Community Fund turns 25
Quarter-century of giving surpasses $90 million

By Danielle Harrison
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Spirit Mountain Community Fund celebrated 25 years of giving by awarding close to $800,000 in grants to nonprofits and Oregon Tribes.

Grants were awarded during a 25th anniversary dinner celebration held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, July 30, with approximately 200 attendees that included past and present Tribal Council members, Elders, Hatfield Fellows, Spirit Mountain Community Fund employees and board members, as well as representatives from various nonprofits and several Oregon Tribes.

“It’s great to see so many of you here tonight,” Community Fund Director Angela Sears said. “I’m honored, blessed and very thankful for our nonprofit partners. We’re here to recognize the contributions of those who came before us and the partnerships we have created over the years. Your leadership, vision, dedication and generosity has allowed us to create a positive change for the past 25 years.”

The event began with a drum song by Tribal Council member Jon A. George, Tribal musician Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach and Tribal members Ty George and Anthony Quenelle.

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, who also serves on the Community Fund Board of Trustees, said the fund was dedicated to honoring Tribal traditions of sharing and giving.

Above, McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity Board member Virginia Carlson accepts a $5,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Angela Sears during the Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, July 30. The Community Fund has given out more than $90 million to 3,118 area nonprofits in the past quarter century.

At left, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks during Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration.

New West Linn sign celebrates Tomanowos

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West Linn — Sixty years ago, the city of West Linn erected a replica marker of the famous Willamette Valley meteorite, Tomanowos. However, there was no mention of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde anywhere in the marker’s inscription. In an effort to tell a more complete story of the meteorite’s history, new interpretive signage was unveiled exactly 60 years later on Thursday, Aug. 4, outside the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Station 59 in West Linn, near where the meteorite ended up thousands of years ago.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Jon A. George drums in front of a 1962 marker depicting Tomanowos, also known as the Willamette Valley meteorite, during a dedication ceremony for a new sign describing more of its history and connection to the Tribe at the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Station 59 in West Linn on Thursday, Aug. 4. The ceremony also marked the 60th anniversary of the original marker’s installation.

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The Grand Ronde Color Guard brought in the flags followed by members of Veterans and Grand Ronde Royalty. Jon A. George gave the invocation and Reibach performed a flute song.

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Social Service’s School clothing program opens

Social Service's school clothing program opened on July 30. This is a first-come, first-served program and children who benefit must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member. The child must be of school age and enrolled in school (preschool, elementary, middle or high school). Income criteria applies.

Contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for application. Deadline for all applications is Sept. 30, 2022.

Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center has additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings. Urgent care also will be available during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings.

Notice — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 24 ........................................ 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7 ........................................ 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 21 ........................................ 4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

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**Studkin-mun (August)**

- **Friday, Aug. 26 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.**
- **Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 18-20 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m., Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2244.**
- **Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.**
- **Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Grand Ronde Education Summit, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.**
- **Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.**

**Kwatsmuns (September)**

- **Monday, Sept. 5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.**
- **Saturday, Sept. 10 – Tribal Election Day. Ballots due by 6 p.m. 503-879-2271.**
- **Sunday, Sept. 11 – General Council meeting. Tribal Council Chambers and Zoom. 503-879-2304.**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Tribal Council swearing-in ceremony, 11 a.m., Tribal Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.**
- **Friday, Sept. 23 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.**

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**Electoral Office open through Sept. 9**

The Tribe’s Electoral Board office opened on Monday, July 25, and will be open through Friday, Sept. 9. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271. Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed signature verification forms (with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver’s license, member ID card, passport, etc.) – need to be mailed to the Electoral Board for processing. This form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and signature attached.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 27. Tribal members can submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 10. The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 10. For Tribal members’ convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a box in the Community Center where ballots can be dropped off.

Ballots will be available, as they have been in the past, for Tribal members who want to vote in person. It is the voter’s responsibility to ensure their ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day and allow for adequate time for the ballot to reach the Electoral Board by Sept. 10.

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**Clinic offering second COVID-19 booster doses**

Tribal Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced that the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is offering a second COVID-19 booster dose of the Moderna vaccine for people 50 and older who are at least four months beyond their previous booster dose.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that people with compromised immune systems age 12 and older also receive boosters. However, Rowe added, Tribal health care staff are recommending that people consult with their providers to make that decision.

Rowe said that immunity tends to wane after three months and that people who had received a booster dose of the vaccine were 21 times less likely to die and seven times less likely to be hospitalized during the recent omicron variant surge of COVID-19.

To schedule an appointment for a second booster shot, contact the Tribal clinic at 503-879-2032.
Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mak’mak 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 August food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. 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 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 503-879-2563 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer.

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 Emergency Assistance Programs Coordinator Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org.

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

• Ceremonial Hunting Board meets as needed. Chair: Martine Groshong.

• Culture Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam mak’mak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.

• Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, via the Zoom teleconferencing application and possibly in-person. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.

• Education Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last 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: Daniel Ham.

• 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 5:30 p.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 on request. Chair: 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Anam.

• 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 Varadi.

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

2017 – In an effort to continue improving communication with Tribal members, the Tribe was starting a LISTSERV service that would allow for multiple e-mail distribution groups to be established for different types of information. The first distribution groups would be for Tribal Council News, which would include agendas for meetings as well as other general Tribal news. Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said if interest was high enough, more lists would be added for different areas of Tribal business.

2012 – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family completed its annual journey with the Paddle to Squaxin Island, which began at Wallace Marine Park in Salem and ended in Kamilche, Wash., several days later. “It gets tough,” Tribal member Kyoni Mercier, 14, said. “But I keep praying and thinking about what our ancestors went through. There are Elders nowadays who are in wheelchairs, and they can’t experience it.” The Grand Ronde Tribe first participated in the annual northwest Tribal canoe journey in 2005.

2007 – Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski moved the Grand Ronde Tribe closer to full sovereignty when he signed his first state-Tribal proclamation in the Tribal Governance Building atrium. The proclamation was the first step toward giving Tribal members increased access to games for ceremonial purposes outside of state-mandated hunting and fishing seasons, as well as permitting the Tribe increased management of its own lands.

2002 – The Tribe held an open house for its new education complex on the Grand Ronde campus, which included a full-size gymnasium, library, youth education classrooms and preschool classrooms. With more than 30,000 square feet of space, the new campus was large enough to meet all of the Tribe’s educational needs for the foreseeable future. “Our Tribal Council is very generous and supportive of the Education Division,” Tribal Education Director Marion Mercier said. “This building is a tribute to their dedication to education. It’s very much a worthwhile investment.”

1997 – Tribal Cultural Resources Protection Specialist June Olson and other Tribal members visited the Fern Ridge area just outside of Eugene for a day of harvesting camas. The Cultural Resources program was in the process of creating a list of Tribal members throughout Oregon interested in traditional gathering and harvesting, with the ultimate goal of revitalizing camas fields on Reservation lands or on trust lands to be harvested on a yearly basis.

1992 – The Northwest Area Indian Health Board met in Newport for a two-day conference to discuss Native American health issues with Tribes all over the Northwest. Grand Ronde Health Program Representative Cheryl A. Kennedy went on behalf of the Tribe. The meeting focused on varied issues including HIV, drug/alcohol misuse and the Indian Health Service budget for the coming year. "Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals."
Tomanowos fell from the sky more than 10,000 years ago

George opened the ceremony, which attracted approximately 30 people, with a prayer song and invocation.

He explained to the crowd that the meteorite’s name, Tomanowos, means “sky people” in the Chinuk Wawa language. Tomanowos fell from the sky more than 10,000 years ago and came to what is now West Linn by way of the Bretz Floods. Clackamas Chinook Tribal peoples, who lived in the area, believed the meteorite was invested with divine properties and frequently visited it for ceremonial purposes.

“It’s a being with power, we recognize that,” George said. “The meteorite has always held significance for our people and continues to hold great spiritual and cultural meaning for our people. … The Clackamas Tribes would place their hunting arrows in the meteorite for good fortune, and it also helped with medicinal healing.

Today, it still holds a significant place in our hearts.”

The new signage came about through the efforts of Historic Willamette Main Street, an organization whose mission is to “celebrate and preserve the rich history and natural beauty of the area.”

Tribal Council member Jon A. George stands with the new sign describing more of the history of Tomanowos, also known as the Willamette Valley meteorite, at the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Station 59 in West Linn on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Seaneen Rudkin-Manning. “I’m very pleased and thankful you came here today,” she said. “It takes a lot of people doing a lot of hard work to make something look easy. There are a lot of people who have made this possible.”

The new signage includes information about the origins of the name Tomanowos, how the meteorite came to rest in the Willamette Valley and how a Welsh immigrant logger named Ellis Hughes removed the 15.5-ton sculpted chunk of iron and nickel in 1902 and took it to his home nearby, charging visitors 25 cents admission to see it.

Hughes was forced to return the meteorite to Oregon Iron and Steel, which claimed ownership because it was removed from company-owned property. The company planned to melt it down, but that was averted after a New York philanthropist purchased Tomanowos for $20,600 in 1906 and shipped the 31,000-pound meteorite by train to New York City, where it was donated to the American Museum of Natural History.

In November 1999, the Grand Ronde Tribe filed a claim for the meteorite, citing the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. In 2000, the Tribe and museum reached an agreement that keeps Tomanowos in New York City and allows annual ceremonial access to Grand Ronde Tribal members.

The new signage mentions this agreement and includes a Smoke Signals photo of Tribal member Desirae Hernandez, then 7, interacting with Tomanowos before the last in-person private ceremony in 2019.

“I’ve had the honor to go to the Museum of Natural History and perform the ceremony,” George said. “Tomanowos will always remain a very important spiritual object and someday may return to our homelands. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this today.”

West Linn City Manager John Williams thanked the Tribe for its partnership.

“You have been incredible partners and we’re proud to be a part of that,” he said.

Williams also mentioned his own connection to the meteorite.

“I have clear memories of visiting the Museum of Natural History and seeing the meteorite when I was young,” he said. “I recall putting my hand on it and I think it is a very powerful thing. It also represents the heart and timelessness of this place.”

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Surplus Sale

Location: 9635 Grand Ronde Road (New IT/Procurement Building)

Follow the signs to the west side of the building to the roll up doors.

Open to Grand Ronde Tribal members only.

Date: Friday, Aug. 19, 2022

Time: 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Items to include: Side chairs, small tables, file cabinets and other misc. office equipment.

No Early Sales

Cash or check only

Please have Tribal I.D.

Contact Nathan Rolston at 503-879-4547 for any questions.
Our principles of giving are grounded in our history’

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SOURCE: SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND

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giving back to the community.
“We’re approaching $90 million in giving and that’s amazing,” she said.

Sears introduced Board of Trustees members. They are Chairman Chip Lazenby, former state Sen. Arnie Roblan, Harvey, Spirit Mountain Casino Assistant Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier, Tribal Council members Michael Cherry and Jack Giffen Jr., state Rep. Karin Power and Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader.

All nine Tribal Council members attended: Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Michael Langley, Lisa Leno, Kathleen George, Jon A. George, Giffen, Harvey and Cherry. Former Tribal Council members in attendance included Kathryn Harrison, Andy Jenness, Henry Petite, Candy Robertson, Jon Beibach, Angie Blackwell and Brenda Tuomi.

Sears also introduced Community Fund employees: Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie, Administrative Assistant Marissa Leno, and Summer Youth Program interns Laney DeLoe and Shasta Simmons. Grants Coordinator Jesse Knight was unable to attend.

Additionally, past Community Fund directors were introduced. They are Shelley Sneed, Kathleen George, Blackwell and Cherry. Royalty members performed “The Lord’s Prayer” and then Jon and Ty George drummed a food song.

During the dinner of summer salad, smoked bison, potato puree, asparagus, vanilla lemon bar, huckleberry cheesecake and raspberry mouse, attendees viewed a video featuring Tribal Council members, board members and grantees.

Kennedy delivered the keynote address and emphasized that throughout the Tribe’s history it has always given back to the community, even in personally dire circumstances.

“I’m honored to stand before you and talk about the wonderful work the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have done,” Kennedy said. “Our people have had so many struggles, but we have a rich culture. … Our principles of giving are grounded in our history, to look past any situation and I believe that is why we are successful today. I believe that guided by our principles and values is that we help one another. … Establishing the Spirit Mountain Community Fund was our way of giving back to the people who helped us.”

Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Bruce Thomas recalled the “early days” of trying to get a Tribal casino built in the early 1990s.

“What I recall is an extraordinarily challenging time,” Thomas said. “The Tribe had made the decision to pursue casino gaming and at the time there was nothing like it in the state of Oregon. Most Tribes who had established casinos elsewhere hired professional gaming companies and paid them a large amount of money. The proposals we got were not very good so we made the decision to try to do it ourselves.”

Thomas said that the group had the skills but not the business experience, plus most of them were in their 30s or younger.

“We had to go and find someone to lend us $45 million so we could get the casino built,” he said. “We were able to pull it off and get financing and 10 months after the conversation with John Hancock in Chicago, we were the first major casino in the state (in October 1995).”

Facing intense criticism and threats of corporate taxation, the
Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County Chief Executive Officer Vanessa Buss accepts a $5,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie during the Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, July 30.

Native American flute player and Grand Ronde Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach performs during Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Willamette Vital Health clinical managers Derek Wrigley and Kathy Bird accept a $5,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees member and Spirit Mountain Casino Assistant Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier during the Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, July 30.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees Chairman Chip Lazenby speaks during the Community Fund’s 25th Anniversary Celebration held at Spirit Mountain Casino on Saturday, July 30.
By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal voters will be asked on Tuesday, Nov. 1, to amend the Tribal Constitution to restrict how a Tribal member can be disenrolled to only cases of proven fraud or dual enrollment.

Tribal Council approved sending the proposal out to voters during its Wednesday, Aug. 10, meeting. It will be the eighth time since 1999 that Tribal voters will be asked to amend the Constitution. Only two proposals out of those previous seven votes that included 11 suggested amendments received the required two-thirds majority to alter the Tribe’s Constitution.

The proposed constitutional amendment would amend Article V, Section 5 to limit involuntary loss of membership to fraud and dual enrollment, and remove the current language regarding loss of membership for failure to meet enrollment criteria.

Section 5 currently reads, “The Tribal Council shall by ordinance prescribe rules and regulations governing involuntary loss of membership. The reasons for such loss shall be limited exclusively to failure to meet the requirements set forth for membership in this Constitution.”

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the creation of the proposed amendment has been a long process.

“Healing is what we are after,” Kennedy said during the Tuesday, Aug. 9, Legislative Action Committee hearing.

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley read a statement at the beginning of the meeting, stating that Tribal Council believes the amendment is in the best interest of the Tribe.

It comes in reaction to the divisive disenrollment proceedings that occurred in 2015 during which 67 Tribal members were provisionally disenrolled. Eventually, the Tribal Court of Appeals ruled that the Tribal members who were identified for disenrollment because they allegedly did not meet enrollment criteria were to remain in the Tribe because the government had waited too long to start proceedings against them.

The proposed amendment has already been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for preliminary review and redrafting was stated to be underway.

Unlike regular Tribal Council elections, a constitutional amendment election will be run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which will require Tribal members to register separately to vote. From there, at least 30 percent of those who register to vote must cast a ballot for the results to count and 66.7 percent of those voting must approve the amendment before it can change the Constitution.

In March 2015, Tribal voters were asked to remove the Bureau of Indian Affairs from supervising Grand Ronde constitutional amendment elections, but voters overwhelmingly rejected the idea with 64.2 percent wanting to retain federal oversight.

The Tribal Attorney’s Office will submit the request for an election to the Department of the Interior on Sept. 12.

In other action, Tribal Council:
• Established Friday, Sept. 9, as Jordan Valley Day;
• Approved an agreement with the American Rescue Plan enacted in March 2021; and
• Sent proposed amendments to the Fish & Wildlife Ordinance out for a second reading, which will give Tribal members 30 days to comment.

The ordinance’s proposed amendments originally went out for a first reading in April and after receiving comments, the amendments were changed to reflect some of those concerns.

• Approved the Finance Department hiring REDW LLC of Albuquerque, N.M., to conduct the Tribe’s 2022 and 2023 independent audits.

Also included in the Aug. 10 Tribal Council packet were two approved authorizations, one that will allow for the Tribe to seek demolition and removal of three local structures — the old post office, the old housekeeping structure and the Indian-manufactured home — deemed to be in hazardous condition and directs the Finance Department to provide an additional $200,000 to the Tribe’s small loan program to fund it through the end of 2022.

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 Elder Marion Mercier takes part in the Elders fishing event held at Hebo Lake on Thursday, July 28. The free event was sponsored by the Natural Resources Department and hosted by the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Elders fishing trip

From left, Tribal Elders Linda LaChance, Leonette Galligher, Tribal Council member Lisa Leno and her father, Dave Leno, enjoy a conversation during the Elders fishing event.

Tribal spouse David Suderman shows off the second rainbow trout he caught during the Elders fishing event.

Doug and Lisa Mercier launch a two-person kayak on to Hebo Lake during the Elders fishing event held on Thursday, July 28.

Tribal Elder Candy Robertson-Cole is joined by her daughter, Tribal Council member Michael Cherry, during the Elders fishing event.

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez
Smoke Signals

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.

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde collaborates with LCC to teach the original universal language of the Pacific Northwest. Classes involve hearing, speaking, writing, and reading Chinuk Wawa, along with a focus on the cultures of people who spoke and still speak the language.

Fall 2022

4 credits

CW101:
CRN 21386 & 20637
Tuesday/Thursday
4-6pm on Zoom

CW201:
CRN 20638
Monday/Wednesday
4-6pm on Zoom

• Chinuk Wawa courses fulfill Oregon University System language requirements.
• An anonymous donor to the LCC Foundation will continue to cover spring CW103 and CW203 tuition for students who have taken the fall and winter courses.

To learn more, scan the QR code:
Or visit online at:
www.lanecc.edu
Clowning around

Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Natasha Kaluza and Jamie Coventry, performing as Coventry and Kaluza, entertain Tribal members on the old powwow grounds on Tuesday, Aug. 9. The duo, from the San Francisco Bay area, travel around the country performing about 200 shows per year. Their show features juggling, acrobatics, music, comedy and hula hooping. The show was sponsored by the Tribal Library.

Tribal members enjoy the performance of Coventry & Kaluza during their Circus, Comedy and Whatnot event on the old powwow grounds on Tuesday, Aug. 9.
APPLICATION DEADLINE:
5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2022

NEW THIS YEAR: Online application available
- Applications for Tribal Reservation Only tags can now be completed online. Paper applications will still be accepted. Use this QR code to complete your application online:

Online Tutorial option – A one-time tutorial is required to participate in these hunts. To provide flexibility, this can now be completed online via the online application. The Completion Certificate still needs to be signed in person at NRD.

Live hunt tutorials will still be made available. Those dates are 5:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 7. You only need to attend one. Please check the NRD office for the date and time.

Changes in Hunt Application Rules – Hunters may only apply for one deer season tag and one elk season tag.

The Fish & Wildlife Department staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022. Call prioritization will be based on season begin date.

To ensure as many Tribal members have the opportunity to hunt and that tags are distributed in a fair and consistent manner, the Tribe utilizes a random draw and has developed application rules. Failure to follow the rules outlined below will result in applications being denied.

To enter our random draw you must:
1. Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.
2. Have a hunting and fishing license issued by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
3. Apply by the application deadline.

If an applicant fails to fill out the applications in their entirety, does not have an issued license, or files duplicates applications, all applications will be ineligible for the hunt or all hunts applied.

How to Apply:
- There are now two options for applying, online or paper but you may not do both. To apply online use the QR code above or https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/ReservationHuntApp2022.
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal Enrollment Cards and Hunter’s Safety Certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing. If you have any questions, please call 503-879-2424 or e-mail NRD@grandronde.org.
- Application rules and general guidelines
  • Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are required before submitting all applications, this includes youth 11 and older.
  • Paper hunt applications must be in BLUE OR BLACK INK, be legible, and signed and acknowledged in all designated spaces by the applicant.
  • Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter’s responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
  • Reservation Only tags are non-transferable.
  • Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation. Proper documentation is: Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Card or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) AND Hunter’s Safety Certificate if applicable.
  • If picking up for others, please notify Natural Resources prior to pick up. Please be advised, the Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Card and Hunter’s Safety Certificate (if applicable) will be required when picking up a tag for others. NO Exceptions.
  • TUTORIAL: Tribal members must successfully complete a one-time mandatory educational tutorial discussing tag rules, regulations, applications, and reporting as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having completed the tutorial.

Tribal hunting tags and application rules

DEER
- DEER HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow Buck, Any Legal Weapon Coastal Buck or Muzzleloader.
  - Bow Buck: September 26 to September 30.
  - Any Legal Weapon, Coast Buck: November 5 to November 11.
  - Muzzleloader Rifle Season, Any Deer: December 1 to December 7.

ELK
- ELK HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow, First Season, Second Season, or Muzzleloader.
  - Bow Bull: September 26 to September 30.
  - First Season, Any Legal Weapon Bull: November 16 to November 18.
  - Second Season, Any Legal Weapon Any Elk: November 26 to November 30.
  - Muzzleloader Rifle Season, Any Elk: December 8 to December 22.

Applications may be completed online, mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand-delivered to one of the following:
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Delivered: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road
Mailed: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
NRD@grandronde.org
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Office: 503-879-2424
Fax: 503-879-5622

Tags will be only be issued after successful applicants have been notified. The earliest tags will be available is Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.
Attention hunters 2022-23 CHANGES!!!

- Apply online! Choose your hunts from each category and get a return e-mail confirming your entries: https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/ReservationHuntApp2022
- Choose 1 ONLY Bow Deer or Muzzleloader Deer.
- Choose 1 ONLY Bow Elk, 1st Season Elk or 2nd Season Elk.
- Watch for more changes regarding new online processes as we adapt to technology.

2022 TRIBAL TAG INFORMATION

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH BOW BUCK

9/26/2022 - 9/30/2022

NAME: 

ADDRESS: 

CITY: 

STATE: 

ZIP: 

PHONE: ( ) 

EMAIL: 

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9/26/2022 - 9/30/2022

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH COAST BUCK

11/5/2022 - 11/11/2022

NAME: 

ADDRESS: 

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH MUZZLELOADER DEER (ANY)

12/1/2022 - 12/7/2022

NAME: 

ADDRESS: 

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH 1ST SEASON ELK (BULL)

11/16/2022 - 11/18/2022

NAME: 

ADDRESS: 

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH 2ND SEASON ELK (ANY)

11/26/2022 - 11/30/2022

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ADDRESS: 

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TRIBAL TAG - RESERVATION ONLY YOUTH MUZZLELOADER ELK (ANY)

12/8/2022 - 12/21/2022

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Field Day

From left, Cloey Freeman, 12, Riley Freeman, 10, Bob Haller, 10, and Adult Education Family Services Coordinator Audra Sherwood bead during the Youth Empowerment and Prevention Field Day held at the day use park on Friday, Aug. 5. Youths who took part were able to play volleyball, corn hole, giant Jenga, football and baseball. Lunch was also served.

Kris Butler, 9, and Nathaniel Butler, 12, pay close attention while playing giant Jenga during the Youth Empowerment and Prevention Field Day held at the day use park on Friday, Aug. 5.

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.

CTGR 2022 Annual Fish Distribution

GRAND RONDE LIVING and ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS
Must show current photo I.D.
This year, fish will be handed out in a drive through system. Please follow the signage up the hill to the fish lab, receive your fish and then follow the new exit loop road out.

If picking up for others: A Signed release and copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required!
No Early or late Pickups and fish will not be mailed.

Veterans, do you want to file for a service-connected disability?

This is all you need (the 3 legged-stool):
Smoke Signals receives six more awards in Oregon

Smoke Signals, the independent newspaper of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, won six awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Associate Member competition for Tribal photojournalist Timothy J. Gonzalez. Smoke Signals won six awards total.

The six awards are the most received in one year by Smoke Signals in the ONPA contest, surpassing the five awards received in 2019. “Just another year and another massive set of awards,” Editorial Board Chairwoman Mia Prickett said. “Congratulations to the entire staff.”

“I continue to appreciate the quality and dedication the team shows,” Editorial Board Secretary Andy Jenness said. “Smoke Signals was once again the only Tribal newspaper to be honored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association for journalistic excellence in the Associate Member competition, which included submissions from The Portland Tribune and Salem-based agricultural newspaper The Capital Press.

“In this journalism competition, we are competing against some well.financed newspapers with larger staffs from throughout the state of Oregon,” Editor Dean Rhodes said. “To receive six awards – almost one-third of all the awards given out in the Associate Member category – is quite an honor and a testament to the dedication of our seven-member staff. It also speaks volumes about the Grand Ronde Tribe and the support and cooperation we receive to consistently publish a quality newspaper for the membership.”

The six awards, in addition to the recent two awards received by Smoke Signals from the Native American Journalists Association, brings the number of awards received by the Grand Ronde newspaper to 119 since 2008.

Clothes Closet open Fridays

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

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 503-847-7566.

Natural Resources Guide

Did you know?....

- You can apply online for hunting tags. https://webbid.grandronde.or.copyReservationHuntApp2022
- You can now get a free shellfish license for the Trask Unit!
- We sell Salmon and Steelhead tags for $33. (cash only)
- Card carrying tribal members are exempt from needing a permit. When entering Multnomah Falls via the I-84, Exit 31 parking lot or if traveling through the waterfall corridor between Exits 28 and 35, simply show your ID card and you will be waved through.
- Call 503-879-2424 for details or an appointment.

Let’s build upon the foundation our ancestors created for us

Brenda Tuomi for Tribal Council 2022

Having served on Tribal Council I know who is at the table when important decisions are made makes all the difference.

I am running for Tribal Council because I want to ensure that our future generations will have the supports, services and community that we have today.

For more information email brendatuomi@yahoo.com

Paul political ad
AUGUST 15, 2022

Dear Tribal Members,

The last nine years have been an enormous honor for me. Please help me keep moving this Tribe forward and not backward! For the next three years I’d like to focus on:

- Housing
- Member Services
- Enrollment
- Economic Diversification
- Open Government

DENISE HARVEY

For Tribal Council 2022

Are you frustrated with your diabetes control? Do you have questions about diabetes? Do you need help managing your diabetes?

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

TERO Worker of the Month
July 2022

Name: Taylor Antonio
Employer: Kiewit Infrastructure West
Position: Laborer

Taylor Antonio first applied with the TERO program in 2015 and had little experience in heavy highway construction. With his willingness to learn new skills and devotion to his job, he soon became a key employee for the contractors he has worked for. Antonio has now been dispatched to one of TERO’s largest projects to date with Kiewit Construction on the Interstate 205 Abernethy Bridge project. His position as a tanker filtration operator is another new skill he has learned while providing a very important role to the project and his employer.

TERO has selected Antonio as July’s Worker of the Month for his dynamic work ethic and devotion to his employer on every project he has worked on. Antonio said the TERO program provides an opportunity to prove your skills and work ethic to not only assist in getting a job, but a career, with great paying opportunities to better your life. TERO appreciates your hard work and dedication to your job, Antonio. Keep it up!

For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.

TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or tero@grandronde.org

Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, said Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole. Tribal members can now get books from libraries in Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties, as well as access to many free programs.

Tribal Library patrons should visit the Tribal Library and update their information and obtain a new Regional Library Service card. For more information, contact Cole at 503-879-1488.

LOOKING FOR WORK?
SIGN UP FOR THE TERO SKILLS BANK!

CARPENTERS, GENERAL LABORERS, CONCRETE MASON & LABORERS, ASPHALT LABORERS, AND MORE!

HOW? Contact the TERO Office at 503-879-2188 or email tero@grandronde.org

WHO CAN SIGN UP? Grand Ronde Tribal members and members of other federally recognized tribes. Must be 18 years or older.

WHAT IS NEEDED? TERO Skills Bank application and Tribal ID

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

2022-2023
BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

LaXayaN students!

School is around the corner and the CTGR Youth Education Department will be providing school supplies to CTGR Tribal Member students.

What:
For the 2022-2023 school year the Youth Education Department will be distributing backpacks with school supplies and a $25 gift card for K-5 students and a $50 gift card for 6-12 students.

Who:
This program is for all CTGR Tribal Member students entering into Kindergarten through 12th grade.

How to sign up:
Registration will open July 25th and will close on August 12th. You must submit an application along with a copy of your student(s) Tribal id card or enrollment letter (if you don’t have a copy please email memberservices@grandronde.org to obtain one). After you submit your application, please confirm with us that your application has been accepted.

When:
School supplies will be available for pickup or delivery. Backpacks will be available for pickup at the Youth Education building starting August 15th - August 19th. We will also distribute them at the powwow August 20th from 12pm-2pm providing your application has been approved. Backpacks will be mailed out the following week if they have not been picked up by then or if you live out of the local service area.

Have questions or need an application? Please contact 503-879-2101 or email us at youtheducation@grandronde.org

Are you frustrated with your diabetes control? Do you have questions about diabetes? Do you need help managing your diabetes?

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment.
LIHWAP program is open

The Low Income Home Water Assistance Program assists with water bills that are current or past due, and also assists with rates and fees associated with reconnection. LIHWAP assistance is a limited funded and 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 Emergency Assistance Programs Coordinator Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org.

Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!

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!

Elderberry Wisdom Farm
Native Agriculture Biodiversity Accelerator

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is offering business ownership and microenterprise opportunities to Native adults in habitat restoration, horticultural, conservation, and/or organic agriculture in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

The Native Agriculture Biodiversity Accelerator (NABA) will provide these interns with 2-3 years of training to become owners/operators of their own business.

Interns will receive $2,000 stipends for completing classes 10/5 - 12/17/2022; free tuition for 2 Irrigation and horticulture classes at Chemeketa Community College; and an IDA savings account at MercyCorps NW.

To apply, contact Sara: elderberrywisdom@gmail.com
www.elderberrywisdom.org

ILaunch has Back to School Supplies

School supplies are available for descendants Kindergarten - 4th Grade while supplies last.

To receive an application, please call 503.879.1697 or email ilaunch@grandronde.org

School Supplies will be available for pick up at the Youth Education Building

August 15th - 19th
Salmon and Steelhead Tags Valid for the Trask unit now available for purchase at Natural Resources Department.

Contact:
Aquatic Biologist: Brandon Weems
Phone: (503)879-2192
Email: Brandon.weems@grandronde.org
Address: 47010 SW Hebo Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347-9712

New Tribal Shellfishing validation can now be obtained at Natural Resources Department. Please Call (503)879-2424 to make an appointment to receive your shellfishing validation.

LaChance Reunion
2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at 27975 Jahn Road in Grand Ronde (half-mile west of Spirit Mountain Casino off Highway 18).

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, water, lemonade and coffee provided at 3 p.m. Bring your favorite side dish if you'd like. Please bring a chair if you can. Small pool, small bouncy house, horseshoe pit, corn hole.

Hosted by Shereen Bates, 971-269-5569, and Roxanne Teeter, 503-475-5712. RSVP would be helpful but not required. Hope to see you there.

Watchlist: ‘Missing in America: Inside Montana’s Native American Community’

(Editors 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

An NBC News series called “Missing in America” was published on TODAY’s YouTube channel, sharing one Native American woman’s efforts to raise awareness for murdered and missing Indigenous people.

Chippewa Cree Tribal member Jen Buckley says she felt Indigenous people who have gone missing are not looked for the same way as other missing people.

“I think collectively it just doesn’t seem like our Indigenous lives are as important as some others,” Buckley says in the video.

Buckley wanted to raise awareness for an epidemic that had gone unnoticed for too long. She began taking photos of Indigenous people with a red hand print across their mouths.

“The paint is symbolic,” reporter Harry Smith narrates. “It speaks of violence, of silence and resilience. It’s art intended to have an impact to awaken a state, and a continent, to a tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women.”

Once Buckley had this collection of photos she wanted to share them in a way that would capture people’s attention. She began plastering them on billboards across Montana.

The billboards not only raise awareness for the “MMIW” movement, they also help find missing women.

Missoula, Mont., police detective Guy Baker is interviewed and he compares media coverage of missing white women versus Native women.

“Just look at that white female that went missing (Gabby Pettito) and how many Native Americans in that same time period and there was nothing,” Baker says. “Those billboards are a great way to bring awareness to this important issue.”

If you would like to watch this video for yourself and see Buckley’s billboards, you can go to https://youtu.be/QSG8ayP-5ag or find the video linked in Smoke Signal’s “Watchlist” playlist on our YouTube channel.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Shellfishing Memorandum of Understanding

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

Family Reunion
Warren / Tom
At Day Use Park
Blacktail Drive,
Grand Ronde, Oregon
On Friday August 19th
Starts at 10 a.m. - Conclusion

Dear, it’s been 13 years.
You've missed out on so much.
Can't wait to tell you when I get there.
Happy 66th birthday, dear. I love and miss you.

Kenny Erickson 8-16-56 – June 12, 2009 - #1253
Thursday, July 14
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Shot heard in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Blacktail Drive. Officers determined it was fireworks.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, July 15
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 7000 block of Frank Road.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment reported in the 45000 block of Hebo Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. A male was warned for trespassing.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.

Saturday, July 16
- Suspicious activity reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a report of a grass fire in the area of milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the area of Barber Street in Willamina.
- Assist outside agency with a cover request in the 28000 block of Andy Riggs Road.

Sunday, July 17
- Assist outside agency with a reported crash in the area of milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency with a reported trespass in the 56000 block of Hebo Road. Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office deputies arrested a male for several charges.
- Property found in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, July 18
- Assist outside agency by helping Polk County Sheriff’s Office personnel with an ongoing investigation.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road. Occupants were warned for trespassing.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop. Officers determined that it was not criminal.
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 6 on Highway 22. Officers determined the driver was not impaired.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 2700 block of Salmon River Highway. An officer determined it was not criminal.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a report of menacing in the 400 block of Fir Street.
- Assist outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18.

Tuesday, July 19
- Trespass reported in the area of milepost 20 on Highway 18. Two people were warned for trespassing.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 200 block of Cherry Hill Road.
- Trespass reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Two people were warned for trespassing.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of milepost 26 on Highway 18.

Wednesday, July 20
- Driving complaint reported in the area of milepost 29 on Highway 18. Officers located the vehicle parked at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Traffic assist performed in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Fraud reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road. The driver was warned for trespassing.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 200 block of Bridge Street in Sheridan.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police
Department Officer Clint Cardwell.
Gordon William “Tim” Linton
Nov. 3, 1933 – July 27, 2022
Born in Willamina, Ore., to George (Dewey) and Geraldine (Toots Mer- cier), Tribal Elder Gordon William Linton grew up in Grand Ronde sur- rounded by his sister, Diane, and brother, Tommy. His best friends were his many cousins, making lifelong relationships.
In the late 1950s, Tim moved his growing family to Brookings, Ore., looking for work. Always a hard worker, Tim worked in the local plywood mill, as a logger and a truck driver. As a truck driver, Tim found his call- ing, excelling as a truck boss. During this time, he received many awards for safe driving and taught others his skills. He enjoyed hunting and camping with his boys, family and friends. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Caroline, relocated to McMiniville, Ore. These were the happiest years for them, socializing with family and friends.
Tim was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline, and sons, Mike and Gregg. He is survived by his brother, Tom; son, Les; and daughter, Christ- tine; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.
Placement of his ashes occurred on Friday, Aug. 12, at the Grand Ronde Cemetery for family. A celebration of life was held at Tom Linton’s Grand Ronde home on Saturday, Aug. 13. All family and friends were invited.

Delores Jean Knight
Oct. 31, 1931 – July 25, 2022
Delores Jean Haller Knight was born on Oct. 31, 1931, in Corvallis, Ore., the daughter of Wilbur Daniel and Adelard E. Menard Haller. She went to Heaven on July 25, 2022, in Grand Ronde, Ore. She was Kalapuya and a Grand Ronde Tribal Elder from the Haller-Menard family de- scended from Chief Joseph Sangretta.
“Mama was my greatest teacher; a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.” — Stevie Wonder
A true matriarch of a large and loving family, Delores (Odie) was im- mensely proud of her immediate family and of her extended family. If love does indeed build a bridge, she built one long enough to crossress the world. She will be greatly missed.
She was raised in a very large family and had many brothers and sisters. She loved spending time gathered around the kitchen table playing cards and storytelling. You could count on seeing her beautiful smile and hear her laughing or speaking firmly to the slot machines on Monday nights.
Odie worked at canneries, Weyerhauser and in agriculture throughout her life, teaching her children that great things come from hard work. She took pride and comfort in keeping an immaculately clean household. Odie was preceded in death by her husband, Claude W. Knight; daughter, Loretta A. Sisemore; and her granddaughter, Raeann Knight.
She is survived and greatly missed by her daughters, Brenda S. Gray of Grand Ronde, Ore., and Karen M. Plunges of Chewelah, Wash.; sons, William L. Knight of Cusick, Wash., Dennis C. Knight of Chewelah and Jesse R. Knight of Grand Ronde; and grandchildren, James W. Knight, Tricia L. Gray, Charles D. Gray Jr., Tangleline Dudt, Richard Hensley, Derrick Cooper, Dennis C. Knight Jr., Rebecca Alvarez, Rachael Knight, Faith Knight and Joseph Knight; 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.
Graveside services were held Saturday, July 30, at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Cemetery, where she was laid to rest next to her husband. A meal at the Lighthouse Church immediately followed the services.

Gina Maria Grenia
June 29, 1979 – July 28, 2022
Tribal member Gina Maria Grenia, 43, of Albers, Ill., was born June 29, 1979, in Belleville, Ill., and walked on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at her residence.
She was preceded in death by a brother, Adam T. Wangelin; and her grandparents, Thomas Wangelin Sr., Ben Rinehart, and Trudy and Carroll Grenia. She is survived by her mother, Cynthia L. (nee Rinehart) Wangelin; daughter, Aubrey Maldonado; son, Michael Maldonado; father, William C. Grenia; fiancé, Barry Cannady; brothers, Thomas C. Wangelin III and Robert Gibbs; grandparents, Virginia and Daryl Hobbs and Patricia A. Wangelin; stepfather, Thomas C. Wangelin Jr.; and numerous uncles and aunts.
Condolences can be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com. A visitation was held Thursday, Aug. 4, at George Renner & Sons Fu- neral Home in Belleville, Ill., and a memorial service was held later that same day with Chaplain Jason Pierce officiating.

Other passings
Ernest Leroy Smith
Tribal Elder Ernest L. Smith walked on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at the age of 65 in a Boise, Idaho, area hospital. Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City, Idaho, is assisting the family.
He is survived by his brother, Bernard Scott Smith, and older sister, Angie M. Smith. At his request, there will not be any formal services.

Dakota Hoffman
March 19, 1995 – July 31, 2022
Tribal Adult Foster Care employee Dakota Hoffman walked on July 31, 2022, at the age of 27 at her home in Dallas, Ore.
Dakota was a loving caregiver who cared deeply for her residents and her co-workers. She was very outgoing and loved being outdoors. She loved being with family and riding her ATV on the sand. She also en- joyed spending time with her dogs, horses and, most of all, her boyfriend, Michael. She was a very positive, kind and all-around great person. She will be greatly missed.
A celebration of life was held Sunday, Aug. 14, at North Albany Park in Albany, Ore. Restlawn Memory Gardens & Funeral Home of Salem, Ore., assisted the family.
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The Truth About Fentanyl

This handout contains information everyone should know about fentanyl!

The facts

- Fentanyl is a powerful opioid 50-100 times more potent than morphine.
- Fentanyl gets added into many drugs, including "normal looking" pills.
- A pill containing fentanyl can look exactly like a pill without fentanyl.
- Two pills with different amounts of fentanyl can look nearly the same.
- Many people don’t realize they are taking fentanyl.
- Fentanyl is causing a dramatic increase in overdose deaths.
- Two pills with different amounts of fentanyl can look nearly the same.
- Some who are taking fentanyl don’t realize if it’s their first time or if they have been using for a long time.

Naloxone

Naloxone (Narcan or Kloxxado) is a respiratory stimulant. Fentanyl is an opioid and naloxone can cause a person who is an opioid overdose to experience a seizure.

Help people who are overdosing

If you get fentanyl powder on you

Dry fentanyl powder is not absorbed by skin. Your skin will only easily absorb fentanyl powder if it is mixed with a liquid. If you get fentanyl powder on you:

- Brush off as much as you can
- Wash your clothes
- Wash your hands
- Don’t touch your mouth or eyes where fentanyl can be easily absorbed
- Flush with water (to dilute the fentanyl)
- Call your tribe/clinic

What can I do?

- Share the facts without judgment
- Learn how to use naloxone and always keep it with you
- Help people who are overdosing
- Encourage the people in your life who use drugs not to use alone, always have naloxone, and accept treatment when they are ready
- Make sure your tribe/clinic offers fentanyl testing strips

Fentanyl test strips

Test strips can detect all versions of fentanyl, but they can reveal the most common versions in a drug. This can save lives.

Healing medications

Medications that treat opioid use disorder (OUD) like "bup" can help you quit and a medication detox can be given upon request. A treatment is found on the Indian Health Board's website at www.npaihb.org/opioids.

There is hope

We can help these symptoms by educating ourselves, supporting each other, and accepting help when we need it.

The impact of 988 will vary from community to community. If your community has reliable phone and 911 services, it will now have access to 988. 24/7. Community members will be able to receive confidential services during mental health emergencies with minimal involvement of police or hospitals. If you live in an area where connecting to 911 services is difficult, you may need multiple (3, 4, or more) doses of naloxone. The biggest risk in giving someone too much naloxone is a more intense withdrawal.

Helping others who are overdosing

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### Contest Powwow

**AUGUST 19 - 21**

**uyxat Powwow Grounds**
9600 Highway 22 (Hebo Road),
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Friday, August 19 – Grand Entry 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 20 – Grand Entry 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, August 21 – Grand Entry 1 p.m.

**Host Drums:** Blackstone & Tha Boyz
**Emcee:** Howie Thompson
**Head Drum Judge:** Jermaine Bell
**Head Dance Judge:** Douglas Scofield
**Arena Director:** Anthony Quenelle

**Contest Drums Only:**
Drums must have a minimum of 7 singers

**Camping available:**
$5 w/parking open Wednesday.

**Parking:**
$1/day or weekend passes available for $3.

**Ask for Powwow Rate:**
Spirit Mountain Casino (800) 760-7977

**For information call:**
503-879-2037 • Public welcome

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### Honoring Fred Ike Jr.

**Saturday Night Best Dressed Drum Group**
$1000 Winner Take All

**Classic Song Drum Group Contest**
$1000 Winner Take All

**Men’s 18+ Fancy**
1st $1500
2nd $1000
3rd $700
4th $500
5th $300

### Honoring Charles “Charlie” Tailfeathers

**Men’s 18+ All Around**
1st $2000
2nd $1400
3rd $1000
4th $800
5th $500
6th $300

**Women’s 18+ Basket Cap Traditional**
1st $800
Consolation Prizes
4 at $100 Each

### Specials:
- Saturday Night Best Dressed Drum Group $1000 Winner Take All
- Classic Song Drum Group Contest $1000 Winner Take All
- Honoring Fred Ike Jr.
- Honoring Charles “Charlie” Tailfeathers

### Royalty Pageant:
Friday, August 19, at 11 a.m. at CTGR Governance building.
Crowning of 2022-23 Royalty Court & outgoing giveaways at 5 p.m. at the powwow grounds.

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde’s Tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.