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## ATNI Winter Convention held in Portland

*Grand Ronde Tribe is prominently represented*

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer*

**P**ORTLAND – The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' Winter Convention returned to an in-person format for the first time since 2020 and continued to be well-attended with the Grand Ronde Tribe prominently represented.

The annual event, held Sunday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 26, at the DoubleTree Hilton is an opportunity for meetings, discussion, presentations and committee work that affects policy, legislation and the future of Indian Country in the Pacific Northwest.

ATNI represents 57 Tribal governments from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, northern California, southeast Alaska and western Montana. The Winter Convention is sponsored by Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Jon A. George serves as the second vice president of the organization and led Monday's invocation.

Flags were brought in by the Northwest Indian Veterans Association, which included the Grand Ronde Veterans Honor Guard. Veterans Service Officer and Tribal member Ramona Quenelle carried in the Grand Ronde Tribal flag.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed the more than 200 attendees to the Tribe's homelands and thanked the color guard and drummers.

"It's a pleasure to be here," Ken-

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## Ukraine pain

*Tribal employee conducts fundraiser for war-torn school*

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer*

**T**ribal employee Anne Falla developed deep ties to Ukraine while spending three years working in a social services program and in youth development at a school in the eastern European country.

In Grand Ronde, she works as the Tribe's victim assistance advocate in the Warriors of Hope program.

Falla served with the Peace Corps in a Ukrainian area known as Kherson Oblast from March 2010 to March 2013. During her time in the country, she made friends with several teachers, social service employees and locals, whom she has been trying to stay in touch with since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

Falla has done a series of fundraisers to help the local residents and the Second School, where she taught youth development and enrichment classes.

"On Jan. 4, I received a desperate request from the Second School," she wrote on a GoFundMe page seeking donations. "The liberation of parts of Kherson Oblast has given many locals the ability to go home. Many are picking up the pieces of their destroyed properties and are trying to get back to life. Unfortunately, in many villages around our county seat, the school facilities took the brunt of the damage. Our facility is one of the first to try and offer classes, but they are having issues with maintaining

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Photo by Kamiah Koch

**Tribal Warriors of Hope Victim Assistance Advocate Anne Falla served in the Peace Corps in Ukraine from 2010 to 2013. Because of her connections to people living in the eastern European country, she is currently raising funds to help a school in the recently liberated Kherson Oblast region of the war-torn country.**



Map created by Samuel Briggs III

## Fullerton ousted as Tribe's general manager

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

**L**ongtime Tribal employee David Fullerton is no longer the Tribe's general manager after being relieved of his duties after more than seven years in the position on Friday, Jan. 13.

No official reason for Fullerton's termination was given since personnel matters are considered confidential. However,



David Fullerton

Fullerton was criticized during the Oct. 12 Tribal Council meeting by Tribal Elder Virginia Kimsey-Roof for allegedly filing a false police report and calling a sacred Tribal ceremony a "peyote party."

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley suggested that Kimsey-Roof talk with Tribal Council outside of a public forum during the Oct. 12 meeting.

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said that his department did not take a police report from Fullerton.

The general manager, who is a direct report to the nine-member Tribal Council, exercises direct authority over most Tribal departments in carrying out day-to-day operations of the Tribal government.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said during the Jan. 25 Tribal Council meeting that the decision to dismiss Fullerton was not unanimous.

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# General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5

Monarch Hotel & Convention Center  
12566 S.E. 93rd Ave, Clackamas

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, Feb. 8.....  | 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Feb. 22..... | 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.

## LETTERS

Dear *Smoke Signals*:

I wish to let Chief Jake McKnight know how I appreciate the fact that he knew that I had done the needlework that was returned to his office. It had been missing for 16 years. I assumed it was stolen from the frame shop; turns out she had kept it safe. Many, many hours of work have been gratefully returned to me.

Thank you again for knowing it was mine.

Donna Stronach  
Roll #12

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| MONDAY, MARCH 6 .....  | MARCH 15   |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 24 ..... | APRIL 1    |

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| Monday                        | Tuesday                       | Thursday                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| By scheduled appointment only | By scheduled appointment only | Walk-in claim appointments |

To schedule a claim appointment:  
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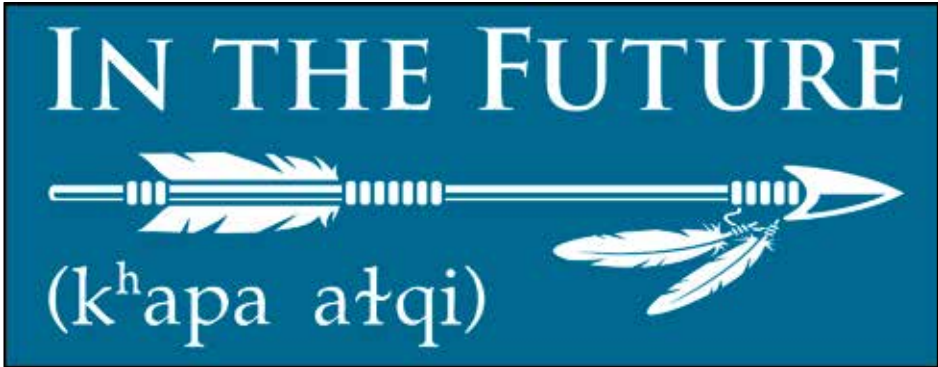
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  - Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

- ʔun-mun (March)
- Wednesday, March 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Friday, March 3 – Native Youth Wellness Day, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1471.
  - Friday-Saturday, March 3-4 – Agency Creek Round Dance, Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
  - Sunday, March 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday, March 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday, March 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

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. ■

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A suspected fentanyl exposure at Willamina High School on Tuesday, Jan. 17, affected three students, two staff members and a Yamhill County Sheriff’s deputy. Tribal officers and the Grand Ronde Tribal Fire Department responded to an unusual odor emanating from a room in Willamina High School.

Fentanyl exposure detected at Willamina High School

By Kamiah Koch  
Social media/digital journalist

A suspected fentanyl exposure at Willamina High School on Tuesday, Jan. 17, has left families in the Grand Ronde community concerned about the safety of their children.

According to a press release from the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, Tribal officers and the Grand Ronde Tribal Fire Department responded to an unusual odor emanating from a room in Willamina High School.

“This odor impacted three juvenile students, two staff members and a deputy,” the press release said.

Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight confirmed that Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office personnel also responded to the call and one of their deputies was the officer exposed.

Tribal Police and local news sources report the suspicious odor believed to be fentanyl came from a bathroom inside a modular classroom.

Students and staff were evacuated and the school went into a lockdown procedure. Those exposed were treated at the scene as Tribal emergency services arrived. Three people were taken to an area hospital and later released.

Grand Ronde community members have taken to online posts to voice their disappointment in the school’s lack of urgency in notifying families of the incident.

According to a KOIN-6 story, some families were not notified until after their children had returned home from school, while some received no notification at all.

Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick forwarded a message to *Smoke Signals* on Thursday, Jan. 19, explaining the timeline of events.

“After students and staff were assessed and attended to, law enforcement and school staff began collecting information to begin a thorough investigation,” Zimbrick said. “Students and staff were interviewed, searches were done and all information was processed. No physical evidence related to the odor was found at the scene or collected through searches. We relied on law enforcement to inform our next steps. Pending the outcome of a toxicology report, we felt it was remiss to identify a specific substance of the source of the odor. We are still waiting for the results of that report. However, we trust the experts and they confirm that the deputy’s symptoms were similar to a fentanyl exposure.”

According to the Tribal Police press release, Narcan, an overdose treatment solution, was provided to the school to minimize the risk of future incidents, as well as a free training from Tribal Police to students and staff on how to recognize fentanyl exposure.

“This is training that our department has already provided previously at the school, but we will continue to do so to ensure our community members, school partners and students are safe,” the release stated.

The Willamina School District estimates that approximately 40 percent of its students are Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■

Families in Recovery

When: Wednesday  
Time: 6-7pm  
Where: Behavioral Health group room

Children Welcome but No child care provided



# 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 February 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 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. 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.



**2018** – The Grand Ronde Tribe was well-represented at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Convention held in Portland. The annual event was an opportunity for meetings, discussion, presentations and committee work that affected policy, legislation and the future of Indian County in the Northwest.



File photo

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George led the invocation and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed attendees to the event. ATNI is comprised of 57 Northwest Tribal governments from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, California and Montana.

**2013** – The Grand Ronde Tribe drafted a letter expressing its “great alarm and concern” to University of Oregon President Michael Gottfredson regarding a restructuring that ended the contracts of three top diversity officers, including former Klamath Tribal Chairman Tom Ball. He had served as one of three assistant vice presidents in the university’s Office of Equity and Inclusion since 2005, and was the top Native American diversity administrator at the school.

**2008** – The Tribe received a two-year grant from the Administration for Native Americans for the architectural schematic design of the Tribe’s planned museum and cultural center. The two-year project included surveying, soils analysis, wetland and archaeological site assessment, and preliminary interpretive design of exhibit space. The Tribe was prepared to provide \$52,000 in matching funds for the schematic design as part of its 20 percent match share, with most of the other funds coming from in-kind staff time spent on the project.

**2003** – Native American rapper Litefoot rocked the house when he performed at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym. Litefoot had received many accolades during his career, including four Native American Music Awards. He said his main goal was to break down stereotypes of Native people. “My people don’t wear headdresses and we don’t ride horses,” he said.

**1998** – The Tribe created the Hatfield Fellowship honoring U.S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield for his accomplishments on behalf of the Tribe, Native Americans, Oregonians and all Americans. The fellowship also was created to honor the memory of Susan Long, who worked in Hatfield’s office during the Restoration era. The fellowship would enable a Native American to serve as a staff member of one of Oregon’s congressional delegation members. The fellow would act as a liaison between the congressional member and Tribes in Oregon, and advocate for Tribal issues.

**1993** – Tribal member Neesha Grant of La Grande was crowned 1993 Grand Ronde Powwow queen. Her parents were Steve and Jackie Grant, and grandparents were David and Emma Leno. The 14-year-old enjoyed horseback riding, camping and being with friends. At school, she was a member of the marching band and student league organization. “I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the Tribe through the Grand Ronde Royalty program,” she said.

**1988** – Chemawa High School students spoke about the importance of Elders and education while participating with Tribal leaders at the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians’ Winter Conference. The conference theme, “Our Children Are Our Future,” was discussed by Chemawa Assistant Principal Jake Bighorn, who urged students to be humble. The main focus of the conference was to have Northwest Tribes work on issues dealing with education, health, child welfare, natural resources, aging, culture and Tribal governance.

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

# Tribe offering warming centers during winter

The Tribal Emergency Services Department recently announced its plan to activate a warming center if needed during the daytime hours at the Elders Activity Center if the temperature dips to 25 degrees or lower for more than four hours and there is a need for the center to open.

In addition, the plan includes a nighttime overnight center, but only for the hours from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Tribal gym if the temperature reaches 25 degrees or lower for more than four hours in duration.

If there is a need for either of the centers, people should call Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandy Bishop at 503-879-1837.■



# ‘We appreciate you for caring for your people’

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nedy said. “I want to thank all of our Tribal leadership that are here, all of the Northwest Tribes. I love the songs that were sung this morning. Thank you to the drummers and the singers that open this up in a good way, touch our hearts and give us strength. That's what this is all about. We're not here just on our own, but we receive strength, guidance, wisdom and help from our Creator for our veterans. Our Color Guard, thank you for the service that you've given. You are courageous, brave and strong. I lift my hands to you today.”

Kennedy said that she was pleased to see how many Tribal leaders were attending the convention.

“We appreciate you for caring for your people, for looking forward to the future and trying to bring that future to us today. That's who we are. We're the changers of our future and we will make it happen. We've got to make it happen so that our Tribal people remain strong, and this land, that was given to us by our Creator. ... We need to do that. We need to celebrate our people. So I know that there's going to be serious issues that are dealt with today here and it's up to all of us to assimilate that information to carry it back home, and make the stands that we need. Our sovereignty is strong and yet it's under attack ... But we're here to say no, that's not going to happen.”

Most Grand Ronde Tribal Council members attended the ATNI convention, including Kennedy, Jon A. George, Denise Harvey, Brenda Tuomi, Secretary Michael Langley and Michael Cherry.

Legislative Commission for Indian Services Executive Director Patrick Flanagan read a statement from Oregon's nine Tribes. The commission was established 48 years ago by the Oregon Legislature as a means of creating a government-to-government relationship between the state and its nine federally recognized Tribes.

“It's was the first step in a long, ongoing journey toward recognizing Tribal sovereignty and formalizing state-Tribal relations,” he said. “It was formalizing, but not normalizing. Formalizing is easy: Place pen to paper, provide guidelines and expectations, and have a vote there. It's formalized. The normalizing takes time and effort. ... Tribal people were here long before Oregon (was a state). We're still here today as we can see in this room, and we'll remain here in the future.”

Flanagan talked about increasingly common land acknowledgments being issued by governments and organizations.

“These have become so commonplace that we, the commission, was asked to provide guidance to



Photos by Kamiah Koch

**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy laughs during her opening remarks at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' 2023 Winter Conference on Monday, Jan. 23. The conference, held in Portland from Sunday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 26, welcomed an estimated 200 representatives from Tribes across the Pacific Northwest.**



**Attendees listen during the second day of presentations at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' 2023 Winter Conference held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in Portland. An estimated 200 Tribal representatives joined the conference to discuss issues in Indian Country in the Pacific Northwest.**

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state agencies about what a land acknowledgment should say, who it should recognize and when it should be offered,” he said. “So we accepted the challenge. And as a nonTribal member myself, it was an arduous, but enlightening and fulfilling process. I had genuine heartfelt and candid conversations with Tribal chairs about the benefits of land acknowledgements, as well as the harms. But ultimately we did put it on paper. We went through more than a few drafts. We came up with a guidance document that could be agreed upon by all Tribal representatives in the Commission on Indian Services.”

Flanagan said that was no small feat.

“The interconnectedness of all the people, the land and the natural environment cannot be overstated,” he said. “The health of one is necessary for the health of all. We recognize the sovereignty of the federally recognized Tribes who have ties to this region.”

Grand Ronde Tribal member and Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Director Bryan Mercier gave a report, noting that the office is in the process of relocating from Portland to Vancouver.

“It will be a really nice office space for us and we're going to turn it

into our own culturally appropriate space,” he said. “It's hard for some of the Washington-based Tribes to get access to downtown Portland so please join us in this future spot at Fort Vancouver.”

Mercier said that his office conducts monthly conference calls on the last Thursday of every month with Northwest Tribes to keep them updated about BIA programs and other initiatives.

“The president's budget for 2024 will be coming out next month so please join us to discuss that,” he said.

Mercier also noted that the office has an ongoing staff shortage and is working to address it.

“We do have a lot of salary to give us carryover,” he said. “But please bear with us as we train our new folks and become more efficient.”

Mercier also touched on a tentative Northwest Regional BIA Summit, proposed rulemaking for gaming and land acquisitions, and ongoing cleanup efforts of Columbia River treaty fishing sites.

“One of my priorities is the Columbia River,” he said. “We have 31 sites we serve and many are in poor condition. ... We've got \$2 million in hand that we're going to use it to start improving those sites. So far, we've gone out and tagged many of the abandoned vehicles that are at the sites and started hauling those away to store them in a yard that we were able to get from the Army Corps of Engineers.”

Other Monday activities included boarding school legislation and language revitalization plans, a National Congress of American Indians report, an update on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People task force and White House Tribal Nations Summit report.

The day concluded with a reception for Tribes at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, there were updates on offshore wind energy development, Office of Clean Energy demonstrations, electrical grid resiliency, public safety and justice, and a dam removal video.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Denise Harvey gave a gaming update during morning committee meetings. She serves on the Indian Gaming Association board as the Pacific Northwest delegate.

Her presentation highlighted Oregon gaming issues. She discussed the Oregon Racing Commission hearings on whether to allow TMB Racing, a company formed by Dutch Bros founder Travis Boersma, to operate 225 slot machine-like historic racing machines at the Flying Lark in Grants Pass. The Oregon Department of Justice ultimately said that the Racing Commission approving the request would be unconstitutional as it would violate a state prohibition against private casinos.

“We had the Flying Lark issue, similar to the Maverick issue that Washington is dealing with now,” Harvey said. “In Oregon that was moving full steam ahead and we were kind of keeping an eye on the Oregon Racing Commission agenda and we happened to see they were going to be licensing them. We pushed and pushed and pushed for the state to put the brakes on it and luckily we were able to do that. They tabled it and the state Department of Justice came back and sided with the Tribes on that issue.”

Harvey also addressed the smoking ban that went into effect at Spirit Mountain Casino in March 2022.

“The smoking ban has affected all of us and our businesses,” Harvey said. “Whether it's taking revenue or not, or is a discomfort for some of our customers, we don't really know for sure. Spirit Mountain decided to create an expansion where it's just a smoking room. It's got all types of ventilation and fresh air and all this other stuff that's supposed to keep the smell of smoke and carcinogens out of the air. So, we're getting ready to open that in a couple of months. We were hearing from a lot from our customers about people having to go out in the cold. Hopefully (the new room) that's a good thing.”

Harvey touched on Spirit Mountain Community Fund and how many people don't realize that it is connected to the casino.

“Many of the people in the polling that we did did not recognize that our foundation is connected to our

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# Online petition started for council to reconsider termination

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Fullerton became interim general manager in 2015 after the departure of Mark Johnston. He officially became general manager in January 2016.

During his tenure as general manager, Fullerton guided the Tribe through the COVID-19 pandemic, which broke in March 2020. An emergency declaration approved by Tribal Council put him in charge of the Tribe's response to the pandemic. The emergency declaration is still in effect.

"I will forever be grateful for the service Dave has provided to our community," Tribal Council member Lisa Leno said in an e-mail after Fullerton's dismissal was announced. "It has been an honor working with him."

"What a sad day for GR (Grand Ronde)," Tribal Council member Jon A. George said in another e-mail. "Especially for the people who know the type of person Dave is and the caring heart he has for our Tribe and the community. What an honor to work for him for 15 years under Social Services and then reversed roles for Tribal Council as GM. He will be greatly missed."

Fullerton did not respond to a *Smoke Signals*' text request for comment.

In reaction, an online petition calling for Tribal Council to reconsider Fullerton's "without cause" termination was posted at [ipeitions.com](https://www.ipeitions.com). As of Tuesday, Jan. 31, 332 people had e-signed the petition. Former Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek presented the petition to Tribal Council during its Jan. 25 meeting.

Langley, however, cautioned attendees, some of whom were wearing "We support Dave" T-shirts, that Tribal Council could not discuss employment matters in a public forum.

"Due to the nature of the topic, we are not able to discuss employment-related matters in this forum," Langley read from a prepared statement. "We think it is important to note there is a separate process in place for employees who believe employment decisions were wrongfully taken against them. That process is handled through the Tribal Court, which is the appropriate forum for allegations of wrongful employment actions to be resolved."

Former Tribal Council members Jack Giffen Jr. and Reyn Leno also spoke in support of Fullerton, as did several Tribal members and employees who cited his long hours helping the community through difficult times, such as ice and snow storms, threatened flooding, the nearby wildfires that occurred in the summer of 2020 and COVID-19.

"He has done a hard job for this Tribe," Gleason-Shepek said. "Sometimes the things that he has had to do are very difficult. He's had to fire Tribal members. He's had to tell Tribal members 'no.' He has had to trespass Tribal members. Those are all very hard things to do, but that's the job and he does it. ... I think those of us that know Dave, we trust his integrity and we do not believe this is an HR performance issue and if it's not, then I think we as the membership do deserve an explanation."

Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D'Aquila reiterated that it would be inappropriate for Tribal Council to comment on an employment-related matter during the Jan. 25 meeting.

Fullerton started working for the Grand Ronde Tribe in June 2001 as an Indian Child Welfare caseworker. He managed the Social Services Department from December 2001 through late August 2015 when he was tapped to serve as interim general manager.

Before joining the Grand Ronde Tribe, Fullerton was the Social Services director for the Quinault Indian Nation in Washington state. He also worked as a probation officer for the Lake County Youth Court in Poulson, Mont., and as a sociology

instructor for Stone Child Tribal College on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Montana.

Fullerton earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Montana in Missoula, where he minored in both Native American studies and criminology. He graduated from Jesuit High School in Portland, Ore.

Finance Officer Chris Leno has assumed the general manager duties until a new person is hired. He has previously served in the general manager position. ■



Photo by Kamiah Koch

**Tribal Council member Jon A. George stands during the posting of the colors at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians' 2023 Winter Conference on Monday, Jan. 23, in Portland. Veterans Service Officer Ramona Quenelle carried the Grand Ronde flag.**

## Opioid epidemic affecting Tribal people at high rate

**ATNI continued from page 5**

gaming organization, where that money comes from and how we give to nonprofits in the state," she said. "So we buffed that marketing up. ... Not that we want to brag about how much money we give away, but we are a huge support to our community."

"People just aren't aware of it and that's something we really worked on. I do believe through COVID we were able to get a lot of community support because the Tribe really stepped in and made vaccines available and other things to the public."

Harvey discussed the Hatfield Fellowship and said she wished more Tribes would do something similar.

"We take money from our foundation and send a Fellow back to D.C. to work in one of the regional delegation offices for one year," she said. "It's a very high-level internship and we've had huge success stories come from that. ... It's really helped with bringing Indian people back to the table and carry our messages forward."

Other topics Wednesday included an ATNI executive director report, climate change program report, a water/energy report and the National Tribal Fentanyl Summit.

Northwest Portland Area In-

dian Health Board Chairman Nickolaus Lewis (Lummi) said that the ongoing opioid epidemic is affecting Tribal people at a very high rate, and that some morgues in King and Whatcom counties are running out of space for bodies.

"It is reported that the death rate due to overdoses is 30 percent higher than white people," he said. "And with that data is the highest death rate of overdose of all racial backgrounds."

He told attendees about the National Tribal Opioids Summit set for Aug. 22-24 in Tulalip, Wash., and the Washington Opioids Summit tentatively set for the end of May.

"So, we are here today to ask you to join us as attendees," Lewis said. "But also as partners in our efforts of addressing the impacts of fentanyl in our communities. We cannot do this alone. We cannot address these issues in silos. And it's not OK to stay idle and watch this epidemic continue to rob us of our current generation."

The convention wrapped up on Thursday, Jan. 26, with resolutions that will be forwarded to the National Congress of American Indians for consideration. ■

*Smoke Signals* social media/digital journalist Kamiah Koch contributed to this report.

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# Classes were not held for months

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proper heat within the school.” Falla’s Ukrainian friends asked if she could help them raise funds for a generator that they could purchase from a local vendor in order to continue heating the school when the intermittent power surges happen during the cold winter months. Falla estimates the project will cost approximately \$1,200.

She said that the Russian occupation of the town happened very fast and lasted until the fall.

“It was very bad,” she said. “They cut off electric, gas and blew out bridges so a lot of medicines couldn’t be brought in to restock stores. They interrogated and tortured people. It was really bad. All of the sudden, you had 200 tanks and vehicles and they set up shop in the First School. They even burnt down the forest. Most people I knew were able to get out. Those who stayed were just terrorized. There was a lot of torture that happened. ... My host papa was a fisherman and they threw a grenade in his boat just to mess with him.”

Russian troops also used the so-



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**Tribal employee Anne Falla, sitting in center, served in the Peace Corps in Ukraine for three years at The Second School. She is currently raising funds to help purchase a generator for the children who attend the war-torn school in Kherson Oblast.**

cial service centers and First School to store weapons and ammunition. Classes were not held for months. The Second School was spared much of this due to its remote location.

“There have been war crime investigations in the First School,”

Falla said. “There are a lot of missing people and families couldn’t bury their dead so they had to use their front yards and look at that for months. Most didn’t feel safe leaving their homes.”

Since the area was liberated in the fall, daily life is still far from normal but some routines have returned, such as the re-opening of the post office, some social service benefits and the return of in-person school. Many teachers from the Second School are still instructing remotely, as they left the country at the start of the war and haven’t yet returned due to ongoing safety concerns.

“We were a farming region so people were able to grow their own food before the war,” Falla said. “They usually farm all summer, but I’m not sure what they were able to do because before the Russians left they destroyed all of the infrastructure.”

For these reasons, Falla said the school having a generator is even more crucial.

“The school needs reliable electric service to make meals for the kids,” she said. “That to me is crucially important to get nutrients for them.”

Falla has spearheaded a few different fundraisers for Ukraine since the war began and said Tribal employees have been generous.

“I’ve been really impressed with the response here,” she said. “Lots of people here can relate because it’s a culture fighting for their sovereignty. They aren’t going to give it up. That is what they want, freedom. They’ve been displaced and are missing out on school, traditions with family and all of these milestones. This war has been very destructive to Ukrainian families and their culture.”

On Friday, Jan. 20, Falla visited different Tribal government offices to promote a 50/50 raffle. She raised nearly \$400.

“I’m always so thankful for this community and the hearts of those we work with,” she said in an e-mail. “Thank you to everyone for your support.”

For more information or to donate, visit <https://gofund.me/150a9eb2>. ■

## Clothes Closet open Fridays

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

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JANUARY 18 - APRIL 14, 2023



# Tribe takes step toward establishing charter school

By Danielle Harrison  
and Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals staff members

Tribal Council approved a professional services agreement for a feasibility study on Wednesday, Jan. 25, that will bring the Grand Ronde Tribe a step closer to opening its own school.

The agreement with GLAS Architects of Eugene will include four months of information gathering, Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said during the Tuesday, Jan. 24, Legislative Action Committee hearing.

Fasana said the firm would look at options, such as opening a kindergarten through fifth-grade or kindergarten through 12th-grade school, and also examine operational models and funding possibilities.

“We have a lot of things we have to think about,” Fasana said.

During the 2019 Tribal Council election, Tribal members were asked as an advisory vote “Should the Tribe evaluate a charter/private school for youth in Grand Ronde?” and 53.9 percent of those who voted supported the idea.

Currently, most Tribal member youth and descendants who live in the Grand Ronde area attend the Willamina School District. According to the most recent memorandum of agreement between the Tribe and district, approximately 277 of the 865 students – 32 percent – enrolled are Native American.

Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick said the prospect of a Tribal school could potentially be a “big financial hit” for the district because state school funding is based on enrollment.

“Other grants are tied to our Native enrollment as well, like Title VI, impact aid and the Tribal Attendance grant,” Zimbrick said. “A public charter school must be sponsored by an existing public school district. For example, Sheridan School District sponsors Sheridan All Prep and the former Japanese School. Working with a public district is typical.

*The firm would look at options, such as opening a kindergarten through fifth-grade or kindergarten through 12th-grade school, and also examine operational models and funding possibilities.*

“We would need to make some adjustments, but typically that would be at the core subject areas. Staffing high school is based on offering all courses required for graduation. ... So that becomes a bit more difficult when enrollment declines.”

She cited the Nixya’awii Community School, which is a public charter school in Pendleton that serves the area’s Native American population, as an example.

“To access public funds (state school funding), the charter school must be sponsored by a public school,” she said. “The funding flows through the public school with 85 percent of the funds going to the charter school. The public school would be responsible for providing financial oversight and access to specialists: special education, Title One, English language learners, talented and gifted, etc.”

The agreement calls for GLAS Architects to submit a finalized draft feasibility study by Oct. 13 at a maximum cost of \$97,750.

Tribal Council also set the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, General Council meeting to be held at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center off Interstate 205 in Clackamas. The presentation will be from the Tribal Employment Rights Office.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Adopted a resolution to accept negotiated opioid lawsuit settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers Teva and Allergan, as well as pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, that had been reached by the Tribal Leadership Committee in the multidistrict suit. “The Tribe’s legal counsel in the litigation believes the proposed settlements represent a fair deal

for Tribes and recommends that the Tribe accept each of the proposed settlements,” a staff recommendation stated. The amount the Tribe will receive will await finalized settlements and approval of a Tribal allocation matrix, Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D’Aquila said;

- Adopted final amendments to the Marriage Ordinance that include removing the requirement to record with a county of record or with the state vital statistics office, and added that any marriage that was issued a license, had a ceremony and had been issued a marriage certificate as authorized by the ordinance is presumed to be valid, and allowed Tribal Court to charge fees for providing additional copies of the marriage certificate;
- Approved applying for a \$207,000 Oregon Community Paths grant that would fund an 18-month planning process for a possible walkway from Grand Ronde to Spirit Mountain Casino. In 2020, 56.5 percent of Tribal voters in an advisory vote said they favored a walking path from Tribal housing to the casino. Interim Community Development Manager Kristen Svicarovich said any construction would not occur for several years;
- Approved applying for a \$2 million Environmental Protection Agency grant that would help the Tribe reduce toxins emanating from the Tribal campus and other Tribal properties. The five-year grant would help the Grand Ronde Tribe contribute to improvement of water quality in the Columbia River Basin;
- Approved acceptance of a \$134,374.90 Oregon Department of Education Office of Indian Education grant that will help the Tribe aid youths to successfully transition between grade levels. The Tribe’s Education Department plans to use the funds to provide an academic coach, buy supplies to enhance coaching sessions and hold family night activities;

- Adopted the Early Childhood Education’s triennial Child Care Plan, which identifies infant/toddler care as a priority, as well as Child Care Development Fund health and safety standards and a complementary amendment log. Early Childhood Education Manager Angie Blackwell said the adoptions will move the Tribe from having state licensing requirements to setting its own standards for child care;
- Approved the Tribe selling approximately \$47,000 of its common shares in Broadmark Asset Management to Westwood Holdings Group. Finance Officer Chris Leno said the Tribe would liquidate its Broadmark shares that it has held for several years and invest the funds in the Tribal portfolios;
- Approved an administrative services agreement in which the Tribal government’s Audit Department will provide audit services to Spirit Mountain Casino;
- Approved paying \$25,000 in dues to the Indian Gaming Association and named Tribal Council member Denise Harvey as the Tribe’s principal delegate to the organization;
- Approved paying \$7,500 in dues to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and named Tribal Council member Jon A. George as the Tribe’s principal delegate to the organization;
- Approved paying \$30,000 in dues to the National Congress of American Indians and named Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley as the Tribe’s principal delegate to the organization;
- And approved Tribal membership for one infant based on the minor meeting the Tribal requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Jan. 25 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed allowing the Emergency Services Department to apply for a Community Wildfire Risk Reduction grant to create defensible-space landscaping around the Grand Ronde and Willamina fire stations to protect critical infrastructure.

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. ■



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Attendees take a closer look at Tribal artist Dakota Zimmer’s multi-layered image of a Western scrub bird during the opening of Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center’s new “Ikanum” exhibit on Thursday, Jan. 19. This digital photograph joins other art mediums in the multi-artist installation featuring stories from throughout the Pacific Northwest. The exhibit will run through Friday, April 14.



# Exhibit opening



Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier and Cultural Protection Specialist Chris Bailey examine a carved cedar installation at Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center’s new “Ikanum” exhibit. The cedar carving was created by Tribal artist Greg A. Robinson in 2015.



Attendees are welcomed with drumming to Chachalu’s new “Ikanum” exhibit. The new exhibit at the Tribe’s Museum and Cultural Center is a multi-artist installation featuring stories from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center Senior Administrative Assistant Tammy Cook walk together through the new “Ikanum” exhibit at Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center on Thursday, Jan. 19.



# Survey finds Tribal members are turning more to social media for information

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The results of a 2022 communications survey of Grand Ronde Tribal members has found that the membership is mirroring information consumption trends in mainstream society – they are getting it via electronic sources such as social media platforms and websites.

The results, posted appropriately on the Tribal government website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org), found that the most used sources for obtaining information about the Tribe were the Tribe’s official website and official social media page on Facebook.

Also high on the list of places to obtain information about the Tribe were the *Smoke Signals* website at [www.smokesignals.org](http://www.smokesignals.org), the hard

copy of the Tribal newspaper and “unofficial sources,” such as unofficial Facebook groups about the Tribe, family members and friends. The least popular way to obtain information was the Tribal Listserv.

The survey overview cited research from the Pew Research Center that recently found that 82 percent of people are getting their news through electronic means more than the next popular mediums – TV, radio and print.

When asked how they would like to receive Tribal news and information, the most popular sources were the Tribe’s official website, official social media and Tribal Council meetings. The *Smoke Signals* website and hard copies of the newspaper were the fourth and fifth most preferred sources, respectively.

The least favorite ways to receive Grand Ronde news were the Tribal listserv, the Tribal Council publication *Tilixam Wawa* and “unofficial sources.”

The survey received approximately 136 responses, which is about 3 percent of the approximately 4,400 adult Tribal members who were eligible to vote in the September 2022 Tribal Council election.

The survey also found that the Grand Ronde Tribe is effective in communicating with its membership. More than 73 percent of the respondents said that the Tribe is effective or somewhat effective in communicating and 67.6 percent of respondents said they can find the information they need through the myriad sources available to them.

Seventy-two percent of respondents said they follow the Tribe’s official social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and 94 percent of respondents said they use Facebook most often as their social media source.

Almost half of Tribal member respondents said they check their social media more than once a day and almost half said they are most active on social media after 5 p.m. Photos, videos and short stories are the most popular content on social media, the survey also found.

“The Tribe took the information from this survey and developed an advisory vote question for consideration by the members,” the survey overview states. “That advisory vote asked members whether or not the Tribe should create a webpage portal or app for Tribal member-only access for communications. The idea was supported and 66.4 percent of Tribal members who voted in last year’s election.”

The survey overview says the Tribe will explore creation of a mobile app to communicate with the membership in 2023. ■

End of a season



Photo by Kamiah Koch

Garden Coordinator and Food Sustainability Administrative Assistant Patti LeClaire smiles at Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson after being wrapped in a Pendleton blanket during her retirement party held at the Elders Activity Center on Friday, Jan. 13. LeClaire has volunteered and worked for the Tribe since 2014.

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Watchlist: ‘Indigenous TikTokers use platform to celebrate their culture’

(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

The social media app TikTok has gained its popularity in the last several years by achieving downloads from all demographics. One demographic in particular has used its broad reach to their advantage.

Indigenous influencers now share traditional regalia, customs and everyday life from their Reservations through TikTok videos. Their ability to bring attention to Native life even captured the attention of ABC News, which shared a video interviewing various Indigenous TikTok creators.

“People don’t even think we exist to this day,” Brett Mooswa from the Makwa Sahgiaiehcan First Nation says at the beginning of the video.

ABC interviews Mooswa, Juan Maya (Chichimeca), Michelle Chubb (Swampy Cree) and Chelei Kahalewai (Native Hawaiian). All four have gained a following by posting videos about their Indigenous heritage.

Each influencer talks about their different style of TikTok videos. Chubb shares her traditional clothing and dances. In some videos she uses voiceover to explain the stories she has heard passed down through generations.

“I started to show off my jingle dress that my auntie gave me,” Chubb says. “A lot of people admired that and were happy I was showing off my culture in that way.”

Mooswa posts comedy bits about Native life and Maya shares videos that showcase the duality of Native Americans – wearing modern clothes from today before transitioning into traditional Chichimeca headdress and clothing. Kahalewai shares videos of traditional Hawaiian dancing.

“I think it was very encouraging to see more people sharing about Native Hawaiian history and culture,” Kahalewai says.

If you would like to watch the interview and see some of the TikToks these influencers make, you can follow this link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAotqSHWzCY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAotqSHWzCY). ■

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE  
GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In the Matter of:  
Jessica Geers  
Petitioner.

Case No.: C-23-002  
ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO  
CHANGE NAME FOR PUBLICATION

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on  
January 10, 2023,

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the Petitioner and the subject matter of the Petition  
herein;

2. The Petitioner is over 18 years of age;

3. The Petitioner is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Community of Oregon, roll number 3938;

4. The Petitioner has not petitioned and been granted a change of name by the Tribal  
Court within the past twelve (12) months;

5. The Petitioner has no Creditors or Former Spouses to whom an obligation is owed  
under a divorce decree.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The name of the Petitioner is changed from Jessica Marie Geers to Justice Apollo  
Burnes;

Order Granting Request To Change Name For Publication

2. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the  
Tribal Newsletter;

3. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand  
Ronde Tribal Enrollment office;

4. The Clerk of the Court shall provide a certified copy of the Order to the Oregon State  
Department of Vital Statistics.

DATED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

/s/ Patrick S. Melendy  
Patrick S. Melendy  
Chief Judge

A logo for the Grand Ronde Housing Department featuring a stylized house with a chimney and a tree.

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

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

A black and white photograph of a smiling woman sitting on a bench in a classroom setting. To her right is a whiteboard with some writing on it.

**TEACH** our children  
our stories

**BECOME A TEACHER.**  
**APPLY TO AITP**  
[www.pdx.edu/aitp](http://www.pdx.edu/aitp)

**AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHER PROGRAM**

A logo for the American Indian Teacher Program featuring a stylized bison and a person on a horse.

IT'S  
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**SWEETHEARTS JAM**  
A LUSH LAMATSIN EVENT

Families are invited to join us as we  
celebrate love in the sweetest way!  
There will be free food, raffles,  
traditional songs and dance, family  
activities, plus more...

**02.10.23** 5-7pm  
Tribal Gym  
Free Event


Questions? Call 503-879-1693



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. ■

Parent  
Connections



I am pleased to announce we can gather once again! Please join us monthly for this care giver connection group.

• Healthy Conversations around parent/child connections

• Professionals invited

• Monthly topics with open discussion encouraged

• Beading/cultural connections

• Judgement-free space

Location:  
Youth Education  
Common Area

Noon-1 p.m.

Light lunch provided

Thursday, Feb. 2

Thursday, March 2

Thursday, April 6

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

Audra.Sherwood@grandronde.org 503-879-2069

Lyndsey.Stuckey@grandronde.org 503-879-2095

Chyanne.Schlappie@grandronde.org 503-879-1496

Walking On...

Miguel Burton Adams

Oct. 28, 2000 – Jan. 11, 2023

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, we lost the magnanimous presence of Miguel Burton Adams, who has gone to embark on a separate journey.

He was born on Oct. 28, 2000, at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City. He was 22 years old, and the beloved son of Lisa Alane Archuleta and Mark Scott Adams. His grandparents were Douglas and Bernadine Shriver, Arlene Adams and the departed Burton Adams.

He was an amazing partner for Taylor Sturgeon and he loved his daughter Olive very much. He graduated from David Douglas High School and went to Kansas for college.

After being an intern at Brosseau’s, he continued working there for about five years where he developed his love of car restoration.

In Miguel’s spare time, he enjoyed being in nature, hiking and paddle boarding, and he loved loud music.

He is survived by his sister, Charity Flores; brothers, Zach and Gabe Adams; cousins, Dallas, Austin and Chelsea; nieces, Lexus, Sedona and Denali; and nephews, Jerome, Dominik and Bronson, who all have a very special bond with him. He also is survived by uncles, aunties and many cousins.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, Jan. 18.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.batemancarrollfunerals.com](http://www.batemancarrollfunerals.com) for the family.



Other passings

Ann Etoile Ritchey

June 20, 1947 – Jan. 16, 2023

Tribal Elder Ann Etoile Ritchey passed on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at the age of 75.

Forest Funeral Home in Olympia, Wash., is assisting the family.

There were no funeral service details available at presstime.

We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! ■

Organic Farming Training

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is offering paid internships for Native Americans interested in learning regenerative farming and microenterprise business development. You will train with a Native American farmer during morning classes, and learn to prepare the soil to grow a crop of organic foods in the afternoons on our 11-acre organic farm near Aurora, Oregon. Interns will also assist with formation of the Native American Farm Cooperative and Farmer’s Market.

• 8 weeks (April 5 - May 26, 2023)

• 3 days a week (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

• Paid internship (\$2,000)

• Additional funds available for your emerging business

To apply, contact Sara:

info@elderberrywisdom.org

Elderberry Wisdom Farm

www.elderberrywisdom.org







TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

CONSTRUCTION FALL PROTECTION TRAINING

Participants will learn the requirements of OSHA Fall Protection for both Commercial and Residential Construction. This will include related terminology, fall hazard recognition, selection and implementation of fall protection systems, inspection and use of fall arrest equipment and the importance of overhead protection.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 2023 • 7 A.M. – 6 P.M.


Free to all Tribal members and \$100 for non-tribal members.

9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97396, Building C in room 118.


Lunch will be provided.

To register for this training please contact 503-879-2146 or email at [TERO@grandronde.org](mailto:TERO@grandronde.org)





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**Tuesday, Nov. 22**

- An extra patrol was requested in the 9600 block of Tillixam Circle.
- Officers removed a traffic hazard on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- Officers responded to an alarm in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A hit-and-run was reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Wednesday, Nov. 23**

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a vehicle fire on Highway 18 near milepost 29.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a menacing case in the 8000 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Officers requested an agency assist from the Gresham Police Department for follow-up on a hit-and-run case.
- Officers were dispatched to Highway 18 near milepost 19 for a possibly impaired driver who was driving at slow speeds. The vehicle was located in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. After an investigation, it was determined that the driver was not impaired.
- Officers located a suspicious vehicle on Hebo Road near milepost 24. The occupant was contacted and left the area after being issued a verbal warning for trespassing.

**Thursday, Nov. 24**

- Officers were dispatched to a possibly impaired driver leaving the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Due to a time delay, the officer was unable to locate the vehicle.
- A drug complaint reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers stopped a vehicle on Highway 18 near milepost 21 for a traffic violation. After an investigation, the male driver was arrested for DUII.

**Friday, Nov. 25**

- Officers were contacted by the male who was arrested on Nov. 24 for DUII and answered his questions regarding a temporary license.
- Officers were contacted by a citizen in the 30000 block of Salmon River Highway who wanted to report a domestic violence situation.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with an arrest in the area of Southwest Harrison Street and Southwest First Street in Sheridan.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on Highway 18 near milepost 21. After an investigation, the male driver was arrested for DUII.
- Officers assisted with a non-injury crash in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Saturday, Nov. 26**

- Offices were dispatched to the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive for a male who made statements of self-harm. The male was contacted by officers who verified that the male was not injured and he did not require additional assistance.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a crash on Highway 18B near milepost 1.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a domestic disturbance in the area of Grand Ronde Road and South Street.

**Sunday, Nov. 27**

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a male walking in the road near Highway 18B and Rock Creek Road in Willamina.
- Officers were contacted by a citizen in the 30000 block of Salmon River Highway and provided more information regarding an ongoing domestic violence situation.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a minor injury crash in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers were dispatched to the 8000 block of Grand Ronde Road for a possible restraining order violation. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect.

**Monday, Nov. 28**

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a civil service in the 7000 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with possible elder abuse in the 300 block of Walnut Street in Willamina.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally distressed male in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a minor injury two-vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 19.
- Officers were dispatched to a disabled vehicle in the 9200 block of Steel Bridge Road. The vehicle left the area without additional assistance before officers arrived.

**Tuesday, Nov. 29**

- A theft was reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers checked the 700 series roads near Coast Creek in Willamina for a group of males who were reportedly removing forest products from the area.
- Officers located a suspicious vehicle in the area of Blacktail Drive and Salmon Way. Officers contacted a female occupant who said she was waiting of someone who lived nearby.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a suspicious circumstance in 300 block of Northeast C Street in Willamina.


**Wednesday, Nov. 30**

- Officers assisted an outside agency with reported child neglect in the 9600 block of Tillixam Circle. After an investigation, officers determined the child was in good health and no crimes had been committed.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a single vehicle crash in the 100 block of First Street in Willamina.
- Officers contacted a suspicious vehicle in the area of Highway 18 and Fire Hall Road. Officers contacted the male occupant of the vehicle. He left the area after being issued a verbal warning for trespass.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a civil standby in the 300 block of Walnut Street in Willamina.
- A hit-and-run was reported in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers were dispatched to a possible prowler in Tribal Housing. Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate anything suspicious.
- Officers assisted with a disabled vehicle and the male driver was arrested after it was discovered he had a warrant for his arrest.

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

## Creativity in Recovery

Friday  
Time: 6-7pm  
Where: Behavioral Health group room



Children Welcome But  
No child care provided

## Parents in Recovery

Mondays  
From 6-7 pm  
@Behavioral health Group room



Children Welcome But  
No child care provided





# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

January Announcements

### FETANYL AWARENESS

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths. Even in small doses, it can be deadly. Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

- Signs of overdose:
- Small, constricted “pinpoint pupils”
  - Falling asleep or losing consciousness
  - Slow, weak, or no breathing
  - Choking or gurgling sounds
  - Limp body
  - Cold and/or clammy skin
  - Discolored skin (especially in lips and nails)

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



### COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- Sweethearts Jam**
- 02/10, 5-7pm
  - Tribal Gym, Free Event
  - Families are invited to join us as we celebrate love in the sweetest way! There will be free food, raffles, traditional songs and dance, family activities, plus more...
- Powwow Power Hour**
- Every Other Tuesday (01/10, 01/24, 02/07, 02/21, 03/07, 03/21)
  - 5:30-6:30pm, Community Center
  - Behavioral Health and ILAUNCH will be opening up space for powwow dancers to get their jam on and practice their dancing. All skill levels and ages are welcome.
- Resources for Families**
- Are you a caretaker and have an infant under 12mo or are an expectant mother? ILAUNCH is looking to support you with supplies and education. Please reach out to [ilaunch@grandronde.org](mailto:ilaunch@grandronde.org) or call Tawna at 503-879-1396.
  - You can also drop-in to the ILAUNCH Office Hours for families with children ages 0-8 for more resources and parent support, Mondays 9-11am/Thursdays 1-3pm/appointments are available after hours.



**Opioid Addiction can happen to anyone.**

***So can recovery.***

Walk-in’s Welcome

1011 Commercial St. NE Salem OR.

1-888-983-9866

[GreatCircleSalem.org](http://GreatCircleSalem.org)



When you choose recovery:  
**You take back your life.**

## ACUPUNCTURE in GRAND RONDE

THURSDAYS

@ Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center



Acupuncture can help with...

- pain
- headaches/migraines
- digestive issues
- women’s health issues
- emotional pain & trauma
- diabetic neuropathy
- addictions
- and so much more!



Questions or to schedule:  
CALL OR TEXT: 503-482-9370  
EMAIL: [info@yourdearbody.com](mailto:info@yourdearbody.com)

**dearbody**  
ACUPUNCTURE + NATURAL REMEDIES

## Acupuncture in PORTLAND

For tribal members and employees

(acupuncture covered under Skookum and employee plans)



TUE, WED, & FRI

4233 S Corbett Ave  
Portland, OR 97239  
\*\*3 blocks from CTGR Office!

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ACUPUNCTURE + NATURAL REMEDIES

To schedule or ask questions:  
CALL 503-482-9370  
EMAIL [info@yourdearbody.com](mailto:info@yourdearbody.com)





# Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather.

Health & Wellness Center staff will make every attempt to call patients during closures. Also, please sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) or follow the Tribe’s primary page on Facebook. ■

# MARRIAGES IN 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. ■

# Balancing Work & Family

Reduce stress, rejuvenate yourself, and replenish your relationships!

All are welcome!

**Monday, February 6, 2023 at Noon**

**Zoom:** <https://bit.ly/BalanceWorkFamily>

**Call:** (719) 359-4580

**Enter Meeting ID:** 849 1234 5734

**Passcode:** 559028

# JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Posted January 27, 2023

| Job# | Position Title  | Grade | Min. Start Wage  | Max Start Wage   | Closing Date |
|------|---|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1666 | Health Administrator                                      | 12    | \$34.79/hr.      | \$44.74/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1670 | Tribal Civil Engineer                                     | 15    | \$94,549.22/yr.  | \$123,474.97/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1721 | Firefighter – On-Call                                     | 9     | \$26.14/hr.      | \$33.77/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1753 | Grant Program Manager                                     | 16    | \$104,004.14/yr. | \$135,684.70/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1784 | Literacy Specialist                                       | 12    | \$34.79/hr.      | \$44.74/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1793 | Tribal Court Volunteer – Court Appointed Special Advocate |       |                  |                  | Until Filled |
| 1794 | Enrichment – College Intern PART TIME                     | 5     | \$18.23/hr.      | \$23.26/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1795 | Enrichment Curriculum Developer & Trainer                 | 10    | \$28.75/hr.      | \$37.09/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1814 | TPREP College Intern – Social Services                    | 3     | \$16.00/hr.      | \$19.34/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1815 | Tiny Village Case Manager                                 | 13    | \$38.27/hr.      | \$49.15/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1817 | Peer Support Specialist – Behavioral Health               | 9     | \$26.14/hr.      | \$33.77/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1820 | Single Role Paramedic                                     | 10    | \$59,808.39/yr.  | \$77,148.67/yr.  | Until Filled |
| 1821 | Firefighter/Paramedic                                     | 11    | \$65,789.23/yr.  | \$84,727.04/yr.  | Until Filled |
| 1823 | Grant Writer  | 12    | \$72,368.15/yr.  | \$93,059.45/yr.  | Until Filled |
| 1826 | Lodge Caregiver *   | 7     | \$21.60/hr.      | \$28.02/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1827 | Lodge Caregiver On-Call *                                 | 7     | \$21.60/hr.      | \$28.02/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1833 | Organizational Development & Training Manager             | 16    | \$104,004.14/yr. | \$135,684.70/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1834 | Maintenance Technician                                    | 7     | \$21.60/hr.      | \$28.02/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1835 | Security Officer - Oregon City [On-Call]                  | 5     | \$18.23/hr.      | \$23.26/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1836 | Legal Office Clerk  | 7     | \$21.60/hr.      | \$28.02/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1837 | Economic Development Director                             | 21    | \$154,937.23/yr. | \$218,064.54/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1839 | Barista Trainee – PT Limited Duration - TERO              | 1     | \$16.00/hr.      | \$16.00/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1840 | Research Librarian – Cultural Resources                   | 10    | \$28.75/hr.      | \$37.09/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1841 | Cultural Protection Specialist                            | 10    | \$28.75/hr.      | \$37.09/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1842 | IT Auditor  | 14    | \$87,565.47/yr.  | \$112,323.88/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1843 | Senior Auditor  | 13    | \$79,604.94/yr.  | \$102,239.01/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1845 | Administrative Assistant – Adult Foster Care              | 8     | \$23.76/hr.      | \$30.76/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1846 | Asset Inventory Specialist                                | 8     | \$23.76/hr.      | \$30.76/hr.      | Until Filled |
| 1847 | Enrichment Coordinator                                    | 8     | \$23.76/hr.      | \$30.76/hr.      | 02/02/23     |
| 1848 | Groundskeeper   | 6     | \$20.05/hr.      | \$25.53/hr.      | 02/02/23     |
| 1849 | Community/Public Health Manager                           | 17    | \$114,404.55/yr. | \$149,125.52/yr. | 02/02/23     |
| 1851 | Dental Assistant  | 7     | \$21.60/hr.      | \$28.02/hr.      | 02/09/23     |

| Job# | Position Title                            | Grade | Min. Start Wage | Max Start Wage  | Closing Date |
|------|---|-------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1852 | Network Administrator                     | 13    | \$38.27/hr.     | \$49.15/hr.     | 02/09/23     |
| 1853 | Accounting Clerk                          | 7     | \$21.60/hr.     | \$28.02/hr.     | 02/09/23     |
| 1778 | LPN OTP - PDX                             | 12    | \$72,368.15/yr. | \$93,059.45/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1808 | Milieu Safety Technician - Portland       | 6     | \$20.05/hr.     | \$25.53/hr.     | Until Filled |
| 1810 | Substance Use Disorder Therapist          | 10    | \$59,808.39/yr. | \$77,148.67/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1844 | Client Registration Specialist - Portland | 8     | \$23.76/hr.     | \$30.76/hr.     | 02/09/23     |
| 1850 | Counselor in Training - Salem             | 8     | \$23.76/hr.     | \$30.76/hr.     | 02/09/23     |
| 1831 | Temporary Pool                            | 2     | \$16.00/hr.     | \$16.00/hr.     | Open         |

\$500 Hire-On Bonus - AFC Positions \* Lodge Caregivers and CNA's hired after March 4, 2022, are eligible when employed for 120 days.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde offers generous benefits and competitive pay. POSTINGS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED & WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT NOTICE \*

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

- Grand Ronde Tribal members.
- (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)
- Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
- External candidates.

Apply online at: [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

# DARKNESS TO LIGHT®

END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Please join a three part parent, caregiver, and community member training series to protect our children.

Thursday, February 2 | 12:00 - 12:45  
Bystanders Protecting Children from Boundary Violations and Sexual Abuse

Thursday, March 2 | 12:00 – 12:45  
Healthy Touch for Children and Youth

Thursday, April 6 | 12:00 - 12:45  
Talking with Children about Safety from Sexual Abuse

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

**RSVP or Questions to Tracy Haas:**  
503-879-1361  
[tracy.haas@grandronde.org](mailto:tracy.haas@grandronde.org)  
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Early Head Start/Head Start

\* Care package and light snacks available.  
\* Bring lunch to eat during training if needed.

**Juliette's House**  
CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTION CENTER

# SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO CAREERS

| POSTING TITLE                               | CLOSE DATE   | WAGE/SALARY         |
|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Cage Cashier                                | 2/2/2023     | \$18.29/hr. DOE     |
| Chief Executive Officer                     | 2/2/2023     | DOE                 |
| Maintenance Technician                      | 2/2/2023     | \$21.22/hr. DOE     |
| Revenue Auditor II (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | 2/2/2023     | \$21.22/hr. DOE     |
| Guest Safety Specialist I                   | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE     |
| Guest Safety Specialist II                  | Until Filled | \$18.55/hr. DOE     |
| IT Network Engineer I                       | Until Filled | \$58,008.29/yr. DOE |
| Lodge Front Desk Clerk                      | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE     |
| Maintenance Administrative Assistant II     | Until Filled | \$18.82/hr. DOE     |
| Marketing Director                          | Until Filled | DOE                 |
| Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$14.58/hr. + Tips  |
| Uniform Attendant                           | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE     |

## \$500 Referral Bonus

SMC & CTGR Employees

## \$1,000 Hire-On Bonus

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  | ✓ 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. |
| ✓ SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. | ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.   |
| ✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.                                       | ✓ ** Applicants that are hired for this position may be eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus **  |

[employmentteam@spiritmtn.com](mailto:employmentteam@spiritmtn.com) <https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>  
Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.