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## Facebook Live event educates on amendment vote

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

**T**ribal voters will be asked on Wednesday, Nov. 2, to amend the Tribal Constitution to restrict how a Tribal member can be disenrolled to only cases of proven fraud or dual enrollment.

A “unified” Tribal Council approved sending the proposal out to voters during its Aug. 10 meeting and held its first educational meeting regarding the proposal via Facebook Live on Wednesday, Sept. 21. About 80 people listened to the 21-minute presentation.

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 constitutional amendment has been a long process and a response to Tribal members saying there needs to be a remedy

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Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal member Jasmine Manangan plays disc golf at Leverich Park in Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Manangan recently won the amateur division in the National Amateur Disc Golf tournament held in Buxton, Ore., which qualified her to take part in the national championship scheduled for Oct. 26-29 in Austin, Texas.**

## Seeking par-fection

*Tribal member to compete at national disc golf championships*

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

**V**ANCOUVER, Wash. — When Jasmine Manangan first started playing disc golf 15 years ago, the goal was simple.

“I was just looking for something I could do with my kids when they were toddlers, to get them out of the house and have fun together,” she says. “I’ve been doing it consistently since then.”

Fast forward 15 years and both her sons, 18-year-

old Daniel Williams and 16-year-old Adam Williams, still play. Additionally, the 34-year-old Tribal member mother found a new outlet for furthering her abilities by competing in tournaments and has qualified for a spot at the National Amateur Disc Golf Tournament Championships being held in Austin, Texas, this month.

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## Timberline celebrates land, peoples acknowledgement

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

**G**OVERNMENT CAMP – Timberline Lodge joined the likes of many cities and counties in Oregon on Wednesday, Sept. 28, in celebrating a land and peoples acknowledgement and dedicating the flags of the Grand Ronde and Warm Springs Tribes.

Wednesday also marked the 85th anniversary of Timberline Lodge and the day it was dedicated by President Franklin Roosevelt.

“While we celebrate this momentous day, we recognize that the land on which we now

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**Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Kathleen George joins R.L.K. and Co. Tribal Liaison Lisa Riversong (Wanapum/Yakama) in a round dance during Timberline Lodge’s 85th anniversary celebration held at Mt. Hood on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The event also included a land and peoples acknowledgement and dedications of the Grand Ronde and Warm Springs Tribal flags.**



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

# General Council meeting

## 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application and limited in-person attendance. Call 503-879-2304 for more information.

### NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 12.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 26.....	4 p.m.

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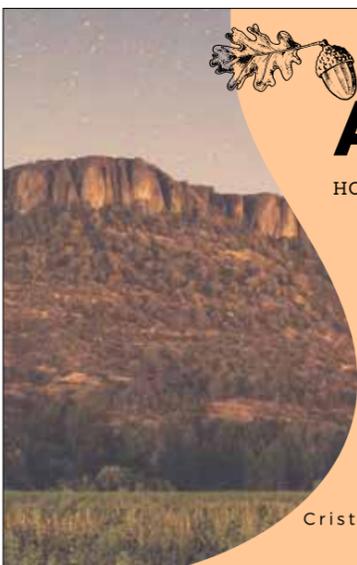
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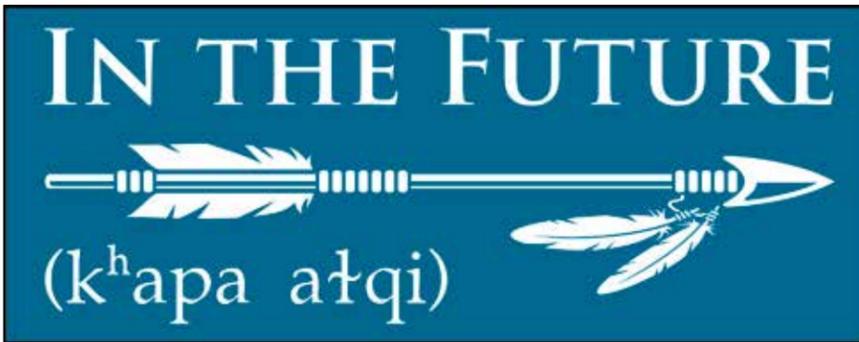


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**taʔlam-mun (October)**

- Sunday, Oct. 2 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Oct. 10 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, Oct. 13 – Constitutional amendment educational meeting, 5:30 p.m., at Portland State University's Native American Student & Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson St., Room 110. 503-879-2304.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Constitutional amendment educational meeting, 5:30 p.m., in Grand Ronde. Tribal Council Chambers and Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, Oct. 20 – Constitutional amendment educational meeting, 5:30 p.m., in Salem. Location to be determined. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Oct. 22 – achaf-hammi plankhouse birthday celebration, doors open at 3 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. 503-879-1690.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Constitutional amendment educational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Grand Ronde. Tribal Council Chambers and Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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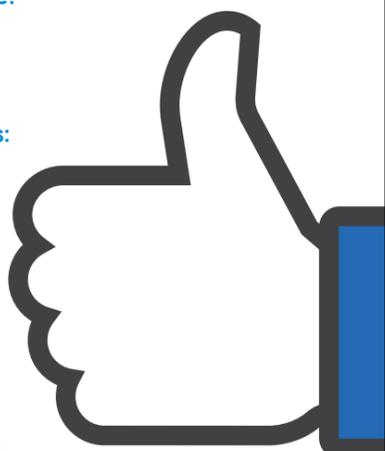
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**Grand Ronde Station offering a 30-cent gas discount**

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

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.

“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.” ■

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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 October 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](http://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 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto: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](mailto:tammy.garrison@grandronde.org). ■

## 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 was still to be determined at press time. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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 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).



**2017** – Tribal Elder Rosetta LaBonte Manangan traced the non-Native side of her family back to being some of the first settlers in Oregon. Her great-great-great grandfather Louis LaBonte was on a list of Astorians of the Pacific Fur Co. who lived near the Columbia River during the winter of 1813-14. She said she found the list of Astorians, as the Pacific Fur



**2017**

File photo

Co. men were known at the time, in her papers after having received it originally in 2007 from a friend who was a history buff.

**2012** – Tribal member Erin Soderberg was taking her love of culture from her home in Alaska to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. She learned Native carving and culture through a Tlingit master carver in southeastern Alaska and made carvings, moccasins, a bowl, rattle and other projects over the years. She was hoping being closer to home would help her become more immersed in her Tribe’s culture. “I want to learn more because culture is part of who I am. Not living in Grand Ronde has affected me, because I always wanted to be more involved.”

**2007** – More than 100 people came to Grand Ronde to share ideas to combat use of methamphetamine. Two dozen speakers were featured during the two-day “Tools for Healing and Meth Prevention” conference. “It’s a full-phase approach that deals with enforcement, treatment, prevention and recovery. If you leave any of these out, there will be a lapse in the program. The big thing now is to bring people together to learn from each other,” Tribal Social Services Director David Fullerton said.

**2002** – A scale replica of a planned Veterans Memorial in Grand Ronde was on display in the Tribal Governance Center to let people know what the full-scale statues would look like when the project was complete. The statues were designed by Tribal member and Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran Steve Bobb Sr. The memorial would be dedicated to all veterans from the Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan areas.

**1997** – The first residents moved into Grand Meadows, a new 37-lot manufactured home park in Grand Ronde. Tribal member Carl Lambert and his wife Betty were excited to be back in the area after Carl moved away in 1951. The retired couple said that they were looking forward to volunteering, taking computer classes, having lunch at the Elders meal site and meeting new friends.

**1992** – Tribal member Chris Leno was featured for his new job as a business development analyst for Spirit Mountain Development Corp. His job duties included researching grants, gathering information on potential business ventures and attending conferences. He had one more term left at Oregon State University before he would receive a degree in marketing management.

**1987** – With the start of the fall school term, the Grand Ronde Tribal Education program reported it had approximately 15 adult vocational training students, 14 higher education students and 10 adult education students participating in various schools and programs. “The Tribal Education program is looking forward to a successful 1987-88 academic year. Let’s show our Tribal members participating in school all our support and encouragement for the upcoming year.”

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

## 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. ■



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Construction workers prepare the foundation of one of the duplexes in the new Creekside Elder housing site at the southwest corner of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Tribal Council approved an agreement with the Indian Health Service to fund the installation of sanitary infrastructure during its Sept. 14 meeting.**

## Tribal Council approves elder housing agreement with Indian Health Service

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

With only one week passing since its last meeting, Tribal Council had a light agenda on Wednesday, Sept. 14, dealing with only one action item.

The shorter one-week period between meetings occurred because Tribal Council traditionally holds a meeting after new members are sworn in to office.

Earlier in the day, incumbents Denise Harvey and Kathleen George and former Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi were sworn in for new three-year terms after taking the top three spots in the Sept. 10 election. Jack Giffen Jr., who served 18 years on Tribal Council, officially became a former Tribal Council member.

The one action item saw Tribal Council approve a memorandum of

agreement with the Indian Health Service that will bring the Tribe an additional \$156,614 to fund sanitary and water services at the Creekside Elder Housing Phase III project at the southwest corner of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.

The development will feature 24 two-bedroom, one-bath, energy efficient units with approximately 1,120 feet that will include all appliances. The homes will have solar panels, unit specific batteries to store the solar energy and plug-ins for emergency use of generators. The expected completion construction date is spring 2023.

With Tuomi re-elected to Tribal Council, for the first time Tribal Council now has a 6-3 female majority. Tuomi, Harvey and George will serve through September 2025. ■

# Cultural sharing



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Tribal member Anthony Hudson, a recipient of the 2022 Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellow, discusses his work during a cultural sharing event at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center on Wednesday, Sept. 21, with approximately 35 people in attendance. Hudson is a multidisciplinary artist and writer best known as Portland's premier drag clown Carla Rossi and his play "Looking for Tiger Lily," which follows his quest to find validation as a Native artist and be at peace with a confused identity. The Grand Ronde Tribal fellowship was created this year to develop Indigenous artist capacity within the Tribe's homelands, and it provides up to \$20,000 to each selected artist to help the fellows become more competitive for local, regional and nationwide funding opportunities.**



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### PARENTING FROM PRISON:

Tribal members share stories of mothering from within Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. *Smoke Signals* found four Grand Ronde Tribal members who all share two similar experiences: all four are mothers and all four have served time at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The *Smoke Signals* podcast follows two of the mothers reflecting on their time in prison, the third mother shares finding her relationships strained after her recent release and the fourth mother shares how she is turning her life around while currently serving time inside Coffee Creek.



For more information, contact Kamiah Koch at 503-879-1461 or [kamiah.koch@grandronde.org](mailto:kamiah.koch@grandronde.org)



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## Tribal Council approves signing authority for newest member

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

It happens most every fall.

During its Wednesday, Sept. 28, meeting, Tribal Council approved adding newly elected Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi as an authorized signer on Tribal bank accounts and also OK'd her use of a Tribal credit card.

Tuomi finished second in the 2022 election and will serve her second term on Tribal Council through September 2025.

In addition, Tribal Council took former Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. off the authorized list of signers on Tribal bank accounts and canceled his Tribal credit card.

Giffen, who served 18 years on Tribal Council, did not seek re-election and officially became a former Tribal Council on Sept. 14.

Tribal Council also set the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, General Council meeting that will feature an executive session briefing on the Tribal endowments from Robert W. Baird representatives. The meeting will be held on Zoom.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the annual agricultural permits for using local Tribal lands to grow mostly hay and grass. Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Reibach said the program, which started in 2009, has earned the Tribe more than \$550,000 in leasing fees while saving on maintenance costs. He said projected revenue from fall 2022 to fall 2023 will be \$43,812, a decrease from previous years as the Tribe pulls acreage from the program to be used for other Tribal projects;
- Approved the acquisition of the 0.92-acre site at 6316 Salmon River Highway in Otis formerly

occupied by Knight's Tackle Box. It is the location of the "eel rock" mentioned in Tribal oral histories. Funds to purchase the property were part of a supplemental budget approved on July 27;

- Approved the Natural Resources Department applying for a Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to replace culverts at the 667-acre Chankawan conservation property in Marion County. The grant ranges from \$75,000 to \$1 million and Tribal Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said the Tribe will apply for between \$250,000 and \$500,000;
- Approved the enrollment of five people into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- And approved extending the Tribe's contract with Industrial Economics through September 2023. The company has been the Tribe's Portland Harbor superfund site cleanup consultant since July 2013.

Also included in the Sept. 28 Tribal Council packet were two approved authorizations to proceed that signed on to the updated Pacific Lamprey Conservation Agreement and appointed Tribal Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems to the Pacific Lamprey Conservation Team, and nominated Vice Chair Chris Mercier as the Tribe's representative on the Willamette Falls Locks Authority, replacing Giffen.

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

## A Carving Demonstration With Indigenous Carvers From the Lower Columbia River and Willamette Valley

Saturday, October 8, 2022 | Free and open to the public



Bobby Mercier (Grand Ronde) carving the Welcome Figure for the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 2022.

### 1—4 p.m. Carving Demonstrations

Greg Archuleta (Grand Ronde), Brian Krehbiel (Grand Ronde), Bobby Mercier (Grand Ronde), Travis Stewart (Grand Ronde), Tony Johnson (Chinook), Greg Robinson (Chinook), and Shirod Younker (Coquille).

### 4—5 p.m. Dedication of Welcome Figure by Bobby Mercier

Historically, welcome figures were used by many Northwest Coast tribes as markers to welcome people to their territories. Mercier's figure will welcome visitors to the museum, the University and the City of Salem, which are built on Kalapuyan lands.



This event is offered in conjunction with the **TRANSFORMATIONS: The George and Colleen Hoyt Collection of Northwest Coast Art** exhibition taking place at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art between September 17 and December 17, 2022. [www.willamette.edu/go/transformations](http://www.willamette.edu/go/transformations)

Image: David Bosley (Timbines, ca. 1950), Legend of Adcos, 1988.

This program and exhibition has been supported in part with funds from the George and Colleen Hoyt Northwest Coast Indigenous Art Fund; with endowment funds from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, through their Spirit Mountain Community Fund; by advertising support from The Oregonian/Oregon Live; and by general operating support grants from the City of Salem's Transient Occupancy Tax funds and the Oregon Arts Commission.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Backpack &amp; School Supply Giveaway</u></li> <li>For children ages K-12 at the start of school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Christmas Shop</u></li> <li>Adults can pick out 1 new gift for each child in their household. Children can shop for 1 gift for each adult in their household.</li> </ul>
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# Community Fund surpasses \$91 million mark in giving

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded more than \$1.1 million in grants on Wednesday, Sept. 14, during a 126-minute virtual check presentation event, bringing the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving since 1997 to more than \$91 million.

The Community Fund receives 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and awards that money to nonprofits in 11 northwest Oregon counties to fund efforts in the areas of arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon under a Tribal Grants program.

The Community Fund was created as part of the Tribe's gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by an eight-member Board of Trustees that includes Tribal Council members Denise Harvey and Michael Cherry, who is also a former Community Fund director.

Executive Director Angie Sears recognized longtime board member and past Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., who retired after 13 years on the board and 18 on Tribal Council.

"We are so grateful for his wisdom, guidance and efforts with the Community Fund," she said.

The event was the seventh virtual check presentation held by the Community Fund since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020. It opened with a prayer and flute song from Tribal Lands Manager Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach.

Sears and Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Arnie Roblan welcomed virtual attendees.

"One of my greatest honors was being asked to serve on the Community Fund board," Roblan said. "It was one of the easiest decisions I have ever made. This is the fulfillment of everything I am about. What the foundation does goes to the very heart of the community.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Angela Sears hosted, via Zoom, the third-quarter check distribution on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Thirty-six organizations received \$1.14 million, bringing the total given by the fund since its founding to \$91.4 million.**

When we come to these presentations, it is the most important time because I get to hear what those good works are ... the variety that they are doing is impressive."

Sears said check presentations are a way to give thanks and celebrate the organizations' achievements.

"While we look forward to the in-person presentations, we know we will be together again soon," she said. "We know you are all super busy and this is a way to come together as a community and celebrate the amazing work you do. We recognize it is our nonprofits who continue to step up to provide care for the most vulnerable in our communities."

Sears also introduced Community Fund employees: Grants Coordinator Jesse Knight, Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie and Administrative Assistant Marissa Leno.

The approximately 72 people who attended watched a video on the history of the Tribe and then Knight and Schlappie announced the grant awards.

Due to the virtual format, Knight and Schlappie gave every organization representative the oppor-

tunity to briefly speak about their programs.

During the check distribution portion, the Community Fund awarded 10 small grants worth \$72,875 and 26 large grants worth \$1.068 million.

**Small grant recipients were:**

- Beyond Toxics of Eugene, \$6,675, for its wetlands program linking Kalapuyan culture, history, nature and arts;
- Edison High School of Portland, \$7,500, for the Edison High School linguistics tutoring program;
- Keizer Community Library, \$7,500, to hire a co-manager;
- Merry Heart Children's Camp of Clackamas County, \$7,000, for Heart Camp support;
- Neighbors for Clean Air of Multnomah County, \$7,500, for its Cully Air Action project;
- School Garden Project of Lane County, \$7,500, for its Science in the Garden project;
- Siletz Bay Music Festival of Lincoln City, \$6,700, for its master class program;
- Triangle Productions of Portland, \$7,500, for The Umbrella Project/Two Spirits People effort;
- Westwind Stewardship Group of Portland, \$7,500, for its native plant nursery for habitat restoration project;
- Woodcrafters in Eugene, \$7,500, for writers' residencies.

**Large grant recipients were:**

- A Family for Every Child of Lane County, \$50,000, for its adoption services capacity expansion;
- American Heart Association of Polk County, \$47,379, for hypertension management in Native Americans;
- AntFarm Inc. of Sandy, \$40,000, for youth leadership/peer support for recovery and resilience;
- Boys & Girls Club of Albany, \$25,000, for its Be Great Feel Great program;
- Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine, \$50,000, for its partnership for community health and education program;
- Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program, \$45,000, for its black, Indigenous and people of color staff advancement;
- Daisy C.H.A.I.N. of Lane County, \$50,000, for doula care for preg-

- nancy, birth and parenting;
  - Dress for Success of Oregon Inc., \$25,000, for workforce development;
  - Ethos Inc. of Multnomah County, \$40,000, for general operating support;
  - Hollywood Senior Center of Portland, \$25,000, for supporting low-income seniors;
  - Kinship House of Portland, \$50,000, for mental health therapy for children in foster care;
  - Lebanon Community Hospital Foundation Inc., \$100,000, for its Sweet Home clinic and urgent care program;
  - Lutheran Community Services Northwest of McMinnville, \$50,000, for its countywide relief nursery program expansion;
  - Mapleton Food Share, \$50,000, to buy a building it is currently leasing;
  - Oregon Tradeswoman, \$50,000, for job training in rural communities;
  - Oregon Wild of Lincoln County, \$40,000, for protecting Oregon's rivers;
  - Polk County Family and Community Outreach, \$40,000, for Polk County youth mini grants;
  - Polk County Fire District No. 1, \$30,968, for community automated external defibrillator access and response efforts;
  - Portland Leadership Foundation, \$50,000, for improving outcomes for children and families affected by foster care;
  - Ronald McDonald Houses of Portland, \$35,000, for its Hope Lives Here program;
  - Siuslaw Watershed Council of Mapleton, \$10,000, for a truck and trailer for habitat restoration and community engagement;
  - SMART Reading of Portland, \$50,000, for children's book bank literacy support for pre-kindergarten children;
  - Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality, \$40,000, for building protective factors in families during crisis;
  - Wetlands Conservancy of Portland, \$25,000, for its coast beaver survey pilot expansion;
  - Youth Music Project of West Linn, \$25,000, for music education for all;
  - Youth Villages Inc. of Lake Oswego, \$25,000, for expanding and sustaining transitional support for foster youth.
- Three beaded necklaces were raffled off to Instructing Hope, Salem-Keizer Coalition for Equality and Polk County Fire District, and an Ikanum saddle blanket designed by Travis Stewart went to Siuslaw Watershed Council.
- "There is so much amazing work happening out there and thank you all for sharing your stories," Sears said. "Thank you for your dedication to making a difference in our communities."
- "It's truly a joy to be a part of the amazing work you do in all of our communities," Harvey added.
- During the past 25 years, the Community Fund has awarded 3,115 grants totaling more than \$91.4 million. ■

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# Oaths of office



**Brenda Tuomi takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick Melendy in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Tuomi, who served on Tribal Council from 2015-18, finished second in the 2022 election to win another term and will serve through September 2025.**



**Incumbent Tribal Council member Denise Harvey takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick Melendy in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Harvey secured her fourth consecutive term on Tribal Council with a third-place finish in the 2022 election and will serve through September 2025.**



**Incumbent Tribal Council member Kathleen George takes the oath of office from Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick Melendy in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 14. George secured her third consecutive term on Tribal Council with a first-place finish in the 2022 election and will serve through September 2025.**

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**Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gift outgoing Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. with a saddle blanket on Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Tribal Council Chambers. Giffen served six terms –18 years – on Tribal Council and leaves the governing board with the third most years of service to the Tribe on Tribal Council. Giffen said he did not seek re-election because he wanted to spend more time with his family, especially his grandchildren.**

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# Years of Service awards honor 77 employees

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

Seventy-seven employees with a combined 1,186 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe were honored during the third quarter of 2022.

In a change of pace, honorees and other Tribal employees enjoyed to-go boxed lunches on Thursday, Sept. 15, instead of gathering at uyxat Powwow Grounds for a ceremony.

“For this quarter’s employee recognition we have decided to change things up a little bit to give you a full afternoon off to thank you for your continued service,” Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said in an all-employee e-mail. “We will no longer be asking employees to go to the powwow grounds for the third-quarter service awards.”

Additionally, there were raffle prizes given out with the lunches that ranged from \$50 to \$500, as well as additional days off.

Leading those honored in employment longevity are GED Coordinator Tracy Biery, General Manager’s Office Administrative Assistant Barbara Branson, Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere and Staff Accountant Melanie Hubbard, who all reached the 32-year mark in working for the Tribe.

Joining them in the three decades or more club were Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Chinuk Immersion Preschool Teacher Jeff Mercier, who each notched 31 years of service, and Finance Officer Chris Leno, who reached 30 years of service.

In the quarter-century or more club were Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D’Aquila and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, who both reached 26 years, Tribal Attorney Rob Greene at 28 years and Social Services Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison with 29 years of service.

Achieving 20 or more years of service were Cook Kevin Campbell and Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton with 20 years, Security Department Supervisor Roel Hernandez, Purchase/Referred Care Health Care Payment Specialist Erica Mercier and Chachalu Man-



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Benefit & Risk Manager Tammy Gould hands a boxed lunch to Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie during the drive-thru Employee Recognition event held outside the Community Center on Thursday, Sept. 15. The event honored 77 employees hired during the third quarter who have worked for the Grand Ronde Tribe five years or longer.**

ager Travis Stewart with 21 years while Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Matthew Bucknell and Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier hit 22 years of service. Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Cultural Resources Specialist Christopher Bailey reached 23 years. Family Services Assistant Elaine Lane Raven, Dental Hygienist Sheila Blacketer and Swing Shift Supervisor Ben Bishop reached the 24-year mark.

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

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

Other employees honored during the third quarter included:

**19 years:** Benefits Specialist Peggy Carpenter, Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson.

**18 years:** Health Information Technician Stephanie Simmons, Member Services Program Manager Shannon Simi, Finance Executive Assistant Ken Trevino and Employment Specialist Brandy

Hembree.

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

**15 years:** Central Phones Receptionist Scarlett Holtz, Information Services Program Manager Alec Palanuk-Mercier, *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes and Preschool Bus Driver/Aide Jennifer Jerabek.

**13 years:** Mail Room/Printing Clerk Anna White, Senior Help Desk Technician Spencer Olson and Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Freeman.

**12 years:** Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey, TERO Administrative Assistant Lori Sterling, Budget Manager Veronica Montano, Maintenance Technician Gary LaChance Jr., Early Childhood Education Department Manager Angie Blackwell, Housing Main-

tenance Technician Michael Lane, Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator Keri Kimsey and Adult and Family Services Supervisor Amber Zimbrick.

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

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

**9 years:** Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier.

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

**7 years:** Housekeeper Jonathan Baker, Help Desk Administrator Braden Ebensteiner, Lead Chemical Dependency Counselor Joe Martineau, Help Desk Technician Nathan Hoff, Employment Coordinator Shylo Williams and Tribal Police Officer Tokata Tehama.

**6 years:** Infant/Toddler Site Coordinator Star Weatherall and Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland.

**5 years:** Health Information Technician Norma Reed, Housekeeper Dorene Gillespie, Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright, Dental Assistant Sam King, Pharmacist Timothy Wood, Security Officer Eugene Pribble, *Smoke Signals* Assistant Editor/Staff Writer Danielle Harrison and Forestry Technician Nicholas Larsen. ■

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## Healing Circle

For this women's healing circle is on Indigenous People's day we will be connecting with our community, holding a potluck and using elderberry to create a syrup to help with flu season.

Where: 4445 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, OR 97239

Time: 11am

When: Oct. 10

# 'I am very excited about this'

**DISC GOLF continued  
from front page**

Manangan qualified by winning her amateur division at a sponsored event in Buxton, Ore., last February.

"I am very excited about this," she says. "For every division win there you get an invite to nationals so that was pretty cool to win."

Manangan's Tribal roots come from her mother's side of the family. Her mother is Rosetta LaBonte Manangan. The family lived in Portland and then Eastern Washington in the wilderness near the Canadian border. Being outside is a major reason why Manangan loves disc golf so much.

Out of the eight tournaments she has competed in thus far, she has won her division four times.

There are approximately 750 competitors registered for nationals, which take place at 11 different disc golf parks in the Austin area. Manangan will be competing at two of them.

"They look pretty flat, which is a good thing for me," she says. "Also, the trees are smaller than what we have here."

Manangan's biggest challenge while disc golfing is throwing for distance and courses with hills while she excels on the flats.

She says she is most looking forward to mixing with the professionals and attending clinics, as well as

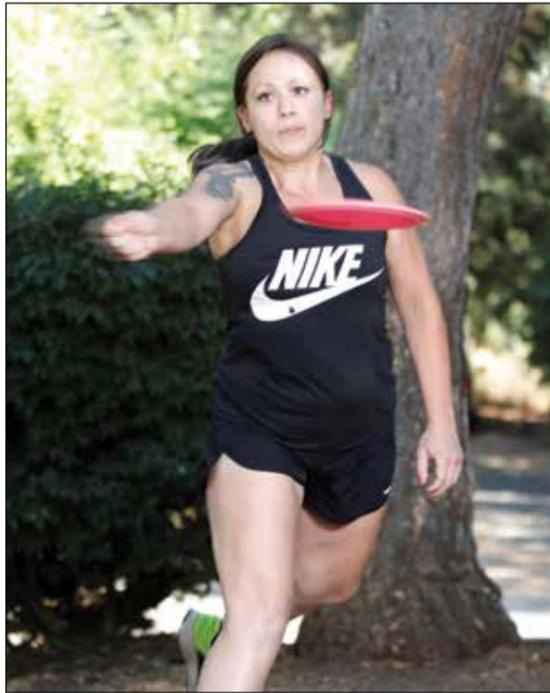


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**Tribal member Jasmine Manangan lets a disc fly at Leverich Park in Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Manangan recently won the amateur division in the National Amateur Disc Golf tournament held in Buxton, Ore., which qualified her to take part in the national championship scheduled for Oct. 26-29 in Austin, Texas.**

the experience itself.

"I'm a bit nervous too, because all of them are probably going to be really good players," Manangan says. "My goal is to do it for the experience and qualify again, and then work more on placement for next year."

Just as the name suggests, disc golf is similar to conventional golf in terms of rules, scoring (the lower the better) and etiquette. Disc golf differs from traditional golf as it is much more affordable, with each disc costing approximately \$15. There are also a number of free courses to play. Players throw a disc at each basket on the course and the winner is the person with the lowest number of total throws in getting their disc into the basket.

According to the Professional Disc Golf Association, the sport provides upper and lower body conditioning, aerobic exercise and mental stimulation. Additionally, those with limited fitness levels and people of all ages can participate.

"I'm excited for the social aspect of this event and the whole experience," Manangan says.

She'll arrive in Austin a few days before tournament play begins on Oct. 26 to scout out the courses and practice.

"The area looks beautiful and I haven't played the courses yet so this is a good opportunity to do

that," Manangan says.

She encourages other moms of young children who want to try something new to give disc golf a shot.

"It's hard to find activities to do with little kids that everyone can enjoy," Manangan says. "I would encourage them to give this a try and to remember to have fun with it. There's lots of running around and imagination involved when you take little kids. Disc golfing is a huge stress reliever so I play every day."

When she's not disc golfing, the Vancouver resident is typically working at Granite Dental as a dental assistant, watching her younger son compete in cross country and track, or cooking.

She hasn't had the opportunity to play disc golf at either of the two new courses in Grand Ronde, which were installed last spring. There is an 18-basket, professional-level course located east of uyxat Powwow Grounds next to Fort Yamhill State Park called Spirit Mountain Disc Golf, as well as a nine-basket course at the Tribal campus. The campus course starts at the old powwow grounds in front of the Governance Center and winds behind the baseball field, down the dirt road and ends near the Clothes Closet close to the community park.

"It's cool that they have those out there now and the whole area is so pretty," Manangan says. ■

## Proposal comes from disenrollment proceedings in 2015

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to disenrollment.

"We came to this decision based on you, our membership, voice who basically said we need a remedy here, we need a fix," Kennedy said. "Our heart is breaking because our Tribal members are subjected to disenrollment. They're subjected to feeling like they are alienated from their people because of disenrollment."

The proposal comes in reaction to the divisive disenrollment proceedings that occurred in 2015 during which 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.

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

History of Tribal Constitution elections				
Date	Yes	No	% yes	Topic
July '99	757	292	72.1	<b>Enrollment</b>
Feb. '08	636	513	55	Grand Ronde blood
Feb. '08	700	450	60.9	Parent on the roll
<b>Feb. '08</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>Relinquishment period</b>
Nov. '11	457	536	46	Enrollment
June '12	407	222	64.7	Primary election
March '15	391	220	64	Term limits
March '15	230	381	37.6	Remove BIA
July '16	382	670	36.3	Initiatives, etc.
July '16	412	639	39.2	Enrollment
March '19	601	345	63.5	Split siblings

**(Bold signifies successful amendment election)**

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 62.4 percent wanting to retain federal oversight.

Senior Tribal Attorney Holly Partridge said that registration packets were scheduled to be sent out by Friday, Sept. 23, and Tribal members must return their registration forms to New Mexico by Tuesday, Oct. 4.

"That is the shortest registration process timeline we have had for an election," she said.

Partridge said that if Tribal members had not received their packets from the BIA by Tuesday, Sept. 27, they should contact Greg Norton at the BIA at 503-231-6723 or via e-mail at greg.norton@bia.gov.

A voter list will be posted on Oct. 7 and Tribal members should ensure that their name is on the list. Ballots will be mailed out no later than Oct. 10 and must be returned by Nov. 2. There is no in-person voting for a BIA constitutional election.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said there would be two meetings held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Thursday, Sept. 29, via Zoom to review the timeline and process for the election. Four

longer hybrid in-person/Zoom educational meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Portland State University's Native American Student & Community Center, Room 110; in Tribal Council Chambers in Grand Ronde at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18; in Salem at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, in a location yet to be determined; and in Tribal Council Chambers in Grand Ronde at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26.

"I would say this is one of those decisions that will have repercussions for generations to come," said Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier. "I happen to be one of the council members who was here for most of the disenrollment proceedings ... It was just a very negative experience in watching the way Tribal members turned on each other and the way it just divided this Tribe. I don't want to leave that for future generations. ... This is just something that we need to close the door on."

Tribal Council members Michael Cherry and Brenda Tuomi also spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

For more information, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) or contact Hernandez at [stacia.martin@grandronde.org](mailto:stacia.martin@grandronde.org). ■

## Oregon State seeking Tribal help to restore region's woodlands with traditional ecological knowledge

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

CORVALLIS – Oregon State University College of Forestry faculty are looking to partner with Pacific Northwest Tribal nations, including the Grand Ronde Tribe, on a three-year forest restoration effort to improve the resilience of the region's woodlands to climate change through traditional ecological knowledge.

The U.S. Department of the Interior is providing \$5 million to fund the pilot project, which will include collecting seeds of culturally and ecologically significant plants on Bureau of Land Management property.

"We will also be assisting soil processes and forest understory and overstory structure, as well as wildlife habitat," said Cristina Eisenberg, the college's new associate dean for inclusive excellence and director of Tribal initiatives. "All work will be done using traditional ecological knowledge best practices, and we want this to become part of a longer-term project."

Oregon State said that in addition to the Grand Ronde Tribe, it will seek to partner with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Indians.

"We will engage each of these Tribal nations individually, co-creating partnerships that best reflect their unique community needs," Eisenberg said. "The BLM is giv-

ing us the flexibility to adapt our project to best meet the needs of our partners."

Traditional ecological knowledge is the accumulation of information, practices and beliefs about relationships and environmental functions, including all elements, species and processes within ecosystems, Eisenberg said. It has been acquired over multiple Indigenous generations through direct contact with the environment and is used in life-sustaining pursuits such as hunting, fishing, trapping, agriculture and forestry.

Traditional ecological knowledge encompasses the world view of Indigenous peoples, Eisenberg said, including ecology, spirituality and human, plant and animal connections.

"We want to engage and empower Tribal youth to help find solutions to the pressing conservation problems we are facing in Oregon and beyond," Eisenberg said. "A goal is to provide as many job and educational opportunities as possible for Tribal youth within the college. We also hope to foster a Tribal seed-growing business, to build on work that has already been done by some Tribal nations, and we will co-create an ecocultural restoration plan for federal land."

Eisenberg, who is Latinx and Native American, said the project will follow Department of the Interior protocols for collecting seeds and will not release the data publicly without permission of the Tribal nations involved. ■



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

**Matthew Clements (Warm Springs/Wasco/Paiute) performs a hoop dance during Timberline Lodge's 85th anniversary celebration held at Mt. Hood on Wednesday, Sept. 28.**

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## Timberline Lodge was constructed in 1937

LAND continued  
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recreate is historical and ancestral land originally belonging to Native and Indigenous people," Timberline representatives said in a press release. "At Timberline, we work with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the U.S. Forest Service to weave the past and present into a better future. We acknowledge this ancestral land area together and pledge to keep Mt. Hood sustainable."

R.L.K. & Co. staff and representatives from the Forest Service, Warm Springs and Grand Ronde Tribes, Friends of Timberline, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol and other organizations attended the meet-and-greet event.

Tribal Council member Kathleen George and Historic Preservation Manager Breece Edwards, Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, Cultural Protection Coordinator Cheryl Pouley and Senior Archaeologist Michael Lewis attended to represent the Grand Ronde Tribe.

A Native American drum and hoop dancer performed songs and dances.

The land acknowledgement reads:

"We share the west land boundaries with the Tribal communities, such as Willamette, Clackamas, Molalla, Multnomah, Watlala, Chinook, Salish, Kathlamet, Tualatin, Kalapuya, and many more who today are part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Our east land boundaries are shared with the Tribal communities of Warm Springs, Wasco, Paiute, Tenino, Wishram and more of the high desert and Columbia River, known as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. We acknowledge and honor them all and this ancestral land and water region with integrity and respect. Our active engagement will be consistent and permanent, strengthening relationships and experiences for all who work, visit and play at Timberline."

Timberline Lodge was constructed in 1937 on the south slope of Mt. Hood at 6,000 feet. It is still being used for its original intent as a ski lodge and mountain retreat. R.L.K and Co. has operated Timberline Lodge since 1955. ■



### VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

All Veterans welcome!

Thursday, November 10, 2022

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

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VA Portland Community Care Presentation  
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Lunch  
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## Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!

Children & Family SERVICES

Family Building Blocks  
Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

**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!

*Walking On...*

**Duane Christopher Wheeler**

June 20, 1940 – Sept. 25, 2022

Tribal Elder Duane Christopher Wheeler passed away peacefully at his home in Otis, Ore., on Sept. 25, 2022.

Duane was born on June 20, 1940, at home in White Swan, Wash., to Furman and Alvina Hoffer Wheeler. In his early years, he attended school in White Swan. In 1959, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. In his late 30s, he attended trade school in Roswell, N.M., for meat cutting and meat wrapping.

He worked at logging in Estacada, Ore., with his brother, Frank Norwest Sr., and also worked for Wheeler Logging for a number of years. He also worked with the Yakama Nation as a Tribal employment rights officer. He farmed and raised cattle for many years, a trait that he learned growing up from his father.

Duane moved to Otis in 1995 to care for his aunt, Irene Hoffer Curl. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and reconnecting with distant relatives. He had an amazing sense of humor.

Duane was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. He served on the ad hoc committee and was also on the board of the Grand Ronde Elders Committee for 10 years. He enjoyed traveling with the Elders on their various trips throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He was always seen with his special pets, Charlie and Sassy. They brought a smile to his face with their wet smooches. They will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Regina Tillequots Wheeler; daughters, Valerie (Pete) Gomes, Eugenia (Ron) George, Krystal Wheeler and Latonia Wheeler; son, Duane (Penny) Wheeler; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Furman and Alvina Wheeler; daughter, Anna; sons, Lloyd and Ronald; brothers, Frank, Furman and Delbert; and sisters, Maisie and Darlene.

The family thanks Evergreen Hospice and Signature Home Health for assisting in Duane's care. Visitation was held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center with a fellowship dinner following at the Lighthouse Church in Grand Ronde. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center is caring for the family.



**Wendy Diane Scott (Linton)**

Oct. 13, 1964 – Sept. 10, 2022

Tribal Elder Wendy Diane Scott passed away Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at the age of 57 at home in Grand Ronde, Ore.

She is survived by her father, Thomas Linton of Grand Ronde; brothers, Marion Linton of Sheridan, Ore., and Dennis Linton and Kristopher Blair of Grand Ronde; sisters, Kathy Cawley of Grand Ronde and Teresa Spittles of Willamina, Ore.; and two children, Daniel and Shawna Scott.

Wendy was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Linton, and stepmother, Debe Linton.

Wendy was a Grand Ronde Tribal member and a member of the community for several years. She was known by probably the biggest share of the community and will be deeply missed.

A celebration of life will be held at the home of her father at 54005 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

Macy & Son Funeral Home in McMinnville is assisting the family.



**Perry Lee Dizick**

May 16, 1946 – Aug. 21, 2022

Tribal spouse Perry Lee Dizick, 76, of Grand Ronde, Ore., peacefully passed away in his sleep on Aug. 21, 2022.

Perry was born to Criss Van Aylwin Dizick and Helen Audrey Dizick on May 16, 1946, in Warrenton, Ore. He was one of nine children.

Perry spent many years as a logger and many more as a mechanic. He had two children with his first wife, Linda: Fred Dizick (Janet) of Port Townsend, Wash., and Angela Dizick of Cottage Grove, Ore. He went on to have two children with his second wife, Sharon: Chris Dizick (Michelle) and Kristina Helfrich (Daniel) of Grand Ronde, Ore.

He loved bluegrass music, hot rods (old buckets of rust), Bigfoot, rocks, history, anything out of the ordinary and just sitting around shooting the breeze. He would tell stories better than most and was a self-proclaimed comedian. You never truly knew if he was kidding you or not and if he got one over on you he would laugh so hard and you knew you would never live it down.

He had a sparkle in his eyes when he talked about his kids or grandkids that could light up a room. As much as we all held a special place in his heart, the fascination and wonder on his face when he watched Chris race or work on cars was something amazing to see. He lived for that. A younger version of himself must have been incredible to watch. I believe he had the same look on his face seeing his grandchildren and then great-grandchildren for the first time. He really truly was in awe of us all. I cannot put into words what he meant to us or just how much he will be missed. Fly high Dad ... until we meet again.

Perry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gaylen, Criss, Pete, Paul and Preble; and sister, Bojanna. He is survived by his sisters, Caroline and Patsy; children, Fred, Angela, Chris and Tina; grandchildren, Julie, Josiah, Haley (Fred) Matthew, Timothy (Angela) Shylo, Kyle, Sydney (Chris) Clayton, Logan, Morgan, Winston, Tatiana, Gabriella, Josalyn, Dakota and Jax (Tina); grandchildren, Pheonix, (Timothy) Peyton and Garrett (Kyle) Hudson (Shylo); and many other nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Chris Dizick's house at 49921 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.

<p><b>Lindsay McClary</b> Polk Soil and Water Conservation District <i>Candidate for Director, Zone 2</i></p>	
<p><b>Soil Protection</b> <b>Water Protection</b> <b>Conservation</b> <b>Restoration</b> <b>Wildlife Habitat</b></p>	<p><b>Vote November 8, 2022</b></p> <p><i>"Conservation is a team effort requiring strong partnerships."</i></p>

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**Tribe receives \$498,228 grant to address opioid crisis**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Oregon Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced almost \$23 million in Department of Health and Human Services grants to combat the opioid crisis in Oregon, including a \$498,228 grant for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, Oregon overdose deaths increased 41 percent in 2021 compared to a 16 percent increase nationwide. In 2020, non-Hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native, non-Hispanic Black, male and people experiencing homelessness were among the highest risk for unintentional drug overdose deaths.

"Every day opioid addiction takes lives and destroys families," said Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy in a press release announcing the grant. "With this funding from Health and Human Services, we will be able to provide critical services through our clinic, Great Circle Recovery, and support patients on their path through recovery."

The awards are intended to address the opioid overdose crisis by providing resources to states, territories and Tribes for increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder and support a continuum of treatment and recovery support services. ■

# Willamina Tribal students' scores fall in English and math

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

**WILLAMINA** — Like their contemporaries around the state, local Tribal students in the Willamina School District saw declines in both their math and English scores after two years of pandemic-related disruptions.

However, there were modest gains in science.

The Oregon Department of Education released its first post-pandemic statewide assessment results on Thursday, Sept. 22.

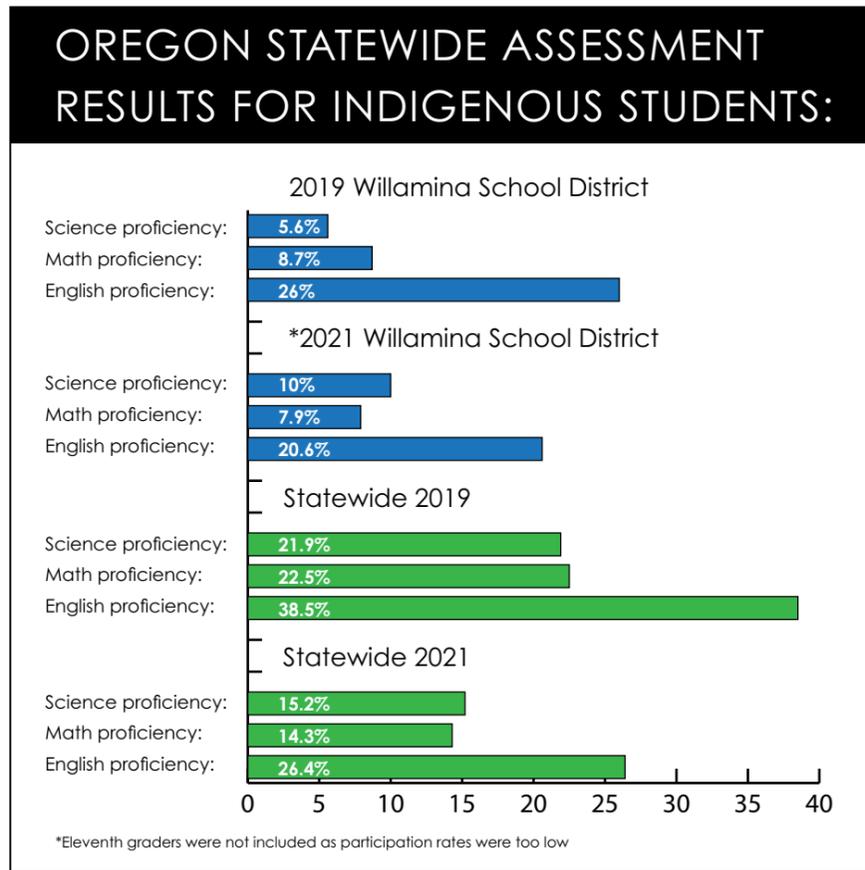
“I believe the losses we are seeing are similar to many districts, attendance, quarantine and lack of social activity each played a role in the lower scores,” Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said. “In addition, many students in third and fifth grade have never taken a state assessment until last year. The test itself is a heavy lift.”

She added that the science test is easier for students because there is less emphasis on narrative answers and it also tests over standards from the previous years.

Although Willamina School District estimates are that approximately 40 percent of the students are Tribal, those who self-identify solely as American Indian/Alaska Native are low because many Tribal students identify as other races or multiracial, which also affects the test numbers because it is an incomplete picture, officials say.

The Willamina scores this year officially record the scores of American Indian/Alaska Native third- through eighth-graders. The number of 11th-graders participating in the tests was too low to count for comparison purposes, mirroring a trend at the state level.

It's the first time in three years that the state has conducted assessments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, when most schools con-



Graph by Samuel Briggs III

ducted their learning remotely for almost 18 months.

In Willamina, Tribal students decreased in math proficiency from 8.7 percent in 2019 to 7.9 percent in 2022. English Language Arts proficiency decreased from 26 percent to 20.6 percent, while science proficiency rose from 5.6 percent to 10 percent.

“We will put a lot of emphasis on attendance this year and creating a positive school culture, both welcoming and safe,” Zimbrick said. “Teachers will focus on big picture standards in the core subjects and provide a lot of individual support to students. Overall, our Native students did well compared to their peers, particularly in ninth grade on track and graduation rate.”

Statewide, students who identify

as American Indian/Alaska Native saw overall proficiency scores drop from 22.5 percent to 14.3 percent in math, 35.8 percent to 26.4 percent in English and 21.9 percent to 15.2 percent in science.

The assessments are designed to identify differences in various student groups in third through eighth grade in the areas of English and math. Additionally, science tests are given to students in fifth, eighth and 11th grade. The term “proficient” refers to students’ achievement level and whether they are on track for college or a career after high school, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of Education.

“The assessment results are a call to action for Oregon to keep advancing the programs we know meet our students’ needs,” Department of

Education Director Colt Gill said. “As expected, the pandemic had an impact on learning in Oregon and across the country.

“Thanks to lawmakers passing the Student Success Act, and the agency’s implementation of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, additional mental health and well-being supports, summer learning and other crucial programs providing engaging instruction and boosting mental health have been implemented. We believe the framework is in place to be able to help Oregon’s students achieve.

“Oregon’s students of color, Tribal citizens, students who experience disability, students navigating poverty and rural students were disproportionately impacted and investments to renew and accelerate learning need to focus on these communities. We stand with our districts as they move forward with the plans they created with local community input to address the needs they see in their schools.”

The state noted that 11th-grade scores shouldn’t be compared with previous year results or across schools and districts because the participation rates were below 60 percent. In Willamina, 67.4 of American Indian/Alaska Native students participated. Oregon allows parents to opt their students out of state testing. In the tests administered in 2019, almost 100 percent of the Willamina students participated.

“I am sad that our attendance rate was so low,” Zimbrick said. “We were on a great trajectory prior to COVID, improving in all key indicators for the past six years. We will get there and improve, it will just take time and effort.”

For more information on scores, visit [oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment](https://oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment). ■

## 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.

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## Youth Education Program

# Washington Exploration Trip





The Youth Education Program is partnering with Youth Empowerment and Prevention to take high school students on an exploration trip to Washington State November 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>! Activities during the trip will include college visits, visits to tribal schools, meeting with other tribal youth, and more! Youth Education has six spots available for Grand Ronde tribal, descendent, and other native students. Preference will be given to junior and senior students.

Questions? Email [youtheducation@grandronde.org](mailto:youtheducation@grandronde.org)

This trip is a privilege for students and it will require missing some school. Students must meet the following requirements to attend:

- Submit a complete application by **October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5pm**
- Good attendance standing with school
- Passing all current classes with a “C” or better
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
- Currently on track to graduate

Youth Education staff will be confirming all requirements for applicants. We need a current ROI and that can be filled out at the following link: <https://bit.ly/ctgreducationroi>. Applicants will be selected and notified by **October 26<sup>th</sup>**.



## Watchlist: The hidden history of 'Hand Talk'

*(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*

Did you know that American Sign Language (ASL) is not the first signing language? In fact, one of the oldest languages and one of the main signing languages to influence ASL is a Native American signing language called "hand talk."

The Vox series "Missing Chapter" shares Native stories you may not know. In the latest edition to the series published to its YouTube channel on May 16, 2022, Vox shares the history of Native American Sign Language and its many regional variations.

According to the video, hand talk was used as a main interTribal language that could be easily communicated between Tribes across the Americas by deaf and hearing people alike.

The video interviews Melanie McKay-Cody, a Cherokee Nation West member and professor at the University of Arizona, as well as Lanny Real Bird from the Apsaalooke Nation, Arikara and Hidatsa. Both agree that hand talk was a means for commerce, economics, special ceremonies, rituals and storytelling.

The Vox video shows a map identifying the North American Indian Sign Language classifications by McKay-Cody. According to that map, Tribes in the area surrounding Grand Ronde would have spoken Northwest Indian Sign Language.

However, the video mainly focuses on the Plains Indian Sign Language (PISL), which Real Bird teaches.

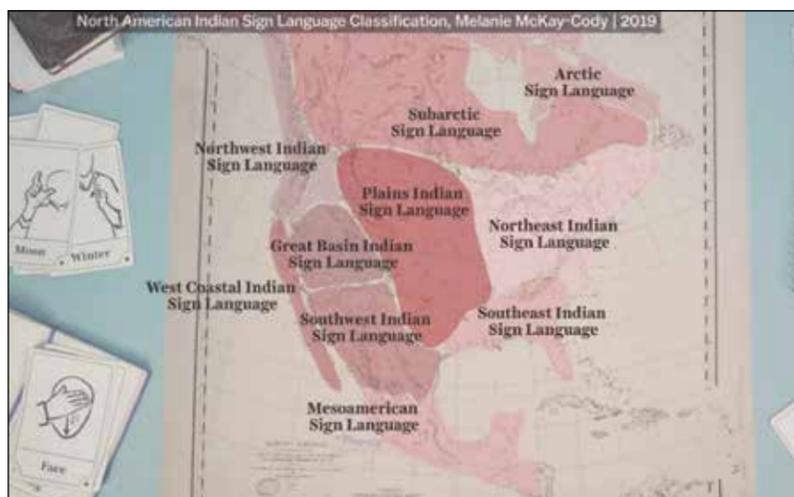
PISL is described as being made up of 4,000 basic words that can be strung together. Real Bird demonstrates to sign the word "war" one would sign the word "big" and then sign the word "fight." To say "beautiful," one could sign "face" and "good."

Although PISL and other hand talk languages were widely used, we don't see them communicated as much today due to residential schools' efforts to exterminate Native languages, hand talk included.

The Vox video states there are only a few fluent PILS signers remaining.

McKay-Cody signs through the entire video, pointing out the ASL signs that were influenced by North American Indian Sign Language.

If you would like to see the words signed for yourself, you can watch the video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1-StAlw3aE&t=206s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1-StAlw3aE&t=206s) or find it linked under the "Watchlist" playlist on the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel. ■



*Smoke Signals* screenshot

**Cherokee Nation West member and professor at the University of Arizona Melanie McKay-Cody's North American Indian Sign Language classification map used in the Vox video "The hidden history of hand talk" published May 16, 2022. According to that map, Tribes in the area surrounding Grand Ronde would have spoken Northwest Indian Sign Language.**

## Grand Ronde Housing Department



### Opportunity for comment on Grand Ronde Housing Department 2023 Indian Housing Plan (IHP)

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Grand Ronde Housing Department (GRHD) has received multiple grants under this program which were active during 2022. **Comments on the Indian Housing Plan are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRHD office or by calling 503-879-2401, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2022.** All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD. ■

## District names auto shop after Steve Bobb Sr.

WILLAMINA – The Willamina School Board voted unanimously during its last meeting to name the district's Career Technical Education automotive shop after Steve Bobb Sr., who walked on Aug. 11 at the age of 73.

Bobb, a three-term Tribal Council member, attended Willamina High School and remained a strong supporter of the district throughout his life. There is signage campus-wide that he and his son, Billy, created, including the new Bulldog logo in the high school gym.

"It's a huge loss for our entire community," Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said. "He left his fingerprint in so many ways on our campus."

A dedication ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4. ■

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I am pleased to announce we can gather once again! Please join us biweekly in this parent connection group.

- Healthy Conversations around parent/child connections
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- Monthly topics with open discussion encouraged
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**Location:**  
**Grand Ronde Community Center**  
**Noon-1 p.m.**

Thursday, Oct. 6  
Thursday, Oct. 20  
Thursday, Nov. 3

Light lunch will be provided

For more information on this series please contact one of our family partners:

Audra.Sherwood@grandronde.org 503-879-2069  
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**Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc.  
Board of Director's Position Openings**

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. ("SMGI"), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde"), operates Spirit Mountain Casino – the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas-style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest's premier casinos. Grand Ronde invites applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There are two board seats expiring on September 30, 2022.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. The Board oversees strategic planning, overall fiscal accountability, budgets and operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

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

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position, and a solid understanding of the Portland metro and Salem area economies. Experience in the following areas is also preferred: gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources, and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is required.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

**Submission Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 2022**

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

Stacia Hernandez, Chief of Staff  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347  
Phone: 503-879-2304  
E-mail: stacia.martin@grandronde.org

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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



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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 this fall; free tuition for 2 irrigation and horticulture classes at Chemeketa Community College; and an IDA savings account at MercyCorps NW.

To apply, contact Sara: [info@elderberrywisdom.org](mailto:info@elderberrywisdom.org)  
[www.elderberrywisdom.org](http://www.elderberrywisdom.org)

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## SSI recipients eligible for Internet service aid

Any household with an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income is eligible to receive discounted Internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program recently launched by the Federal Communications Commission.

Social Security does not count Affordable Connectivity Program assistance as income or a resource for SSI purposes.

The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To enroll in the Connectivity Program, go to [www.fcc.gov/asp](http://www.fcc.gov/asp) for more information. ■

## Lewis to discuss Kalapuyan Tribes of central valley

David Lewis, Grand Ronde Tribal member and Oregon State University assistant professor, will be the featured speaker during the Luckiamute Watershed Council's first Sips 'n' Science talk of the fall/winter series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lewis will discuss various Kalapuyan Tribes and bands of the central Willamette Valley and talk about their culture, how they cared for the land and adjusted when white settlers arrived. He'll also talk about the removal process, treaties, encampments and work by Indian agents to remove Native peoples to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

The free virtual presentation will be held on Zoom and people can register by visiting [www.luckiamutelwc.org/kalapuya-history.html](http://www.luckiamutelwc.org/kalapuya-history.html). ■



David Lewis

## FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a Second Reading at the Aug. 10, 2022, Tribal Council meeting.

The Fish and Wildlife Ordinance has not been updated since 2015. The proposed amendments went out for First Reading on April 6, 2022. Comments were received on or about May 6, 2022. After a Work Session with Tribal Council and Natural Resources staff, additional revisions were made to address the comments received. Tribal Council asked that the proposed revisions to the Ordinance go out for a Second Reading. The proposed amendments reflect updates to the ceremonial hunting and fishing program, limit the number of transfer tags that are available to Tribal members to five (5) per year, provide for a mentored youth hunting program, suspend the ability to receive a hunting tag if a Tribal member fails to turn in their tag from the previous season, and make other minor and technical changes.

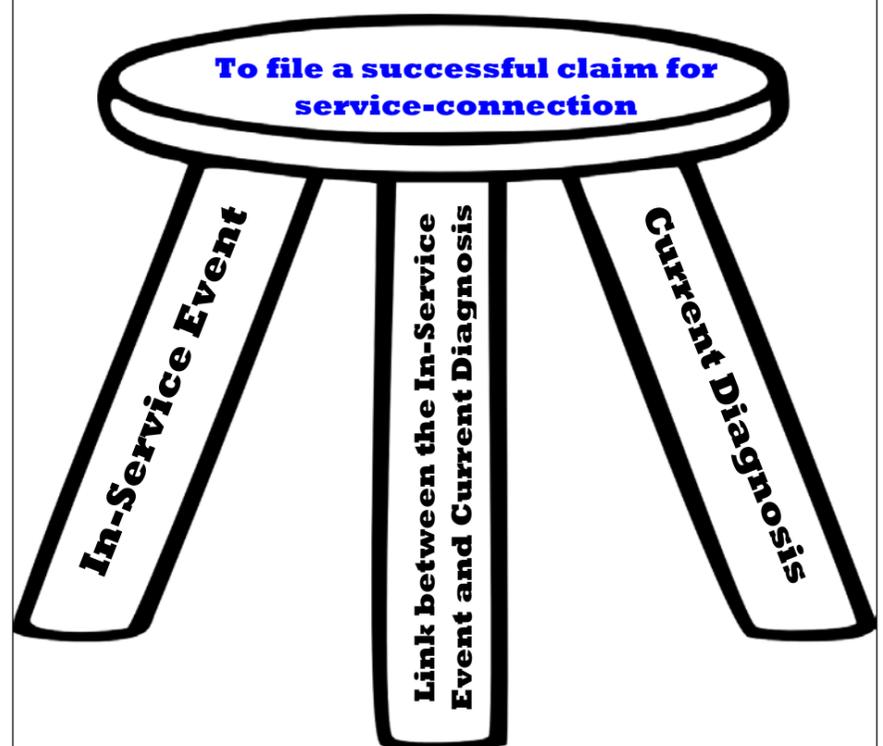
Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 or by e-mail to [legal@grandronde.org](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

Comments must be received by Oct. 1, 2022. ■



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

This is all you need (the 3 legged-stool):



## Veterans! Thursday Meetups

Contact the TVSO at (503) 879-1484 or [CTGR TribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org](mailto:CTGR TribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org) to sign up. You may bring one guest. Limited to 30 spots for each meet up.

- July 14, 2022**  
**10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
 &  
**September 8, 2022**  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Come enjoy coffee and a hot meal  
 Visit with your fellow veterans
- November 10, 2022**  
**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Learn about various veteran benefits

At 25500 SW Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347 ~ The "Q" Building



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Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Noon



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Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool

Goodbye Poem

See you later alligator  
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In an hour sunflower  
 Maybe two kangaroo

Got to go hippo  
 Better wash jellyfish

Chop, chop lollipop  
 Got to run skeleton

Bye bye butterfly  
 Better shake rattlesnake

Give a hug ladybug  
 Take care polar bear

Our time together now ends  
 So goodbye good friends!



# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## Thursday, July 28

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Investigation follow-up performed in the 47000 block of Hebo Road.
- Assist outside agency in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Theft reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. A vehicle was broken into and items were stolen.
- Assist outside agency with a reported missing person in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway. An officer assisted Polk County Sheriff's deputies with the missing person call.
- Assist outside agency with a disturbance in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.

## Friday, July 29

- Suspicious vehicle reported near milepost 1.5 on Highway 18B. The vehicle was illegally parked with an occupant sleeping inside. The occupant did not need medical assistance and was advised to park at a different location.
- Attempt to locate occurred in 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road for a possible DUII subject. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the subject.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined that no crimes were committed.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road for a trespass issue. A citizen was contacted and advised to call for assistance with future trespassing occurrences.
- A shot was heard in the area of Big Buck campground. Officers checked the area and were unable to locate anything suspicious.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a domestic disturbance near milepost 27 on Highway 18. The domestic issue was later determined to be in Sheridan.
- Assist outside agency with a civil complaint in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Attempt to locate/welfare check performed in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. The subject was later located in Sheridan and was contacted by Yamhill County Sheriff's deputies.

## Saturday, July 30

- Attempt to locate performed in 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road for a possible DUII subject. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the subject.
- Attempt to locate performed for a driving complaint in the area of milepost 10 on Highway 18. Due to a delay, officers were not able to locate the vehicle.
- Trespass reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. An individual selling fake jewelry was contacted and trespassed from the location.
- Assist outside agency with a missing person near milepost 29 on Highway 18. A person suffering from dementia was located and reunited with their family.
- Driving complaint reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway for a possible DUII. The vehicle was located and an officer determined the driver was not impaired.
- Driving complaint reported near milepost 24 on Highway 18 for a possible DUII. Due to a delay, the vehicle was not located.
- Suspicious vehicle reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road. The occupant of the vehicle was contacted and advised to move along.

## Sunday, July 31

- Theft reported in 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fight reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Both involved parties were contacted and one subject was arrested.
- Traffic assist occurred for a disabled vehicle near milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Assist outside agency with a driving complaint near milepost 24 on Highway 18. The vehicle was located, but was not contacted due to traffic conditions. Vehicle information and information re-

garding the original complaint were passed on to Lincoln County.

- Traffic assist occurred for a disabled vehicle near milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway

## Monday, Aug. 1

- Citizen contact occurred in the 48000 block of Blacktail Drive.
- Theft follow-up in the 6500 block of Salmon River Highway. Suspects were contacted by officers and stolen property was recovered.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. A suspicious vehicle was reported and the caller was concerned that the vehicle had followed them from the location to Willamina. At the time of call, the suspicious vehicle was no longer following the caller.
- Attempt to locate a possible DUII. The Lincoln City Police Department requested that officers attempt to locate a possible DUII leaving the Lincoln City area. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the subject.
- Assist outside agency with an emotionally distressed person in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers responded to the area and provided assistance.

## Tuesday, Aug. 2

- A vehicle pursuit occurred in the area of Highway 22 and Greenwood. The pursuit was called off due to speeds and other factors.
- Traffic assist occurred for a disabled vehicle at Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- Driving complaint received near milepost 2 on Highway 22. Officers received a report of a vehicle passing unsafely and tailgating. The vehicle was located in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway and the driver was contacted.
- Driving complaint received regarding possible road rage near milepost 25 on Highway 18. Officers received a report of a vehicle actively ramming another vehicle on the highway. The drivers were contacted and the aggressor was arrested.
- Attempt to locate for a welfare check in the 27000 block Salmon River Highway. The Washington County Sheriff's Office requested assistance locating an individual who suffers from dementia. The individual was later located by another agency out of the area.
- Participated in the Willamina National Night Out.
- Missing person reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers received a report of a missing/overdue person who had not returned home. The missing person returned home and did not require any assistance from officers.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers contacted the occupant of a vehicle and they were advised to move along.

## Wednesday, Aug. 3

- Reported theft in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Subject was contacted by officers and arrested.
- Warrant arrest occurred in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Assist outside agency with a crash near milepost 17 on Hebo Road. An officer responded and assisted with traffic control.
- Attempt to locate a possible DUII in the 9400 block of Hebo Road. An anonymous caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area and advised the driver might be impaired. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Attempt to locate a possible DUII in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Report of an intoxicated male driving a vehicle from a residence in Salem. A couple minutes after the original call, it was reported that the vehicle had returned and was still at the residence in Salem.
- Suspicious vehicle reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road. Officers contacted an RV parked in the area. The occupants advised that they were having electrical issue and did not require any assistance.

*Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Brian Hamlin.*

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# 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](mailto:tammy.garrison@grandronde.org).

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CTGR EMPLOYMENT  
 Posted September 22, 2022

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage
1594	Certified Nursing Assistant – AFC *	7	\$19.60/hr.	\$25.42/hr.
1666	Health Administrator	12	\$31.56/hr.	\$40.58/hr.
1669	Lodge Caregiver *	7	\$19.60/hr.	\$25.42/hr.
1670	Tribal Civil Engineer	15	\$85,766.70/yr.	\$112,005.60/yr.
1671	Lodge Caregiver - On Call *	7	\$19.60/hr.	\$25.42/hr.
1718	Staff Accountant	11	\$28.69/hr.	\$36.95/hr.
1721	Firefighter – On-Call	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/hr.
1724	Copywriter	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1725	Dental Assistant	7	\$19.60/hr.	\$25.42/hr.
1736	Community Health Aide IV	14	\$79,431.66/yr.	\$101,890.31/yr.
1744	Community Health Manager	17	\$103,777.71/yr.	\$135,273.51/yr.
1750	Early Head Start Teacher	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1754	Grant Assistant	9	\$49,320.81/yr.	\$63,721.53/yr.
1757	Tribal Court Programs Coordinator	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/hr.
1758	Chinuk Wawa Outreach Teacher	10	\$54,252.90/yr.	\$69,982.47/yr.
1760	Academic Coach	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1775	Firefighter – Paramedic Preferred	9	\$49,320.81/yr.	\$63,721.53/yr.
1782	Enrollment Officer	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1784	Literacy Specialist	12	\$31.56/hr.	\$40.58/hr.
1785	Enrichment Coordinator Aide (On-Call)	5	\$16.53/hr.	\$21.10/hr.
1787	Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor - On Call	5	\$16.53/hr.	\$21.10/hr.
1788	Chinuk Wawa Assistant Teacher	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1790	Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1789	Mental Health Therapist	12	\$65,646.00/yr.	\$84,415.32/yr.
1708	Peer Support Specialist/Female – Salem	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/hr.
1726	Physician – Salem/Portland	25	\$198,820.72/yr.	\$289,247.17/yr.
1776	Client Registration Specialist -Portland	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1777	Clinical Manager - Portland	14	\$79,431.66/yr.	\$101,890.31/yr.
1778	Licensed Practical Nurse – Portland	12	\$65,646.00/yr.	\$84,415.32/yr.
1779	Licensed Practical Nurse PART TIME – Portland	12	\$31.56/hr.	\$40.58/hr.
1786	Billing-Auditing Specialist	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1616	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.

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INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.
  - a. (Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
3. External candidates.

## find your path CTGR TEMP POOL

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

Apply online to begin your journey!

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

**POSTING TITLE**      **CLOSE DATE**      **WAGE/SALARY**

Count Operations Attendant I	9/29/2022	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Count Operations Attendant II	9/29/2022	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Dish Machine Operator ( Full-Time & *Part-Time)	9/29/2022	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	9/29/2022	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician I	9/29/2022	\$19.39/hr. DOE
Baker (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent II	Until Filled	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	Until Filled	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Lodge Houseperson – RV Park Club House (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips

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All Positions

Due to the nature of the interactions with other employees and the public we serve, Spirit Mountain Casino employees are required to provide documentation of receiving their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine at time of hire and must have second shot of vaccine within 45 days of hire and booster vaccines are required.

**\*Part-time employees are eligible for a 20% differential pay to their base wage if they are scheduled to work up to 29.99 hours per week.**

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

- ✓ Positions are offered depending on experience (DOE) within the range
- ✓ SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- ✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.
- ✓ Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ **\*\* Applicants that are hired for this position may be eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus \*\***

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 Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

If you or a family member needs fentanyl strips, please contact the Grand Ronde Behavioral Health program at 503-879-2026.

## 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 heroin
- 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 exactly the same
- Many people don't realize they are taking fentanyl
- Fentanyl is causing a dramatic increase in overdoses
- Anyone who uses drugs can overdose, even if it's their first time or if they have been using for a long time

### Naloxone

Naloxone (Narcan or Kloxxado) can reverse a fentanyl overdose. Fentanyl is a strong opioid, so 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.

### Help people who are overdosing

If you have gloves and a mask, wear them for extra safety. You've got to breathe in a VERY LARGE amount of fentanyl over a REALLY LONG time to even begin to feel its effects - like dust-storm levels in a closed room for over 3 hours.

### If you get fentanyl powder on you

Dry fentanyl powder is not absorbed by skin. Your skin will only absorb fentanyl powder if it's mixed with a liquid.

- While dry, brush off as much as you can
- Don't touch your mouth or eyes where fentanyl can be easily absorbed
- Flush with water (to dilute the fentanyl)
- Wash your clothes

### 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't 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—like "bup" (buprenorphine) and methadone—work for people who take fentanyl. Ask a substance use treatment provider for more information.

### There is hope

We can heal our communities by educating ourselves, supporting each other, and accepting help when we need it.

Text "OPIOIDS" to 94449 to receive videos, quizzes, facts, and more to grow your knowledge about opioids.

Visit the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's website at [www.npaihb.org/opioid](http://www.npaihb.org/opioid) to learn more about treatments, reversing an overdose, and other important topics.

## Pharmacy opening pickup/drop off windows

Is that a light at the end of the tunnel?

Even better. It's Pharmacy opening its pickup windows!



- Starting Monday, Oct. 3, the pharmacy windows will be open for medication pick up/drop off:
  - Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m.
  - Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m.
- Curbside service will no longer be available unless patients are unable to physically come into the clinic lobby.
- Mailing prescriptions will continue to be available without charge for postage.
- Pharmacy lockers will still be available 24/7.
- If you have questions, please call pharmacy staff at 503-879-2342.

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