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Restoration: ‘It is a joy to commemorate this time’

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s 38th Restoration Celebration marked the second year in a row with a virtual format. However, as in years past, traditions such as raffles, gifts and speeches remained as important highlights of the annual event.

Restoration began at noon Monday, Nov. 22, with Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier welcoming virtual attendees in Chinuk Wawa and English, followed by the Grand Ronde Canoe Family performing a drum song at the Tribal plankhouse achaf-hammi.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council member Jon A. George sat in the Governance Center Atrium in front of a backdrop with the Tribal logo and thanked those who were able to par-



Screenshot by Timothy J. Gonzalez

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Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speak from the Governance Center Atrium during the virtual 38th Restoration Celebration held on Monday, Nov. 22.

Kathryn Harrison featured on new TriMet bus wrap

By Danielle Harrison
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Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison is a revered Tribal leader in Oregon who spent countless hours steadfastly working on the Tribe’s Restoration efforts in the early 1980s.

She has numerous accolades and honors to her credit, which range from 17 years of service on

Tribal Council to a plethora of local, state and national leadership awards to several honorary doctorate degrees.

She also is having an elementary school renamed in her honor in Corvallis.

But Harrison’s most recent honor came, shall we say, bus wrapped.

She will be having her likeness featured on a new TriMet bus wrap in honor of Native Amer-

ican Heritage Month in November. She is one of nine Tribal leaders selected for the new bus wrap, which will be in operation throughout the streets of Portland through August 2022.

“Kathryn Jones Harrison of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is one of Oregon’s import-

See TriMet bus continued on page 9



Photo courtesy of TriMet

The visage of Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, third from left, joins the images of eight other Native American leaders on a bus wrap that will adorn some TriMet buses in the Portland area through August 2022.

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, 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.

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals:

Greetings and blessings to you all. I write this letter with mixed feelings, fear and anxiety, but always with love and respect for you, my people.

Some of you know a little about me. Some of you helped me over the years I spent locked up in California state prisons from Dec. 6, 1999, to June 4, 2020. Yes, I am out, but not quite free due to the strict parole I'm on.

When I paroled I got on the phone and contacted the people in the Tribe I thought could help me get my parole transferred to Grand Ronde. This was last year and the outcome wasn't good and left me feeling rejected by these people whom I see now just didn't understand how simple state-to-state transfers can be if you let parole authorities do their part and do not take on the position of authority on your own. That wasn't their job, yet that was the position they took so they denied my request to be placed in the Men's Transition House. I didn't reach out to anyone else after that rejection because honestly I was angry and deeply wounded. I had just spent nearly 22 years in prison dreaming and planning the whole time of going home.

I let it rest and went about my business having a successful parole. I'm doing great all things considered, but I could be doing much better if I were home where I belong where I have far better helpful resources and opportunities. I'm missing out on so much and at my age every day is a gift.

Most importantly, I'm missing out on being with my 80-year-old pop and building new relationships and connecting with my people.

I was isolated and alone 22 years, separated from my people and now that I'm half-free, I'm more alone than ever.

I don't think it's too much for me to ask for help getting me home. Our Tribe achieves the impossible. Bringing me home is peanuts compared to what our people have achieved. Please help me come home.

Walter F. Simmons Jr.

Roll No. 2317

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. ■

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. ■

CORRECTION — A cutline that appeared in the Nov. 1 edition of *Smoke Signals* misidentified a man who was the first to enter the Elders Activity Center after it re-opened its doors again on Tuesday, Oct. 19, for Elders' meals. The man was Arnie Moralez. *Smoke Signals* regrets the error.

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing noon Thursday, Dec. 23, and all day on Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas. Offices also will be closing noon Thursday, Dec. 30, and all day on Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Day.

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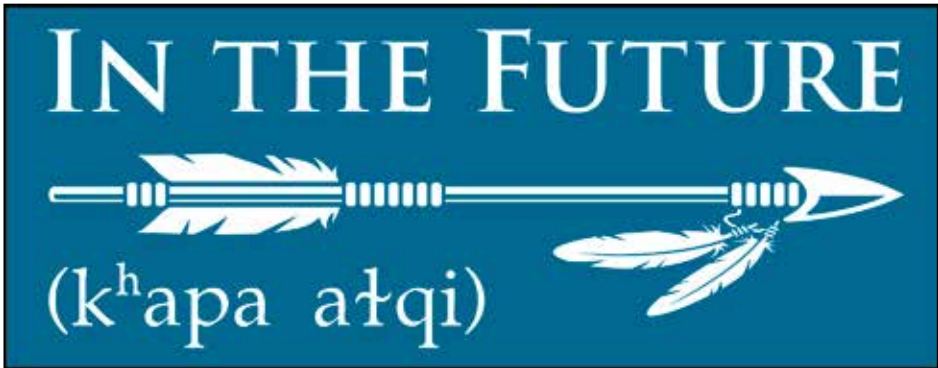
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- Wednesday, Dec. 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
 - Sunday, Dec. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Zoom tele-conference application. 503-879-2304.
 - Friday, Dec. 10 – Christmas Parade, 6 p.m., Tribal Housing.
 - 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.)

Certified Application Assisters at the Health & Wellness Center

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

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Updated addresses wanted

It is that time of the year when 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:
CTGR Member Services
Attn: Shannon Simi
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org – Fax: 503-879-2480 – Phone: 503-879-1358 or 1-800-242-0232, ext. 1358.

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Jake Gillins, Jett Bales, Cody Cox, Dillon Gibbons, Micah Brown, Robert Hatch, Samuel Thornsberry, Daniel Hyatt, Mariah Prescott

Dec. 3, 1 p.m. at the Governance building.

Sorry, limited to employees only at this time due to COVID restrictions.

Fire Chief:
Steve Warden
Battalion Chiefs:
Damon Schulze, Sean Hoxie, Jason Crowe, RC Mock

Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services



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.”

The Food Bank will hold December food box distributions on Friday, Dec. 3 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 23. The holiday food box distribution will occur from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

The Food Bank will be closed on Friday, Dec. 17, to prepare the holiday food boxes, on Friday, Dec. 24, and for the entire week of Dec. 27-31.

“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. ■

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, Dec. 17, 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 – Tribal Environmental Resources Specialist Meagan Flier was recognized with a leadership award from the West Coast Regional Planning Body for her work coordinating Tribes along the West Coast that were part of the Regional Planning Body and the West Coast Ocean Partnership. The group was a partnership of federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, Washington and California, and federal and state agencies. It focused on implementing the U.S. National Ocean Policy, and engaging stakeholders in marine planning and other tools to effectively address existing and future uses of the region’s oceans and coasts. Flier’s award was the first ever given by the group.



File photo

2011 – Tribal members rejected a bundled proposal 536-457 to overhaul enrollment requirements in a constitutional election held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. They voted 54 percent to 46 percent against the proposal, which would have reduced the relinquishment period from five years to two years, eliminated the requirement of having a parent on the roll at the time of birth or application to become a member of the Tribe, redefined Grand Ronde blood and established an annual quota set by Tribal Council on how many new Tribal members could be enrolled.

2006 – The Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department held its first ever webinar that featured the Cultural Resources virtual gallery, which opened earlier that year after eight months of development. Attendees spanned the country, from Massachusetts to California. The primary goal of the presentation was to reach Tribal members who live outside the area through technology.

2001 – Tribal member Sara Farlow was interviewed by *Smoke Signals* about her conversion to Islam in 1989 after marrying a Saudi national. Although the couple divorced four years later, Farlow continued to practice Islam and moved to the United Arab Emirates. “In my life I’ve finally found something that makes sense to me,” she said. “I really got the answers that I needed.”

1996 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde celebrated 13 years of Restoration at Grand Ronde Elementary School. More than 200 Tribal members and their families celebrated the event and reflected on an important day in Tribal history. The day’s event included a meal of salmon and ham, member testimonies and a mini-powwow.

1991 – Tribal member Willie Mercier began writing news for a new youth section in *Smoke Signals* as part of Willamina High School’s work experience program. “At my job I write articles about Tribal youth and their activities,” he said. “I also write stories pertaining to the Tribal youth and government. I take pictures of the Tribal youth activities and edit the youth news section.”

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

Tribe to receive Justice Department funding

PORTLAND – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will share in U.S. Department of Justice funding with two other Tribes and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon announced on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

On Nov. 15, the Department of Justice announced awarding more than \$177 million to improve public safety and serve crime victims in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Of that, more than \$73 million will be awarded to 84 Tribal communities and commissions under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, a streamlined grant application program that helps Tribes apply for Tribal-specific grant programs seeking to enhance law enforcement and justice practices, expand victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Coquille Indian Tribe and Klamath Tribes, along with the Fish Commission, received a cumulative total of \$3.5 million of those funds.

“Supporting and enhancing public safety in Tribal communities is a top priority for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Oregon and has been for many years,” said Scott Erik Asphaug, acting U.S. Attorney for Oregon. “We are very pleased to join in announcing these important awards and congratulate all award recipients in Oregon.” ■

Tribal Council members attend virtual summits

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

During the week before Thanksgiving, Tribal Council members attended virtual summits at the White House in Washington, D.C., and in Portland.

On Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 15-16, the White House Tribal Nations Summit returned. Started by the Obama administration, the Tribal Nations Summit was not held during the four years of the Trump administration.

The summit is designed to bring federal government officials and leaders of federally recognized Tribes together to discuss ways the federal government can invest in and continue to strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship and ensure that progress in Indian Country continues.

One of the highlights of the summit was an announcement by the Interior, Education and Health and Human Services departments to work together to preserve, protect and promote the rights and freedoms of Native Americans to use, practice and develop Native languages.

“The cornerstone of any culture or community is its language,” said Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American ever confirmed to a Cabinet post. “Languages are where oral histories are passed down, knowledge is shared and bonds are formed. As part of our commitment to strengthening and supporting Indigenous communities, the Interior Department is resolute in its efforts to ensuring Native languages are preserved and protected.”

For more than 150 years, Native American languages were suppressed and eliminated in federal boarding and other types of schools that forced Indigenous children to stop speaking the language of their ancestors.

Other federal agencies that will work to protect Native languages include the departments of Agriculture and Transportation, Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Congress, the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the

Humanities. Another memorandum of understanding between 17 federal agencies announced at the White House Tribal Summit committed them to protecting Tribal treaty rights in agency policy making and regulatory processes. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council members Michael Cherry and Denise Harvey were among the Tribal Council members who attended.

During the summit, Haaland also announced federal initiatives to protect Indigenous sacred sites and the formation of the first Tribal Advisory Committee within the Interior Department to improve nation-to-nation consultation.

On Thursday and Friday, Nov. 18-19, Tribal Council members also attended the Tribal Nations Summit with the city of Portland.

Portland held its first Tribal Nations Summit in 2018, which was followed by the second in 2019. The 2020 summit was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kennedy, Cherry and Harvey attended the Portland summit along with Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tribal Council member Lisa Leno.

The third summit was titled “Coming Together As One.” “Our summit is an important step toward developing partnerships, building systemic relationships and making good on the city’s long overdue promise to deepen its relationships with Tribal governmental partners,” the city’s agenda stated.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, Tribal delegates had the opportunity to get to know Portland and Metro council members, hear their policy priorities and ask questions.

On Friday, Nov. 19, Tribal delegates and Portland and Metro leaders focused discussions on topics relevant to Tribes, such as opportunities for Tribal and Indian-owned businesses to contract with the city of Portland, decriminalization of plant medicines for ceremonial and religious purposes, and partnering to address homelessness in the city. ■

Making a move



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Senior Help Desk Technician Mark Donahoo talks with Application Administrator Dina Sayers as the Information Services offices move into a new 20,000-square-foot building on Thursday, Nov. 18. The new building off of Grand Ronde Road also will house Procurement and the Mail Services departments. Tribal Council approved construction of the new building in August 2019 with a budget of \$2.4 million.



Help Desk Technician Nathan Hoff sorts through printer toner boxes as Information Services moves into its new building.

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We often have opportunities in the Health & Wellness Clinic, Social Services, Facilities, Human Resources, TERO, Housing, the MAT Clinic in Salem, Adult Foster Care, and many more.

Apply online to begin your journey!

APPLY ONLINE: <https://www.grandronde.org/employment/>

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/. ■

Tribal Council OKs seventh supplemental budget of '21

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved the seventh supplemental budget of 2021 to allocate \$455,000 to purchase the six-acre Walton property in Grand Ronde during its Wednesday, Nov. 17, meeting.

Tribal Council approved buying the property during its Oct. 27 meeting, but a purchase price was not disclosed at the time.

The Walton property is located southeast of the Grand Ronde Fire Station off Grand Ronde Road. It was part of the original Richard Cook allotment and adjacent to property the Tribe owns.

“While the property is not in a prioritized area of land acquisition, it does fall within our land acquisition strategy in that it is adjacent to existing Tribal lands,” the staff report stated.

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, funded the purchase of properties in Grand Ronde and Wood Village, allocated \$486,000 to cover Tribal salaries because of an increase in the minimum wage and funded the purchase of the 37.65-acre Bateman property in Grand Ronde.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the Community Development Plan, which has been three years in the making. Approval allows Tribal staff to finish the final layout so that it can be distributed to the Tribal membership in 2022;
 - Approved an amendment to the Tribe’s Self-Governance funding agreement with the Department of the Interior. The Tribe is slated to receive a record \$2.911 million in 2022;
 - And approved the Tribe applying to the Department of Housing & Urban Development for a \$4.27 million Indian Housing Block Grant that would be used to build 20 more apartments – five four-plexes – in the Wind River Apartment development north of Tyee Road.
- Tribal Council also approved the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, General Council meeting, which will feature a presentation by the Social Services Department. Elder Committee nominations also will be accepted during the meeting, which Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said may be a hybrid virtual-regular meeting with about 30 Tribal members allowed to attend in person.

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 member’s regalia stolen in Salem

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

SALEM – When Tribal member Auburn Logan walked out of her apartment on Saturday, Nov. 20, and saw that her car was gone, at first she tried to be optimistic.

“I thought maybe I might have parked too close to the mailbox and it had been towed,” she said.

After confirming with the towing company that was not the case, Logan had a sinking feeling in the pit of her stomach. What made the theft even more of a violation, however, was that most of her regalia was inside the vehicle.

“I was in the middle of moving and got back to the apartment late at night, and just figured I would finish in the morning,” she said. “When I realized my car had been stolen, my stomach just dropped. I could care less about my stolen car (however), I care about the traditional regalia pieces that are in it.”

Logan quickly posted the information to her various social media channels and called the Salem Police Department to report the theft. Within a few hours, her posts had spread and Logan was contacted by various media organizations to share her story.

Her car was found two days later on Monday, Nov. 22, abandoned on a road near Chemawa Indian School. The regalia was not in the trunk where she had left it.

“There were my grandfather’s shell necklaces from his Tribe, my shawls, otter boots, several pair of earrings, leggings and moccasins,” Logan said. “I just want someone to see it and hopefully someone can recognize it. I don’t want anything else but my regalia back.”

Logan said that in the days since her story has been shared online, she has started to receive



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal member Auburn Logan dances in her regalia during the third annual Indigenous Peoples’ Day held on the Capitol Mall in Salem in October 2020. Logan recently had her car stolen and when it was returned, her regalia was missing from the car’s trunk.

a backlash of racist and misogynistic comments, while others have blamed her because the regalia was in her vehicle.

“I want people to know this could happen anywhere and to anyone,” she said. “Someone could break into your home and steal it.”

Logan works at Spirit Mountain Casino and said it has been challenging to focus on work when she feels as if a piece of herself has been taken away.

“People don’t understand the importance or really about Native culture at all,” she said. “I’ve been trying to pull it together, but I need to find my regalia.”

If anyone has seen any of the items, Logan asks for them to call her at 503-569-2169. ■

Oregonian publishes Tribal op-ed about ‘unjust consent decree’

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Oregon’s largest newspaper published an op-ed by Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy on Sunday, Nov. 28, in which she argued that the “unjust consent decree” that the Grand Ronde Tribe had to agree to in the 1980s should be renegotiated.

The Oregonian ran Kennedy’s “In My Opinion” column on the cover of its Opinion section.

Kennedy wrote that the mid-1980s effort to obtain Reservation land following 1983’s Restoration cost the Tribe a “significant price.”

“The state demanded that the Tribe sign a consent decree that severely limits our sacred rights to hunt and fish,” she wrote. “Unless we agreed, the state would not support establishing a Reservation; forcing us to remain a landless people and suffer the unbearable loss of our heritage and identity.”

Kennedy said the Tribe has been bound by the “biased” rules within the consent decree for almost 40 years. Tribal members’ ability to hunt and fish is confined to Reservation land and nearby areas and Tribal members cannot hunt or fish in culturally significant

areas or during appropriate times of the year for ceremonial purposes.

Kennedy said the Grand Ronde Tribe is seeking restoration of its ancestral rights to hunt and fish and is encouraged that Oregon Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden have submitted a bill in Congress that would give the Tribe an opportunity to review the consent decree and work with the state of Oregon to update the Tribe’s hunting and fishing rights.

“Restoring our rights ... will allow us to nourish our Tribal members, provide for our community and honor our ceremonial teachings,” Kennedy wrote. “Restoring our hunting and fishing rights will help correct the injustice that has been perpetuated against our people for decades, it will strengthen our traditional role as caretakers of the land and begin to heal past wrongs. ... Through this new legislation, we are only asking for the chance to work with the state of Oregon to regain what was taken from us.”

To read the entire op-ed, visit <https://www.oregon-live.com/opinion/2021/11/opinion-grand-rondes-ancestral-hunting-and-fishing-rights-should-be-restored.html>. ■

FUEL TAX ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney’s Office, is considering adopting a Fuel Tax Ordinance. The proposed Fuel Tax Ordinance was given a first reading at the Nov. 10, 2021, Tribal Council meeting. The proposed ordinance establishes a tax on motor vehicle fuel sold on Tribal land and provides a means for collection thereof to provide a revenue source to fund transportation.

The Oregon State Legislature amended the state’s fuel tax statute to provide a motor vehicle fuel tax exemption on fuel delivered to a service station owned by a Tribe or Tribal entity operating on such Tribe’s Reservation or trust land effective Jan. 1, 2022. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the Tribe must impose a motor vehicle fuel tax at the same rate as the state and use fuel tax revenue consistent with state fuel tax authorized use. The proposed Fuel Tax Ordinance establishes the tax and use provisions necessary to qualify for the exemption.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed Fuel Tax Ordinance. For a copy of the ordinance, 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 Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. ■

‘This is a wonderful day, a great day’

**RESTORATION continued
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ticipate in the celebration, albeit remotely.

“It’s unfortunate that because of an invisible enemy we don’t get to gather together, join together and celebrate Restoration,” George said. “Our Restoration was a long, hard-fought battle and we prevailed. Today, we are coming to you virtually and it is wonderful to be able to sit next to our Tribal Council chairwoman and to be able to introduce her.”

“This is a wonderful day, a great day,” Kennedy said. “I’m thrilled to be here and celebrate this 38th Restoration.”

Kennedy also introduced the other seven members of Tribal Council: Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Michael Langley, Kathleen George, Jack Giffen Jr., Michael Cherry, Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno. Additionally, she welcomed past Tribal Council members in attendance.

“Thank you for all of the work you have done and for not giving up,” she said.

Kennedy also reflected on Nov. 22, 1983, when the Tribe was restored by the federal government, and all of the work that had gone into the battle to achieve it.

“It is a joy to commemorate this time,” she said. “It’s such an important time for our Tribe and there was so much effort, hard work and coming together to bring us to this day.”

She noted that in front of the Governance Center there is a bronze statue of key Restoration figures Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes, and referred to them as the “backbone of Restoration.” Kennedy also recalled how Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison testified in front of Congress.

“They said, ‘We’re not going to take this anymore. We are Grand Ronde Indians so let’s go ahead and renew our Tribe,’ ” Kennedy said. “Grand Ronde Indians, I was one of them, said, ‘Yes, let’s do this.’ I am so happy about this and so pleased. We are restored and we are blessed. Today, we are here through the hard work of our visionaries and all of our Tribal members who came together. I want you to think of that. Tell the story to your young people so they know it didn’t just happen. With the help of our Creator, we stand here today.”

Kennedy also mentioned Oregon legislators who aided in the Restoration effort: Rep. Elizabeth Furse, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield and Rep. Les AuCoin.

“We are so thankful and I wanted to mention them,” she said.

Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrel-



Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks during the virtual 38th Restoration Celebration.

son gave a brief historical overview of the Tribe, which included information on treaty areas, a segment of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund educational video and historic photos.

After some technical difficulties, Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer spoke briefly, saying it was a “profound honor” to be included.

“What you have accomplished with all of your projects and bringing people together, it is important to acknowledge the immense power and persistence of Native people.”

Kathleen George talked about where the Grand Ronde Tribe is today.

“We are stewards of our own lands, and on our lands our people hunt and fish, and they are filled with pride. ... There are so many forces that have tried to pull our people apart. I am humbled and honored to see our Tribal members support each other in a world that seems focused on division.”

Restoration was held online again due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Tribal restrictions on large gatherings.

“On Nov. 22, 1983, Grand Ronde’s federal recognition as a Tribal Nation was restored when the Grand Ronde Restoration Act was signed

into law,” a message on the Tribe’s website said. “Every year since then, we have gathered as a Tribe, a community and a family to celebrate this historic day. It is with great sadness, that we announce that for the second straight year, the COVID-19 pandemic is forcing us to hold our annual Restoration Day celebration virtually.”

After speeches and reflections were concluded, attendees had the opportunity to participate in several short, breakout sessions with Tribal members Travis Stewart, Greg Archuleta, Jordan Mercier, Francene Ambrose, Bobby Mercier and Stephanie Craig, who discussed topics such as food sovereignty, storytelling and art.

Before the Restoration event began, Mercier, Leno, Cherry, Jon George and Kathleen George conducted a raffle via Facebook Live at 10 a.m. Prizes included Visa, Amazon, Shell, Best Buy, Shipwreck Beads and Target gift cards, along with game tables, saddle blankets and security cameras. Winners will have their prizes mailed out. Additionally, small gifts are being sent out to Tribal members, but due to supply chain distribution issues, there was no timeline for when the items would be mailed out to the

membership.

Those who have not yet registered for a gift can do so by visiting www.grandronde.org, click on the “Restoration Celebration Virtual” link and below there is an online form to fill out. Additionally, the video presentation and the raffle event can be viewed on the site.

On Nov. 22, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed House Resolution 3885 restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe, which had been terminated 29 years earlier, to federal recognition. His signature on the bill officially ended the dark time of Termination.

Every year since, the Tribe has held a celebration. It includes a meal, giveaways, speeches, dancing, drumming, singing and a Restoration Powwow. Approximately 200 Tribal members, family, friends and elected officials traveled to Grand Ronde in 2019 for the event held in the Tribal gym. Approximately 70 people logged in for this year’s virtual event.

“Thank you to the members for attending and being involved in your Tribe,” Kennedy said. “I offer my thanks to our Creator for keeping us well. Enjoy the day and appreciate each other. We are stronger when we stand in unity.” ■



Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer speaks during the virtual 38th Restoration Celebration held on Monday, Nov. 22.



Canoe Family drummers perform in achaf-hammi at the start of the virtual 38th Restoration Celebration held on Monday, Nov. 22.

Screenshots by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Fasana addresses Salem-Keizer School District

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

Grand Ronde Education Department Manager and Tribal member Angela Fasana was the featured speaker in the first of several virtual community learning sessions sponsored by the Salem-Keizer School District.

The first Zoom event held on Monday, Nov. 8, focused on the history of government-to-government relationships between Tribes and the federal government. It was hosted by Salem-Keizer School Board Chair Osvaldo Avila and Director of Student Equity, Access and Advancement Cynthia Richardson.

The goal was for participants to leave with a greater understanding of the historical relationship between federal and Tribal governments, and how the relationship contributes to how Native people experience public schools and classrooms.

“We’re hoping this builds bridges and provides awareness,” Avila said. “We developed these sessions so we could all learn together.”

Fasana provided an overview of federal Indian policy dating from before the United States was a country to the self-determination era of today.

“I find that a lot of people have questions about relationships between Tribes and governments, and how it all works,” Fasana said. “I explain it because everyone has a version of history and I want to talk about actual policies passed by the government which determined what the relationship would be.”

Fasana told attendees that there was 250 years of contact between



Angela Fasana

Indigenous people and settlers before the country was formed.

“That relationship really depended on many factors,” she

said. “These pre-existed Indian policy and impacted it.”

Following the pre-confederation period was the confederation period (1774-1789), trade and intercourse era (1789-1825), removal era (1825-1850), Reservation era (1850-1887), allotment and assimilation era (1887-1934), Indian reorganization era (1934-1940s), Termination era (1940s-1961) and self-determination era (1961-present).

“During the confederation period, generally speaking, people agreed to stay in their respective areas where they could take care of their people,” Fasana said. “During the trade and intercourse era, the Tribes were brought to the level of individual sovereign nations, which was a federal government issue.”

She noted that one of the biggest tragedies of the Reservation era was the loss of land and way of life.

“The government decided to push Tribes to the West to relocate them and one of the most tragic parts was the loss of land for many Tribes. The biggest example was the Trail of Tears and removal of the Cherokee to Oklahoma,” Fasana said. “This era is also where I can put myself in both my Tribal family and mom’s family, who were settlers.

There was a conflict in culture.

“We (Tribal people) were nomadic and didn’t think of land as owning it. We stayed in areas. You start seeing lots of conflicts and fear on both sides. The government decided to put Tribes on reservations and Tribal people didn’t have a lot of options. You came to the Reservation or the military would remove you. What Tribes were promised from the government in exchange for giving up large swaths of lands they roamed for thousands of years was medical care, housing, food and education.”

Fasana said after the government made all of those promises, officials realized it came with a hefty price tag so they decided that assimilation would help them do away with Native populations and thus the treaty obligations.

“This was also the era of boarding schools and recently more has become known about the tragedies that happened there,” she said. “The policy was to kill the Indian, save the child.”

She said her own family has its history with boarding schools. Her grandfather ran away from Chemawa Indian School in Salem twice.

“They finally gave up on trying to make him go,” Fasana said.

The Indian reorganization era was about trying to make Tribal governments resemble American ones so that officials would know how to approach Native leaders.

“Tribes began economic development and repurchased their lands and starting building their people back up,” she said. “But things took a tragic turn with the Western Oregon Termination Act of 1954. My Tribe was one of those which was

terminated, I believe because there was a lot of timber here. By terminating us, we no longer existed in the eyes of the government and (many) were relocated. My grandpa served our country in World War II and five years after he came back, he received a letter saying they were no longer Tribal members.”

Fasana said that the experience of boarding schools, reservations, Termination and relocation resulted in intergenerational trauma and mistrust of government for many.

“We still carry that trauma of Termination in our DNA and it impacts us,” she said. “This affects schooling because public education wasn’t introduced to us in a positive way. A lot of our families have these stories and carry that fear and skepticism.”

She also briefly discussed the Grand Ronde Tribal governmental structure and administration, and each department’s role in serving Tribal members.

Fasana took 10 questions from the audience, several of which asked how to most effectively teach lessons about Native history and culture without putting Native students on the spot.

“Listen with your heart,” Fasana said. “You won’t always know that someone who looks like me is so rooted in Tribal culture. Take the time to get to know your students.”

She also thanked school district officials for inviting her to speak.

“I’m grateful to have the opportunity to talk to you all tonight,” Fasana said. “My grandpa always taught me that the only way to combat stereotypes is to talk about our culture and experiences.” ■

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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.

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Grand Ronde Tribal member Maya Frost, center, received her Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering from the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest in Athlone, Ireland, on Oct. 29.

Tribal members in Ireland graduate

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal members Maya Frost, 52, and her son, Liam O Gallachoir, 17, have graduated from a doctoral program and high school, respectively, in their adopted homeland of Ireland.

Frost and her son were featured in a March 2020 “So Far Away” story about Tribal members who live overseas and significantly distant from the Reservation.

Liam graduated from secondary school – the equivalent of a U.S. high school – and received his first choice of universities. Starting in October, he began attending the British Irish Modern Music Institute through the Technological University of Dublin.

“He is doing a bachelor of arts in Commercial Music in drumming,” Frost said in an e-mail.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions in Ireland, there was no graduation ceremony, but Liam received a Pendleton blanket from the Tribe.

Frost graduated on Oct. 29 with a Ph.D. in Polymer Engineering from the Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest. She wore a button blanket robe during the ceremony and feathers in her hair. She thanked her cousin, Dolores Parmenter, for help and guidance and Bobby Mercier, Greg Robinson and the Tribe for inspiration. The feathers were a gift from Lands Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach who visited them in 2012.

“My research explored the synthesis of thermosensitive polymers for use in drug delivery applications,” Frost said. “I succeeded in creating a novel, less expensive, more environmentally friendly method of synthesis of a safe, non-toxic polymer suitable for use in targeted drug delivery platforms. This is a means of delivering a needed medication to a person at the site of the disease in the body rather than to the person systemically which can have an



Tribal member Liam Ó Gallachóir graduated from secondary school recently in Ireland. He is attending the British Irish Modern Music Institute through the Technological University of Dublin where he is pursuing a degree in Commercial Music. He is wearing a blanket sent by the Tribe.

effect on the body as a whole.”

Frost is currently working as a research scientist at the Technological University of the Shannon on an Innovations Partnership Program with Nelipak Healthcare Packaging headquartered in Cranston, Rhode Island.

“I have been able to do this because of support through the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,” she said. “I had never expected to get this far and it has been a tough journey, but worth it. I can only ever encourage people to educate themselves, whether it is academically or through experience. We can only be better for it. You have all made it possible ... hayu masi, tilixam!”

Frost, who is Molalla and Chinook, is descended from her great-grandmother, Esther LaBonte. She grew up in Oregon City, overlooking Willamette Falls, and has lived in Ireland for more than 20 years. ■

Appeals Court tosses Oregon sacred site case

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A federal appeals court dismissed a lawsuit involving the bulldozing a Native American sacred site near Mount Hood in 2008 to add a turning lane to a nearby highway.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit sided with the federal government on Wednesday, Nov. 24, saying the case was moot.

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Carol Logan joined members of the Yakama Nation to say that the federal government broke numerous laws by destroying the site, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and several environmental laws.

Logan and the other Native leaders alerted the federal government to their use of the site before construction began, but their pleas went unheeded. In response to their original lawsuit, the government claimed it has complete authority to destroy sacred sites located on federal land and a trial court agreed.

The oral argument in *Slockish v. U.S. Federal Highway Administration* was presented by Becket Fund for Religious Liberty attorney Joe Davis in the Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The Appeals Court ruled that since the Oregon Department of Transportation had been dismissed from the lawsuit, the remaining federal government defendants did not have the authority to make the changes sought, such as removing the guard rail and reconstructing the stone altar.

The site was called Ana Kwna Nchi Nchi Patat, or Place of Big Big Trees. ■

Harrison is the eldest Elder of the Grand Ronde Tribe at 97

TiMet bus continued from front page

ant Tribal leaders,” said a TriMet website post about the bus wrap. “She is known especially for her work as a member of the Tribal Council of the Grand Ronde and for her contributions during the Termination era, a time when the Eisenhower administration deprived Tribes of formal recognition.”

Other Tribal leaders to be featured on the bus wrap are John “Buzz” Nelson (Oglala Lakota), Se-ah-dom Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock/Nez Perce/Yakama), Ed Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock), Christine Dupres (Cowlitz/Cree), SandeBea Allman (Oglala Lakota/Nimiipuu), Terry L. Cross (Seneca Nation), Tawna Sanchez (Shoshone-Bannock/Ute/Carrizo) and James Parker (Chippewa Cree).

The TriMet bus wrap effort also has honored leaders in the Black, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic and LGBT+ communities.

Harrison, 97, is the eldest Elder of the Grand Ronde Tribe and is still active in the Tribal community. During her time on Tribal Council, she helped guide the Tribe into gaming through the signing of a compact with Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts in

July 1993. She also suggested the Tribe start endowment funds to benefit education, health care, economic development, and social and cultural programs. Those funds continue to be an important economic resource to this day for the Tribe.

Some of her more recent honors include being named to the American Museum of Natural History’s Board of Trustees in 2018 and having Jaguar Elementary School in Corvallis renamed after her earlier this year, of which Harrison said she was “humbled and very flattered.”

“We are profoundly humbled to have our school named for Kathryn Jones Harrison and we are hoping to engage our students, staff and community in the change,” Principal Beth Martin said. “For us, there is such immense opportunity and learning that can take place. At the same time, we want to ensure we move through this change in a way that honors who she is as well as the collective culture she represents.”

Harrison lives at the Tribe’s Adult Foster Care housing in Grand Ronde.

To find out more about the bus wrap and read about all of the Native leaders honored, visit trimet.org/celebrate/nativeleaders.htm. ■



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Tribal members Anthony Quenelle, left, and Brian Krehbiel work on hanging a banner before the start of the Veterans Day Drive-Through event held at the Health & Wellness Center on Thursday, Nov. 11. Veterans received a goodie bag containing flags from their branch of service, miniature paddles made by Krehbiel and T-shirts.

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Saluting veterans



Community member and Army veteran Richard Gwynn receives a sticker from Grand Ronde Royalty Tiny Tot Ulali Quenelle during the Veterans Day Drive-Through event held at the Health & Wellness Center.



Tribal member and Marine Corps veteran Steve Rife talks with Tribal member Anthony Quenelle during the Veterans Day Drive-Through event.



Tribal member and Navy veteran Jesse Robertson Jr. talks with Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier during the Veterans Day Drive-Through event.

Tribal member and Army veteran Guy Schultz, center, and his wife Carla, left, participate in the Veterans Day Drive-Through event held at the Health & Wellness Center on Thursday, Nov. 11.

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Posting the colors



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

The Grand Ronde Veterans Honor Guard led by Tribal Elder and Marine Corps veteran Alton Butler posts the colors during a Veterans Day ceremony held at the Oregon State Capitol Park, across from the State Capitol in Salem, on Wednesday, Nov. 10. This is the first year the ceremony was held at this location.



Tribal Elder, Marine Corps veteran and former Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. gives the blessing during a Veterans Day ceremony.

Umatilla Tribal member confirmed to federal post

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Umatilla Tribal member Charles “Chuck” Sams, 50, was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate to be director of the National Park Service within the Department of the Interior on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Sams will work under Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who became the first Native American Cabinet member in the history of the United States earlier this year.

Sams was previously the deputy executive director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, as well as its communications director. He served as a council member to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, a position he was appointed to by Gov. Kate Brown.

Sams earned a bachelor degree in business administration from Corcoria University in Portland and has a master’s of legal studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma. He is a Navy veteran and also serves on the Oregon Cultural Trust board of directors.

He and his wife, Lori, live on the Umatilla Indian Reservation with their four children.

The National Park Service, established in 1916, includes 63 national parks, such as Crater Lake, Yosemite, Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. It also controls about 423 national monuments and other historic sites across the nation. The service has about 12,300 employees and an annual budget of about \$3.1 billion.

“Chuck Sams is the right nominee to lead the National Park Service as it addresses these challenges. I know Chuck. He is hardworking. He is committed,” Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden said. “Chuck is a role model in the stewardship of American land and waters, wildlife and history. And now thanks to the Senate’s unanimous decision to confirm his nomination, Congress and park-goers will have someone steady and experienced to rely on in the years ahead.” ■



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Lane Community College has two cost-saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa:
1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW101, after completion of CW101 and CW102.
2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no credit at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LOC Arts and Humanities Division.

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

“taxayam!”

Governor encourages consultation over machines

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

SALEM – Gov. Kate Brown addressed a potential expansion of gaming in the state at a proposed destination resort near Grants Pass by urging the Oregon Racing Commission and its staff to conduct “meaningful consultation” with the nine federally recognized Tribes.

“Thank you for your work on behalf of Oregonians to carry out the statutory responsibility of the Oregon Racing Commission,” Brown wrote to commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 9. “I write today to emphasize the importance of one of those responsibilities: The statutory obligation to meaningfully consult with Tribes on issues that may significantly impact them.”

The Oregon Racing Commission, established in 1933, is a five-member board regulating all aspects of the pari-mutuel industry in the state, including racing and on- and off-track wagering “for the good of the horses, the horsemen and women, the bettors, the licensees and the citizenry,” states the commission’s website. It currently has four members and is chaired by Diego Conde of the Conde Law Group in Lake Oswego.

In response to Brown’s letter, the commission’s scheduled Thursday, Nov. 18, report on Grants Pass Downs was postponed until its Dec. 16 meeting. However, it did hear two comments in support of the Grants Pass proposal during the meeting.

Six Tribal leaders, including

“We, as Tribes, aren’t asking for the governor to turn down this proposal or to have the ORC deny this application at this point in time. We are merely just asking the governor and the state to ‘take a deep breath’ and do true consultation with Tribes.”

~ Lobbyist Justin Martin

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, signed an Oct. 6 letter to Brown and Oregon legislative leaders to express concerns about a new generation of historic racing machines that may be introduced into the Oregon gaming landscape at the proposed Flying Lark at Grants Pass Downs.

Dutch Bros founder Travis Boersman has submitted an application to state regulators to build the entertainment center adjacent to his Grants Pass Downs racetrack. The centerpiece will be more than 200 historic racing machines that allow guests to bet on horse races that have previously occurred on machines that are similar to slots.

While the state Constitution prohibits off-Reservation casinos, the Flying Lark seeks to take advantage of a 2013 law that allows commercial horse tracks to offer betting on historical horse racing machines.

Accompanying the letters, Tribal leaders submitted two studies by C3 Gaming Consultants Consortium and ECONorthwest that estimate the introduction of the historic racing machines at Grants Pass Downs will siphon off reve-

nues currently being made by the Oregon Lottery and Oregon Tribes to the tune of \$13 million and \$6 million, respectively.

The ECONorthwest study also estimates that if the machines expand in the same numbers to the other four fairgrounds race tracks in Union, Prineville, Tillamook and Burns that the lost revenue will increase to \$62 million for the Oregon Lottery and \$31 million for Tribes. In addition, if the machines expand into the 11 off-track betting locations operated throughout Oregon by Grants Pass Downs at more than 200 machines per site, the losses could increase to \$174 million for the Oregon Lottery and \$86 million for Tribes.

“In the first scenario, Tribal income would fall approximately 5 percent,” the ECONorthwest study states. “In the second, where machines appear at all racetracks in the state, the amount Oregon Tribes earn from gaming and use to pay for necessary Tribal services would fall about 23 percent. With the third scenario, the loss would be 72 percent.”

Historic racing machines are electronic gaming devices on which a player places a wager and presses a button. A video showing the last few seconds of a race that occurred previously is displayed and prizes are awarded.

“For all intents and purposes, an (historic racing machine) is a video slot machine,” the ECONorthwest study states. “Gamblers insert money, select an amount to bet, press a button and watch a brief animated display. Once the display stops, the gambler learns if they won or lost their bet.”

The machines were originally introduced into Oregon at Portland Meadows Racetrack, which closed in 2019 and was subsequently demolished. The machines did not have a significant impact, according to the C3 study, because of the limited library of game titles, lackluster facility where they were located and general decline in interest in horse racing.

However, historic racing machines have undergone “significant” improvements in design, technology and marketing appeal, C3 states, and points to their introduction into gaming markets in the Midwest to bolster its contention that they will negatively affect Tribal casino and Oregon Lottery revenues.

“Given the number of racetracks and OTB facilities in Oregon, the introduction of these new machines will alter the competitive landscape, and they are expected to cannibalize gaming revenue from the Oregon Lottery and Oregon Tribal casinos,” the C3 study states. “What policy makers must ask is do they want an expansion of gaming

in the state and, if so, how will this increase in supply impact existing (Oregon Lottery) operations and Tribal casinos.”

Boersma offered a study that estimates Grants Pass Downs and the Flying Lark would generate more than \$10.7 billion in spending in southern Oregon over 30 years of operation.

Ultimately, the ECONorthwest study concludes, if Grants Pass Downs and the Flying Lark are unable to increase the number of gamblers and the amount Oregonians gamble, the money it earns from historic racing machines will come at the expense of the Oregon Lottery and Tribes.

“It was nice to finally receive a letter from the governor in response to our concerns,” Grand Ronde Tribal member and lobbyist Justin Martin said. “That being said, it has still been both frustrating and confusing because we really don’t feel like our concerns have been taken seriously up to this point, and if we are even being accurately understood by the administration staff. We have continually reached out to Gov. Brown’s staff over the past year and until the Tribal op-ed (Oct. 20 in *The Oregonian*) it doesn’t even seem as if anyone was interested in hearing about this critical issue, especially some of her agencies. We absolutely understand the circumstances surrounding a pandemic, but these issues are still front and center for Indian Country and the state of Oregon.”

Although Brown said she will not tell Racing commissioners what to do, she expects them to follow Oregon’s Tribal consultation statutes. “Although it is not my role as governor to weigh in on agency licensing decisions, it is nonetheless my expectation ... the Oregon Racing Commission will satisfy its statutory obligation to meaningfully consult with Tribal governments,” Brown wrote.

“Tribes really want there to be a pause with the ORC approving a full-blown private casino,” Martin said. “This is not asking much because as well all know that private casinos in Oregon are banned by the Constitution. We, as Tribes, aren’t asking for the governor to turn down this proposal or to have the ORC deny this application at this point in time. We are merely just asking the governor and the state to ‘take a deep breath’ and do true consultation with Tribes. We should also be looking at the issue and how it impacts governmental gambling, both Tribal gaming and the state Lottery, and how a decision of this magnitude would impact us, local business owners and the future of gambling in Oregon.”

“The bottom line is this ... there is no question, legally or by anyone looking at plans for the slot machines that the Flying Lark wants to install, that this would constitute a private casino. As responsible governments, we should be taking a deep breath, looking at all sides of the issue, and make wise and informed decisions for the benefit of Tribes and all Oregonians in the future.” ■



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Years of Service awards honor 73 employees

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

Seventy-three employees with a combined 1,138 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe were honored during the third quarter of 2021.

Pre-COVID, honorees and other Tribal employees typically enjoyed a hearty breakfast served in the Tribal gym. However, due to the pandemic, large indoor group gatherings are still not occurring at the Tribe.

Leading those honored in employment longevity are GED Coordinator Tracy Biery, General Manager's Office Administrative Assistant Barbara Branson, Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere and Staff Accountant Melanie Hubbard, who all reached the 31-year mark in working for the Tribe.

Joining them in the three decades or more club were Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Chinuk Immersion Preschool Teacher Jeff Mercier, who each notched 30 years of service.

In the quarter-century or more club were Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D'Aquila and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, who both reached 25 years, Tribal Attorney Rob Greene at 27 years, Social Services Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison with 28 years and Finance Officer Chris Leno, who reached 29 years of service.

Achieving 20 or more years of service are Security Department Supervisor Roel Hernandez, Purchase/Referred Care Health Care Payment Specialist Erica Mercier and Interpretive Coordinator Travis Stewart with 20 years while Elementary Lead Matthew Bucknell and Facilities Manager Tyson



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Security Supervisor Roel Hernandez is congratulated for his years of service with the Tribe during the third quarter Employee Recognition event held in the Tribal gym in 2019. Hernandez reached the 20-year mark this year and was among 73 employees honored by the Human Resources Department.

Mercier hit 21 years of service. Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Cultural Resources Specialist Christopher Bailey reached 22 years. Family Services Assistant Elaine Lane Raven, Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer and Swing Shift Supervisor Ben Bishop reached the 23-year mark.

Third-quarter award recipients were hired between July and September.

Employees received certificates and bonus checks in appreciation of their increasing tenure with the Tribe. In addition, those reaching the 10-year mark received a Tribal Pendleton blanket or an extra \$100 in their bonus check.

Other employees honored during the third quarter included:

19 years: Audit Director Trudi

Yoshikawa, Swing Shift Housekeeper Nathan Mueller, Treasury Manager Rick Andersen, Cook Kevin Campbell and Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton.

18 years: Benefits Specialist Peggy Carpenter and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson.

17 years: Health Information Technician Stephanie Simmons, Member Services Administrator Shannon Simi, Finance Executive Assistant Ken Trevino and Employment Specialist Brandy Hembree.

16 years: Health Information Technician Leanna Norwood and Housekeeper Susan Sabey.

14 years: Central Phones Receptionist Scarlett Holtz, Senior Help Desk Technician Alec Palanuk-Mercier, *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes, Preschool Bus Driver/Aide Jennifer Jerabek and Employment Specialist Misty Carl.

12 years: Mail Room/Printing Clerk Anna White, Help Desk

Technician Spencer Olson and Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Freeman.

11 years: Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey, TERO Administrative Assistant Lori Sterling, Member Services Department Manager Veronica Montano, Maintenance Technician Gary LaChance Jr., Early Childhood Education Department Manager Angie Blackwell, Housing Maintenance Technician Michael Lane, Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator Keri Kimsey and Adult and Family Services Supervisor Amber Zimbrick.

10 years: Vocational Rehabilitation Trainee Amber Yates, Medical Technologist Staci Pemble, Family Support Services Specialist Joanna Brisbois, Maintenance Technician Daniel Mooney and Legal Secretary Susan June.

9 years: Child and Family Services Caseworker Tara Summers, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, 477 Employment and Training Specialist Angey Rideout, Registered Nurse Tashina Blair, Senior Telecommunications Technician Mark Scheelar, Parks and Recreation Specialist Jerry Bailey and Social Services Secretary Darla Patterson.

8 years: Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier.

7 years: Health & Wellness Clinic Medical Director Lance Loberg and Food Sustainability Program Assistant Patricia LeClaire.

6 years: Housekeeper Jonathan Baker, Senior Help Desk Technician Braden Ebensteiner, Lead Chemical Dependency Counselor Joe Martineau, Help Desk Technician Nathan Hoff and Tribal Police Officer Tokata Tehama.

5 years: Infant/Toddler Site Coordinator Star Weatherall, Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland and Great Circle Recovery Client Registration Specialist Jesseca Curiel-Taggart. ■

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We will explore breathing techniques, mindfulness exercises and provide an introduction to basic yoga poses. Each veteran or family member who signs up will receive a yoga mat, a sport towel, a water bottle and a pair of headphones.

FIRST CLASS: December 3, 2021, at Noon.
(Sign up by Nov. 19th, 2021)

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(Sign up by Dec. 3rd, 2021)



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Contact CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org or call 503-879-1484 to sign up!

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When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am

Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Who: Parents and caregivers of children under 5 years.

Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!



Watchlist: ‘The Origins of Native American Heritage Month’

(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

In America, we coincidentally celebrate Thanksgiving and Native American heritage in the same month.

On Nov. 1, 2020, the first day of Native American Heritage Month last year, *NowThis News* published a four-minute video on YouTube with two southwest Natives, Wade M. Adakai and Antonio Ramirez, who shared the origin and timeline of Native American Heritage Month.

They explain that before there were 30 days of Indigenous recognition, there was just one day.

Adakai describes that starting in 1914, Red Fox James from the Redfoot Confederacy traveled on horseback to gain support for an Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Around the same time, the Boy Scouts of America were encouraged by Dr. Arthur C. Parker from the Seneca Nation to adopt a day dedicated to the first Americans.

“These examples go to show that this month actually stems from the efforts of Native Americans over a century ago,” Adakai says.

Next came an American Indian Week. Ramirez says that although stereotypes were prevalent in a 1986 proclamation by President Ronald Reagan, an American Indian Week was established.

By 1990, Rep. Eni Faleomavaega Jr., from American Samoa, sponsored a resolution requesting President George Bush Sr. proclaim a Native American Heritage Month.

In the video, Ramirez quotes from the Native American Heritage Month joint resolution that as a Native this month of recognition provides benefits of “enhanced self-esteem, pride and self-awareness to young American Indians.”

They finish the video by sharing ideas on how to celebrate Native American Heritage Month, such as educating yourself on the history of other Tribes or spending time with Tribal family and friends.

To watch “The Origins of Native American Heritage Month” video yourself you can go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=fipaCV0w5do or find it linked in the *Smoke Signals* Watchlist on our YouTube channel. ■



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. ■

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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE, FIRE STATION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT. Through this Request for Proposals ("RFP"), the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("CTGR") seek competitive proposals from qualified and experienced individuals or firms (hereafter "Proposer") for the provision of design-build services for CTGR's Fire Station and Emergency Management Storage Facility ("Project"). The purpose of this solicitation is to secure proposals from Design-Build Teams that have experience in planning, designing, engineering and construction of facilities similar in scope and scale. Sealed bids must be received by Ryan Webb, Project Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by or before 2 p.m. local time on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021. Questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Project Manager, Ryan Webb, via e-mail at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org by 2 p.m. prevailing local time Monday, Dec. 13, 2021.

Electronic copy of the RFP is available by e-mailing Ryan Webb at Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2404.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, to Ryan Webb, Project Manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■

Turkey bowling returns



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Recreation Specialist Leo Ayala tosses a 12-pound frozen turkey during the Turkey Bowling event held at the Youth Education Building on Thursday, Nov. 18. Ayala finished in third place in the Men's Division. This is the 17th time the event has been held after taking a break in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's event was divided into half-hour slots for employees instead of a large group because of continuing pandemic restrictions. The event was sponsored by the Tribe's Human Resources Department.

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Longtime Tribal employee Kim Rogers walks on

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Longtime Tribal Planning & Grants Development Manager Kim Ray Rogers, who is credited with bringing the Tribe millions of dollars in grants to fund Tribal services during his more than 20 years of employment, passed away on Nov. 15, 2021, in Salem, Ore.

“This is a terrible loss for the Tribe,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said during the Tuesday, Nov. 16, Legislative Action Committee hearing.

Kennedy said Rogers was worth more than his weight in gold for all of the grants he was able to obtain for the Tribe.

“He will be sorely missed,” she said.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier said Rogers had a “profound impact” on the Tribe through his tireless work in obtaining grants to fund Tribal services for the membership. He added that he would often see Rogers’ car still in the Governance Center parking lot long after the work day had ended.

“He will be a hard person to replace,” Mercier said.

Rogers started working for the Grand Ronde Tribe on Dec. 4, 2000. Born in April 1953, he was the son of Ray and Veryl Anderson Rogers. He grew up in Forest Grove and received a bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 1975 from Portland State University, where he also obtained a master’s in Public Administration two years later.


In 1984, he went to work for the city of Ketchikan, Alaska, as the Public Works director. After three years, he went to work in Calaveras County, Calif., and then became the Capital Improvement coordinator for the Tulalip Tribes in Washington state.

In 1993, Rogers became the general manager of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe in Darrington, Wash., and then went to work for six years with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians as its Community Planning manager.

He moved to McMinnville with his cat when he accepted the Policy and Planning manager position with the Grand Ronde Tribe. That position eventually morphed into the Planning & Grants Development manager, who was charged with providing program and project planning, program and facility grant development and management, public transit services, and geographic information services.

As Mercier acknowledged during the Legislative Action Committee hearing, Rogers liked cats and soccer. He stated in a 2001 *Smoke Signals* story that his one regret in life at that point in time was not yet having attended a World Cup.

In an all-employee e-mail, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said the Tribe is working with Rogers’ family through this difficult time. ■



Smoke Signals file photo

Longtime Tribal employee Kim Ray Rogers, 68, walked on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021. He worked for the Tribe for almost 21 years and is credited with bringing in millions of dollars’ worth of grants to help fund services to the Tribal membership.

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Walking On...

David Arnold McGee

May 16, 1953 – Nov. 8, 2021

Tribal Elder David A. McGee walked on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. Rest Lawn Memory Gardens & Funeral Home in Salem, Ore., is assisting the family. A gravesite service was held Monday, Nov. 29, at the Tribal Cemetery.

Lonnie Dean Martinson

June 17, 1965 – Nov. 13, 2021

Tribal Elder Lonnie Dean Martinson walked on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. Stehn Family Chapels Milwaukie Tribute Center in Milwaukie, Ore., is assisting the family. Service details were not available.

Cathryn Ann Willard

March 2, 1970 – Nov. 8, 2021

Tribal member Cathryn Ann Willard walked on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. Duyck & Van De Hey Funeral Home in Forest Grove, Ore., is assisting the family. The family will be holding a celebration of life at a later time.

Health & Wellness Center entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

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VETERANS CORNER, December 2021:

E-mail 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:

November & December Veterans Wellness & Mental Health & Suicide Awareness Walk (Virtual) All are welcome to walk to support veterans.

Veterans and veteran family members are welcome to participate in our first virtual walk to bring awareness to veteran mental health and suicide prevention. Walk or run 2.2 miles any time during November until December 21, 2021, at 5 p.m. Each participant will receive a T-shirt in return for signing up and a Walking Kit that consists of:

- A water bottle • A Spirit Towel • Earbuds • A flashlight • A Fitness Slider

E-mail the TVSO with your T-shirt size, mailing address, and whether you are a veteran or a veteran supporter.

For ages 21+, to be entered into the drawing for two grand prizes, e-mail the TVSO a selfie showing you and the distance you completed (over 2.2 miles). You may also post a selfie to the CTGR TVSO Facebook page using the hash tags: #ctgrvetmentalhealthwalk, or #ctgrhonorsveterans.

The grand prizes are a gift certificate for two to a restaurant inside Spirit Mountain Casino and a gift certificate for a free night's stay at Spirit Mountain Lodge.

This event is intended to give you the ability to complete on your own time at your own pace. All CTGR Veterans are invited to participate no matter what state you live in. 2.2 miles signifies the 22 veteran suicides per day. One is too many.

December
Introduction to Yoga for veterans, family members, and supporters of veterans.

You can choose to attend in-person (limited to the first 8 registrants who request to be in-person) or you can sign up to participate via Zoom (unlimited). Please register by e-mailing CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org in advance so I can mail your kit, or you can pick up your Yoga Kit in time for class.

We will be practicing breathing techniques, mindfulness exercises, and introduce very basic yoga poses for relaxation. Teaching these skills will give the participants the tools they need to carry with them at all times, but are especially helpful when dealing with anxiety, depression, PTSD, or just a stressful day like we all have sometimes.

The first class is on Dec. 3, 2021, at noon in the Tribal gym. (Limited to the first 8 registrants who request to participate in-person and all COVID protocols will be followed).

Our second class is Dec. 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Tribal gym. (Limited to the first 8 registrants who request to participate in-person and all COVID protocols will be followed).

For signing up, you will receive a Yoga Kit that includes a:

- Yoga Mat • Water bottle • Spirit Towel • Earbuds • Fitness Slider

Paint With A Veteran - Veterans, family and friends!

Do you need a last-minute Christmas gift? Sign up to paint a picture of achaf-hammi (the plankhouse). Follow along as our teacher paints a canvas. Register by Dec. 7, 2021.

Location: At the Community Center (In-person is limited to the first 8 in-person requests) And via Zoom (E-mail CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org for the Zoom link).

The first 22 registrants will receive a paint kit that includes:

- 1 - plastic drop cloth • 2 - acrylic paint markers • 1 - 8x10" wrapped canvas • 1 - box of double-sided color pencils

- 1 - art kit that contains: 3 paint brushes, 6 acrylic paints, a mixing plate, a wooden easel, and two flat canvases. • 1 - stand-up American flag






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
Veterans End of the Year Event



www.grandronde.org/services/social-services/veterans-services | www.benefits.va.gov/vso | www.facebook.com/CTGRTVSO

‘Family holiday traditions/favorites’

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Aubrey Campbell
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My favorite holiday
tradition is decorating
gingerbread houses
with my family.

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Rita Barreto Craig
Lessons About Tradition From a Little Brown Bag

My little sister and I
always take photos with
Santa and help with shop
with a cop when we can.

Willow Squetimkin
Tiny Tot • 2021/2022

My favorite Christmas
tradition is going to my
grams house and
decorating Christmas
cookies with my family.

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Lessons About Tradition From a Little Brown Bag

My favorite winter family tradition
is Chanukah, which we celebrate for
8 nights by lighting candles every night.
We are supposed to eat latkes and spin
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TRADITIONS
TOUCH US, THEY
CONNECT US,
AND THEY
EXPAND US.

Rita Barreto Craig
Learns About Tradition From a Little Brown Boy

Our favorite tradition is selecting the color theme for Christmas each year. Last year was "Memories". We had many ornaments the girls had made over the years and some of our favorite ornaments throughout the years. This year we have decided on gold and white. And, we love lights! The more the better. Merry Christmas!

Leloo Quenelle
Veterans Little
Miss Queen

2021/2022

Ulali Quenelle
Tiny Tot &
Marie Quenelle
Junior Miss
Grand Ronde



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Nacoma Liebelt
Veterans Warrior
2021/2022

My favorite yearly tradition is going to the Willamina Christmas parade with my family.





Our Christmas tradition is always opening one present on Christmas Eve with our family and saying one thing we're thankful for before bed.

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Satara Blanchard
Junior Miss Princess
&
Sophia Catron
Tiny Tot • 2021/2022




Sprinkle on the lawn at night
The moon will make it sparkle bright
As Santa's reindeer fly and roam
This will guide them to your home.

Kalea Liebelt
Veterans Jr. Queen • 2021/2022

My favorite holiday tradition that we've done every year is feed the reindeer on Christmas Eve.





CULTURAL EDUCATION

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

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

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!



Tasina Bluehorse
Veterans Senior
Queen
2021/2022

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Me and my little siblings go see Santa every year in Salem.

Kaleigha Simi
Senior Miss Grand Ronde • 2021/2022

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WONDERFUL
TIME

IN MY FAMILY EVERY YEAR WE GET MATCHING PJ'S TO WEAR ON CHRISTMAS EVE WHILE WE WATCH CHRISTMAS MOVIE'S ALL NIGHT, WHILE DRINKING HOT COCOA. MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIE IS HOME ALONE OR ELF. MY FAMILY AND I WISH YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS!





My favorite holiday tradition is when Santa stops by our family Christmas party to hand out gifts, sing Jingle Bells and read The Night Before Christmas. The kids take turns each year being Santa's helper. This has been happening for over 30 years now!

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Anavey Smith
Senior Miss
Princess
2021/2022



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. ■



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Don't Forget!
Family Wellness
Photo Contest


Your family's photo could be used on a family wellness promotion flyer! Submit a picture of your family sharing a meal together or doing an activity together to ilaunch@grandronde.org or text it to 503-506-8917 for a chance to win a fun family connection basket!

THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO YOU BY THE INDIGENOUS PROJECT LAUNCH (LINKING ACTIONS FOR UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH). THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO FOSTER CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MODELS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE WELLNESS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.





GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Thursday, Oct. 28

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Responded to a no-contact order violation in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Traffic accident occurred in the 9000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, Oct. 29

- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Oct. 30

- Unattended death reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Unlawful possession of cocaine reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Southeast Downey Street in Sheridan.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.

Sunday, Oct. 31

- Assault reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 900 block of Main Street in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency in the 400 block of Monroe Street in Sheridan.

Monday, Nov. 1

- Welfare check performed in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 800 block of Main Street in Willamina.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

- Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assault suspect arrested in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Fraud reported in the 800 block of Jefferson Street in Dallas.
- Hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Missing person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 3 on Hebo Road.
- Forgery reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Nov. 4

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Hill Drive in Willamina.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Nov. 5

- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Burglary reported in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 16 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic hazard reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 14 on Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.

Saturday, Nov. 6

- Assist outside agency in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Tyee roads.
- Responded to an alarm at the 28400 block of Tyee Road.
- Suspicious person reported in the area of Dragonfly and Blacktail drives.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Madison and First streets in Sheridan.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Nov. 7

- Assist outside agency in the 26300 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 28100 block of McPherson Road.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.

Monday, Nov. 8

- Property found in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspect arrested for criminally driving while suspended in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Domestic assault reported in the 200 block of Ead Creek Loop. A suspect was arrested without incident.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo Road and Highway 18.

Thursday, Nov. 11

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Assist outside agency in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Gold Creek and Yamhill River roads.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Nov. 12

- Assist outside agency in the 22600 block of Highway 18B.
- Assist outside agency in the 29600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance at the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency in the 6600 block of Gold Creek Road.
- Suspicious person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Nov. 13

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 26300 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Nov. 14

- Citizen contact occurred in the 700 block of Northeast Hill Street in Sheridan.
- Fraud reported in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Responded to a car fire in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Nov. 15

- Noise complaint reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 100 block of Northwest First Street in Willamina.
- Property found in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, Nov. 16

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 3.5 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Car fire reported in the area of milepost 18 on Highway 18.

Wednesday, Nov. 17

- Driving complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate on a suspect in a stolen vehicle case in Lincoln City. The suspect was not found.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.

Thursday, Nov. 18

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 31 on Highway 18.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 7400 block of Alvord Alley.

Friday, Nov. 19

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Overdose reported in the 25300 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Saturday, Nov. 20

- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 14 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Yamhill River and Fort Hill roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.

Sunday, Nov. 21

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint received in the area of milepost 6 on Highway 18.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the 55700 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 200 block of East Main Street in Sheridan.

Monday, Nov. 22

- Attempt to locate on a DUII driver in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and Tyee roads.
- Trespass arrest occurred in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.


Tuesday, Nov. 23

- Missing person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspect arrested on a traffic stop for giving false information to a peace officer in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- Welfare check performed in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

- Assist outside agency in the area of highways 18 and 18B.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 28 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.

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



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Each literacy packet will include activity sheets and a book!
Packets will be mailed out once a month starting at the end of December going through the end of February

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VETERAN OUTREACH EVENT ~ PAINT WITH A VETERAN

December 13, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

Veterans, family and friends!
Do you need a last-minute Christmas gift?

Sign up to paint a picture of achaf-hammi (the plankhouse).
Follow along as our teacher paints a canvas.


Register by December 7, 2021.
Location: At the Community Center
(In-person is limited to the first 8 in-person requests)
And, via Zoom (E-mail CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org for the Zoom link).

The first 22 registrants will receive a paint kit that includes:

- 1 - plastic drop cloth
- 2 - acrylic paint markers
- 1 - 8x10" wrapped canvas
- 1 - box of double-sided color pencils
- 1 - art kit that contains: 3 paint brushes, 6 acrylic paints, a mixing plate, a wooden easel, and two flat canvases.
- 1 - stand-up American flag


Agenda:
Greetings to Attendees & Introduction of Facilitators
achaf-hammi Presentation
achaf-hammi Totem Pole
Chinuk Wawa language lesson

Presented by Zoey Holsclaw, Language Department Outreach Coordinator, and Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer




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Recology's answer to what goes in what bin

Contamination at the curb - What's the big deal? **Recycling works best when done properly.** Let's do our part to keep the recycle stream free of contamination to ensure an efficient recycling system. Check out this list of common contaminants and how to dispose of them appropriately.

Contaminant						
 <p>Diapers</p>	 <p>Plastic bags</p>	 <p>Plastic baskets</p>	 <p>Snack bags & wrappers</p>	 <p>Plastic utensils & straws</p>	 <p>Food Residue</p>	 <p>Napkins & Paper Towels</p>
Why not at the curb?						
Diapers cannot be recycled or composted in our programs. Dirty diapers cause serious health risks to workers at sorting facilities.	Plastic bags clog the machinery at the sorting facility and contaminate the paper stream.	Made with a mixture of material - such as plastic and aluminum, making it very difficult to recycle.	Made with a mixture of material - such as plastic and aluminum, making it very difficult to recycle.	No market for this low-grade plastic. These items can also contaminate other recyclable items.	Food residue inside containers leads to mold and germs. Always rinse or wipe out containers before placing in the cart.	Paper fibers get shorter each time they are recycled. By the time they become a towel or tissue, the fibers are too short to be recycled again.
Where should it go?						
Place these items in your trash cart. Consider using cloth diapers where possible and practical.	Take to a participating retail store. Consider using canvas or other reusable bags.	Place in your trash cart. Consider less prepackaged foods to reduce plastic waste.	Place in your trash cart. Consider using reusable snack bags.	Place in your trash or consider reusable utensils & straws to cut down on plastic waste.	Rinse or wipe to remove food residue before recycling.	Put in your home compost system or in your trash cart. Reduce by using cloth towels.

For more information on recycling in McMinnville please go to [Recology.com](https://www.recology.com), call 503-472-3176 or email rwinfo@recology.com

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Temporary Change In Services for Optometry

Effective October 19, 2021 through February 28th, 2022, the Health and Wellness Center will be open for glasses, adjustments to glasses and contact lens orders only, as follows.
Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm, Friday 8am to 2:30 pm Please call to schedule a time (503) 879-2097

For patients with Shasta, we would like to coordinate services at Dallas Vision Clinic (503) 623-9233 and Central Vision Clinic in Monmouth (503) 838-1244 or you can go to an optometry provider of your choice. It will be important to take your Shasta Card to your appointment to verify coverage.

If you have a current prescription for glasses or contacts, you may be able to bring your prescription here to be filled. Please contact our optometry department with questions (503) 879-2097. For eye drop refills, please contact our pharmacy at (503) 879-2342.

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Playfulness helps build and strengthen bonds as well as increases attention spans and boosts social development.

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November 15th - December 15th

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