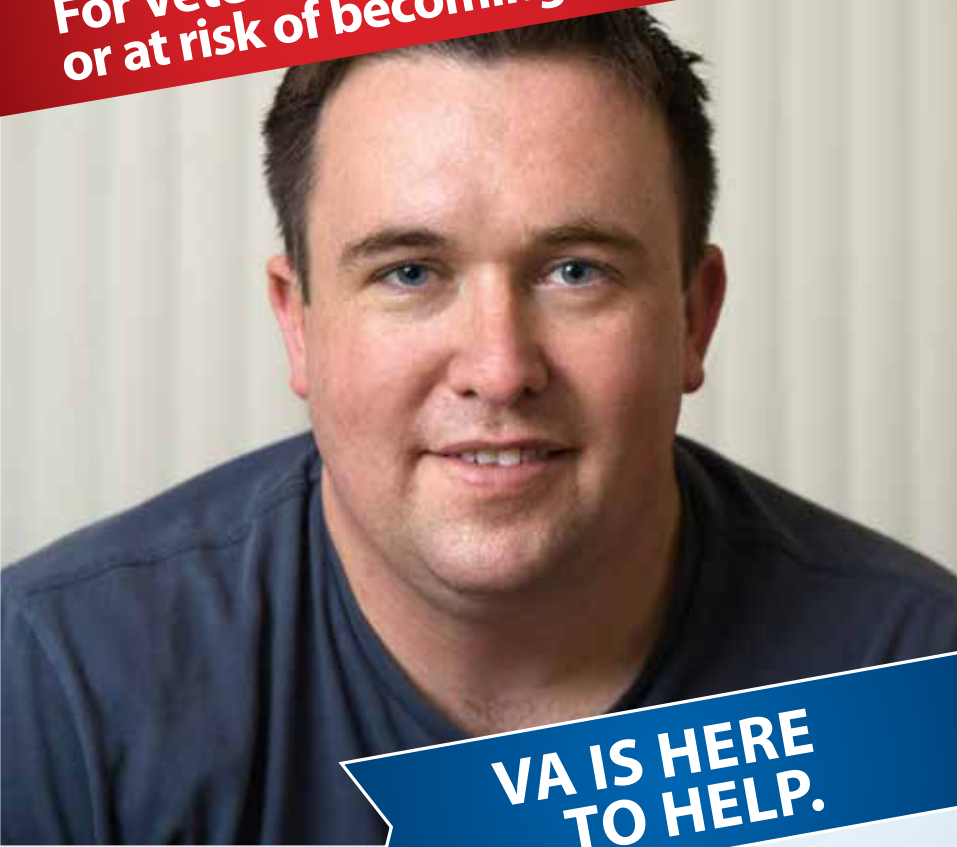
- VA provides job training or referrals to help eligible Veterans gain skills to prepare them for employment.
- Work therapy programs can help Veterans who are homeless find temporary housing and a paying job.

### Get a degree

- VA can help eligible Veterans go back to school and assist with living expenses while they pursue their studies.

VA provides individualized care through a wide range of services for Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Veterans of all eras and branches may be eligible for VA services. Make the Call and take the first step to access help from VA.

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# 'I'm excited to bring this out into the open'

**TWO SPIRIT continued  
from front page**

or completely disappeared in many Tribes.

Today, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Native people throughout North America are reviving the Two Spirit role and traditions.

Grand Ronde Tribal member Silas Hoffer is among them. He was recently crowned Mr. Montana Two Spirit at the 25th annual Montana Two Spirit Gathering at Flathead Lake Methodist Camp. Nationally, these gatherings have been held since the early 1990s and regional gatherings are held in several parts of the United States.

"Although I wish to remain humble in my title, I think it is important to acknowledge this beautiful gathering and start opening dialogues around how the Grand Ronde Tribe honored its Two Spirit/LGBTQ relatives before colonialization," he says. "I will gladly do my duties as Mr. Montana Two Spirit and raise awareness about our wonderful identities in as many ways as possible."

Hoffer, 28, was born a female, but has transitioned into a male. On a sunny Friday morning at Café Zamora in Portland, he sat down and discussed the journey, his Mr. Montana sash and medallion proudly displayed.

"I'm excited to bring this out into the open," he says. "I think it seems like lots of people feel that they have to hide who they really are because of fear of judgment."

Hoffer is the youngest of four children, all Grand Ronde Tribal members. He attended Willamina High School and was employed at



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal member Silas Hoffer wears the sash and medallion he won after being named Mr. Montana Two Spirit on Friday, Nov. 5, outside of Café Zamora in Portland.**

Spirit Mountain Casino, but says he never felt like he was really a part of the community.

"I know a few people from when I was growing up in Grand Ronde that won't bring their partners with them if they go home or attend events because they are afraid of being turned away," he says. "I think it has a lot to do with the boarding school era and colonialization. There were a lot of attacks on Two Spirit people so we were forced to assimilate and forced to forget who we were. ... Christianity has a lot of influence as well and so Two Spirit is a topic that is hush-hush."

Although there were variations in

their roles in Tribes across North America before colonialization, Two Spirits shared some common traits. These included specialized work roles, gender variation, spiritual leadership and same-sex relations. Among the Lakota, Mohave, Crow, Cheyenne and others, Two Spirit people were believed to be lucky in love and able to bring this luck to others.

When he was growing up in rural communities, Hoffer says he was unaware that transgender people existed and didn't truly accept his own identity until he was in his mid-20s and living in a more urban environment.

"In high school, there was a person I knew who was trans and she told the wrong person and ended up having to fight," he says. "I remember this other kid who was openly gay and he was harassed so much he ended up using meth. It was really

confusing growing up because there was no teaching about transgender or being gay in our sex ed classes. You had to dress a certain way and act a certain way."

Hoffer says he wasn't planning to compete for the Mr. Montana title, but was convinced by an auntie to do so.

"I don't see myself as a spotlight kind of person," he says. "I didn't have anything planned, but was going to the gathering anyway so decided to go for it."

Hoffer performed a hand drum song based on a Chinookan stick game and also did a lip sync piece to Beyoncé's "Listen."

The duties of Mr. Montana are to represent the Two Spirit community as much as possible. Hoffer plans to do this by attending various powwows and also by living authentically, which means not hiding his true self. He says his family has struggled to understand the changes, but are coming to terms with it in their own time.

"I want all the Two Spirit LGBTQ Tribal people to know the hardest part is coming out, but there is always a family for them," Hoffer says. "We often have to create our own, but that can be one of the most rewarding gifts in our life. Living your truth openly and loving yourself is the first thing we can and should do to honor our Two Spirit ancestors. But being openly Two Spirit is on your own terms. We will be waiting for you when you're ready."

Hoffer also has questions for Tribal linguists:

"What word did we use in our Tribal languages that was equivalent to Two Spirit, what is its direct translation and how were we seen in the Tribe? How can we ensure the safety of our Two Spirit people? How can we create acceptance?"

Two years ago, *Smoke Signals* featured another famous Two Spirit Tribal member, Anthony Hudson, who confronted complacency and the confusion of mixed identities both sexually and racially by channeling those feelings into a full-length play.

Hudson, 35, is a multidisciplinary artist, writer, performer and filmmaker who lives in Portland and dresses as drag clown Carla Rossi, his alter ego. Rossi has evolved over the years into Portland's premier drag clown hosting nightlife events that include everything from neighborhood gentrification tours to queer horror film screening nights, always with a smattering of humor.

Although the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered live theater for some time, it is finally making a comeback. Recently, Hudson performed as Rossi for a Saturday night show at Stanford University's Bing Concert Hall.

"Carla Rossi is my way of confronting whiteness within myself," Hudson says. "She's the intersection of my half-Native, half-German mixed heritage. ... As a queer performer, Carla is also an avenue for publicly and politically negotiating gender in a heterosexist binary." ■

## VETERANS WELLNESS, MENTAL HEALTH

## & SUICIDE AWARENESS VIRTUAL WALK

Veterans, veteran family members, and supporters are welcome to participate in our first virtual walk to bring awareness to veteran mental health and suicide. Walk or run 2.2 miles (virtually) during the month of November until December 21, 2021 at 5 p.m. Each participant who signs up will receive a T-shirt in return for completing the walk/run.

To show you have completed the walk, send a photo with you and your distance in the picture by December 21, 2021 at 5 p.m. to CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org. Be sure to include your T-shirt size and indicate if you are a Veteran or supporter.

Use hashtags: #ctgrvetmentalhealthwalk, #iamaveteran, and #ctgrhonorsveterans.

Each person (21 years of age or older) who submits a photo of completion by December 21, 2021 at 5 p.m. will be entered into a drawing for two available prizes sponsored by Spirit Mountain Casino.

- 1) A gift certificate for two at Legends Restaurant inside the Casino and
- 2) A gift-certificate for a one-night stay at the Spirit Mountain Lodge

The drawing will be held on December 22, 2021. Winners will be notified via phone or email.

www.grandronde.org/services/social-services/veterans-services | www.facebook.com/CTGRTVSO

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## Community Health Program

### Medical Transport Services

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

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







# Watchlist: ‘This Land’

*(Editor’s note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those myriad videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)*

**By Kamiah Koch**  
*Social media/digital journalist*  
This edition of *Smoke Signals’* Watchlist recommendation is more of a listen-list.

“This Land” is a podcast series hosted by Rebecca Nagle of the Cherokee Nation and produced by Crooked Media. The podcast’s second season started releasing Aug. 23 and investigates the Indian Child Welfare Act, which recently landed on the docket of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The latest season of the podcast pieces together years of ICWA legal battles and concludes that the attacks on ICWA are a front for a bigger legal challenge against Tribal rights and sovereignty.

Episode one starts by addressing the history of ICWA, explaining its origins stem from residential school assimilation practices. In summary, to stop the continued systemic removal of Native children from their families and Tribe, ICWA was put in place in 1978.

“The Indian adoption project fits into this era of federal policy when the government was literally trying to get rid of Tribes,” Nagle says in the episode called “Behind the Curtain. “A tribe without children doesn’t have a future.”

Throughout the rest of the seven episodes, Nagle narrates and interviews lawyers, Tribal officials and Native Americans with firsthand experience in ICWA custody battles. She includes dialog from those involved in the case that snowballed the recent ICWA legal campaign, *Brackeen v. Haaland*.

Defenders of ICWA reiterate that the law protects Tribal culture and children by prioritizing finding foster homes within their family or Tribal community rather than placing them in a non-Native foster home, which

was the common practice before 1978.

Challengers say ICWA unconstitutionally discriminates against non-Native families wanting to foster and adopt Native children. They emphasize that with claims that ICWA actually harms Native children by providing them with a smaller pool of foster homes.

“This Land” supports that if the Supreme Court is to uphold the race-based discrimination claim, it would set a precedent that could be used to overturn other rights that Tribal sovereignty depends on.

What makes this podcast stand out in the reporting of ICWA is its investigation into the paper trail behind the *Brackeen v. Haaland* case and cases like it. In episode two, Nagle questions why Gibson Dunn, one of the most powerful corporate law firms in America known for representing billion dollar companies like Chevron and billionaires like Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, quickly started representing the Brackeen family in Texas family court. More importantly, it exposes who is funding the firm.

Later episodes examine private adoption agencies’ hand in challenging ICWA and the programs that work to reconnect individuals to the Tribal culture they were adopted away from.

While we wait to see if the Supreme Court will address the *Brackeen v. Haaland* case, “This Land” has raised awareness about this issue with media attention and won a Webby Award in 2020.

ICWA a complex issue, but an important one for Indian Country. To listen to the podcast, look up “This Land” on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or wherever you listen to podcasts. ■

# Health & Wellness now offering youth vaccinations

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is now offering the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years old, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on Wednesday, Nov. 10. The vaccinations are available for Grand Ronde Tribal members, descendants, other Native American youth and established clients. To schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2032. ■

## Baker Technical Institute

### Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde CDL Training for Construction Trades

Get your Commercial Driver's License (CDL) while learning to operate a semi-truck, loader, and dump truck in a Construction setting. Baker Technical Institute specializes in teaching the technical skills that industry needs. This training will prepare you for a great career!

**In this hands-on training, you will learn:**

- Skills needed to obtain your CDL, with pre-trip and behind-the-wheel experience
- Learn to operate the heavy equipment used to load dump trucks and trailers
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- This is a 5-week, unpaid course

**Requirements:** Ability to pass a UA and an acceptable driving record to get your CDL

**Class Starts: January 10, 2022**  
**Location: Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR**  
**Space is Limited - Call Your TERO Office @ 503-879-2188 or email Tero@GrandRonde.org for your application**

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## Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our 2022-23 crowns and medallions.

**Submit full design that includes:**

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo (including feathers)
- Court Year 2022-23
- Titles: Little Miss Grand Ronde  
Junior Miss Grand Ronde  
Senior Miss Grand Ronde
- Crowns and medallions must be completed and delivered by July 29, 2022

**Must submit photos of progress when requested**

**Bid Deadline is Jan. 14, 2022**  
(deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to:  
CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Chelsea at 503-879-1418 or email [chelsea.clark@grandronde.org](mailto:chelsea.clark@grandronde.org)

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# A spookta



Grand Ronde Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole, left, talks with a driver before the start of the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade held at the old Powwow Grounds on Friday, Oct. 29. Besides free candy, there also were prizes for youth in costumes and the top three decorated vehicles. More than 200 children participated. The event was put on by the Tribe’s Youth Empowerment and Prevention Department.



Tribal member Abigail Ryan holds her 2-year-old son, Decland, while being driven through the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade by Shawn Bobb at the old Powwow Grounds on Friday, Oct. 29.

Tribal members Tinlle, 8, left, and Lilee Bishop, 5, participated in the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade held at the old Powwow Grounds.



Grand Ronde Royalty Tiny Tot Ulali Quenelle passed out candy during the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade.

Social Services 477 Caseworker Rhonda Leno dressed as the “The Wizard of Oz” during the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade.



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5 Education Department intern Hattie Mercier, 16, danced in her Officer  
edge costume during the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade held  
the old Powwow Grounds on Friday, Oct. 29.



Tribal Elder Perri McDaniel dressed as a werewolf while participating in the Halloween  
Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade held at the old Powwow Grounds.



Community  
members  
Miranda  
Garza and her  
11-month-old  
son, Greyson,  
participated in  
the Halloween  
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Seven-year-old Tribal member Ky-Mani Zimmer, left, receives a bag from Children & Family Services Investigator Shauna Hastings,  
dressed as Rey from "Star Wars," during the Halloween Spooktacular Drive-Thru Parade held at the old Powwow Grounds.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez



# 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. ■

## GOING TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC? WHAT TO EXPECT!

As a safety measure against the spread of Covid-19, we are still following the CDC guidelines for healthcare. You will be screened at the entrance and masks are required at all times, regardless of vaccination status. Only patients with scheduled visits will be allowed to enter the Clinic.

If you need a same day appointment, please call 503-879-2002.

We Strive to keep our members and Community Safe and Covid-19 Free.

### CTGR Youth Enrichment and Education Programs

## LET’S CONNECT!



## Enter for a chance to win exciting prizes!

#### How To Enter

Submit an ROI (release of information) and/or fill out the student communications form below and the students will be entered into a drawing.

Please note: Parents and students who have submitted 2021-22 School year applications or ROI forms will automatically be entered into the Grand prize drawing.

First Drawing: October 29

Second Drawing: November 12

Third Drawing: December 3rd



To complete the ROI:  
<https://bit.ly/ctgreducationroi>

To complete the communications form:  
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Have Questions?  
Contact [youtheducation@grandronde.org](mailto:youtheducation@grandronde.org) or 503-879-2101

## Walking On...

### Mitchell Allen Spohn

Jan. 16, 1976 – Oct. 27, 2021

Mitchell Allen Spohn, a proud father, veteran of the U.S. Army and Tribal member of the Grand Ronde Tribe of Oregon, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at the age of 45.

He was the beloved son of John and Glenda Spohn. Mitchell was born Jan. 16, 1976, in Flint, Mich. He grew up and attended school in Mount Morris and Lakeville, Mich. In our hearts, he is and always will hold so many more titles and memories: Dad, son, brother, husband, cousin, nephew, friend and so much more ... grandfather - a newly loved title.

Mitchell valued his family and friends, his service to his country and his Native American heritage highly. He joined the military in 2009 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. As part of this service, he served his country in Iraq and Afghanistan, receiving Purple Heart and Bronze Star medals for his service and courage.

His loved ones have many memories to cherish and will remember him for his kind, generous and fun-loving soul. His greatest loves were his children (newest grandbaby), family and his country. He enjoyed the peacefulness of the outdoors, especially his fishing (and “fish tales” that always grew larger than life after each telling of the story). He was always willing to lend a helping hand to fix anything he could and lend commentary support, suggestions and a good laugh if he couldn’t fix it. He was a Jack-of-all-trades, a master of none, and a man with many opinions. Mitchell will be greatly missed by all that knew him, loved him and were just simply in his path.

Mitchell is survived by his wife, Regina Spohn; his amazing children, Garrett Spohn, Garrian (Allison) Spohn, Grace Spohn, Matthew, Makiya, Jaymin and Juliahna; granddaughter, Mira’Jane; father and stepmother, John and Rebecca Spohn; sister, Miranda (Scott) Trout; ex-wife, Kristina Thompson; as well as several nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Glenda S. Spohn; and his grandparents, James and Clara Spohn and Ervie Jr. and Donna Wilson.

A service honoring the life of Mitchell A. Spohn was held at Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors in Roscommon, Mich., on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021. A luncheon to honor Mitch followed the service.

The family prefers memorial contributions be made, in Mitch’s honor, to Wounded Warrior Project.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wagner and Walsh Funeral Directors in Roscommon, Mich.



### Other passings

### Cathryn Ann Willard

March 2, 1970 – Nov. 8, 2021

Tribal member Cathryn Ann Willard, 51, walked on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. Duyck & Van De Hey Funeral Home in Forest Grove, Ore., is assisting the family.

The family will hold a celebration of life at a later time.



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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:** Open until filled

**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



## TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer, (TVSO)US Navy Veteran (IT2 SW)  
Phone: 503-879-1484 | [CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org](mailto:CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org)

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

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

#### VETERANS CORNER, November 2021:

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

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

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Nov. 11, 2021 at Noon**  
**Veterans Day Drive-Through Luncheon**

Honoring Tribal and Community veterans on Veterans Day. Begins at noon until supplies run out. Come get a boxed lunch, a T-shirt and some goodies from the Tribal Veterans Service Office and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Behavioral Health Department. Bring your vehicle decorated with your branch of service for a prize! #ctgrhonorsveterans

**November through December**  
**Veterans Wellness & Mental Health & Suicide Awareness Walk (Virtual)**

Veterans and veteran family members are welcome to participate in our first virtual walk to bring awareness to veteran mental health and suicide. Walk or run 2.2 miles (virtually) sometime during the November or December 2021. Each participant will receive a T-shirt in return for completing the walk/run. Post a selfie on the CTGR TVSO page and/or send a photo to the CTGR TVSO with the hashtags: #ctgrvetmentalhealthwalk, #iamaveteran or, #ctgrhonorsveterans

Contact the CTGR TVSO to sign up and to give us your T-shirt size.

**November through December**  
**Coffee & Chat with the TVSO**

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!

#### SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### SOUTHWEST ASIA THEATER OF OPERATIONS?

The Department of Veterans Affairs will begin processing disability claims Aug. 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 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.



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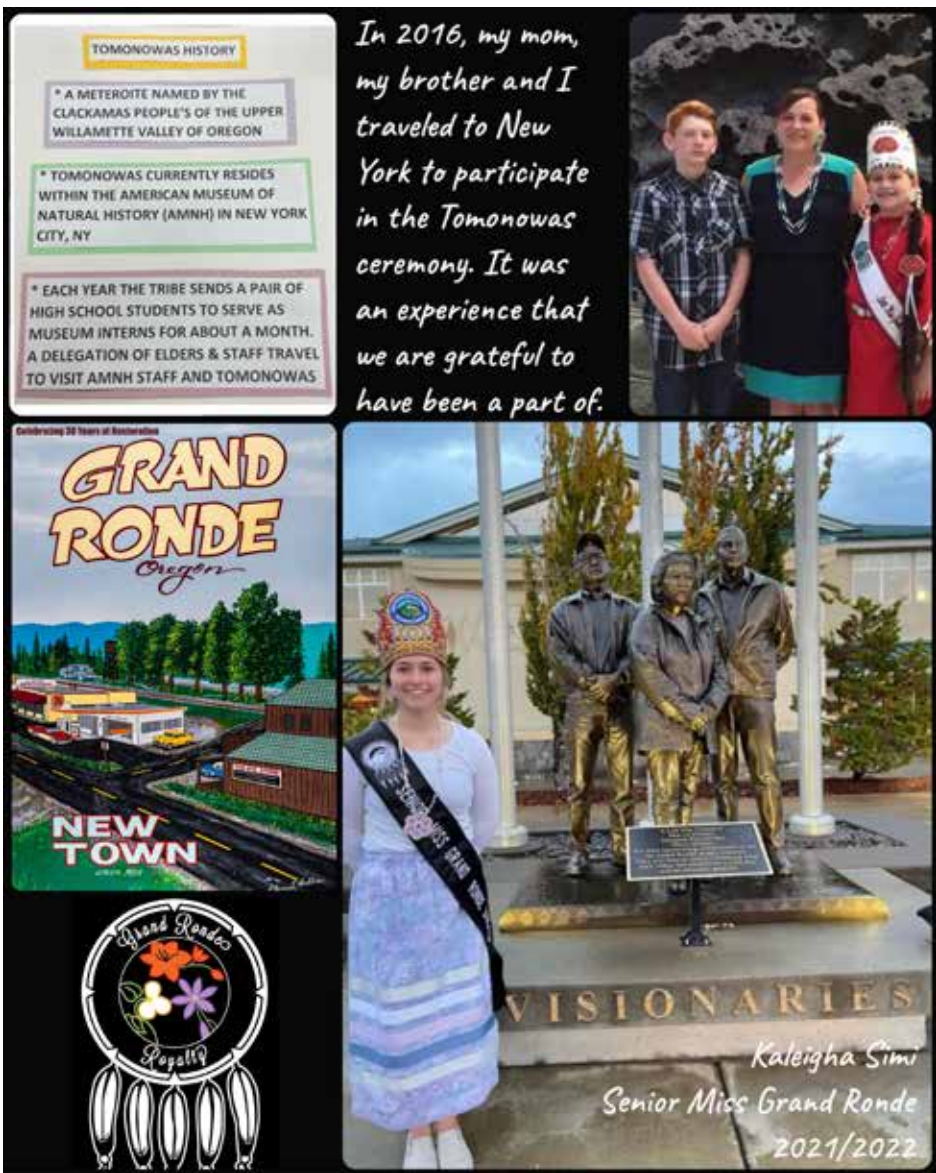
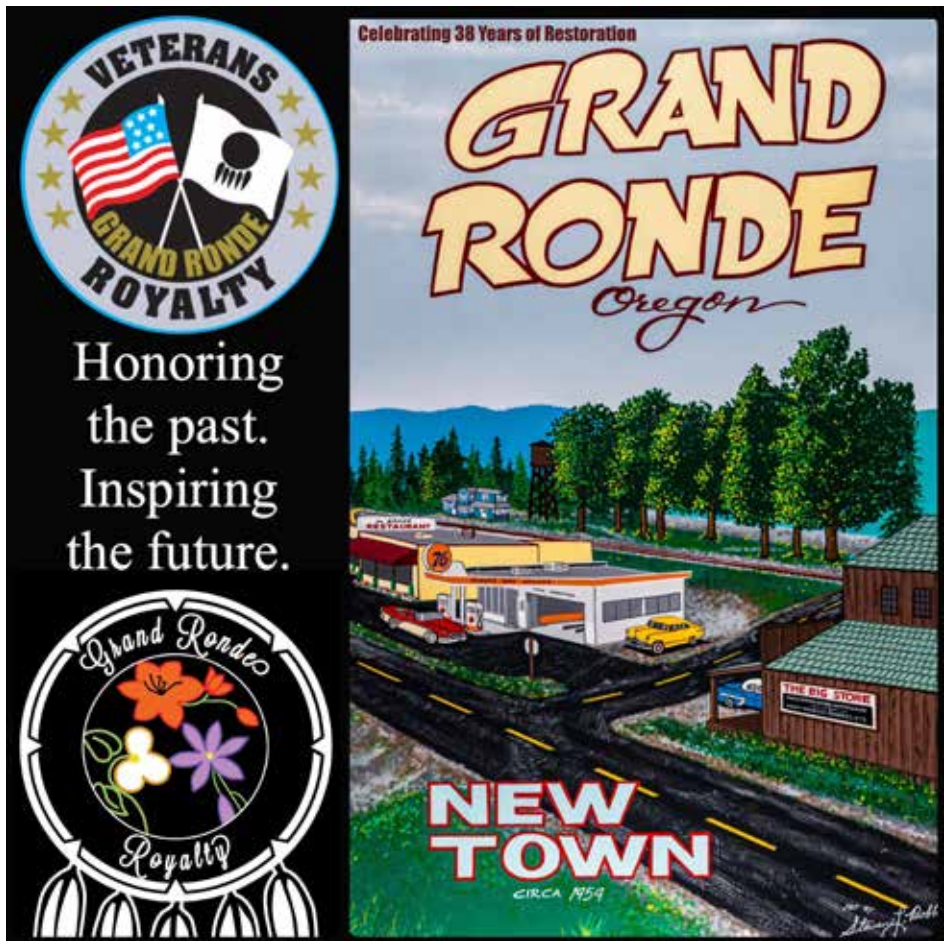
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# 'Restoration 38'

The Royalty participants for the CTGR and Veterans SEB groups share a variety of facts regarding our Tribe's history and current projects helping shape our future.

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).





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Tribal Veterans Service Office

Established in March of 2020 with these primary goals:

- Advocate and assist veterans and family members with a wide array of VA benefits
- Assist with the eligibility process and filing of claims
- To build a personal connection with all Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans
- To provide various education and training opportunities
- To recognize and honor past and present veterans
- To provide an opportunity for veterans and families to connect and build community

Contact: [CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org](mailto:CTGRTribalVSO@grandronde.org)

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Trail of Tears

In 1856 hundreds of Umpqua, Southern Kalapuya, Rogue River and Chasta peoples were marched over 200 miles north across rough terrain during harsh winter conditions.

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Willamette Falls Project

On August 15, 2010, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde purchased a 23-acre property at Willamette Falls that was formerly home to a Pine House Paper Company mill.

With the purchase of the property, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have the opportunity to restore public access and provide economic development to a historically important area for recreation, commerce and culture.

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Forced marches also befell the people of the Willamette valley, neighboring peoples from throughout western Oregon, and those along the Columbia River.

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McPherson Road Home Ownership Development

The Grand Ronde Tribe is working to bring home ownership opportunities to the Grand Ronde Community.

Adjacent to Grand Meadows, phase one of (20) individual residential lots began in September 2021. These lots are available for Grand Ronde Tribal members to lease, and construct, single family homes (not of modular or prefabricated construction).

Contact Housing Development Manager Shoni Kono at [shoni.kono@grandronde.org](mailto:shoni.kono@grandronde.org)



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**Senior Miss Princess**  
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In 2013 the Grand Ronde Tribe received a permit from the Oregon Department of State Lands to construct a fishing platform on the state lands at Williams Falls. The Tribe has taken circumstantial fish at the falls for the past three years.


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**Nacoma Liebelt**  
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The Grand Ronde Chase Family began participating in the annual Elder-Tribal Casino Journey in 2003 as "Pelle's in Grabe" in Joseph, Oregon.

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**Tasina Bluehorse**  
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Shonwileh 2013- malya k'wep shp

Grand Ronde 2013 - One Future is the Tribe's community development plan that is currently in scoping and drafting phase to identify how the Tribe wants our community to look in 2033 (50 years after Restoration)



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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**Thursday, Oct. 14**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of milepost 19 on Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 4 on Highway 18.
- Attempt to locate a reckless driver in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Friday, Oct. 15**

- Trespass reported in the 6400 block of Harmony Road.
- Trespass reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Blue Jay Court and Black-tail Drive.

**Saturday, Oct. 16**

- Overdose reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Medical assist performed in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 46900 block of LaChance Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Sunday, Oct. 17**

- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 50000 block of Hebo Road.
- CPR in progress reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Monday, Oct. 18**

- Driver arrested for failure to carry or present identification in the area of Yamhill River and Fort Hill roads.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the area of Northeast E Street in Willamina.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Responded to a civil issue in the 9400 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of Main and D streets in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency in arresting a subject wanted for menacing out of Lincoln City.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**

- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Burglary reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Thursday, Oct. 21**

- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast Main Street in Willamina.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 200 block of Ead Creek Loop.

**Friday, Oct. 22**

- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 29800 block of Edson Drive.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Intoxicated subject reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Saturday, Oct. 23**

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Use of force incident occurred in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Motorist assist performed in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Sunday, Oct. 24**

- Assist outside agency in the area of Gold Creek and Yamhill River roads.
- Responded to a civil dispute in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

**Monday, Oct. 25**

- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious person reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

- Assist outside agency in the 500 block of First Street in Sheridan.
- Citizen contact occurred the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Responded to a fight in the 9500 block of Raven Loop. A suspect was apprehended after fighting with police and a firearm was recovered at the scene.


**Wednesday, Oct. 27**

- Officers executed a search warrant in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- A suspect wanted for felon in possession of a firearm, domestic assault, kidnapping in the second degree, menacing and a couple of other crimes was located and arrested in the 200 block of Southwest Sheridan Road in Sheridan.


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

## Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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These hotspots were made possible through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with the Chemeketa Community College and the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service.

# 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. ■

# Police Department has nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.  
“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”  
McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.  
For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■



With questions about this RFP, please email Daniel McCue at [danielm@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:danielm@ctsi.nsn.us)

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- Set up a daily routine (mealtime, bedtimes, etc.).
- Make room for them and their belongs so they feel that they're "home".
- Build communication and trust with your grandchildren so they know they can always talk to you.
- Practice positive discipline, emphasize on teaching instead of punishment.
- Set your limits and explain them to the children. Then, consistently enforce them.



**2 FIND SHARED ACTIVITIES**

- Read. Children love to hear stories and even older children may surprise you by sitting quietly as you read aloud.
- Get computer savvy.
- Join or create a grandparents raising grandchildren support group.
- Take up a sport or other outdoor activity.



**3 TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF**


- Talk to someone. This could be a friend, relative or professional.
- Take a break. A short time away from your grandchildren may give you some time to relax. Use a trusted adult who can provide short term care.
- Take a parenting class. A class may help you feel more comfortable with your status as a caregiver for young children.
- Learn to say "no". You don't have time to do everything. Learn to make priorities and eliminate the unnecessary tasks in your life.



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