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Membership votes to limit disenrollments

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal voters decisively approved only the third change to the Tribal Constitution since 1983's Restoration during the Nov. 2 election that will limit future disenrollments to only cases of fraud and dual enrollment.

Of the 679 Tribal members who voted, 516 approved the amendment for a 75.99 percent approval rate, which surpassed the Tribal Con-

stitution's requirement of two-thirds approval. Only 163 Tribal members voted "no."

Of the 858 Tribal members who registered to vote in the Bureau of Indian Affairs-run election, 679, or 79.1 percent, voted. At least 30 percent of those who registered had to cast a ballot for the results to count.

About 20 percent of all adult Tribal members registered to vote in the Nov. 2 constitutional amendment election. During the recent Septem-

ber Tribal Council election, there were approximately 4,400 adult Tribal members.

"This is a big day," said Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier during a special Nov. 2 Tribal Council meeting, adding that the result will alleviate fear among Tribal members that they one day might be the subject of disenrollment

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Wahoo Yahoo!

Company taps Tribal member to design logo

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

The Internet company Yahoo rolled out a new logo on Tuesday, Nov. 1, featuring bright colors and an artistic style the Grand Ronde community may recognize.

Grand Ronde Tribal member and artist Steph Littlebird was approached by Yahoo over the social media app Instagram to re-design the logo in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Littlebird, who grew in Oregon and currently resides in Las Vegas, says Yahoo redesigns the logo for heritage and identity recognition months, working with artists from that respective community.

"It's something that they do throughout the year and I was really honored to be asked," Littlebird says.

The logo Littlebird was commissioned to design uses Native American patterns local to the Willamette Valley area, as well as other patterns she researched, to fill up the space within the lettering. The last "O" features a Native woman and her baby wrapped in a blanket, which is currently Yahoo's avatar on all its social media platforms.

According to Littlebird, Yahoo mainly let her take creative control of the design, which made her feel appreciated as an artist.

"It's cool when I get to do these crossover projects, where I get to do a little bit of design but still be my artist-self," she says.

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Graphic by Steph Littlebird

Levine participates in Indian Child Welfare Act panel



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer

SALEM — Grand Ronde Tribal member Nicomi Levine said her work as an Indian Child Welfare Act unit supervisor with the state of Oregon is far more than a

job to her.

"I work for the Oregon Department of Human Services, but I'm also a mom and grand-

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Nicomi Levine, a Grand Ronde Tribal member and Indian Child Welfare Act unit supervisor for the Oregon Department of Human Services, center, is joined by Attorney Lea Ann Easton, left, and Oregon Department of Health Services' Office of Tribal Affairs Director Adam Becenti during the Oregon Department of Human Services' "Complex Conversation" event held at Willamette University on Wednesday, Nov 2. The conversation concerned the Haaland v. Brackeen case that is before the Supreme Court and seeks to declare the Indian Child Welfare Act unconstitutional.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Tribal members can participate remotely through the Zoom application and in-person attendance.

Call 503-879-2304 for more information.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 16.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 30.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 28.....	4 p.m.

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

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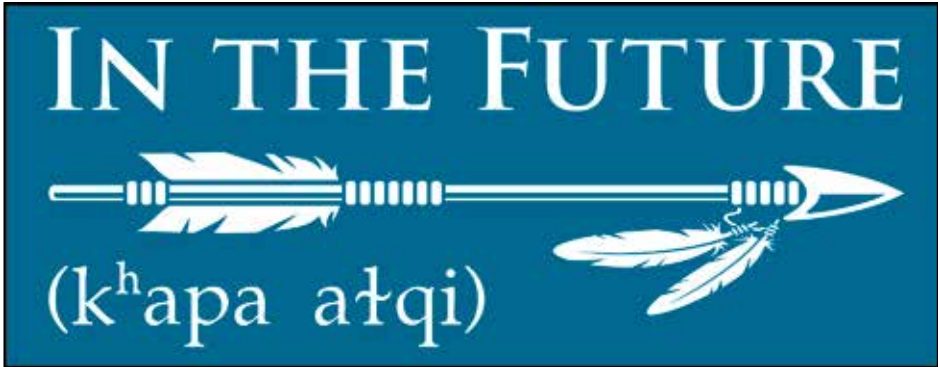
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taʔlam-pi-ixt-mun (November)

- Wednesday, Nov. 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19 – Elders Committee Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m., Chachulu gym, 8720 Grand Ronde Road.
- Monday, Nov. 21 – Tribal offices closed.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Restoration Day.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 – 39th Restoration Day celebration, 11 a.m., at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. RSVPs to attend were due by Monday, Oct. 31. RSVPs were not required to attend the Restoration Powwow at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23-25 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

taʔlam-pi-wakwst-mun (December)

- Sunday, Dec. 4 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Dec. 16 – Christmas Parade, 5:30 p.m., through Elder housing and Tribal housing along Raven Loop and Grand Meadows. 541-992-2234.
- Monday, Dec. 26 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

Christmas Parade
set for Dec. 16

Organizer Veronica Gaston said that this year’s Christmas Parade will occur at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, with the gathering area near the Governance Center.
The parade route will include Elders housing, the Tribal apartments off Tyee Road and Raven Loop and then Grand Meadows.
For more information, contact Gaston at 541-992-2234. ■

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Give _____ Permission to pick up my fish.

Signature of Tribal Member: _____ Date: _____

Food Bank news

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

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

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

The Food Bank will hold November food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

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

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

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

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Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, using the Zoom teleconference application. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Daniel Ham.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 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.



2017 – The fifth Grand Ronde History & Culture Summit attracted a record number of 250 people from across the state. The annual event began in 2013 to help remedy the issue of Tribal histories not being properly documented in the past. Over the course of the two-day summit, attendees participated in group lectures about land and water, traditional gatherings, historic preservation and the Chinuk Wawa language.



File photo

2012 – For the second consecutive election, Oregonians overwhelmingly rejected the idea of allowing a private casino to be built in the Portland suburb of Wood Village. Voters rejected the idea by a 71 percent to 29 percent margin. Oregonians also defeated a constitutional amendment to allow privately operated casinos in the state.

2007 – Grand Ronde Tribal member Rebecca Knight was selected as the 2007-08 Hatfield Fellow. Knight, 22, was the ninth fellow and fifth Grand Ronde Tribal member to enter the program. She was set to begin her fellowship in Rep. Darlene Hooley’s office in December.

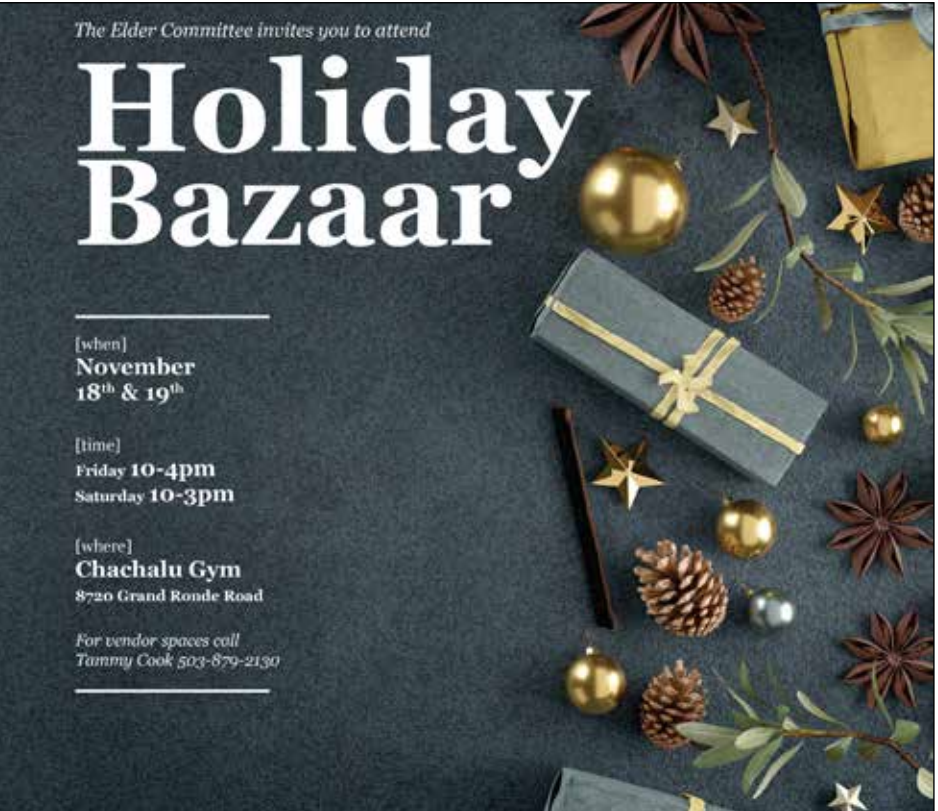
2002 – The Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial fundraiser featured Roy Hawthorne, a World War II Navajo code talker. He waived his customary speaking fee to help the Tribe defray costs. Hawthorne was a part of a group of Navajo men who developed the only military code the Japanese were unable to break during the war. The fundraising event also included other speakers, dancers and the Eagle Beak Singers.

1997 – The first manufactured homes to be financed by Norwest Mortgage were expected to be delivered to the Grand Meadows home sites later in the month. “Homebuyers are eagerly waiting to move in, but will need continued patience while the factory crews and the contractors complete their work, making the home ready to occupy. Homeowners should begin moving in by early December,” an article stated.

1992 – The Medicine Wolf Alumni group included several Tribal members in recovery from drugs, alcohol or other dysfunctional behaviors. It was formed by those who had gone through treatment and wanted to have a support network that included resources for housing, jobs, child care and community interactions to help them gain self-esteem. They were hosting a can and bottle drive to raise money for their organization and to help promote healthy living activities.

1987 – The Tribe announced that there were 14 higher education and 12 adult vocational training students enrolled full-time for fall term. Additionally, the Adult Education Program was sponsoring culture and heritage classes every other week at the Depot Office. The Education Program also offered assistance for people seeking to earn a high school diploma or for basic skills development.

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



Tribal Council OKs Shasta agreement in special meeting

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved two items during a special meeting held on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Tribal Council approved an agreement with Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services, a third-party administrator for health care services, regarding a \$350,000 capital contribution to the company using the Tribe's line of credit that will eventually be paid back. Tribal Council approved making the contribution during its Oct. 12 meeting.

The loan will help Shasta address cash flow issues stemming from system upgrades and litigation expenses, a background statement included in the Tribal Council packet said.

In return, Shasta agreed to release the Tribe and its entities from any claims Shasta or its parent company, Lamatsin LLC, have against the Tribal entities arising out of a lawsuit filed by QualiCenters Salem LLC against Shasta and First Choice Health Network.

QualiCenters Salem is owned by Waltham, Mass.-based Fresenius Medical Care North America. Fresenius, founded in 1996, specializes in the care of people suffering from chronic renal disease.

The lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court in Oregon, alleges Shasta and First Choice have "regularly failed and refused to fulfill their contractual obligations" in paying QualiCenters Salem network rates for the treatment of a patient who worked at Spirit Mountain Casino. It is seeking approximately \$1.5 million for past billing and payments for services it provided for the patient.

Shasta, however, asserts it is the payor of last resort and Quali-



Michael Langley

Centers Salem failed to bill Medicare first for the patient's treatment before attempting to collect from Shasta.

The Tribe has co-owned Shasta Administrative Services since November 2012 in partnership with Hawaii-Western Management Group Inc. of Honolulu, Hawaii.

Lamatsin is a partnership between the Tribe's Huyhuy LLC — Chinook for "to do business with or trade with" — and Hawaii-Western Management Group. Huyhuy owns 51 percent of Lamatsin and Hawaii-Western owns the other 49 percent.

"The specific terms of the release, working capital, as well as other Tribal contributions, are set forth in a settlement agreement between the Tribe, Shasta, Lamatsin LLC and Huyhuy LLC. The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, has reviewed the terms of the settlement agreement and believes it is in the Tribe's best interest to execute the agreement," the background statement added.

Shasta employs approximately 60 people and makes about \$17 million in annual revenues, according to the website Datanyze.

The other item involved paying the Tribe's \$30,000 annual dues to the National Congress of American Indians and appointing Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley as the Tribe's principal delegate to the organization.

Langley and Tribal Council member Denise Harvey attended NCAI's 79th annual convention held in Sacramento, Calif. ■

Health award winners



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Grand Ronde Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe, above, and Tribal member Dr. Ashley Tuomi, below, who is director of the Office of Clinical Support for the Portland Area Indian Health Service, both stood for photos with Capt. Marcus Martinez, director of the Portland Area Indian Health Service, after receiving Portland Area Director's Awards during the 2022 Indian Health Service Portland Area Director's Recognition of Excellence Ceremony held on Friday, Nov. 4, in Portland. Rowe received her award for 2020 and Tuomi's award was for 2021. Tribal member Samantha Thammavong, acting Human Resources director for the Portland Area Indian Health Service, also was recognized as part of the 2020 Portland Area Director's Awards for a COVID-19 Pandemic Heroism group award.



University of Oregon begins scholars program

EUGENE – The University of Oregon started its Home Flight Scholars Program on Monday, Oct. 10, that is immediately available to currently enrolled eligible undergraduate students and was built in consultation with its Native American Advisory Council.

Through a combination of federal, state and institutional grants, the Home Flight Scholars Program will cover full tuition and fee costs for American Indian/Alaska Native residents, create a new academic advisor position, enhance mentorship opportunities and develop a culture-rich program for new students to help them start successful academic careers.

The program became available immediately to an estimated 150 to 175 self-identified American Indian/Alaska Native undergraduate students who are Oregon residents.

Under the program, once state and federal options are exhausted, the University of Oregon will waive remaining tuition and fees for Oregon residents who are enrolled citizens of any federally recognized Tribe.

"The university is dedicated to the success of Oregon's American Indian/Alaska Native students," said Interim President Patrick Phillips. "The Home Flight Scholars Program tackles the unique challenges these students face and prepares them to graduate with an education and the experience that empowers them to return home and make a positive impact in their communities and for their families." ■

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General Council briefed on 2023 draft budget

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer
Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for calendar year 2023 during the Sunday, Nov. 6, hybrid General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application and in-person at the Governance Center.

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

Leno’s draft budget presentation ran approximately 45 minutes and he fielded nine questions and comments regarding next year’s Tribal spending plan.

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

The November *Tilixam Wawa* also features a detailed look at the 2023 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, to submit written comments. The final 2023 budget will be adopted on or before Dec. 31.

In other action, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, with a report from the Grand Ronde Food Bank (iskam mək'mək haws). The

meeting will again be in a hybrid format on Zoom and in-person at the Governance Center.

Kennedy also thanked all of the veterans in the audience because Friday, Nov. 11, was Veterans Day.

“I want to express my appreciation for the service of those who are our veterans, both at home and in other countries defending our rights and others,” she said. “Thank you for your service.”

Tribal Council member Jon A. George told audience members that even though registration is closed for the upcoming Restoration celebration on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Spirit Mountain Casino, all are welcome to attend the Restoration Powwow, which begins at the casino at 5:30 p.m. and will feature several dance specials.

Desiree Allen, Lorena Rivera, Raymond Petite, Bill Stephens and David Leno won the \$50 door prizes. Petite donated his winnings to the Veterans Special Event Board.

Anthony Quenelle, Reyn Leno and Toby Ambrose won the \$100 door prizes. Leno donated his winnings to Fish & Wildlife Committee.

Shawn Haggerty and Denise Delagarza won two beaded necklaces made by Jon A. George.

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

TERO holds annual appreciation dinner

By Kamiah Koch
Social media / digital journalist

The annual TERO Appreciation Dinner was held Friday, Nov. 4, at Spirit Mountain Casino with Tribal Employment Rights Office Director Harris Reibach performing the role of master of ceremonies throughout the night, introducing speakers, presenting awards and announcing raffle winners.


Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gave an invocation and Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi spoke on behalf of Tribal Council.

A dinner was served to the approximately 100 attendees followed by more speeches of appreciation and presentations.

TERO Commission Chair Russell Wilkinson spoke on behalf of the TERO Commission and Angela Crain of the Office of Civil Rights at the Oregon Department of Transportation complimented the ongoing partnership between TERO and ODOT.

“The night was awesome,” Reibach said after the event. “It was a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation to our workers and Indigenous-owned businesses.”

Toward the end of the event, the TERO Worker of the Year Award was presented. Grand Ronde Tribal member Matt Lux received the 2021 Worker of the Year Award and Klamath Tribal member Jerry Yanez received the 2022 Worker of the Year honors. ■



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To promote the new shellfish agreement signed this year between the Tribe and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tribal members and Natural Resources Department staff spent Thursday, Oct. 27, crabbing in Netarts Bay. You can watch the Smoke Signals video to see the day’s adventures and learn more about the Tribal shellfish permit.

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



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Tribal employees share successes of Warriors of Hope program

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer

Tribal employees Danielle Murrell and Anne Falla capped off National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by participating in a panel discussion about how to recognize intimate partner violence and ways to help survivors cope.

Murrell is the Grand Ronde Warriors of Hope program manager and Falla serves as the victim assistance advocate. The program offers a confidential outlet to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking.

They joined other public health professionals, victim advocates and activists from across the state for a Zoom “Lunch & Learn,” event on Friday, Oct. 28. It was sponsored by the Oregon Commission for Women, whose mission is to “work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for women and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issue and needs confronting women and girls in Oregon.”

October was first declared National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Since then, it has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims.

The event was held the day after Murrell’s department hosted a “Take a Stand Walk With Me” awareness event on the Tribal campus, which attracted several Tribal and community members.

“Anne and Danielle provide critical work that focuses on services for Native American women and children,” commission co-chair Natasha Haunsperger said.

Murrell began with a brief history of the Tribe, starting with when Tribal members were force-marched to the Grand Ronde Reservation in 1856, how the Tribe was terminated in 1954 and the resulting fracture of family and cultural bonds.

“That leads to a lot of the historical and intergenerational trauma in Indian County today,” she said.

The domestic violence prevention program started as a grassroots effort in 2014.

“There were overwhelming rates of domestic violence in our community,” Murrell said. “Anne Falla



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Grand Ronde Warriors of Hope Program Manager Danielle Murrell and Victim Assistance Advocate Anne Falla joined other public health professionals, victim advocates and activists from across the state to cap off National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a Zoom “Lunch & Learn,” event on Friday, Oct. 28. The event was sponsored by the Oregon Commission for Women, and involved a panel discussion about how to recognize intimate partner violence and ways to help survivors cope.

has earned and gained trust in our community through her tireless work. We are lucky to have her as a victim assistance advocate.”

Falla recalled when it was just her working with domestic violence victims, which eventually became overwhelming.

“We were a team of one,” Falla said. “We had a very strong medical staff who were seeing things at the clinic and weren’t afraid to speak the hard truth of what was going on behind closed doors.”

From there, the Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Program was born.

“I did it for four years and the sheer volume and severity of the calls burned me out,” Falla said.

Some of the calls she fielded included reports of families trafficking their children for drugs, a woman who had her throat cut and was left for dead, someone whose partner attempted to drown her in a river, police over or under response to the calls for help and children who were assaulted for decades.

Falla left the program in 2018, but returned after Murrell took the job and the department was expanded through grant funding.

“We can certainly relate and are supportive of you and your work,” Haunsperger said. “It’s extraordinary that you have come back and we are honored to learn about and bring to the surface the amazing work you are doing.”

Haunsperger asked Falla and Murrell to tell attendees more about the new modular shelters for domestic violence victims that will soon be opened in Grand Ronde, and how they were able to secure the funding.

“We’ve had significant revitalization with the assistance of federal grants,” Murrell said. “Before that, it wasn’t uncommon to have domestic violence calls manned by one person. Now we’re a program of six and were able to purchase

two modular homes that will serve as emergency shelters for victims of trafficking, Elder abuse and domestic violence.”

The Warriors of Hope program also recently received Housing and Urban Development funding for an expansion of the Community Center, where its program is currently housed.

“The expansion will provide for more privacy and confidentiality and also will house support groups and play spaces for kids,” Murrell said. “We’re excited for those things.”

Haunsperger also asked Murrell and Falla to describe the challenges of advocating for Tribal victims in the court system and the barriers they encountered.

“Sometimes it gets messy because our Reservation borders four counties and complaints get dropped because the counties weren’t talking to each other,” Falla said.

Afterward, the panel members took questions. One that Falla answered was how employers could help employees who were victims of violence.

“Victims have a lot going on,” Falla said. “They have to worry about transportation, shelter, schools for their children and work. Finding employers who will help employees through these times is critical. I’m not sure how we would do this, but we need to support survivors.”

Falla said that Warriors of Hope had partnered with various housing authorities for fast track housing vouchers, so those who want to escape a violent situation but don’t have the influx of cash that it often takes for a new apartment can secure a place to live without spending months or years on a waiting list.

“Creating these partnerships is critical,” she said. ■

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Tribe's takeover of West Valley fire, emergency services is now complete

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The Grand Ronde Tribe's assumption of all fire and emergency medical response services in the West Valley is nearing completion after Tribal Council approved a new intergovernmental agreement with the West Valley Fire District that will see the Tribe operate the fire station in Willamina for the next five years.

According to the agreement, the Tribe will staff and operate fire services in Willamina starting on Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2027.

“Tribal Council believes it is in the best interest of the Tribe to enter into the intergovernmental agreement ... because the five-year fire service agreement provides an enhanced level of fire and emergency medical services to the local communities and promotes Tribal sovereignty,” the resolution states.

The agreement caps a 12-year evolution of the Tribe becoming a major provider of fire and emergency medical services in the West Valley.

In June 2010, the Tribe opened the \$1 million fire station in Grand Ronde at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads and provided funding to staff it in an effort to reduce response times to the community.

In 2020, the Tribe and West Valley Fire District agreed to a transition plan under which the Tribe would assume control and operations at the Grand Ronde Station.

Earlier this year, the Tribe and district agreed that the Tribe would expand its emergency medical response services and provide staffing for those services at the Willamina station.

The new agreement consummates the Tribe's and district's "desire to transition complete control and operation" to the Tribe.



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council approved an intergovernmental agreement on Wednesday, Nov. 9, that will see the Tribe operating the Willamina Fire Station for five years beginning on Jan. 1, 2023.

Tribal Council also approved a \$687,800 contract with Scholten Construction of Willamina to provide early work and construction at the site of the new Grand Ronde Fire Station and emergency management facility expansion project that will be built immediately east of the current fire station at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an amendment to the cooperative agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency that will bring the Tribe \$277,563 to pay for its Portland Harbor cleanup consultant;
- Approved applying to place 884 acres of Tribal Tillamook County forestlands into trust with the federal government; The Tribe has owned the property since December 2016;
- Appointed Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi to replace Jack Giffen Jr. on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees with a term that expires in September 2023;

- Approved a pipeline easement with the city of Keizer at the Chemawa Station property co-owned by the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes. The easement will allow for installation of water lines to the property;
- Approved amendments to the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance that governs the operations of *Smoke Signals*. The amendments designate the paper as an essential service, clarify the process for appointing Editorial Board members, ensure all staff members adhere to journalism

ethics and increase the years of experience necessary to be the editor from five to 10 years;

- Approved a new five-year memorandum of agreement with the Willamina School District, which is comprised of approximately one-third Native students who are mostly Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants;
- Approved a maximum \$2.5 million loan to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. to build an outdoor smoking lounge at Spirit Mountain Casino. The Tribe will use its line of credit to fund the loan;
- And approved amendments to the Fish & Wildlife Ordinance that update ceremonial hunting and fishing programs, limit the number of transfer tabs a Tribal member can carry at one time and restrict the use of drones for hunting and fishing, among other changes.

Also included in the Nov. 9 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that allows the Emergency Services Department to apply for an Oregon Fire Service Capacity Grant that would fund two additional firefighter positions.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

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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.

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“When you’re in the discipline of art, those are very different disciplines and it’s cool to cross over.”

Although Littlebird has worked with large clients in the last few years, Yahoo using her art as its social media profile picture and publishing her in an article is going to be the largest audience to see her artwork.

In 2021, Deschutes Brewery in Bend, Ore., selected Littlebird to design the label on their popular seasonal ale, the Jubelale.

But for Littlebird, this is just the beginning.

"I have some pretty exciting stuff coming out next year that will likely supersede this," she hints with a laugh.

Although she is unable to discuss some projects now, she shares she is looking forward to the publication



Steph Littlebird

of her first fully-illustrated book called “My Powerful Hair” in March 2023.

The book is a collaboration with Carole Lindstrom, who also wrote

the award-winning children's book "We Are Water Protectors" published in 2020.

Littlebird will be busy next year working on her artwork and going on a national book tour.

"I'm getting a lot of opportunities to represent our community and I'm really proud of that opportunity," she says.

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Getting saucy



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

From left, Tribal Elder Marion Mercier, Ben Moore, 13, Landon Langley, 15, Jenevieve Davis, 15, Youth Prevention Program Manager Amber Mercier and Rhet Kimsey, 6, prepare apples during the applesauce canning event held at the Elders Activity Center on Thursday, Nov. 10. Tribal Elders and youth partnered to prepare 50 pounds of Golden Delicious apples for 60 applesauce jars that will be distributed at the Nov. 22 Restoration event.

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‘Today is a great day for the Tribe’

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proceedings because of incomplete or faulty enrollment records possessed by the Tribe.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy called it a “moment in time.”

“Today is a great day for the Tribe,” Kennedy said. “The Tribal membership’s passage of the constitutional amendment to ban disenrollment except in the cases of fraud and dual enrollment signifies many different things for our community and our Tribe. It is lifting a dark cloud that has followed us for some time. It represents our healing as a people, a desire to move forward and the security of our enrolled members.”

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said the vote repudiates the spirit of disenrollment and the Tribe living under someone else’s rules for who is considered family.

“Thank you, Grand Ronde people, for today,” George said. “Grand Ronde people came together in support and love. ... This is a day of strength, beauty and thankfulness.”

The number of registered voters was the smallest for any constitutional election held by the Tribe since 1999. In all of the other seven constitutional elections, more than a 1,000 Tribal members registered, ranging from 1,091 in March 2015 to more than 1,500 in July 2016.

A “unified” Tribal Council approved sending the proposal out to voters in August. The Tribe held four hybrid in-person/Zoom educational meetings in October with two

being held in Grand Ronde, one in Portland and one in Salem.

The Nov. 2 election was the eighth time since 1999 that Tribal voters were 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 constitutional amendment amends Article V, Section 5 to limit involuntary loss of membership to fraud and dual enrollment, and removes language regarding loss of membership for failure to meet enrollment criteria.

The proposal came 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 was supervised by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which required Tribal members to register separately to vote.

In March 2015, Tribal members were asked to remove the Bureau of Indian Affairs from supervising Grand Ronde constitutional amendment elections, but the proposal was overwhelmingly rejected with 62.4 percent wanting to retain federal oversight. ■

Tribal Elder Deitz Peters speaks at West Point

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Deitz Peters has long been an advocate of Native culture and how it relates to military service.

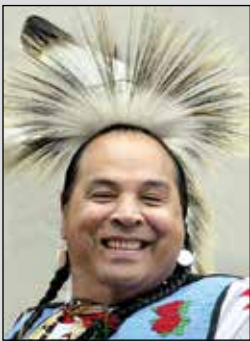
Now, he has had the opportunity to travel to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., to talk to students about the experience of growing up in a Native military family and also to share more about Grand Ronde Tribal culture. Peters left on Sunday, Nov. 13.

West Point was established in 1802 and is the oldest of the five American military service academies. Its purpose is to educate future officers for commission into the Army.

Peters was asked to speak by his cousin and fellow Grand Ronde Tribal member Patrick Sorensen, who is an Army network operations chief with West Point connections.

“I thought it was pretty cool that he asked me to do this,” Peters said. “At that point, I told him it would be fun and we continued talking about it, but with no particular timeline.”

Peters and Sorensen connect-



Deitz Peters

ed earlier in the year before Veterans Powwow in July when Peters made 12 necklaces and five beaded feathers for a future

West Point graduation ceremony. While they were beading, he played the flute as he always does while working with feathers.

“(Sorensen) recorded it and said it was beautiful,” Peters recalled. “He included it with a video that was to be played at the graduation ceremony.”

The two stayed in contact and then in October Sorensen asked if he was still interested in speaking at the college.

Peters didn’t hesitate in answering “yes,” and was contacted soon after by a West Point representative, who comped him both airfare and hotel.

“I’ll be talking to a large group of people and plan to bring my flutes and regalia,” he said. “This will be fun.” ■

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Tribal Halloween



Tribal youth Mila Linton, a student in the K-5 hayu-munk skukum program, trick-or-treats through the Atrium in the Governance Center on Monday, Oct. 31.



Above, dressed as a pilgrim, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier greets Tribal youths as they trick-or-treat through Tribal Council offices in the Governance Center.

Tribal descendent Nora Wilson, 3, gets excited while gathering candy with her mother, Amanda Wilson, during the Spooktacular Halloween Party.



Maddilyn Phillips, 10 months, and her mother Katie attended the Spooktacular Halloween Party held in Tribal Housing.

ween scenes



tribal member Molly Leno dressed as a gorilla within a gorilla for the Spooktacular Halloween Party held in Tribal Housing on Monday, Oct. 31. Twelve Tribal Apartments participated in the event and 229 Tribal families were served, according to Children & Family Services Family Support Services Specialist Alexandria Warren-Masters.



Carter Labonte, 9, munches on an apple while enjoying the Spooktacular Halloween Party held in Tribal Housing.

Social Service’s Foster Care Coordinator and Buzz Lightyear impersonator Kevin Simmons gets into a stare down with Richard Brisbois, dressed as “Halloween” movie villain Michael Myers, during the Spooktacular Halloween Party held in Tribal Housing on Monday, Oct. 31.



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tribal members participate in the Spooktacular Halloween Party held in Tribal Housing on Monday, Oct. 31.

'It helps with healing Tribes, families and communities'

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ma. Three of my four children came to me through foster care," Levine said. "There were three sisters and they (caseworkers) were desperate to find an ICWA placement and I understood the importance of keeping children connected to each other and their Tribe."

Even though she was a single mother, Levine decided to foster all three girls. That was 10 years ago.

"Without ICWA, they wouldn't be placed together or have connections to cultural activities or live in a culturally appropriate home," she said. "We're really engaged with the Native American Youth and Family Center and are a part of the Portland Native community. It's been really incredible. On the level of work, my job is to support these children having the connections to their Tribe. It helps with healing Tribes, families and communities."

Levine participated in a panel discussion about the past, present and future of the ICWA on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Willamette University's Kaneko Commons. Approximately 15 people attended the in-person event with 275 more logged on to Zoom and Facebook Live.

The panel, "Complex Conversations: Tribal Rights Are Human Rights—Protecting Oregon's Indian Child Welfare Act," also included lawyer Lea Ann Easton, who represents Tribal governments in the Pacific Northwest, Oregon Department of Health Services Office of Tribal Affairs Director Adam Becenti (Diné Nation) and Oregon Child Welfare Deputy Director Aprille Flint-Gerner.

The event was sponsored by the department's Office of Equity and Multicultural Services and moderated by Director Dion Jordan.

Congress passed the federal Indi-

"The Indian Child Welfare Act has a long history of protecting cultural connections for Tribal children. This conversation peels back the complex layers of Tribal sovereignty, government-to-government relationships, Indigenous rights and how we will continue to amplify the voice of Tribes."

~ Oregon Department of Health Services Office
of Tribal Affairs Director Adam Becenti

an Child Welfare Act in 1978 to extend protection to Tribal families by keeping Tribal children connected to their culture and to help preserve Tribes. Before the act was passed, Native children were frequently removed from their families and communities, and typically placed with non-Native families, often permanently without any connection to their roots.

In 2020, the Legislature passed the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act, which aligned with the federal law and also recognized the needs of the nine federally recognized Tribes in the state.

The constitutionality of the federal act was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday, Nov. 9, during the Haaland v. Brackeen case and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will discuss it during a Tuesday, Feb. 15, Facebook Live session.

Haaland v. Brackeen is the lawsuit brought by Texas (and previously Indiana and Louisiana) and several individual plaintiffs, who say the ICWA is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court generally issues its rulings on cases in May and June, according to supreme-court.gov.

"The Indian Child Welfare Act has a long history of protecting cultural connections for Tribal children," Becenti said. "This conversation peels back the complex layers of Tribal sovereignty, government-to-government relationships, Indigenous rights and how

we will continue to amplify the voice of Tribes."

Becenti added that starting in the mid-1800s and until the 1970s, Tribal children were removed from their communities in an effort to assimilate them into dominant society through a variety of measures including boarding schools far away from their communities and through the foster care system.

"This resulted in historical trauma and distrust of governmental agencies," he said. "Today revolves around recognizing and upholding Tribal sovereignty. With that said, the United States has a very poor track record of upholding sovereignty."

Easton said that learning about the historical trauma suffered by Tribal members, particularly Elders who had memories of being forced to attend boarding schools, taught her how important it is to keep children connected to their culture.

"A Native child has a unique relationship to the Tribe that is unlike any other," she said. "The U.S. Constitution acknowledges Indian Tribes (as sovereign). It's a political relationship and not only based on treaties. That is the basis for how federal law has evolved. Now, it's under attack with the Brackeen decision at the Fifth Circuit (Court of Appeals) and others that seek to undermine Tribal sovereignty."

She added that the non-Native families at the center of these cases are not bad people, but are caught up in poor decision making at the state level.

"There are a lot of well-meaning people who get Indian children sent to them," Easton said. "They bond with them, and then the state decides a few years later to comply with ICWA, remove the children and everyone is traumatized. If there was better compliance with the act up front, we wouldn't have these traumas to these families."

The panelists were asked what they think may happen if the Supreme Court doesn't uphold ICWA.

"What could happen is that it could put all of Tribal sovereignty into question," Becenti said. "It sets a dangerous precedent which creates a domino effect. ... If you take away the collective rights of people, you take away human rights of life,

liberty and security."

Flint-Gerner offered another perspective.

"There are many of us working in child welfare who are committed to living out the spirit and practice of ICWA no matter what happens," she said. "It's important that this just isn't limited to child welfare work. We need to share the message around about the importance of Tribal sovereignty. This is a big deal. This matters."

Easton said that placing children in culturally appropriate homes helps keep them connected to the Tribe and their identity.

"Think about what happens if a child is placed in a home without any of those standards," she said.

She also briefly touched on the Grand Ronde Tribe and its successes since 1983's Restoration to federal recognition, when the Tribe only had five acres and a cemetery to its name.

"Look at how successful they are now," she said. "There's very powerful things that happen when people get to identify with and reclaim their culture. We should support it as much as we can."

Levine was asked what effects she potentially sees happening if ICWA is overturned and how it relates to case practices in child welfare.

"The first thing that comes to mind is disproportionality," she said. "The entire purpose of why it exists was the sheer number of Native children entering foster care. Those protections will go away. I cannot even imagine what would happen without it. The purpose is to keep children and their (extended) families together. Without that protection, so many more will enter foster care. We need to do everything we can do to get children home as soon as possible. It's frightening to imagine what will happen. The Tribe knows what is best for Native children. We will not be serving them to the best of our abilities without that input."

Complex Conversations is a series of discussions on equity-related topics and usually intended for internal employees. This panel discussion was the first time the public was invited to participate.

"The complexity of the Indian Child Welfare Act conversation made us ask ourselves, 'How we can best serve Tribal communities within Oregon.'" Jordan said. "How can we open Complex Conversations to engage future leaders of Oregon? We serve through knowledge, laying a foundation for why complex conversations are necessary and making people aware of what's at stake." ■

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Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, said Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole.

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Tribal Library patrons should visit the Tribal Library and update their information and obtain a new Regional Library Service card.

For more information, contact Cole at 503-879-1488. ■

Veterans Day Luncheon



Tribal Veterans Service Officer Ramona Quenelle, left, welcomes veterans to the Veterans Day Luncheon held at the Tribal Veterans Service Office on Thursday, Nov. 10. The luncheon was for all veterans to enjoy a meal and learn about various services available to them. There also were gifts for each attendee as well as a raffle drawing.

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Community member and Army veteran Albert Moody (Clatsop/Yakama) shares his story during the Veterans Day Luncheon.



Veterans Affairs Portland Community Care Nurse Director Rachel Scarpelli answers a question during the Veterans Day Luncheon at the Tribal Veterans Service Office.



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Kevin Contreras

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Clothes Closet open Fridays

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George re-appointed to ATNI board

PORTLAND – Tribal Council member Jon A. George, 61, was recently re-appointed to serve on the seven-member board of directors for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

George, who has been a Grand Ronde Tribal Council member since 2012, will serve as the board's second vice president for a two-year term through 2024. It will be George's second term on the board, previously serving as third vice president.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians is a non-profit organization representing 57 Northwest Tribal governments in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, northern California and western Montana. It is dedicated to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

Second vice president is the third highest position on the board. ■



Jon A. George

McClary, Wilson win Conservation District seats

Tribal employee Lindsay McClary and Tribal member Michael Wilson won seats on the Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District Board during the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election.

McClary, the Tribe's restoration ecologist in the Natural Resources Department, took a commanding lead over incumbent David Simmons 11,881 to 7,825 in initial results released by Polk County. She received almost 60 percent of the vote.

Wilson, the Tribe's former Natural Resources Department manager, was unopposed and received 17,416 votes, or 98.7 percent of the votes cast.

The Polk County Soil & Water Conservation District is a subdivision of state government that is administered by seven elected directors who serve without pay for four-year terms. The board is made up of five landowners from different zones and two at-large directors who represent the entire county and meet monthly.

McClary, who lives in west Salem, will represent Zone 2 and Wilson will represent Zone 5, which is most of southern Polk County. ■

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & PREVENTION ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 Parent Connections 12-1pm *Drop In*	4	5 Weaving Class 10-3pm *RSVP Required*
6 Youth Council Regular Meeting 1-3pm @ Com. Center *Drop In*	7 Washington School Trip (Suquamish, WA) 7th-11th *RSVP Required*	8	9	10 Canning w/ the elder's event 10-4pm *RSVP Required*	11	12
13	14	15 Gift Making Workshop 4-7pm *RSVP Required*	16	17 Parent Connections 12-1pm @ Plank House *Drop In*	18	19
20	21	22 CTGR Restoration 39 Years!	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 Parent Connections 12-1pm @ Community Center *Drop In*		
				2 Youth Thursday Night Football & Bingo Night. 5-6pm @ Community Center		

If you would like any further information on our events, please check our Facebook page @ Grand Ronde Youth Empowerment, our Instagram @ctgryouthempowerment, or email the YEP team @ yep@grandronde.org.

Walking On...

Linda Louise LaChance

Sept. 20, 1948 – Nov. 4, 2022

Tribal spouse Linda Louise LaChance (nee Brock) was born in Ohio to her loving father, Richard Brock, and her mother on Sept. 20, 1948.

She was the third oldest of eight siblings and grew up in Michigan. She met Grand Ronde Tribal member Gary LaChance in 1966 and the two married on April 17, 1967.

While living in Oregon, they welcomed three biological children while also opening their home to several others over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary LaChance, in 2006. She is survived by her children, Gary Jr., Dawn and Linda; 10 grandchildren, Garilee, Lawanda, Jason, Tabitha, Wynter Moon, Tim, Aryana, Jordan, Riley and Logan; 10 great-grandchildren, Jethro, Keidyn, Madix, Lucius, Peyton, Ava, Paisley, Na'ya, Remington and Baby Brown; and several step grand/great-grandchildren.

She was known for her love of baking, beadwork and blanket making. She loved her Tribal Elder family and was proud to be so involved in their activities.

She walked on while at home with her family on Nov. 4, 2022, at the age of 74. Services were held Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym followed by a gravesite service and then a meal at the Elders Activity Center.



Other passings

Harold James Russie Jr.

Oct. 17, 1950 – Oct. 29, 2022

Tribal Elder Harold James Russie Jr. passed on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at the age of 72.

Greenlawn Memorial Park in Bakersfield, Calif., is assisting the family. At press time, no funeral service details were available.



HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER


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Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar





Red Fox James at the White House, 1915

The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. The event culminated an effort by Red Fox James, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, who rode across the nation on horseback seeking approval from 24 state governments to have a day to honor American Indians.



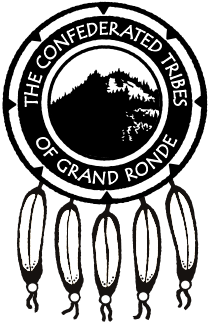
Blackfeet Nation, Montana



American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month:

NOVEMBER 2022

In 1990, more than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November, National American Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations have been issued every year since 1994 to recognize what is now called, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.



3.7 million

The nation's American Indian and Alaska Native population alone in 2020. This population group identifies as AIAN only and did not identify with any other race.

574

The number of federally recognized Indian tribes in 2022.

120,944

The number of single-race American Indian and Alaska Native veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in 2021.

324

The number of distinct, federally recognized American Indian reservations in 2022, including federal reservations and off-reservation trust land.

10.1 million

The projected American Indian and Alaska Native population alone or in combination with other race groups on July 1, 2060, about 2.5% of the projected total U.S. population.



See a detailed profile of the American Indian and Alaska Native population alone or in combination with one or more other races from the 2020 Census and the 2021 American Community Survey at www.census.gov.

Source: 2020 U.S. Census Bureau. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at www.census.gov/about/contact-us.html



Watchlist: ‘Welcome to Native American Heritage Month 2021’

(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

To honor Native American Heritage Month in 2021, the Salem-Keizer School District posted a video to its YouTube channel with a Grand Ronde focus.

Salem-Keizer School District Superintendent Christy Perry and Native Education Program Associate Shelby Maerz begin the video by introducing what Native American Heritage Month is in front of Grand Ronde’s Chachalu Museum.

“This month we are honoring the unique heritage and culture of the Native American community,” Perry says. “Our district serves more than 1,800 students who identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native, and they represent more than 65 Tribes.”

Perry shares that the school district has a Native American Education Program that supports almost 700 families with learning resources.

The video then switches to Grand Ronde Tribal member Seq’hiya Simmons sharing a land acknowledgment.

“Land acknowledgments are a way to resist erasure of Indigenous people and the land that we all live and learn on,” Simmons begins.

Simmon’s father, Grand Ronde Tribal member Kevin Simmons, also shares a blessing in Chinuk Wawa and in English.

“The importance of a blessing – the importance of starting out this way – is it provides us with an opportunity to align our hearts, our minds and our spirits in the true value of Indigenous education,” Kevin Simmons says.

Toward the end of the video, more Grand Ronde Tribal members join to sing a song as a way to welcome the school district, its employees and its students on to ancestral Tribal lands.

You can watch the entire video for yourself at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAAPjRdjgSk or find it linked in the Watchlist playlist on the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel. ■

White House slates Tribal Nations Summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Biden White House will hold its second Tribal Nations Summit on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at the Department of the Interior.

The event will build on the 2021 summit and the progress made to strengthen nation-to-nation relationships and invest record levels of resources to Tribal communities, the White House said.

The summit will feature new administration announcements and efforts to implement key policy initiatives supporting Tribal communities. It also provides an opportunity for Tribal leaders to engage directly with officials in the highest levels of the administration.

Started by the Obama administration, the Tribal Nations Summit was not held during the four years of the Trump administration. ■

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–Brene Brown

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Current Diagnosis

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Health & Wellness Center hours

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



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Wednesday, December 7 | 12:15 – 1:00pm
Talking with Children about Safety from Sexual Abuse

Location: Tribal Campus: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
Adult Education Building, Room 124

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503-879-1361
tracy.haas@grandronde.org

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Bring lunch to eat during training if needed.

Raffle prize for Khofi Haws coffee card.



Tribal nonemergency text line

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

Wellbriety Talking Circle

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Portland office.

We welcome the Behavioral Health staff.

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11 A.M.

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MARRIAGE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted amendments to the Marriage Ordinance on an emergency basis at the Oct. 12, 2022, Tribal Council meeting.

The amendments include: 1) Removing the requirement to record marriages with a county recorder or with the Oregon vital statistics office; 2) Providing that any marriage that has been issued a license, had a ceremony and been issued a marriage certificate as authorized by the ordinance is presumed to be valid; 3) Allowing the Court to charge fees for providing additional copies of the Marriage Certificate, and; 4) And other minor and technical edits.

Tribal Council invites comments on the amendments to the Marriage Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

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

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MARRIAGES IN GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40.
Contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■



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.
1725	Dental Assistant	7	\$19.60/hr.	\$25.42/hr.
1744	Community Health Manager	17	\$103,777.71/yr.	\$135,273.51/yr.
1753	Grant Program Manager	15	\$85,766.70/yr.	\$112,005.60/yr.
1757	Tribal Court Programs Coordinator	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/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.
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.
1793	Tribal Court Volunteer – Court Appointed Special Advocate			
1794	Enrichment – College Intern PART TIME	5	\$16.53/hr.	\$21.10/hr.
1795	Enrichment Curriculum Developer & Trainer	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1799	Shipping/Receiving Clerk	5	\$16.53/hr.	\$21.10/hr.
1800	Infant/Toddler Teacher – Entry Level	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/hr.
1801	Help Desk Technician	10	\$26.08/hr.	\$33.65/hr.
1806	Secretary - Housing	6	\$18.19/hr.	\$23.15/hr.
1812	Administrative Assistant – Social Services	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1616	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage
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 - Salem	8	\$21.56/hr.	\$27.90/hr.
1803	OTP Care Coordinator - Portland	9	\$49,320.81/yr.	\$63,721.53/yr.
1804	Substance Use Disorder Therapist - Portland	10	\$54,252.90/yr.	\$69,982.47/yr.
1805	Peer Support Specialist - Portland	9	\$23.71/hr.	\$30.64/hr.
1808	Milieu Safety Technician - Portland	6	\$18.19/hr.	\$23.15/hr.
1809	Milieu Safety Technician PART TIME - Salem	6	\$18.19/hr.	\$23.15/hr.
1810	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Salem	10	\$54,252.90/yr.	\$69,982.47/yr.
1811	UA Tech PART TIME - Portland	6	\$18.19/hr.	\$23.15/hr.
1616	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.

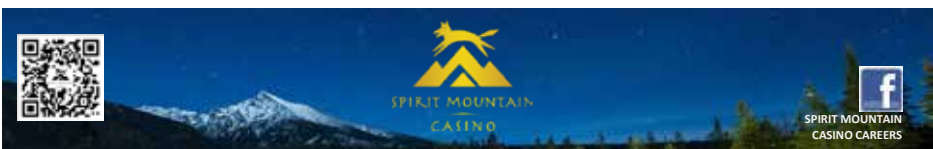
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INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

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(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)
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3. External candidates.

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Cage Cashier	11/17/2022	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Lodge Room Attendant	11/17/2022	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Amore Waitstaff (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
Lodge Front Desk Clerk (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Lodge Houseperson (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent I	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent II	Until Filled	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	Until Filled	\$21.22/hr. DOE
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- ✓ 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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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

ATTENTION ALL OREGON HEALTH PLAN MEMBERS!!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Over the past two years, in response to Covid-19, the Federal Pandemic Health Emergency period (PHE) has prevented closure of established OHP benefits under most conditions, even if members were over income.

The PHE is currently still in full effect...however...

“Medicaid Unwinding” is coming!

WHAT THIS MEANS:

Sometime soon you will receive a notice from Oregon Health Authority in regards to your benefits. We will be getting a 60-Day advance notice before the PHE ends, when this happens OHP will need to renew or reassess all current members.

WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW:

To make this transition as easy as possible, it is vital that you contact either a **Certified OHP Community Partner:**

Cassandra (C.J.) Rhamy / 503-879-1359 / cassandra.rhamy@grandronde.org
Lisa Zappia / 503-879-2197 / lisa.zappia@grandronde.org

Or contact OHP Customer Care directly at 1-800-699-9075 to make sure your current information is updated.

Vital Information they Need:

- * The correct size of your household (based on your expected tax filing) * Your contact information
- * Your updated monthly income
- * Any other health insurance you have.

**** Do not report the Skookum Health Assistance Program (SHAP) as secondary insurance****

If you believe you will be losing health benefits due to income or other circumstances, please contact Cassandra or Lisa to discuss Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace options that may be available.



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ALERT

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RAINBOW FENTANYL

BACKGROUND

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that can quickly cause overdose. It is 50 times more potent than heroin and 100 times more potent than morphine, making it a major contributor to the 150+ synthetic overdose deaths occurring every day.

SITUATION

In recent months, brightly colored fentanyl tablets, powder, and blocks that look like candy or sidewalk chalk have been trending nationally amongst our youth (see images below). These products, known as rainbow fentanyl, are targeted to increase addiction in young people and are often packaged in commercial product packaging (such as holiday candy). Due to their potency, very small amounts can cause damage to the brain, and lead to overdoses or overdose death.



ACTION

Naloxone saves lives by reversing opioid overdose. It is quick and easy to administer, with trainings available across the country. Communities, parents, and teachers working with youth should consider educating on the dangers of rainbow fentanyl and seek naloxone training to prevent overdose deaths.

To complete training online, visit
<https://www.ihs.gov/opioids/naloxone/naloxonetoolkit/>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html>
2. <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2022/08/30/dea-warns-brightly-colored-fentanyl-used-target-young-americans>
3. <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>





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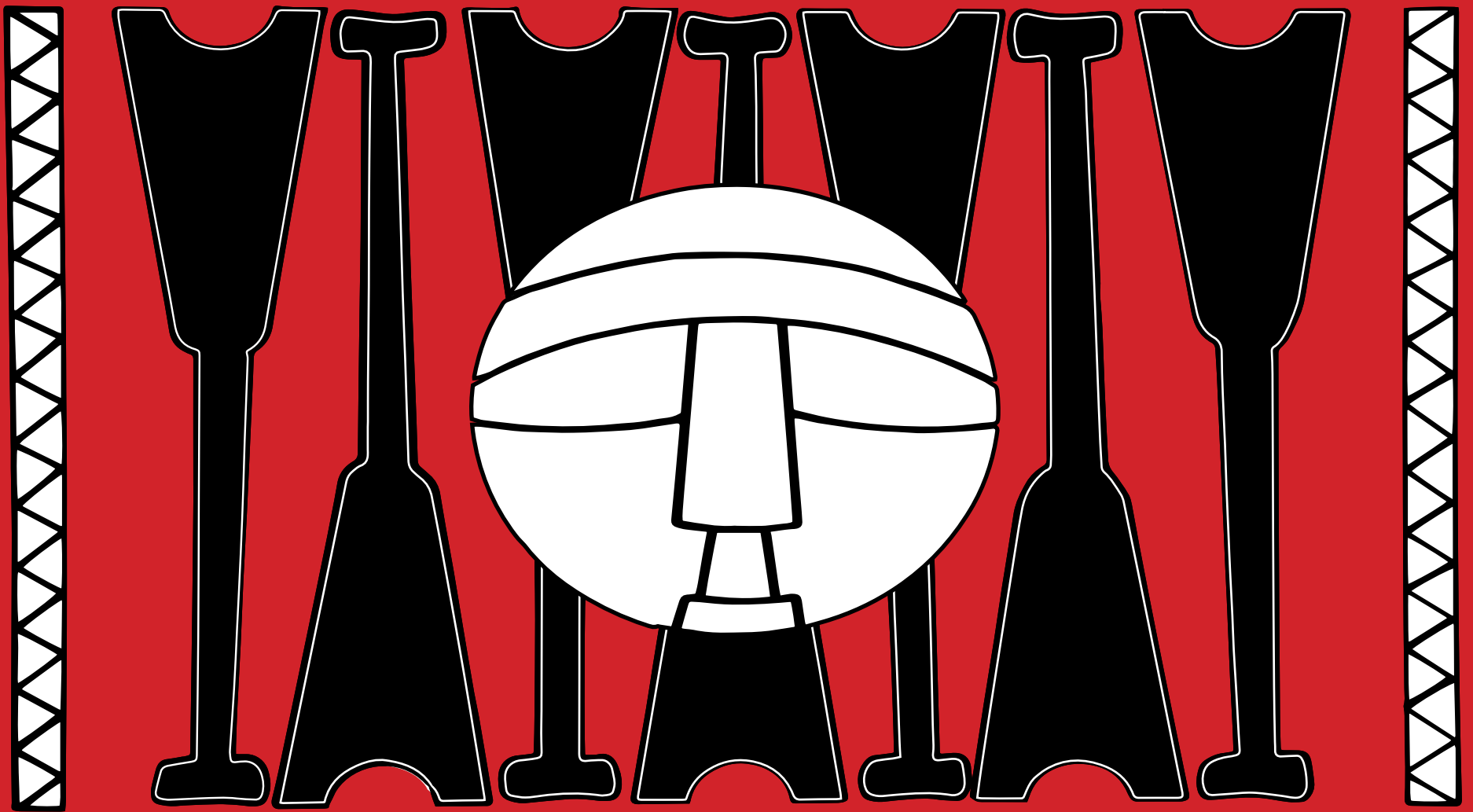
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 MC in Training: Tynan George • Host Drum: Bad Soul – Grand Ronde
 Head Man: Marcel Allen Jr. – Grand Ronde • Head Woman: Halona Butler – Grand Ronde

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Drums: First 9 paid and signed up prior to Powwow. Call Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 to sign up, general inquiries or questions.