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## Justice opinion scuttles gaming plans in Grants Pass

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

**S**ALEM — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the other Oregon Tribes that operate casinos received good news on Friday, Feb. 11, when the Oregon Department of Justice said that plans by the Oregon Racing Commission to possibly allow 225 slot machine-like historic racing machines at the Flying Lark in Grants Pass would be unconstitutional.

TMB Racing, a company formed by Dutch Bros Coffee co-founder Travis Boersma, filed a motion to compel in late December in Josephine County Circuit Court seeking to force the state to decide on plans for gambling at an entertainment complex adjoining the race track at the Josephine County Fairgrounds.

TMB Racing claims the Oregon Racing Commission has put the horse-racing venture in financial “limbo” by failing to vote on whether to approve 225 gambling terminals in the Flying Lark’s “hospitality center.”

Boersma’s plans drew opposition from the state’s Native American Tribes, including the Grand Ronde Tribe, which argue that allowing slot machine-like historic horse racing machines at the Flying Lark would be unfair since only Tribes are allowed to operate casinos in Oregon. Their approval, Tribes contend, would hurt not only Tribal casino revenues, but the Oregon Lottery as well.

After receiving a letter from Or-

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**Grand Ronde Tribal member and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier took approximately four months to complete his head chief carving, which is more than six feet tall. He used knives and chisels to form the old-growth wood, which is between 800 and 1,300 years old.**

## Carving expert

*Tribal member is a top artist in international contest*

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**G**rand Ronde Tribal member and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier is no stranger to creative undertakings. He has delved into different artistic mediums throughout the years, from Tribal-themed clothing and quilts to intricate metal sculptures and old-growth western red cedar

carving.

Recently, Mercier was honored as being one of the top 10 percent of artists in the Respect the Artists international online competition for his head chief carving.

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## Great Circle Recovery serving more than 200 clients



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

**S**ALEM — Grand Ronde’s newest addition to help Tribal members battle opioid use disorder seems to be a resounding success: Less than a year after it opened, more than 200 clients have accessed the services of Great Circle Recovery Center in Salem, an outpatient medication-assisted treatment clinic and the first Tribally operated facility of its kind in Oregon.

During a Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1, Tribal Council member Kathleen George spoke about how Great Circle Recovery is meeting a crucial need in the area.

“There are more than 200 regular, participating clients on paths to recovery,” George said. “Recovery is a long and complex road, and it is absolutely amazing to know there

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**The Tribe’s medication-assisted treatment clinic, Great Circle Recovery in Salem, is now serving more than 200 people battling opioid addiction.**

# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 6

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Feb. 23.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6.....	4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application.

## LETTERS

### Dear Smoke Signals:

I went to the cemetery this last weekend to visit family Tribal members. I walked by Martha Jane's plot and it was so beautiful. Someone really put in time to clean off the dirt and moss, and add beauty to her resting place. It was long overdue.

As I did more investigating, I found out that it was Arnie Moralez. He put heart and soul into not just Martha Jane Sands' resting place, but many others as well. Huge gratitude sent to Arnie.

Jamie Adams  
Roll No. 1501

## We Want To Hear From You!

That's right, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain.

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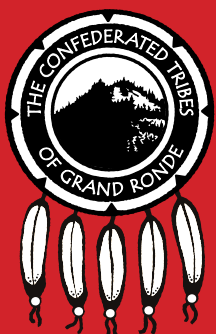
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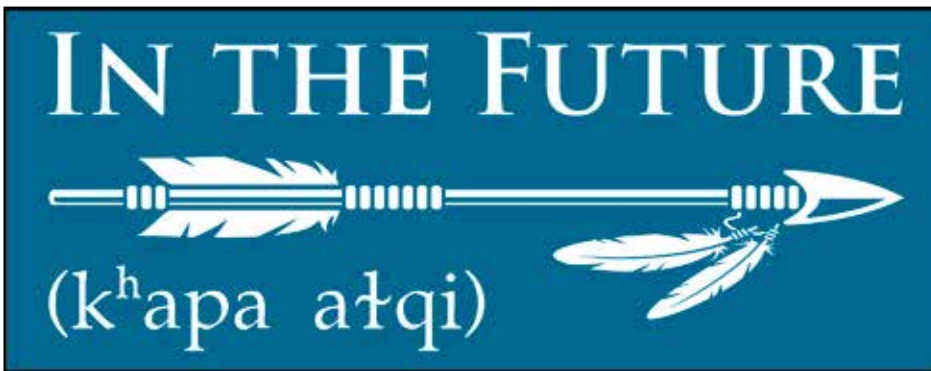
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**makwsł-mun (February)**

- Monday, Feb. 21 – Tribal offices will be closed in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 – Facebook Live event, 11 a.m., via Facebook.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

**łun-mun (March)**

- Sunday, March 6 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 9 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

**lxłł-mun (April)**

- Sunday, April 3 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, April 25 – Community Shred Event, noon, location TBD.

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

## Oregon Racing Commission met in February to discuss legal advice and pending litigation

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regon Tribal representatives, Gov. Kate Brown told Oregon Racing Commission members that they had a “statutory obligation” to consult with the Tribes. She also suggested that the commission seek a formal legal opinion from the Oregon Department of Justice on the legality of Boersma’s plans.

That opinion categorically states that TMB Racing’s plan violates the constitutional prohibition against casinos.

“We determine that the machines are games of chance that do not afford players any meaningful opportunity to exercise skill,” states the opinion written by Chief Counsel Renee Stinemen and addressed to Racing Commission Executive Director Jack McGrail. “We are not the first to conclude that HHRs are impermissible games of chance. The Nebraska Attorney General reached the same conclusion.”

The Oregon Racing Commission met briefly in executive session on Tuesday, Feb. 8, ostensibly to discuss the written legal advice and pending litigation related to the TMB Racing application. Per Oregon’s Public Meetings Law, the press was admonished not to report specific information discussed during the executive session.

Previous to the Department of Justice releasing its opinion, Tribal lobbyist and Tribal member Justin Martin attended a Jan. 27 Tribal consultation with the Oregon Racing Commission that he said was “OK.”

“This really isn’t about winning and losing,” Martin said. “It’s about where we want to go as a state in the future with gambling. What is best for Oregon, Oregon’s Tribes and Oregon’s citizens? This is why we have requested that the Legislature create a joint special committee to look at all gambling in Oregon. Let’s do this the Oregon way and bring everyone to the table. ... Mr. Boersma’s fight really isn’t with the Tribes. It’s with the Oregon Constitution.”

Boersma originally hoped to open the Flying Lark by October 2021 and then rescheduled to February. With

the Department of Justice ruling part of his business plan unconstitutional, he will have to adjust or, as he has threatened, not open the Flying Lark entertainment center.

A bill submitted in the Oregon House of Representatives at the request of Tribes would call a halt to any expansion of gaming for a year, giving all stakeholders, including Tribes, the Oregon Lottery and private interests, time to determine the future course.

Meanwhile, Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan also announced on Thursday, Feb. 10, that an audit of racing oversight and regulation by the Oregon Racing Commission is included in her office’s 2022-23 audit plan.

**Meeting with governor postponed**

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier was scheduled to attend a virtual meeting with Gov. Kate Brown regarding gaming issues in the state. However, the meeting was canceled.

Brown, or the next governor, would have to approve the Siletz Tribe’s proposed casino project in north Salem if the Department of the Interior gives its blessing. Brown, or her successor, would have to jettison the state’s long-standing policy regarding Native American casinos – one casino per Tribe on Reservation land.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs held a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 26, about the Siletz Tribe’s proposal to open a casino at the intersection of Interstate 5 and 99E on 20 acres of trust land and eight acres of fee land. The Siletz Tribe already operates a casino in Lincoln City.

Grand Ronde Tribal members and employees comprised 21 of the 28 people who testified during the hearing.

Should Interior Secretary Deb Haaland eventually approve the Siletz request, the Tribe would still have one more hurdle to jump over – getting approval from Brown or the state’s next governor. Brown’s term lasts through 2022 and she will not be able to run again because of term limits. ■

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# Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmæk 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 February food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. It will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of the Tribal Chiefs’ Day holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@mari-onpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@mari-onpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/*iskam məkʰmæk haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 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](mailto: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.)



**2017** – Tribal youth joined Grand Ronde Tribal Council members at the State Capitol in Salem for Tribal Government Day. The annual event was a chance for Oregon’s Tribes to make intergovernmental connections, and educate legislators and the public about who they are. Youth Council member Izaiah Fisher met Gov. Kate Brown



File photo

and told her general counsel Ben Souede that he was going to be in the governor’s spot in a few years. It was the first opportunity the newly-formed Youth Council had to attend the annual event and mingle with Oregon’s eight other Tribes as well as state legislators.

**2012** – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in support of Senate Bill 356, which would amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to streamline how the Tribe took former Reservation land into trust. The amendment would end the two-step process that required the Tribe to take each piece of former Reservation land into trust with approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then request that it be designated Reservation land by Congress.

**2007** – Tribal member Olivia Kathryn Larkin, 7, was headed to the Reno Music Festival to join other young musicians. The young piano player planned to perform two pieces, “Shepherd’s Lullaby” by Denes Agay and “The Bear” by Vladimir Rebikov. She had been playing the piano for four years and was considered by her teacher to be a natural. The event would be the first festival Larkin performed in, and to overcome any nervousness, she said she would “play and walk away, and take a bow.”

**2002** – Tribal employees assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Department employees with placing 200 Coho salmon carcasses in three miles of Agency and West Fork Agency creeks to add nutrients that enhanced stream value to fish and wildlife. Similar stream enrichments had recently been conducted in the upper Clackamas and Sandy rivers, and Rogue Valley-area streams. “We primarily threw fish directly from the truck bed into the creek. We also carried a few to the creek when it was a little farther from the road,” Tribal Biologist Jeff Baker said.

**1997** – The Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center was doing well in addressing drug- and alcohol-addiction issues with Native youth. The residential treatment center for teenagers in Keizer was opened by the Grand Ronde Tribe in 1989 and was one of only eight Native American youth treatment centers in the country. It took a holistic approach to recovery, meaning that staff tried to impress upon the clients the importance of physical, mental and spiritual health in living a well-balanced life. The eight-week program had a 75-percent completion rate.

**1992** – A Tribal museum, cultural center, campground and full-service restaurant/lounge topped the list of tourism development projects mentioned at a Tribal economic development meeting. Ten Tribal members met with Tribal Economic/Business Program Specialist Shelley Hanson and discussed priority tourism projects. Other ideas were an art gallery, a historical play with Tribal member actors, a mini mall and sports complex. “The purpose of the meeting was to get feedback on projects being proposed by the Economic Development Department,” she said.

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

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# ‘Participation rate has gotten as high as 73 percent’

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are so many people (receiving) this assistance. It was what we wanted and our vision for providing this support. Many clients feel that this is a different experience ... they know they are cared about personally and it sounds like it is having a tremendous effect.”

The Tribe began looking into offering medication-assisted treatment in the wake of the opioid crisis that swept through the United States beginning in the early 2000s. The crisis led to millions of people with addiction problems, some of whom were not helped by traditional abstinence-based, 12-step programs.

Some dismiss medication-assisted treatment as “swapping one drug for another,” which Great Circle Recovery Center Operations Director Jennifer Worth noted in a past *Smoke Signals* article is a common misconception.

“Many are confused by the concept of medication-assisted treatment,” Worth said. “It doesn’t mean replacing one drug for another. It’s a form of treatment that minimizes risk and meets all people where they are at. It cuts down on and eventually helps to end their use. Many people are overdosing and dying, or hiding in their addictions to pain medications or use of illicit opioids, like heroin, in secret due to shame. We do not judge. We work to take away stigma and meet people with a warm, caring mindset. You can’t heal until you find safety. ... Great Circle is about welcoming Tribal members and the larger community into a small holistic healing environment.”

In addition to the medication piece, the clinic also provides a wound care center for treatment of sores and abscesses that are often a component of drug use, as well as child care, medical transport, peer support specialists, group therapy, smudging and art therapy with cultural components.

When someone visits Great Circle

## Native American Tribes reach settlement over opioids

Native American Tribes in the United States reached settlements over the toll of opioids totaling \$590 million with drug maker Johnson & Johnson and the country’s three largest drug distribution companies on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

A filing in U.S. District Court in Cleveland explains the broad terms of the settlement with Johnson & Johnson and distribution companies AmerisourceBergen based in Pennsylvania, Cardinal Health based in Ohio and McKesson based in Texas.

All federally recognized Tribes will be able to participate in the settlements, even if they did not sue over opioids. Many Tribes have been hit hard by the addiction and overdose crisis across the United States. One study cited in the settlement found that Native Americans have had the highest per capita rate of opioid overdose of any population group in 2015.

More than 400 Tribes and intertribal organizations representing about 80 percent of Tribal citizens have sued over opioids. ■

Recovery seeking help, the goal is to get them in immediately and decrease the possibility of an overdose instead of requiring them to wait days or weeks for treatment.

Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe said there is “a lot to be proud of” at Great Circle Recovery.

“We’ve had a steady increase in the number of individuals that we serve, and our participation rate has gotten as high as 73 percent,” Rowe said. “This means our clients are participating more and staying longer in our services. It has grown exponentially over time and is higher than standard medically assisted treatment facilities. I truly believe that more individuals are staying with our program because of our commitment to a comprehensive and culturally appropriate treatment, and because they know we care about them and their recovery.”

Rowe said she is hopeful that the long-awaited Portland MAT clinic will open later this year, pending approval from the city. Tribal Council recently approved more than \$2 million to renovate an old dental office on 82nd Avenue that will be the clinic site.

“We are still waiting for construc-

tion permits from the city of Portland,” Rowe said. “Once we have those, we will begin the remodeling process. Our hope is that it will open sometime this year. We anticipate that the Portland facility will be similar in capacity as the Salem clinic.”

Medication-assisted treatment is not new. Methadone, the most com-

monly used form, has been utilized to treat opioid dependence since the 1950s. Buprenorphine was developed in the 1960s, but not offered to patients battling drug addictions until 1995. Suboxone has been prescribed since the early 2000s. All reduce withdrawal symptoms and help control drug cravings.

According to the National Institutes of Health, Native communities have been deeply affected by the opioid crisis, and many have been overwhelmed by opioid overdoses, deaths and a strained health care system. This has led to some communities offering a two-tiered treatment approach, which includes a culturally centered aspect combined with medication.

Although COVID-19 required a major pivot, medication-assisted treatment for Tribal members in the metropolitan area remained a goal of the Tribe’s Health & Wellness Center in 2020, especially as overdose numbers skyrocketed nationwide during the pandemic. A combination of pandemic-related isolation, stress, financial problems and loneliness also led to many relapses during this time. ■



## West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Deadline is March 15, 2022

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Any applications received after March 15, 2022, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2023.

# General Council briefed on Natural Resources

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake updated Tribal members on the department's various programs and accomplishments during a Sunday, Feb. 6, General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application.

During the approximately 35-minute presentation, Drake discussed the different programs within the department, various projects and future goals.

"I'm very excited for the opportunity to represent the Natural Resources Department," Drake said. "We have six different programs within the department which includes an administrative team that keeps our department together. It's been a great opportunity to work with them."

Drake served as interim manager after former manager Mike Wilson retired in January 2021 and was officially named to the post eight months later.

Natural Resources programs include Parks and Recreation, Timber Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Fire Management and Protection, and Environmental Protection.

- Some of the highlights included:
- **Fish and Wildlife:** Coordinating annual ceremonial fishing and installation of a removable platform at Willamette Falls, distributing 7,400 pounds of salmon to Tribal members, issuing hunting and fishing licenses, and monitoring the salmon counts via a fish weir at Agency Creek.
  - **Environmental Protection:** Since 2015, the department has re-acquired some 2,000 acres of land. Three of these conservation prop-

erties – Takilth, Noble Oaks and Ahsney – are located near Grand Ronde, Chankawan and Chahalpam are near the Santiam Highway and Rattlesnake Butte is near Junction City. Natural Resources is currently working on a program for Tribal members to hunt, fish, gather and hike at these locations. To date, there have been 92,401 plants planted, 13 structures and 268 tons of garbage removed, and eight acres reforested. Additionally, more than \$2 million in grant funding from state agencies and nonprofits has been obtained for improvements. The Tribal Native Plant Materials program grows 35 to 45 species of plants that are native to the Willamette Valley including various first food species which are used primarily for the restoration projects.

- **Fire Management:** The nationally available Tribal Wildland Fire program includes a 20-person crew, six engines, a tactical engine and one 1,500-gallon water tender. The program also employs 30 additional people as seasonal firefighters. There has been implementation of prescribed burns on and off the Reservation. The program has generated approximately \$300,000 in engine revenue and more than \$1 million in reimbursable receipts.

- **Timber Resources:** The Yoda logging unit generated more than \$3 million in revenue using Tribal member-owned contract logging, young Douglas fir trees were salvaged from the February 2021 ice storm and the timber was thinned to optimize growth. The program also manages the 128 miles of roads and trails on

the Reservation.

- **Parks and Recreation:** There are 13 tent sites, two RV sites, three vault toilets and one portable toilet at Big Buck campground in Grand Ronde. The summer youth crew program recently received a \$40,000 grant from the state to help with funding and will be looking to hire 16 to 18 youths with two to three leaders, as there will be substantial work in 2022 due to no crew in 2020 and a short season in 2021. Additionally, a disc golf course is being designed at Fort Hill State Park with the first 10 baskets installed. The department is looking to install a shorter course on the main Tribal campus by summer as well as a nature play area on a two-acre plot of trees near the Elders Activity Center.

"I'm very excited with all of our new projects and everything that is happening," Drake said.

After the presentation, he took two questions from the audience.

"I appreciate Natural Resources so much," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "It's a blessing to hear about the wonderful projects and land the Tribe has acquired through purchase or BPA mitigation. Our goal

is to re-acquire all the land that was lost."

In other action, it was announced that the Portland community meeting would not be held after General Council due to funeral services for a Tribal Elder, which were scheduled for the same day. An input survey for Portland-area Tribal members will still be conducted and shared at the March General Council meeting. Those interested in completing the e-mail survey are asked to contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org).

Additionally, the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 6, with a report from the Cultural Resources Department. The location is yet to be determined.

Door prize winners were David Harrelson, Gail Wilkinson, Kristi Petite, Deborah Bernardo Anderson and David Leno, \$50 each; and Brenda Tuomi, Richard A. McKnight and Angela Schlappie, \$100 each.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Community Shred Event set for April 25

The next Community Shred Event, just in time for spring cleaning, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, April 25.

People are asked to remove paper clips and binder clips from the documents they want shredded.

The location of the event and more details will be announced soon.

For more information, contact Kim Mueller at [kim.mueller@grandronde.org](mailto:kim.mueller@grandronde.org). ■

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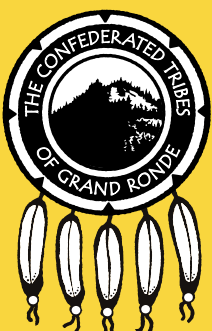
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### SEASONAL PROGRAMS

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The Grand Ronde Clothes closet is located on the Tribal Campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts donations in clean and good condition. Please put donations in plastic bags for sanitation purposes and drop them off during open hours. Please use the Community Board to post large items. For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Land east of the current Grand Ronde Fire Station on McPherson Road may be used partially or in total for a new fire station and Emergency Management storage facility. Tribal Council approved a contract with Scholten Construction of Willamina for design and pre-construction services on Wednesday, Feb. 9.**

## Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. board dominates Tribal Council business

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

Changes on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors and at the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission dominated the Wednesday, Feb. 9, Tribal Council meeting.

In response to the Friday, Feb. 11, retirement of Grand Ronde Gaming Executive Director Michael Boyce, Tribal Council approved a Tribal credit card for Assistant Director Tanner Fish, who will lead the commission on an interim basis starting on Monday, Feb. 14.

Boyce has led the Gaming Commission, which is the Tribe's regulatory entity for all gaming enterprises, since May 2008.

Regarding the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors, which oversees the operation of Spirit Mountain Casino, Tribal Council re-appointed Drew Mahalic with a term expiring in September 2024 and appointed Tribal member Mia Prickett to the board with a term also expiring in September 2024.

Prickett joins fellow Editorial Board member Andy Jenness on the board.

Finally, Tribal Council approved new stipends for non-Tribal Council members who serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors.

Board members will receive \$750 for attending each meeting, \$300 for attending special meetings, \$150 for attending committee meetings and \$300 for attending business meetings. In addition, the board chair will receive \$700 per meeting and committee chairs will receive \$150 per meeting.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. board has not received an increase for a number of years and the new stipend amounts are warranted.

Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who sits on the Spirit

Mountain Gaming Inc. board, said the board is corporate in nature and members are performing a "high level" of work. "This is really necessary," she said.

Tribal Council members who also serve on the board do not receive stipends.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a funding agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration not to exceed \$132,711. The monies will fund the Tribe's participation in the administration's processes in the ceded lands;
- Set Friday, March 11, as the next per capita payment date;
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the state of Oregon that will allow Tribal members to use their Tribal license to harvest all species of shellfish covered under the state's shellfish license and define which areas it can be used in;
- Approved a \$741,452 contract with Scholten Construction of Willamina for design and pre-construction services for a new fire station and Emergency Management storage facility adjacent to the current fire station at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads, The Tribe received five bids on the project, which is being funded using American Rescue Plan Act monies the Tribe received in 2021 and has until the end of 2024 to spend;
- And approved adding 21 more Tribal members to the historically important Restoration Roll. Tribal Council added 204 people to the roll in 2019, 127 in 2020 and 189 in 2021. The names will now move forward to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland for approval. To watch the meeting in its entirety, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government icon and then Videos. ■

## Massage at Health & Wellness Center

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**“North Cascades,” painted in 2010 by late Tribal Elder Frank Kowing, will be on display at Linfield University in McMinnville from Feb. 9 through March 19. He graduated from Linfield in 1966 and had a lifelong career as a painter and exhibition curator.**

## Linfield to exhibit artwork of late Tribal Elder Frank Kowing

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

McMINNVILLE – One of Linfield University’s first studio art graduates will have his work displayed in the Linfield Gallery from Wednesday, Feb. 9, through Friday, March 18.

Frank Kowing’s paintings, sculptures and sketch books will be part of “Breathing the High-altitude Ether of Discovery.” The Linfield Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Kowing was a member and Elder of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. He was born in McMinnville on April 1, 1944, and attended Sheridan and Ballston elementary schools. He graduated from McMinnville High School in 1962 and from Linfield in 1966.

After serving in the U.S. Navy until 1968, he studied painting at the Rieveld Academy in The Netherlands and subsequently obtained a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from Penn State University in 1973. He was involved for several years in New York with art galleries and served in the Peace Corps in Tunisia, teaching art to developmentally disabled students.

He traveled throughout the world before settling in Maryland where he continued his lifelong career as a painter and curator of exhibitions in galleries and museums.

“Deep communion with the mountains is as necessary to me as oxygen,” he said before his death in September 2016. “Nature beckons hypnotically and one must give in to the call.”

Political satire and poetic authenticity coalesce in Kowing’s impressionist and abstract expressionist paintings and found-object creations.

Kowing also published “Monuments, New and Selected Poems,” a collection of poetry, in 2009.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Lacroute Arts Series and Linfield Department of Art. The Lacroute Arts Fund provides programs featuring artists in the areas of music, art and visual culture, and theater and communication arts.

The gallery is located inside the James F. Miller Fine Arts Center on the university’s campus in McMinnville. Face coverings are required inside all Linfield buildings.

A reception will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. ■

**“Tree of Life,” painted in 2011 by late Tribal Elder Frank Kowing, will be on display at Linfield University in McMinnville from Feb. 9 through March 18.**



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# Moderna booster shots available

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

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

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

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

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



## Watchlist: ‘Who should be allowed to adopt Native American children?’

*(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*

HuffPost published a 12-minute video to its YouTube channel on Nov 11, 2019, breaking down the history, justifications and criticisms of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

A few editions ago, we shared the This Land podcast, which does an extensive deep-dive into the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in its second season. If you don’t have time to listen to the five hours of audio from that, this video offers a quicker briefing on ICWA.

The video starts by explaining the ICWA was established in 1978 by Congress after decades of Native American children being forcibly removed from their communities to be put in assimilation schools or adopted out of their family by the Indian Adoption Project from 1858 to 1967.

More than 40 years later, ICWA is being challenged by some who say it is now tearing non-Native families apart.

The video interviews Joey and Anita Gullard, a white couple who became the legal guardians of four Native American children in 2016, but spent years in court trying to adopt them.

“It’s like the Tribe is trying to stack the cards against us,” Anita Gullard says in the video. “Simply because we are not Native American.”

The video addresses several perspectives of this complex issue. Susan Harness is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. She is interviewed in the video as someone who was removed from her birth family and placed with a white couple.

“I wanted to find the people who look like me,” Harness says in the video. “I was tired of being the only brown person in the communities where I lived and not having anybody around that knew what that felt like or even cared what that felt like.”

Mathew Fletcher, a law professor at Michigan State University and a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, discusses the assimilation tactics before ICWA. Fletcher’s family also adopted two Native American boys through ICWA.

The video features Margaret Jacobs, a history professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln specializing in Native child removal. She addresses the American Indian Movement of 1968 where Native peoples’ protests led to Congress passing ICWA.

Allie Maldonado is the chief judge and member of the Little Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians. Prior to ICWA, she says her family had been torn apart. As an adult, she was able to adopt a child from a nearby Tribe through ICWA and have a Native family of her own.

“What that has meant for my son is that not only is he growing up in his community,” Maldonado says in the video, “but he has a connection in his community that will stay with him and be relevant to him his entire life.”

The last person the video interviews is Mark Fiddler, a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and an adoption attorney. He is one of the few Native people openly fighting to have ICWA overturned.

To watch the video and interviews for yourself, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi7fOOCbI-8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi7fOOCbI-8) or find it in the *Smoke Signals* Watchlist playlist on YouTube. ■



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**Grand Ronde Tribal member and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier recently was honored as being one of the top 10 percent of artists in the Respect the Artists international online competition for his head chief carving.**

# Mercier has been carving for approximately 18 years

**CARVING continued from front page**

“I had recently finished it as a commissioned piece for a downtown Portland building next to City Hall,” Mercier says. “It was chosen for the lobby area and (afterward), I was contacted by RTA to submit it in their contest.”

The competition is billed as a “mark of recognition to visual artists internationally, who are recognized beyond their creative achievements. They are highlighted by the people and followers who back and support their dreams.”

Mercier joined some 1,400 plus creators from across the globe who submitted pieces ranging from watercolors to multi-media work. Winners are determined by online votes. Mercier’s work garnered 103rd place.

“I was surprised to be in the top 103,” he says. “I was like thinking, ‘That’s pretty cool,’ and got other invitations to submit my work.”

RTA said it is dedicated to “artist opportunity and excitement.”

“Those are two elements we prioritize in our community,” the

website says. “Opportunities, such as buying artwork and donating to causes that uplift local art communities, and excitement, such as our international Respect the Artists awards. ... We support artists to authentically create and confidently share freedom of expression through motivation and community.”

The head chief carving, which is more than six feet tall, took approximately four months to complete, with Mercier often burning the midnight oil to finish. He uses knives and chisels to form the old-growth wood, which is between 800 to 1,300 years old.

Mercier has been carving for approximately 18 years and first learned his craft from former Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Tony Johnson and carver Adam McIsaac, who offered classes through the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department.

“I really got into carving after that,” he says.

To see or purchase Mercier’s creations, visit [www.etsy.com/shop/BEARTRACKSNDN](http://www.etsy.com/shop/BEARTRACKSNDN). ■



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## **Health & Wellness Center hours**

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

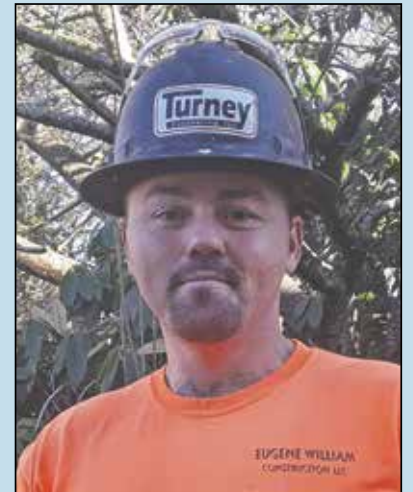
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**Michael Wible**

Mike says he has learned so many new skills these last few years and is excited about his new career with Turney Excavating and plans on having long-term employment with the company.

Mike added that TERO has helped him make some great connections for employment and is very thankful for his new career path.

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## LIHEAP program is open

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is currently open. The program is available to Tribal members who have not received regular LIHEAP assistance as of Oct. 1, 2021, through Feb. 1, 2022, and/or have not received LIHEAP assistance through other agencies.

LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. Eligible Tribal members must reside in the six-county service area or Clackamas County.

For more information, contact Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

## Grand Ronde Station now offering gas discount

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store starting on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount.

Tribal employees started receiving the discount on Jan. 1.

“Your service to keeping the Tribe and casino operational have been invaluable,” General Manager David Fullerton said via e-mail in announcing the discount to governmental employees. “The Tribe wants to reward that commitment by helping you ease the burden of rising gas prices. ... We know that we have a number of employees commuting to and from Grand Ronde for work, and we are aware that rising gas prices create an additional hardship. We hope that this new system will make life a little easier.” ■

## Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

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## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PROPOSED CC&Rs FOR THE TIPSU-ILI’I HOME OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY

The Tribe is developing a declaration of covenant, conditions and restrictions (CC&R) document for the Tipsu-ili’i home ownership community currently being developed in Grand Ronde. Tribal Council is seeking public comment on the CC&Rs.

The proposed CC&Rs include provisions for general rules governing the community, establishing a home owners association, residential zoning standards, home-site set up, home construction, community standards and common areas, and various other provisions for the community.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed CC&Rs. For a copy of document, please contact Ryan Webb at 503-879-2404. Please send your comments to Ryan Webb, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by March 15, 2022. ■

## LIHWAP program is open

The Low Income Home Water Assistance Program can assist with water bills that are current or past due, and also assists with rates and fees associated to reconnection.

LIHWAP assistance is a limited funded program and is a first-come, first-served program. Income criteria applies. Eligible Tribal members must reside in the six-county service area or Clackamas County.

For more information, contact Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

## 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.

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Tribal Preference applies. However, non-Tribal candidates can be considered based on business need, certifications and skills required.
- **AVAILABILITY**  
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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## Thursday, Dec. 30

- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Responded to a disturbance in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Unlawful possession of methamphetamine in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Probation violation reported that ended up being unfounded.

## Friday, Dec. 31

- Possession of a controlled substance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Menacing arrest occurred in the area of Tye Road and Raven Loop.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic assist performed in the 29100 block of King Road.

## Saturday, Jan. 1

- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 4 on Agency Creek Road.

## Sunday, Jan. 2

- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 26300 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Responded to a civil issue in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.

## Monday, Jan. 3

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of Hebo and Old Fort roads.
- Assist outside agency in the 600 block of E Street in Willamina.
- Disorderly conduct arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

## Tuesday, Jan. 4

- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Walnut and Lamson streets in Willamina.

## Wednesday, Jan. 5

- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Thursday, Jan. 6

- Crash reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Attempt to locate on a driving complaint in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Traffic hazard reported in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Drugs found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, Jan. 7

- Probation violation reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Traffic assist occurred in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 8400 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Driver arrested for criminally driving while suspended in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Main and Florence streets in Sheridan.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Saturday, Jan. 8

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Welfare check performed in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Sunday, Jan. 9

- Assist outside agency in the 25200 block of Beaver Court.
- Assist outside agency in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 1 on Gold Creek Access Road.
- Responded to a crash in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- Assist outside agency in the 9200 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 8 on Highway 18.

## Monday, Jan. 10

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Driving complaint reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.

## Tuesday, Jan. 11

- Property found in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the Willamina area.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28500 block of A Ackerson Road.
- Welfare check performed in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.

## Wednesday, Jan. 12

- Forgery reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- 911 hang-up reported in the 28400 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Ordinance violation reported in the 48700 block of Southwest Eagle Loop.

## Thursday, Jan. 13

- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Driving complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 9600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, Jan. 14

- Assist outside agency in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 28 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 25200 block of Beaver Court.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the area of milepost 19 on Highway 18.

## Saturday, Jan. 15

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 25600 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Theft reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Assist outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

## Sunday, Jan. 16

- Trespass reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Trespass reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Trespass reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Courtesy transport performed in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.

## Monday, Jan. 17

- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- Attempt to locate on a suspect who eluded police in the area of milepost 12 on Highway 18.

## Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Wednesday, Jan. 19

- Disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Main Street in Willamina.

## Thursday, Jan. 20

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast First Street in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of Cedar and Barber streets in Willamina.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, Jan. 21

- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 3 on Agency Creek Road.
- Stolen vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 300 block of Northeast First Street in Willamina.

## Saturday, Jan. 22

- Assist outside agency in the 9200 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

See POLICE LOG  
continued on page 13

## Walking On...

### Paul Robert Boerckel Jr.

March 12, 1968 – Jan. 21, 2022

Tribal member Paul Robert Boerckel Jr. walked on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at the age of 53. He was at home in Portland with longtime girlfriend Lori Tetrault.

Paul grew up in the Portland and Damascus, Ore., areas. He was the son of Tribal Elder Terry L. Farlow-Boerckel of Lincoln City, Ore., and the late Paul R. Boerckel, who preceded him in death in 2012.

He is survived by his mother; longtime girlfriend; children, Chanel Boerckel, Caitlin Speakman Boerckel and Derrek Speakman; their mother, Michelle Speakman; sister, Tannette Russell (husband Larry) of Marysville, Wash.; nieces, Danielle Norton of Wilder, Idaho, and Mattison Norton of Arlington, Wash.; and great-nephew, Deklan Watson of Wilder, Idaho.

Paul was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and descendant of the Farlow family from the Umpqua Tribe. He is also survived by his aunts, Kim DeSau, Tribal member Lannie Farlow and Tribal member Bonnie Meeker, and his uncle, Tribal member Eldon Farlow II, along with many Tribal member cousins and extended family.

Paul was spiritual and a man of his culture. He left us far too soon. May God be with him and guide him throughout the rest of his journey.

At press time, no funeral service information was available.

### Other passings

#### John Joseph Smith

July 14, 1949 – Feb. 6, 2022

Tribal Elder John Joseph Smith passed on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022, at the age of 72. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is assisting the family.

At press time, there was no funeral service information available.

## 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. ■

### Philip E. LeBeau

March 28, 1938 – Jan. 20, 2022

On Jan. 20, 2022, while he held his son's hand, Philip E. LeBeau took his last breath as "Harbor Lights" by The Platters, one of his favorite groups, played. After battling cancer for over a year, God called him home.

He would never admit if he had any pain. He would never complain. If you asked him how he felt, he would frequently reply, "MAHHHVELOUS! Simply mahhhvelous!" He almost always had a smile on his face and something funny to say. If you asked him what he wanted to drink, he would always say, with a mischievous grin, "Whiskey!" Even though all he ever really wanted was a good cup of coffee.

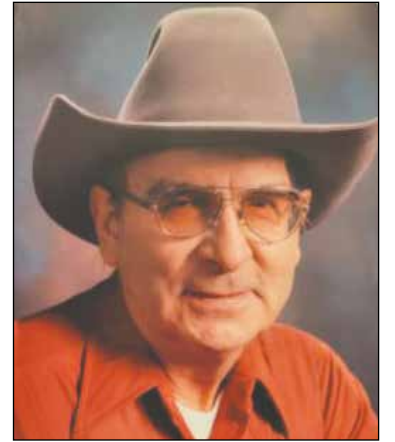
Phil was born March 28, 1938, in Rosebud, S.D. He moved to Oregon with his mother and grew up in Tillamook, Grand Ronde and Salem. He served two years in the Navy on the aircraft carrier the USS Shangri-La. He survived a car crash that sent him over the Marion Street Bridge in Salem.

He moved to South Dakota and then followed work to Colorado, where he got into another major car accident that finally slowed him down and brought him back to Salem, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He would often be found at garage sales and second-hand stores searching for records, speakers and stereo equipment to play his large record collection on. He enjoyed listening to records of all sorts as he was a lover of music. Phil was also a proud Native American who never let his children forget their heritage.

Phil was preceded in death by his father, Philip LeBeau; stepfather, Pete Petite; mother, Adhrine Petite; and sister, Alice aka Roni Petite. He is survived by his brother, Henry Petite. He was the loving father of two sons, Tony and Roman, and two daughters, Angela Towery and Dawn Garner. He also had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Keizer.



## GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



### POLICE LOG continued from page 12

- Assist outside agency in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.

#### Sunday, Jan. 23

- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### Monday, Jan. 24

- Assist outside agency in the area of Willamina Creek and Coast Creek Road.
- Disturbance reported in the 28400 block of Tyee Road.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 16 on Highway 18.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 25

- Assist outside agency in the 400 block of Excel Street in Sheridan.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 200 block of Ead Creek Loop.
- Burglary in progress reported in the area of Andy Riggs and Grand Ronde roads.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 26

- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Welfare check performed in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Intoxicated and emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Emotionally disturbed person reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### Thursday, Jan. 27

- DUII arrest occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of highways 18B and 18.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the area of milepost 2 on Gold Creek Access Road.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 8800 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Welfare check performed in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Welfare check performed in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

#### Friday, Jan. 28

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Criminal mischief reported in the area of Agency Creek Road and Coast Creek.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

#### Saturday, Jan. 29

- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Missing person reported in the Grand Ronde area.
- Responded to a domestic disturbance in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Assist outside agency in the 8400 block of Buffalo Lane.
- Assist outside agency in the 42800 block of Fort Hill Road.

#### Sunday, Jan. 30

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Responded to a burglary alarm in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

#### Monday, Jan. 31

- Assist outside agency in the 7600 block of Fire Hall Road.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 1

- DUII arrest occurred in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 42800 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Disturbance reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious person reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

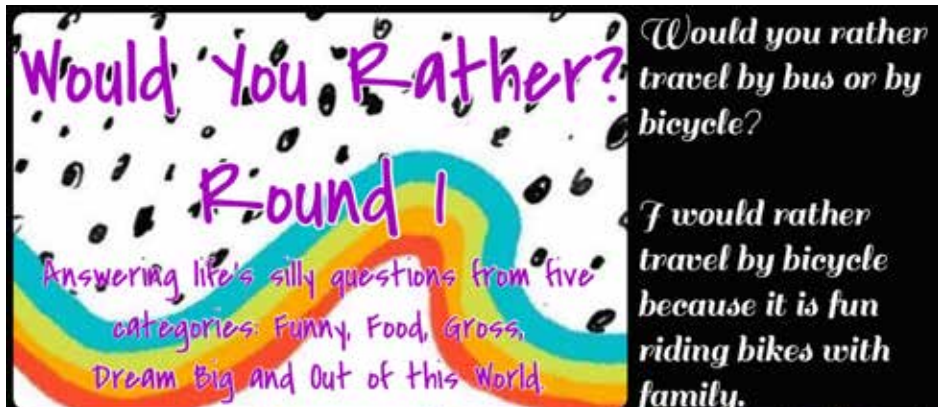
#### Wednesday, Feb. 2

- Assist outside agency in the 25700 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the area of the Big Buck campground.
- Assist outside agency in the 22600 block of Highway 18B.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Tyler Brown.

# 'Would you rather? Round 1'

Need an eye-opening, low-pressure conversation starter? We answer some of life's silly questions appropriate for kids of all ages, organized into five different categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream Big and Out of this World. Visit our collections online to share your answer(s) at [www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty) and [www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRVeteransSEB).



**STUDY CHINUK WAWA**

Fall 2021 - Lane Community College  
 CW 101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa  
 Tu/Th 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours  
 CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa  
 M/W 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours

These courses will be online for the entire 2021-2022 academic year - please join us from wherever you are!

Lane Community College has two cost-saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa:  
 1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW 101, after completion of CW 101 and CW 102.  
 2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no credit at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LOC Arts and Humanities Division.

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

"taxayam!"

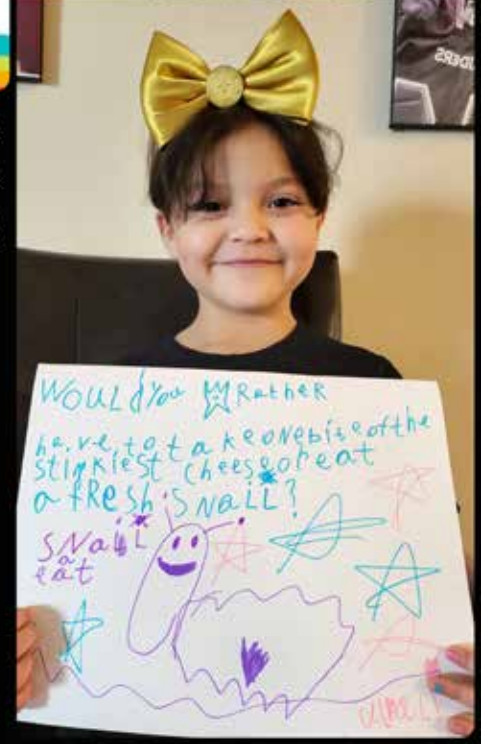


Would you rather have to take one bite of the stinkiest cheese or eat a fresh snail from the ocean?

Eat a snail 🐌.



Ulali Quenelle  
Tiny Tot  
2021/2022



Sophia Catron  
Tiny Tot

Satara Blanchard  
Junior Miss Princess

Would you rather eat only pink foods or only blue foods! Pink, I love the color!

Would you rather eat sardines or snails? Sardines on crackers, I shared some with my dad before.



Would you rather make funny sounds all of the time or have a tree growing out of your head? I would rather make funny sounds because my neck would really hurt if I had a tree on my head.

Aubrey Campbell  
Little Miss Princess 2021-2022





Desirae Hernandez  
Little Miss Princess  
2021/2022

Would you rather be the President of the United States or Bill Gates?

Bill Gates because I would have endless Roblox funds and still run the foundation.



Would You Rather?  
Round 1

Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream Big and Out of this World



Would You Rather?  
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Would you rather write with your non-dominate hand or with your eyes closed?

I would rather write with my non-dominate hand because when I broke my shoulder I had to write with my left hand. It felt very different but eventually got used to it soon.



Marie Quenelle  
Junior Miss Grand Ronde  
2021/2022



Would You Rather?  
Round 1

Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream Big and Out of this World

Would you rather have teeth of a shark or the neck of a giraffe?

I would rather have the neck of a giraffe! This is a photo of when I got to feed a giraffe in Florida for Winter Break.

Ila Mercier  
Little Miss Grand Ronde 2021-2022




Anavey Smith  
Senior Miss Princess  
2021/2022

Would you rather have a giant tongue or giant feet? I'd choose big feet!



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Kaleigha Simi  
Senior Miss Grand Ronde  
2021/2022

Would you rather only eat vegetables or only fruit for the rest of your life? I would rather eat fruit because one of my favorite foods is strawberries!

"New Program"  
Opening July 1, 2021

Are you moving?  
Do you need help with First, Last, and Deposit?

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

Contact Social Services for more information  
(503) 879-2034 or (800) 422-0232

You can also email us at  
[ssdinfo@grandronde.org](mailto:ssdinfo@grandronde.org)




**Would You Rather?**  
**Round 1**  
Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream, Big and Out of this World

*Would you rather fly in an airplane or helicopter?*

*I chose an airplane because I have been on airplanes, and helicopters are small and scary.*

*Kalea Liebelt*  
Veterans Junior Queen 2021/2022







**Would You Rather?**  
**Round 1**  
Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream, Big and Out of this World

*Would you rather only eat pizza or ice cream as your only meal for the rest of your life?*

*I would rather eat pizza the rest of my life because pizza is better and more filling than ice cream.*

*Nacoma Liebelt*  
Veterans Warrior 2021/2022

# Grand Ronde Royalty

If you are interested in participating in the 2022-23 Grand Ronde Royalty please take the following steps:

- 1) E-mail [chelsea.clark@grandronde.org](mailto:chelsea.clark@grandronde.org) with name and address so we can send you the application.
  - a. Return to: CTGR Royalty c/o Tribal Council  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
- 2) Complete the application with a parent and/or sponsor and return before April 1, 2022.

Participating in Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and public speaking. Participants represent the Tribe by attending various community events and powwows where we also work with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB) Royalty participants.


Serving on Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities: organizational meetings, powwows, parades, fundraisers and more. We encourage all Tribal youth ages 4-18 to join.

**Participants must be within the following age categories by Aug. 1, 2022:**

- Warriors: 4-18 years of age**
- Tiny Tot (Honorary): 4-6 years of age**
- Little Miss Grand Ronde: 7-10 years of age**
- Junior Miss Grand Ronde: 11-13 years of age**
- Senior Miss Grand Ronde: 14-18 years of age**

**General Requirements:**

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free
3. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
4. Must be single with no dependents
5. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement


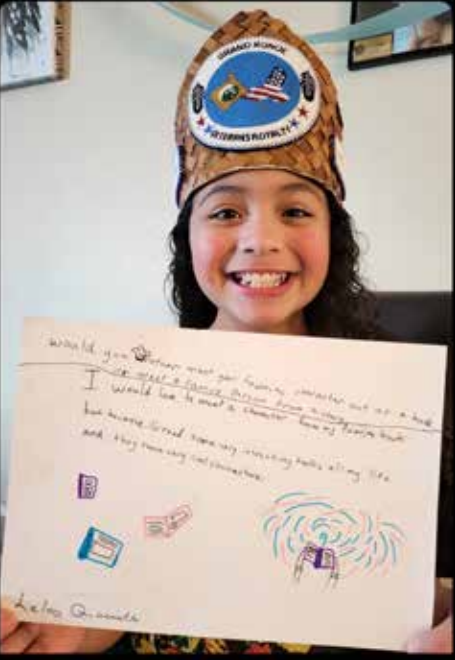
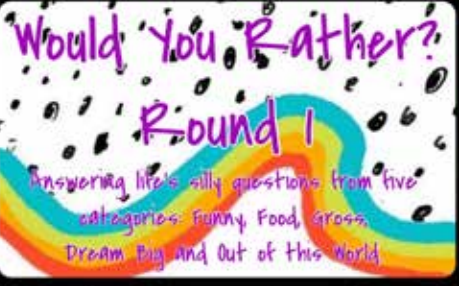


**Would You Rather?**  
**Round 1**  
Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream, Big and Out of this World

*Would you rather be able to meet your favorite book character or meet someone famous from history?*

*I would love to meet a character from my favorite book because I've read some very interesting books all my life and they have very cool characters.*

*Lebo Quenelle · 2021/2022*  
Veterans Little Miss Queen


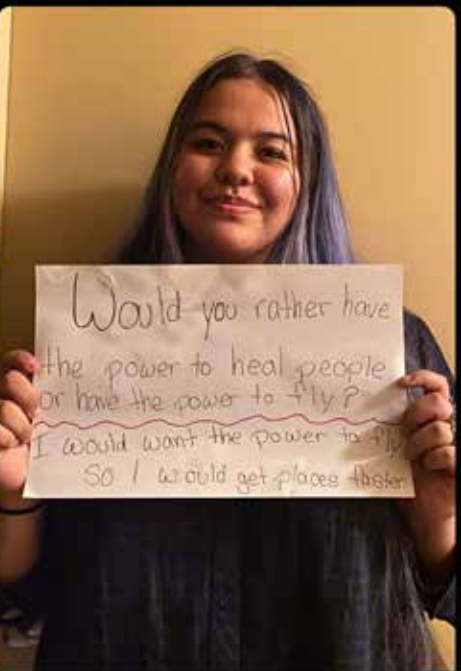
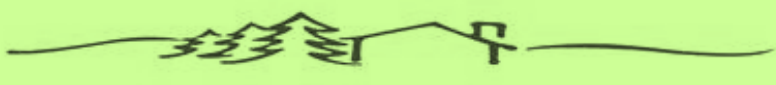




**Would You Rather?**  
**Round 1**  
Answering life's silly questions from five categories: Funny, Food, Gross, Dream, Big and Out of this World

*Would you rather have the power to heal people or the power to fly?*

*I would want the power to fly so I would get places faster.*

*Tasina Bluehorse*  
Veterans Senior Queen 2021/2022

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

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

# 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.

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. ■

# Veterans Royalty

Veterans Royalty works with the Veterans Special Event Board (Veterans SEB). They attend powwows, parades, fundraisers, meetings and other events with the Veterans SEB and the Honor Guard. They interact with and represent all veterans. They also work with the Grand Ronde Royalty court during events and activities such as Restoration, parades and fundraiser. The Veterans royalty should know what a veteran is and the different military branches.

When veterans royalty attend events, they are expected to stay for the entire duration of the event. This includes helping to set up events, meetings and parades and dancing during Grand Entry, inter-Tribals and staying until the flags are retired. Veterans Royalty should have their own regalia and be willing and able to dance.

## GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol, public speaking and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows, events, parades, fundraisers and various community events.

Serving on Veterans Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities, organizational meetings, powwows, parades, fundraisers and more. We encourage all Tribal youth ages 7 – 18 to join.

**Participants must be within the following age categories by Thursday, July 1, 2022:**

**Warriors: 7 -18 years of age**

**Little Veterans Queen: 7 -10 years of age**

**Junior Veterans Queen: 11-13 years of age**

**Senior Veterans Queen: 14-18 years of age**

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
5. Sign and comply with Veterans Royalty guidelines & agreement

**DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 15**

### ~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to participate in Veterans Royalty? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Applications to:  
Veterans SEB c/o Public Affairs  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347**

# 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.

If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

# Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our Veterans Royalty 2022-23 Crown Medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

1. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Logo (pictured)

a. Little Queen – 4 inches

b. Junior Queen – 6 inches

c. Senior Queen – 6 inches

d. Warrior Medallion – 4 inches

2. Court year – Queens only

3. Back of Crown's medallion logo (3) – 3 inches



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# Attention All Artisans

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# Health Board to receive \$1.17 million federal grant

PORTLAND – The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will be receiving a \$1.17 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to partner with other national organizations to increase access to vaccines in underserved communities.

The grant was announced on Thursday, Feb. 10, by Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

The grant is awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. It will support the Tribal Epidemiology Center Consortium project to increase vaccination coverage across American Indian and Alaska Native adult populations who are currently experiencing disparities.

“I’m grateful for this funding headed to Tribal communities and I know it will help strengthen and boost accessibility to health care and health services for many,” Merkley said.

“I’m gratified the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has earned these funds that can narrow the disparities experienced by Tribal members during this pandemic and with health care overall,” Wyden said. ■



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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## New federal data: Oregon is No. 2 in country for addiction; falls to 50th in access to treatment

PORTLAND, ORE. — New 2020 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, reveals:

- Oregon now ranks second in the country for substance use disorder — up from fourth in 2019 — with 18.22 percent of the population suffering from addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. That’s nearly one in five Oregonians.
- Oregon fell to 50th in access to treatment, with 18.08 percent of Oregonians needing, but not receiving treatment.
- Alcohol is by far Oregon’s biggest addiction problem, with 12.43 percent or about 420,000 Oregonians suffering from alcohol use disorder. Oregon ranks fifth nationally in alcohol addiction.
- Oregon ranks first in prescription opioid misuse (4.46 percent or 150,000 Oregonians), a 2 percent decrease from 2019.
- Oregon ranks first in methamphetamine use (1.93 percent or 65,000 Oregonians), a 53 percent or 23,000-person increase from 2019.

Additionally, the state’s Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Sean Hurst, recently testified to the Oregon Legislature that between 2019 and 2020:

- Alcohol-related deaths in Oregon increased 73 percent.
- Drug overdoses were up 39 percent.
- Preliminary 2021 data (the first six months) suggest that addiction-related deaths in the second year of the pandemic will outpace the first year. ■

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