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Health & Wellness Clinic ending mask mandate

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Slightly more than three years after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Clinic will be repealing its mask mandate for Tribal health care facilities on Monday, April 3.

The Tribal health facility is following the lead of the Oregon Health Authority, which announced on Friday, March 3, that it was rescinding provisions of an Oregon Administrative Rule that requires workers in health care settings to

wear masks effective April 3.

Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on Tuesday, March 7, that the Tribe would follow suit. However, she said, masks will continue to be available throughout Tribal Health & Wellness facilities for staff and patients.

“Anyone who is symptomatic with respiratory signs will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask while in the Health & Wellness facilities to limit spread of any viruses,” Rowe said, adding that Health & Wellness will continue to

mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for staff until that requirement is repealed by federal funding sources.

Wearing a mask at work became optional for most Tribal employees and guests in March 2022 except for Health & Wellness and Education staff members. Spirit Mountain Casino also dropped its mask wearing requirement for guests at that time.

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Grants Pass gaming threat is finally kaput

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

GRANTS PASS – Dutch Bros. co-founder Travis Boersma has officially given up his effort to revive professional horse racing in Oregon and install slot machine-like historic racing machines at the proposed Flying Lark entertainment center at Josephine County Fairgrounds.

Boersma notified the county that his company, TMB Racing, was terminating its 99-year lease to use the county fairground track after he reportedly invested \$50 million to upgrade the track into a professional facility he called Grants Pass Downs.

Along with the horse racing, Boersma proposed an adjacent casino that would have featured historic racing machines, which drew the attention of Oregon’s federally recognized Tribes, including the Grand Ronde Tribe, as a new threat to Native American gaming in the state.

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Round Dance returns



Photo by Kamiah Koch

Attendees gather in a circle around drummers in the center of the Grand Ronde Tribal gym during the 18th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4. Before the dancing started, the drums were smudged with sweet grass smoke that wafted through the air during the evening. The Round Dance returned after a three-year break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to sign-in sheets counted after the Round Dance concluded, 338 people attended the event on Friday, March 3, and 470 people attended on Saturday, March 4. See more photos on page 10.

General Council briefed on Education Department

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer

Education Department Manager Angela Fasana briefed Tribal members on the department’s various programs and accomplishments during a Sunday, March 5, General Council meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application and in Tribal Council Chambers.

During the meeting, Fasana



Angela Fasana

highlighted the department’s successes of the past year, organizational changes, construction projects and future goals.

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Council OKs grant application for two Tribal police vehicles

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer

Tribal Council adopted a resolution at its Wednesday, March 8, meeting to approve a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice’s Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for two new Tribal police vehicles and equipment.

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Photo by Kamiah Koch

A Tribal police vehicle sits in the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department parking lot on Wednesday, March 8.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, April 2
Lane Community College Longhouse
4000 E. 30th Ave, Eugene

Tribal members can participate remotely
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DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 22.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 19.....	4 p.m.

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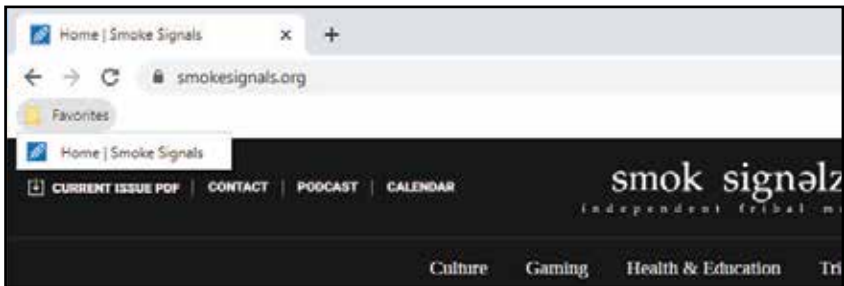
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IN THE FUTURE



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ṭun-mun (March)

- Wednesday, March 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, March 25 – mek^hmek mania, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- Monday, March 27, to Wednesday, March 29 – Spring Break Camp for sixth- through 12th-grade students, 3509 East Devil's Lake Road, Otis. Advance sign-up required. 503-879-2101.

lakit-mun (April)

- Sunday, April 2 – General Council meeting, Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene, 11 a.m., and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 5 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, April 6 – Spring Carnival, 4-6 p.m. at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2275.
- Saturday, April 15 – Family Fun Run/Walk, 11 a.m., at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

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Tribe remains under a state of emergency since 2020

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Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said her department dropped its only remaining mask mandate for students and staff in the Early Childhood Education Program on Jan. 12 per federal Head Start guidelines.

The Oregon Health Authority said its decision to end statewide health care mask requirements aligns with decisions made in other states, such as Washington.

State Epidemiologist Dean Sidelinger said that data in recent weeks is showing decreases in three respiratory diseases that triggered a surge in visits to hospital emergency rooms – COVID-19, influenza and respiratory syncytial virus or RSV.

The Oregon Health Authority advises that anyone with a higher risk for severe disease, or who lives with someone at higher risk, should still consider wearing masks in health care or any other public settings to better protect themselves and those most vulnerable around them.

Although the state and Tribe are lifting the mask mandate, some health care providers may continue to require masks, which are an effective way to reduce transmission of respiratory viruses.

The Grand Ronde Tribe remains under a state of emergency that was declared on March 18, 2020. Communications Director Sara Thompson said the declaration remains in effect because the Tribe is still utilizing state resources for its pandemic response.

“We are currently reviewing what resources and assets we have in place and we hope a decision on next steps will be made in the next month or so,” she said. ■

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Chachalu is seeking tribal members 50+ to share stories and photos for an upcoming exhibit. The exhibit will feature stories from the forest, told through the perspective of timber industry workers, conservationists, hunters, weavers and others reflecting on how our interaction with the land has changed from time immemorial to present day.

If you or someone you know have a story to share, please contact us at Chachalu:

Phone // 503-879-2194 or
Email // culturalresources@grandronde.org



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 March 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. ■



2018 – Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr. was featured in a March 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*. He talked about his artwork, family, military service in Vietnam, growing up in Grand Ronde and time on Tribal Council. Bobb was a passionate advocate for veteran’s causes and was described as someone who always spoke his mind. “I always say that I am either extremely blessed or the luckiest guy on earth. To have been through what I have been through and still be here on this earth, I know I have a purpose.”



2018 File photo

2013 – Six European Fellows visited Grand Ronde, including the plankhouse and Spirit Mountain Casino’s buffet. Marshall Memorial Fellows from Madrid, Vienna, Ankara, Berlin and Warsaw met America by visiting people living in a variety of different circumstances, including Tribal communities. The Marshall Memorial Fellowship was created in 1982 to introduce a new generation of European leaders to the United States.

2008 – Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified about the Warm Springs Tribe’s proposal to build an off-reservation casino in Cascade Locks, citing the Grand Ronde Tribe’s “historical and ancestral” ties to the area. Kennedy said the Grand Ronde people had fished there and had burial grounds there. She spoke in a packed 400-capacity Gorge Pavilion in Cascade Locks. It was the second of five meetings being held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the draft environmental impact statement for the Warm Springs’ proposed casino.

2003 – Baskets from the Grand Ronde Cultural Resources collection were on display at the Mission Mill Museum in Salem. The baskets showcased the skill and artistry of Willamette Valley Tribal weavers. “The idea of the exhibit was to showcase the baskets and show the continuity between weavers,” Cultural Collections Specialist Lindy Trolan said. “We tried to incorporate a historical perspective with present day.”

1998 – Health and Human Services Division Manager Cheryle A. Kennedy gave an update on Tribal health and wellness at a March General Council meeting. She said that the prior year was very important because the programs had grown and were all housed at the new Health and Wellness Center. She said a research project conducted through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was completed and the findings were mailed to all Tribal households in December. “This project allowed us to find out certain things about our health,” Kennedy said.

1993 – Approximately 40 people gathered to mark the open house and dedication of the Tribe’s new Early Childhood Education facility. Tribal Council member Kathryn Harrison gave the invocation and guest speakers included early childhood educators from across the state as well as Education Department Manager Dean Azule and Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier.

1988 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier reported that major changes had been made to the Tribe’s Election Ordinance. Beginning in the fall, there would be only three Tribal Council seats up for re-election each year, instead of all nine positions. This was done to maintain staggered terms, which also avoided a massive turnover at the same time if council members were not re-elected or chose not to run.

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



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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 at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 24, at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 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: Carmen Robertson.
- **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: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **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.

Lease termination will cost Josephine County \$313,999 in rent annually

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The 35,000-square-foot building that Boersma envisioned as a “gaming, entertainment and dining venue” adjacent to the race track drew opposition from then-Gov. Kate Brown, who refused to make an exception from the state’s policy that casinos are allowed only on Native American land.

Boersma argued that the Flying Lark wasn’t a casino because its betting machines were based on historic horse races, but the Oregon Department of Justice issued

an opinion in February 2022 that installation of the historic racing machines would constitute a casino and would be unconstitutional, which prohibited the Oregon Racing Commission from approving the non-horse racing portion of Boersma’s proposal.

The lease termination will cost Josephine County \$313,999 annually and the Flying Lark laid off more than 200 workers when it was rejected by state officials. ■

Includes information from The Oregonian and Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Education Department sending out monthly newsletter

GENERAL COUNCIL
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“I’m excited to talk about everything we’ve done this past year, and our hopes and dreams for the future,” she said.

Fasana said 2022 as a whirlwind year after weathering almost two years of various COVID-19 restrictions and closures.

“We have new buildings coming online and are trying to figure out where everyone will be going,” she said. “We are still short-staffed and our employees need extra support.”

Fasana said the Education Department is now sending out a monthly newsletter with updates and has been working on Community Development Plan implementation. Literacy, records management, emergency management and community outreach also have been a focus in the past year, along with grant and facilities management.

“All of our higher education files and now laser fiche are searchable,” she said. “We’re slowly working through the other programs.”

Fasana also provided an overview of the Early Childhood, Youth and Higher Education programs, as well as an update on the new hayu munk skukum Services and Chinuk Language programs.

- Some of the highlights included:
- There are 69 students in five pre-school classrooms and 29 students in the home-based program. The child care feasibility study is complete and there are plans to build an eight-room childhood development center with a tentative opening date of fall 2024;
 - The Chinuk Language program continues to be successful. There

- are 17 students in the preschool class, 15 in the kindergarten to sixth-grade class and 38 in the high school class. There is no longer a middle school class. Instead, two different levels are offered at Willamina High School. A new, six-classroom language building will open in the fall for preschool through sixth-grade students;
- Youth Education offers academic advising, coaching, curriculum development, a Shawash Studies high school class, college visits, school supply distributions, and an annual honor and recognition event. There are 320 students who utilize academic coaches and advisers. Fifteen students are enrolled in the Shawash Studies class and 37 in a guided study class. Additionally, a Native literature class has 13 students enrolled;
 - Youth Enrichment, now hayu munk skukum Services, continues its popular hihi-lakhaset (fun boxes) activity project, which served 1,200 students last year. The afterschool and summer programs include 100 students, while 120 participate in Native Club activities. Last summer, 28 students were selected for the Youth Internship program. Staff also participate in Monday morning meet-ups in Tribal housing;
 - Higher Education currently has 78 students in bachelor degree programs, 46 in graduate degree programs, 91 in community college programs, 11 in non-credit classes, five enrolled in GED programs and five students in education/career coaching. The Tribe also had 93 students who received a state Tribal Student Grant to cover college tuition and other expenses;

- And the Tribal Library provides author visits, afterschool programming and mobile library services for those who cannot come in person.
- Fasana said that goals include hosting a language building open house, completing a Tribally operated school feasibility study and opening the child development center. To learn more about the Education Department, visit grandronde.org/services/education.
- Fasana took six questions and comments from the audience. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that education has always been a priority for the Tribe.
- “This was a good report and had a lot of important information,” she said. “Education is a principle that

the Tribe has always embraced.”

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be in a hybrid format at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Lane Community College Longhouse, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene, with a presentation about fentanyl awareness and education.

Door prize winners were Lee Huffman, Angie Blackwell, Darla Reynvaan, Cheyenne Haller and Matthew Haller, \$50 each; and Josephine Ingraham, Jamieson Smallwood and Jack Giffen Jr., \$100 each.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

CTGR Cultural Resources

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April - Hazel

May - Cedar

June - Camas

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September (Ashland) - Pine Nuts

September - Wapato

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40TH RESTORATION CELEBRATION



2023 LOGO CONTEST

- Organizers of the 2023 40th Restoration Celebration are holding a logo contest for Grand Ronde Tribal members and descendants.
- Winning logo will be used on promotional materials and gifts for our 40th Restoration Celebration.
- Entries should include: artwork, description, name, roll, phone number and email.

Send submissions to publicaffairs@grandronde.org or

Tribal Council
Attn: RC40
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347



Deadline is Monday, May 15, at 5 P.M.

Winner will be announced June 1

- Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions
- First place receives an Ikanum saddle blanket

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Tribal Veterans Service Office

2023 Claim Appointment Schedule

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

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Any household with an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income is eligible to receive discounted Internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program recently launched by the Federal Communications Commission. Social Security does not count Affordable Connectivity Program assistance as income or a resource for SSI purposes.

The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To enroll in the Connectivity Program, go to www.fcc.gov/asp for more information. ■



Police vehicles currently have at least 114,000 miles on them

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The \$219,295 Public Safety and Community Policing grant is designed to expand the implementation of community policing and meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Indian Country. The funding can be used for hiring officers, as well as basic equipment, technology and training.

"We have applied in the past and been successful," Tribal Grants Assistant Dana Morfin said during the Tuesday, March 7, Legislative Action Committee meeting. "Grants are announced in fall of 2023 and the wait for vehicles is approximately six to nine months. ... I do know that we have some older vehicles that are around and they're actually needing repairs right now."

She added that the vehicles currently in use have at least 114,000 miles on them due to the amount of driving done by Tribal police officers, who patrol the entire Reservation as well as Spirit Mountain Casino. Tribal police officers also are asked to provide support for nearby police agencies, such as the sheriff's departments in Yamhill and Polk counties and Oregon State Police.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an amendment to the Housing Grievance Board by-

laws. The amendment requires that board members who are also tenants in Tribal housing remain in good standing under the terms of their rental agreement;

- Approved a resolution for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund plan application for fiscal years 2023 to 2025;
- Approved a resolution for a coordination funding agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for up to \$132,711 per year. The agreement funds the Tribe's participation in BPA processes on the Tribe's ceded lands;
- And enrolled one infant in the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the March 8 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed that OK'd the Cultural Resources Department manager entering into a two-year contract with Southern Oregon University for up to \$35,000 to research Chinese history in Oregon City in the 19th and 20th centuries. Additionally, authorizations to proceed were approved for the Eel Rock and Walton home site demolitions.

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

Tribal 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. ■

Social Security Presentation and Luncheon

Presented by the Social Security Administration Public Affairs Office

April 20, 2023 at 11 a.m.

At the Community Programs & Veteran Services Building - Q

25500 SW Grand Ronde Rd. GR, OR

Zoom link available:

Email CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org for the registration link

Lunch Hosted by the Tribal Veterans Service Office



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A celebration of local food, farmers, hunting & gathering

Saturday, March 25th
from 10 AM - 2 PM at the Tribal Gym

Free and open to all community members

- Cooking Demonstrations
- Educational Workshops
- Informational booths
- Free community meal

Organized by Grand Ronde's Food Access and Community Team, Sponsored by Marion-Polk Food Share & The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Watson resigns as Portland’s equity office director

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer

PORTLAND — Tribal member Lisa Watson has resigned her position as the director of the new Office of Equity and Human Rights for the city of Portland.

She was selected by Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio and began her new role on June 1, 2022.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reported that Watson sent out a staff letter on Thursday, March 2, announcing the decision to resign, hinting that it was driven by incompatibility with Portland Commissioner Dan Ryan, the elected official who had been appointed in January to oversee her bureau.

“It is time for me to move on and for the commissioner to find a director who is able to effectively and efficiently move his vision forward,” Watson said.

Watson will not receive severance pay. An interim leadership plan for the Office of Equity and Human Rights will be announced soon, according to Ryan’s chief of staff, Kellie Torres.

Watson expressed regret in having to step down in her letter to bureau staff, according to OPB.

“I wanted nothing more than to continue to support your incredible work,” she said.

When contacted by *Smoke Signals*, Watson said she was going to take some time to rest and rejuvenate.

“I am grateful for all that I learned in my short time serving the city of Portland and plan to car-



Lisa Watson

ry that learning forward into a new chapter,” she said. “I am taking a short break to rest and I hope that my next adventure provides more opportunity to be of service to my community.”

According to the city website, Portland.gov, the Office of Equity and Human Rights “provides education and technical support to city staff and elected officials, leading to recognition and removal of systemic barriers to fair and just distribution of resources, access and opportunity, starting with issues of race and disability.”

Watson has been a Portland community leader for several years. She owned and operated Cupcake Jones for 10 years in the Pearl District, was deputy director at Our House and director of development at Latino Network.

Before working as equity director, she served as executive director of the American Leadership Forum of Oregon.

Over the years, Watson has served on numerous boards, such as the Q Center, Center for Women’s Leadership at Portland State University, Travel Portland and Basic Rights Oregon. She was the first Native American female City Club president and currently serves on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors. ■

CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING WORKSHOPS



2023 GRAND RONDE TRAINING DATES

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND

<https://www.grandronde.org/services/tero> or on the ODOT website at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/business/ocr/pages/index.aspx>

Please return completed registration form to Grand Ronde TERO no less than 5 days prior to the training date.

1ST QUARTER TRAINING	2ND QUARTER TRAINING	3RD QUARTER TRAINING	4TH QUARTER TRAINING
March 9, 2023	June 15, 2023	Sept. 14, 2023	Dec. 14, 2023
Via Zoom Meeting	Via Zoom Meeting	Via Zoom Meeting	Via Zoom Meeting

TERO Contractor Certification Training Fee of \$450 will be charged per company.
One-on-one trainings will be charged \$750.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Send all checks to: "Attention TERO" 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

For information please contact Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) 503-879-2188
TERO@GRANDRONDE.ORG



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

One of the lessons Indigenous people are encouraged to practice is to rise with the Sun and meet the start of a new day.

Spring Break is an opportunity to reset your family's sleep-wake cycle.

Morning Madness?
Bedtime Battles?


Monday, March 27, 2023 at Noon



Zoom: <https://bit.ly/goodmorningnight23>

Call: +1 253 215 8782

Enter Meeting ID: 853 1125 4712

All are welcome to attend.

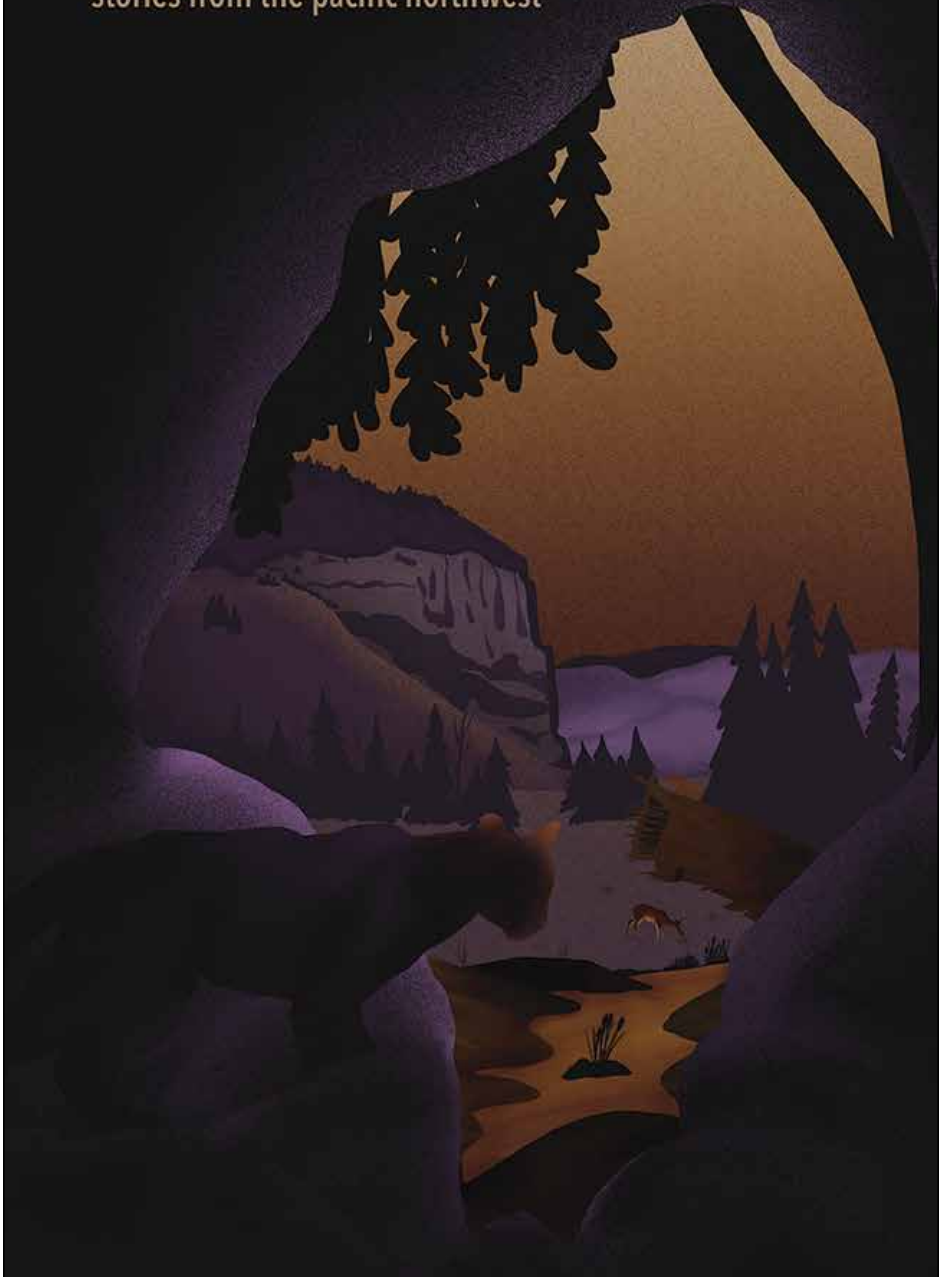




(Art by Sally J. Smith. Quotes adapted from Tribal Whispers and Empowered Parenting.)

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ikanum is a culturally specific time of year when traditional stories are shared. This show showcases contemporary artists, their work, and their stories.

JANUARY 18 - APRIL 14, 2023

Community Fund approaching \$94 million mark in giving

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer

Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded more than \$964,000 in grants on Wednesday, March 8, during an 85-minute virtual check presentation event, bringing the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving since 1997 to more than \$93.8 million.

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

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

Harvey welcomed attendees to the virtual event.

"I'm so grateful for all of the work you do," she said. "Oregon and our community wouldn't be the same without it. ... This is our opportunity to give appreciation back. This is one of my favorite duties as a Tribal Council member and I love meeting all of you. I very much appreciate you all."

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

Community Fund Director Angie Sears said that check presentations are a way to give thanks and celebrate the organizations' achievements.

"We know you are super busy



Angie Sears

"We've all seen the impacts of the pandemic and now inflation. We recognize our nonprofit organizations are continuing to step up and provide much needed services to vulnerable communities."

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

The approximately 45 people who attended watched a video on the history of the Tribe, and then Schlappie and Knight announced the grant recipients.

Due to the virtual format, every organization representative was provided an opportunity to briefly speak about their programs.

During the check distribution portion, the Community Fund awarded seven small grants worth \$47,380 and 24 large grants worth \$917,366.

- Small grant recipients were:**
- Alberta Abbey of Portland, \$7,500, for free community events;
 - Bridging Voices of Portland, \$6,000, for 2022-23 operations support;
 - DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital of Portland, \$7,500, for its Read to the Dogs and courtroom victim support programs;
 - Emerging Unidos, \$5,000, for a youth support program;
 - South Santiam Watershed Council of Sweet Home, \$6,380, for its educational programming;
 - Portland Montessori School, \$7,500, for its anti-bias/anti-rac-

and have important work to do, but check presentations are a way to come together as a community to celebrate you," Sears said.

- ist leadership development;
- And Womenfirst Transition Referral Center of Gresham, \$7,500, for nutrition education for black women.
- Large grant recipients were:**
- CASA of Clackamas County, \$17,480, for increasing capacity to serve abused and neglected foster children;
- Centro Latino Americana of Eugene, \$50,000, for its Pilas Family Literacy program;
- ChickTech of Portland, \$34,960, for building equitable STEM education;
- Clackamas Women's Services, \$34,960, for co-locating youth advocates in school-based health centers;
- Family Building Blocks of Salem, \$50,000, for supporting children and families through Relief Nursery services;
- Hope & Safety Alliance of Eugene, \$76,912, for its Jamie's House expansion and improvement project;
- Horses Adaptive Riding and Therapy of Salem, \$87,400, for an adaptive riding facility;
- Horses of Hope Oregon, \$20,735, for its veterans outreach project;
- Institute for Sustainability Education and Ecology of Eugene, \$17,480, for its high school leadership network;
- Columbia Riverkeeper of Hood River, \$17,480, for environmental justice and Tribal nation solidarity on the Columbia River;
- Life Strategies Counseling of McMinnville, \$26,220, for its mental health services for the Latinx community without insurance;
- Lines for Life of Salem, \$43,700, for its Youthline Outreach for School Suicide Prevention effort;
- Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon, \$43,700, for its youth entrepreneurship program;
- Neighbors for Kids of Depoe Bay, \$49,000, for its Brighter Days Ahead program;
- Old Mill Center for Children and Families of Corvallis, \$43,700,

- for its mental health support for youth during post-pandemic recovery;
 - Our Children Oregon, \$43,700, for its plan to address the literacy crisis in Oregon;
 - Parrott Creek Child & Family Services of Oregon City, \$49,390, for its cultural ecology and trauma healing project;
 - Playworks Education Energized of Yamhill County, \$13,110, for its Recess Reboot program;
 - Profile Theatre Project of Portland, \$8,740, for its community engagement programs;
 - Qigong Sensory Training Institute of Portland, \$43,700, for its training therapists and providing free services for families;
 - South Lane Family Nursery of Cottage Grove, \$8,740, for its kitchen remodel;
 - Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources of Portland, \$43,700, for literacy support for students with dyslexia;
 - Trauma Healing Project Inc. of Eugene, \$42,559, for its holistic health and well-being project;
 - And Tucker Mason School of Portland, \$50,000, for its speech language therapy for children who are deaf and have difficulty hearing.
- Three beaded necklaces were raffled off to Playworks Education Energized, Chick Tech and Trauma Healing Project Inc. An Ikanum saddle blanket designed by Travis Stewart went to the Institute for Sustainability Education and Ecology.
- Cherry gave closing remarks after the grant awardees were announced.
- "Congratulations to you all," she said. "You guys are amazing. I'm so very proud of you. As a Spirit Mountain Community Fund trustee and Tribal Council member, it is an honor and privilege to celebrate your work."
- During the past 26 years, the Community Fund has awarded 3,198 grants totaling more than \$93.8 million. ■



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Grand Ronde & CHILL Foundation Snowboarding Camp



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Health & Wellness sponsored its first Snowboarding Camp in collaboration with the CHILL Foundation on Sunday, March 5. Smoke Signals reported from Mt. Hood Skibowl on the Tribal youths' first day learning how to snowboard.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4laJKbVN4I

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



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Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Community Fund seeking Hatfield Fellow applicants

Applications for the 2023-24 Hatfield Fellowship program funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund are being accepted through May 31.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.

Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Pacific Northwest Tribes. However, preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2023, and be 21 or older.

For more information, visit thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.

The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. ■

Tribal youth serves as grand marshal for Ski & Ride for a Cure’s parade

MOUNT HOOD — Eight-year-old Tribal member Violet Zimbrick served as grand marshal for the annual Ski & Ride for a Cure’s torchlight parade at Mount Hood on Saturday, March 4.

The event is part of a 24-hour fundraiser to benefit local cancer nonprofits. It is held for 24 hours to illustrate the fact that “cancer never sleeps.” Individual skiers collect pledges from friends and family.

This year’s event, held at Skibowl West, had 140 participants who raised more than \$45,000 for Mc-Minnville-based cancer charities Seeds of Hope and Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation, which is also a past Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant recipient.

“With help from both of these organizations, patients can concentrate on their health and healing rather than worrying about their bills,” the event website stated. “Rent and mortgage payments, utility bills, prescriptions, insurance, co-pays and prescriptions are just some of the ways these organizations help those in need.”

Zimbrick led 55 skiers and snowboarders as they carried torches down the slope in remembrance of those who are fighting cancer or those they have lost to cancer. At the end, they placed the flares into the snow around candles that spelled out the word “hope.”

Two years ago, Zimbrick was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a childhood cancer where malignant cells form in muscle tissue.

During her treatment, Seeds of Hope provided financial support. Today, Zimbrick is healthy and has stable scans. She lives in Grand Ronde with her family. Her aunt, Caitlin Zimbrick, is the Tribe’s Community Programs manager. ■



Violet Zimbrick

Includes information from The Oregonian

Wapato Lake slates March 18 grand opening

GASTON – Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge will host a housewarming event on Saturday, March 18.

Wapato Lake became a designated wildlife refuge in 2013, but has been slow in opening to the public. The lake and the land surrounding it have needed rehabilitation, including the restoration of the wetland, lake bed and native vegetation.

In April 2022, members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde helped plant approximately 3,000 wapato bulbs at the lake.

The refuge opened to the public on Feb. 1 and the official celebration was postponed to avoid poor weather.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning with a 45-minute welcome ceremony at Gaston Junior-Senior High School followed by a refuge open house. During the open house, the public can explore the refuge and interact with park rangers and volunteers. Free refreshments will be provided.

The lake’s first stewards were the Native Atfalati, who once wintered around Wapato Lake because the root vegetable prospered in the area and played an important role in sustaining the Indigenous peoples. ■

Natural Resources sets Hunters Education Field Day

The Natural Resources Department’s Parks and Recreation program is coordinating a Hunters Education Field Day on Saturday, April 22, at the Natural Resources office, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road.

Registration for the class must be accomplished online at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website. There is a \$10 per student fee.

The class is open to both Tribal and nonTribal members ages 9 to 17 by the beginning of the 2023 hunting season. The class is only the field day and students must have attended either a conventional course or an online course before the field day. There are limited spots for the field day, so if interested, sign up as soon possible.

In Oregon all youth hunters age 17 years and younger must pass a certified hunter education class before hunting unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter Program (youth age 9 to 14 eligible).

The minimum age to hunt big game is 12 (at the time of the hunt) and hunters age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older when hunting (unless on land owned by parent or legal guardian).

Hunter Education can be completed with a conventional classroom course or online course with a hands-on field day.

Class size is limited in all of these courses. Students must attend all sessions of the course they sign up for.

All students must register online at <https://myodfw.com/articles/how-register-hunter-and-bowhunter-education-field-days-and-out-door-skills-events>.

For a full list of youth hunter regulations, please follow this link: <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-opportunities-youth>.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey at 503-879-2337. ■

Creativity in Recovery

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



Children Welcome But
No child care provided



Table Games Dealer School

(One class offered, maximum of 16 students)

- WHAT:** Learn to deal Blackjack and several other games. A commitment of 6 weeks* is needed to potentially become a Part-Time **Blackjack Dealer**. Additional 4-week commitment immediately following to learn additional games to maintain employment.
- WHO:** Preference will be provided to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; although all applicants are welcome to apply for consideration.
- WHEN:** Deadline to apply is **5 p.m. Thursday, March 23**.
Training begins on **Monday, April 3**.
Dealer school ends on **Thursday, June 8**.
(10 weeks total, 6 weeks Blackjack, 4 weeks additional games)
Class Times: Monday – Thursday. Class times will be decided based on availability of applicants, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- WHERE:** Training is held in the Table Games Training Room at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- HOW:** Selection Criteria, see below.
- Applicant selection will be based on a combination of the following criteria:
- ♦ Tribal member preference will apply.
 - ♦ Passing score for basic math entrance exam.
 - ♦ Current Employees must meet transfer eligibility requirements.
 - ♦ Ability to obtain High Security class III Gaming License, prior to the start of class.
 - ♦ Must be 21 years of age.

Upon successful completion of the school, students will be required to pass a dealing audition.

Dealer positions are not guaranteed. Open positions will be posted and filled using the regular employment process as business needs arise.

**After completion of six weeks of school, students must complete additional 4 week training in Three Card Poker, Let It Ride, Ultimate Texas Hold’em & blackjack variants and side bets to maintain employment. Additional training in Pai Gow, Baccarat, and Pitch is required after class completion to maintain employment.*

For more information or assistance, please contact employmentteam@spiritmntn.com, or call 503-879-3737.



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Drummers sing and drum during the 18th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 3. A second night of singing, drumming and dancing occurred on Saturday, March 4.

Round Dance



Attendees and youth hold hands and dance in a single-step pattern around drummers at the center of the circle.



A meal of salmon, fry bread, potatoes and salad was served at the 18th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym on Friday, March 3.

Photos by Kamiah Koch



Attendees held hands as they danced around drummers at the center of the circle during the 18th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym on Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4.



Tribal youth from Oregon and Washington gather in a circle to conclude the Native Youth Wellness Day.

Native youth feeling well



Tribal youth play double ball in the Tribal gym during the Native Youth Wellness Day held on Friday, March 3. In the traditional game, players use one hand on a stick to move a small sack containing two balls into a goal. Youth joined breakout groups to bead, make cedar bundles and play the traditional game double ball.



Tegan Schwab, 12, excitedly carries a 50-inch TV back to her seat after winning it during the raffle portion.



Puyallup Tribal member Chenoa Landry helps Siletz Tribal youth Izayah Aviles tie a bracelet he beaded around his wrist at the Native Youth Wellness Day held in the Grand Ronde Tribal gym on Friday, March 3.

Photos by Kamiah Koch

Clothes Closet open

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances and pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

Grand Ronde Royalty

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

Serving on Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities.

- Participants must be within the following age categories by Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023:
- Tiny Tot (Honorary): 4-6 years of age
 - Little Miss Grand Ronde: 7-10 years of age
 - Junior Miss Grand Ronde: 11-13 years of age
 - Senior Miss Grand Ronde: 14-18 years of age
- General Requirements:
1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
 2. Must be drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free
 3. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
 4. Must be single with no dependents
 5. Sign and comply with Royalty guidelines and agreement
- For questions or for an application contact:
Shannon A. Simi, CTGR & Veterans Royalty Coordinator
Phone: 503-879-1358
E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org
- DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, March 31**
Late applications will not be accepted.

Veterans Royalty

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

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

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

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

Serving on Veterans Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Saturday, July 1, 2023:

- Warriors: 7 -18 years of age
- Little Veterans Queen: 7 -10 years of age
- Junior Veterans Queen: 11-13 years of age
- Senior Veterans Queen: 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

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

For questions or for an application contact:
Shannon A. Simi, CTGR & Veterans Royalty Coordinator
Phone: 503-879-1358
E-mail: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org

DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, March 31
Late applications will not be accepted.

Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our 2023-24 crowns and medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo (including feathers)
- Court Year 2023-24
- Titles: Little Miss Grand Ronde
Junior Miss Grand Ronde
Senior Miss Grand Ronde
- Crowns and medallions must be completed and delivered by Aug. 1, 2023

Must submit photos of progress when requested



Bid deadline is March 31, 2023
(deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to:
CTGR Royalty c/o Shannon Simi
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Shannon at 503-879-1358 or email shannon.simi@grandronde.org


*Bids and designs can be sent to the above email address.

Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our Veterans Royalty 2023-24 Crown Medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

1. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans Logo (pictured)
- a. Little Queen – 4 inches
- b. Junior Queen – 6 inches
- c. Senior Queen – 6 inches
2. Court year
3. Back of Crown's medallion logo (3) – 3 inches



Bid deadline is March 31, 2023 by 5 P.M.
(deadline is firm and no bids accepted after 5 P.M.)

Mail bids & design to:
CTGR Veterans SEB/Shannon Simi
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: call Shannon Simi @ 503-879-1358 or Shannon.simi@grandronde.org

Housing Association offering scholarships

OLYMPIA, Wash. – The Northwest Indian Housing Association is accepting applications for its Youth Scholarship Program.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the association’s website at www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program tab.

Applications and support documents must be submitted by e-mail to info@nwiha.org by 5 p.m. Friday, March 31. All applicants, selected or not, will be notified and successful applicants will be recognized at a banquet dinner held Tuesday, April 18.

Complete instructions are contained in the application form.

Questions should be sent to the housing association at info@nwiha.org or by calling 360-220-9212. ■



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



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
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Early Head Start/Head Start

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







TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Contact us at (503) 879-1484 or via e-mail at CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org

Veterans!
You may not need it now, but you could in the future.

As a veteran who has served your country, you deserve to apply for these benefits and resources.

You may think another veteran needs it more than you or you are taking resources from another veteran, but you are not.

You may not want benefits, but having them can benefit your spouse and your family.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office to ask questions, find out more information or file for a service-connected disability today!

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

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. ■



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Posted March 10, 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
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
1797	Payroll Specialist	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
1827	Lodge Caregiver On-Call *	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	Until Filled
1829	CFS Caseworker	11	\$65,789.23/yr.	\$84,727.04/yr.	Until Filled
1833	Organizational Development & Training Manager	16	\$104,004.14/yr.	\$135,684.70/yr.	Until Filled
1835	Security Officer - Oregon City [On-Call]	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1840	Research Librarian – Cultural Resources	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
1847	Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	Until Filled
1852	Network Administrator	13	\$38.27/hr.	\$49.15/hr.	Until Filled
1857	Dentist	20	\$146,562.24/yr.	\$198,204.72/yr.	Until Filled
1858	Enrichment Coordinator Aide (On-Call)	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1860	Forestry Technician – Entry Level Fire Suppression/Prevention - Seasonal	4	\$16.57/hr.	\$21.20/hr.	Until Filled
1861	Forestry Technician – Intermediate Level Fire Suppression/Prevention - Seasonal	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1862	Forestry Technician – Engine Boss/Trainee - Seasonal	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1863	Nutrition Program Assistant	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1865	Academic Coach	10	\$28.75/hr.	\$37.09/hr.	03/16/23
1866	Firefighter – EMT Preferred	9	\$54,371.27/yr.	\$70,246.61/yr.	03/16/23
1867	Secretary - Portland Office	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	03/16/23
1873	Mail Printing Specialist	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	03/24/23
1831	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1778	LPN - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	12	\$72,368.15/yr.	\$93,059.45/yr.	Until Filled
1808	Milleu Safety Technician - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1864	UA Tech – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1868	Peer Support Specialist – Swing Shift	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	03/24/23
1870	Senior Peer Support Specialist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	10	\$28.75/hr.	\$37.09/hr.	03/24/23
1871	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	22	\$170,430.95/yr.	\$239,739.54/yr.	03/24/23

\$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.

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POSTING TITLE

Dealer School Student	3/23/2023	
Player Services Representative I	3/16/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Audio Visual Technician	Until Filled	\$27.89/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Cage Cashier	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Lodge Room Attendant (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Lodge Shift Supervisor	Until Filled	\$40,325.79/yr. DOE
Maintenance Administrative Assistant II	Until Filled	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips

\$500 Referral Bonus
SMC & CTGR Employees

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.

\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus
All Positions

**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

- SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.

- Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

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



Watchlist: ‘Is Celilo Falls still intact?’

(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

Over the years, Oregon, Washington and Idaho Tribes have questioned, “What happened to Celilo Falls when the Army Corps of Engineers built Dalles Dam?” In 2008, Oregon Public Broadcasting produced a video for its Oregon Field Guide channel answering that question.

“For thousands of years, Native Americans had crossed Tribal boundaries, traveled from across the Northwest and had come together to fish and do business at Celilo Falls,” the video narrator says. “Soon this entire cross-cultural center would perish.”

Celilo Falls, located in the Columbia River Gorge, was an important location for Pacific Northwest Tribal members. The OPB video features several historical videos of fishermen at the falls, harvesting fish on wooden platforms built above raging water.

The video also shows Tribal villages built around the falls, which included the home of Chief Tommy Thompson. He is featured in the video as a leader against the construction of dams. His granddaughter, Linda Meanus, talks about her grandfather’s fight against Dalles Dam, claiming he died of a broken heart when it opened.

In the 1930s, America was leaning into the industrial age by damming rivers for cheap, renewable energy. Bonneville Dam and the Grand Coulee Dam were the first built along the Columbia River.

The narrator explains it took one day in March 1957 to flood Celilo Falls after the Dalles Dam closed its gates.

“Before they went to sleep the sound of the river was in their head,” an unidentified Celilo descendant recounts. “That roar of the falls would just echo. They said they went to sleep with that in their mind and the next day they were looking and the sound became smaller, smaller, smaller. Pretty soon they said there was no sound and all you could hear was the wind.”

Looking at photos of the dam construction, there are several images and historical video of explosions occurring in the river. The Tribal people of the area today didn’t know if the explosions were at the falls or down river where the dam was erected.

The Army Corps of Engineers recognized the important cultural resource the falls represented for Tribes and decided to look into records and see if they had in fact blown up Celilo Falls or left it to be covered in water. They eventually deployed boats with sonar technology to map the area of Celilo Falls. To many Tribal members’ surprise, the falls were discovered to be intact.

The mapping showed that cliff faces where platforms were fished off are still present. Ripples in the deeper sections of the river show a current still flows and that the falls were not filled in with moving sediment.

You can see the mapping and watch the full video for yourself at www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2Yh89uc4Ro&t=275s or find it linked in the “Watchlist” playlist on the *Smoke Signals* YouTube channel. ■

Section of Willamina Creek closed

WILLAMINA – The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife closed a section of Willamina Creek to fishing on Thursday, March 9, due to concerns about illegal targeting of winter steelhead. The closure will remain in effect through May 31.

Willamina Creek is closed to all angling between the falls commonly known as Lower Willamette Falls located about two miles upstream from Southwest East Creek Road and a line that is about 200 feet below the falls. Department staff posted signs to indicate the closed area.

Willamina Creek flows into the Yamhill River and is normally open to catch-and-release trout fishing at this time of the year. However, Oregon State Police and Fish & Wildlife staff members are aware of poachers targeting steelhead in the area while claiming to be fishing for trout or other species.

The lower falls present a natural, but passable barrier to migrating winter steelhead, which have been observed spawning above the falls.

“Winter steelhead aggregate below the falls in significant numbers and mix with other fish species, making the area’s fishing rules difficult to enforce and creating an easy poaching opportunity,” said Mac Barr, district fish biologist. “The closure is needed to protect this important species within the watershed.”

The area will re-open to fishing on June 1, which is the trout opener for retention trout fishing in streams statewide. By that time, winter steelhead will have finished spawning, Barr said. ■

Children and Family Services
invite departments to participate in our annual

FAMILY FUN
RUN/WALK

April 15th | 11:00AM | CTGR Gym

Booth set-up will start at
9:00 AM at the Day Use Park

If interested in having a booth please RSVP to:
alexandria.warren-masters@grandronde.org



2023

CTGR YOUTH INTERNSHIP

Applications Available Online:
March 23 and closing April 21

Who Is This Program For?
Tribal member youth between the ages of 14-18 at the time employment starts and will be enrolled in the 9-12 grades for the 2023-2024 school year.

Program Requirements:

- Complete application online (also provide two forms of identification)
- Complete Interview process
- Complete onboarding process
- Attend orientation (first day of work)
- Attend 4 mandatory Professional Development trainings (dates, times, location TBD)
- Complete Exit 500-word essay of work experience at end of Internship

When Will Internship Positions Start/End?


Starts as early as	June 5
Ends as late as	August 18

When Will I Be Notified for the Job That I Have Applied For?
Once the application has been received, a follow up email will be sent with key information and next steps

What Types Of Internships Will Be Offered?
There will be a limited number of Internships at various CTGR departments. You are encouraged to apply for more than one position. Tribal department and job positions will be posted on April 7th on the [Tribal employment website](#). Please note: some positions may require a minimum age requirement.

Tribal Youth, Do You Need Help Completing Your Application?
We are here for you! If you need support in this area, please email youthenrichment@grandronde.org. Please reach out to us to schedule an appointment with staff to help guide you through the application process.


Have questions?
Please contact youthenrichment@grandronde.org or employmentteam@grandronde.org



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Connections



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• Monthly topics with open discussion encouraged

• Professionals invited

• Beading/cultural connections

• Judgement-free space

Location:

Youth Education Common Area

Noon-1 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Thursday, March 2

Thursday, April 6

Light lunch provided

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

TERO Worker of the Month


February 2023

Name: Dakota Smith

Employer: Stotts Construction

Position: Framer

Dakota Smith first joined the TERO program in September 2022. In October, he was referred to Stott's Construction on the Warriors of Hope Community Center expansion project. This was Dakota's first time working construction and using TERO, which made him a great candidate for utilizing the On the Job Training Program. This program is designed to help individuals learn new skills in the construction industry.



Dakota Smith

Dakota said he really didn't know anything about carpentry when he started and has learned many new skills like framing, concrete work and other aspects of carpentry. He also said it was a great learning experience and has really enjoyed working for Stotts Construction.

Dakota has been very dependable and hardworking. His ability to learn new skills has garnered him the TERO February Worker of the Month spotlight. Great work Dakota, thank you for your hard work!

For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.
TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or tero@grandronde.org

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• 8 weeks (April 5 - May 26, 2023)

• 3 days a week (Thurs., Fri., Sat.)

• Paid internship (\$2,000)


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To apply, contact Sara:

info@elderberrywisdom.org

Elderberry Wisdom Farm

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Wednesday, Feb. 1

- Citizen contact occurred in the 1000 block of Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- Officers received a report of suspicious activity in the area of Salmon River Highway and Fire Hall Road. Officers contacted two subjects who were fixing their mailbox holder.
- Officers responded to a harassment call in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined it was a civil issue and that crimes were not committed.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in an attempt to locate a subject who that agency was looking for.

Thursday, Feb. 2

- Officers were dispatched to a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 29. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Officers were dispatched to a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 8. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driving was good so contact was not made.
- Drug complaint received in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the area of Tyee Road. It was reported a subject was knocking on people's homes and asking for money. Officers drove through the area and were unable to locate the subject.
- Traffic assist performed on Salmon River Highway near milepost 23.

Friday, Feb. 3

- A citizen who was walking from Salmon River Highway and Grand Ronde Road was provided a courtesy ride to Willamina.
- Officers received a call of a trespass in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash on Salmon River Highway and Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of South Street for an emotionally disturbed person.
- Property was found in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a hit-and-run call in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined the subject's driving privileges were suspended at a misdemeanor level and the subject was cited.
- Officers responded to a driving complaint on Grand Ronde Road. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driver was not impaired.

Saturday, Feb. 4

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers received a driving complaint on Salmon River Highway near milepost 20. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driver was not impaired.
- Animal complaint received in the area of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers removed hazardous material from the roadway near milepost 25 on Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near milepost 22.
- Officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers received a call of a vehicle unable to maintain lane on Salmon River Highway near milepost 18. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driver was not impaired.

Sunday, Feb. 5

- Officers were dispatched to a suspicious activity call in the area of Raven Loop.
- Officers received a driving complaint near milepost 23 on Salmon River Highway. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driver was impaired. The driver was arrested for DUII.
- Drug complaint received in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the area of Raven Loop.
- Officers received a driving complaint call on Salmon River Highway near milepost 22. Officers were on a call and unable to locate the vehicle.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near milepost 23.
- Officers went out with a suspicious vehicle in the 24000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, Feb. 6

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 20700 block of Stone Road. Officers arrested two subjects.
- Officers were notified of a late burglary call in the 24700 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers were unable to identify any suspects at the time.
- A citizen notified officers of a theft of a credit card in the 9500 block

- of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 51100 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers helped the subject get her vehicle unlocked after she left the keys inside the vehicle.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

- An anonymous caller notified an officer about a tip on a missing person report.
- Officers responded to a welfare check in the 50600 block of Hebo Road. It was reported a subject was passed out in the driver's seat. Officers later determined the subject had a warrant for their arrest.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person call in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27000 block of Jahn Road.

Thursday, Feb. 9

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop.
- Officers received a driving complaint in the area of Highway 22 and Stone Road. The vehicle was headed westbound. Officers drove through the area and were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Officers were dispatched to a subject harassing others in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to 27000 block of Salmon River Highway for a counterfeit bill. Officers determined the bill was counterfeit and seized it.
- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Feb. 10

- Officers received a driving complaint on Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers received a call about fraud.
- Officers responded to a fight in progress call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers contacted with the suspect, but he refused commands and resisted arrest. Officers safely placed him into custody and he was arrested for various crimes.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Feb. 11

- Drug complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a single vehicle crash into a power pole on Highway 18 near milepost 26. Officers arrived and determined there were no injuries.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- Officers assisted a driver whose vehicle was on the side of the road near milepost 22 on Salmon River Highway.
- Property was found in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Sunday, Feb. 12

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a vehicle that spun out onto a field on Highway 18 near milepost 26
- Officers responded to a theft in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a fraud call on the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a trespass call on the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Feb. 13

- Officers contacted a subject who had a warrant for her arrest in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a fraud call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a trespass in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- No activity reported.


Wednesday, Feb. 15

- No activity reported.


Thursday, Feb. 16

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a theft call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop on Highway 18 near milepost 26. The driver was arrested for DUII.

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



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- Officers responded to a theft call in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers observed a vehicle travelling more than 100 mph in the area of Highway 18 near milepost 25. Officers also saw the vehicle had no lights on at the time. Officers conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver for reckless driving and also cited the person for speeding infractions.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.

Friday, Feb. 17

- Officers received an animal complaint in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred at the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department.
- Officers located a couple subjects in the 27100 block of Grand Ronde Road. Those subjects were persons of interest in a case an outside agency was investigating. The investigating agency was notified.
- Officers responded to a no contact order violation in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 14000 block of Rock Creek Road.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Feb. 18

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers helped get a door unlocked for citizens who had left their keys in the vehicle.
- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle that had flashing red and blue lights. Officers drove the area and were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Officers received a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 19. It was reported a vehicle was all over the road and failing to maintain lane. Officers located the vehicle and saw no signs of impairment.
- Report of ATVs being driven in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers drove the area and were unable to locate the ATVs.
- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 19.

Sunday, Feb. 19

- Officers contacted a subject who had a warrant for his arrest in the 8000 block of Hebo Road.
- Property found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers located a subject in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road who did not meet his offender status. Officers arrested the subject.
- Officers assisted a driver who had a flat tire on the side of Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Officers responded to a harassment call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Dragonfly Road.
- Officers responded to the area on Rowell Creek Road on a report of a bull elk that had been shot in a nearby field. Officers arrived and processed and seized the elk.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Highway 18 near milepost 23. Officers later determined a subject in the vehicle had warrants out for his arrest.

Monday, Feb. 20

- Officers assisted an outside agency and responded to a report of an overdose call in the 7900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 29700 block of Joe Day Way for a report of a burglary in progress. Officers responded and searched the area, but they were unable to locate anyone.
- Officers assisted an outside agency for a report of a trespass call in the 22500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers went out with a suspicious vehicle in the 9000 block of Hebo Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted a citizen unlock her home door in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Officers contacted a subject who had a warrant for his arrest in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers contacted a subject whose driving privileges were criminally suspended and arrested the subject.
- Officers assisted a citizen unlock their home in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Feb. 23

- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop and later learned the driver's license was suspended at a criminal level. The driver was arrested.
- While officers were conducting a traffic stop, they noticed a passenger in the vehicle who had a warrant for their arrest. The subject was arrested.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Feb. 24

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 19. It was reported a vehicle had gone down an embankment with subjects trapped inside. Officers made their way to the subjects in the vehicle and helped them exit the vehicle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a report of a vehicle that slid on a patch of ice causing a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 18. The subjects were transported to a nearby hospital.
- Citizen contact occurred at the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a report of a vehicle that flipped upside down into a ditch on Highway 18 near milepost 20. Once officers arrived they were unable to locate anyone inside or around the vehicle.
- Animal complaint received in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers received a driving complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. It was reported the driver was impaired. Officers located the vehicle and determined the driver was not impaired.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a report of an assault in the 100 block of Main Street in Sheridan.

Saturday, Feb. 25

- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received a report of a subject entering a vehicle without permission in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Once officers arrived, they determined it was a sibling of the family in the vehicle and that crimes were not committed.
- Officers responded to a welfare check in the 58500 block of Hebo Road.
- While officers were patrolling, they came across a vehicle that slid into a ditch. Officers learned there was no damage to the vehicle and the driver was OK.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a report of an assault in the 22500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle parked in the 24600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Sunday, Feb. 26

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a shots heard call and possibly a stolen vehicle call in the 22600 block of Highway 18B. Officers later determined there was no shots in the area and the vehicle belonged to the subject who was found inside.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 17.
- Civil assist performed in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a missing person call in the 7800 block of AR Ford Road.

Monday, Feb. 27

- Officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers went out with a suspicious vehicle in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Drug complaint received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- Officers responded to a welfare check in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a welfare check in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Officers responded to a suspicious person call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers went out with a suspicious vehicle in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers went out with a suspicious vehicle on Highway 18 near milepost 21.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Angel Arenas.

Walking On...

Terry Arnold Houck

Jan. 9, 1956 – Feb. 24, 2023

Tribal Elder Terry Arnold Houck, 67, of Sheridan, Ore., walked on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, in his home.

He was born Jan. 9, 1956, to Arnold and Bonnie Houck.

He worked as a truck driver for Maben Trucking. He had a great love for 1965 Chevy pickup trucks. He lived life to the fullest as a cancer survivor until his cancer returned, causing his death.

Terry enjoyed the simple pleasures of visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive, Grand Ronde.



Kathleen Patricia Soderberg

Sept. 2, 1934 – March 7, 2023

Kathleen Patricia (Hauth) Soderberg passed away peacefully at her home in Grand Ronde, Ore., surrounded by family on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. She was 88 years old.

Kathy was born on Sept. 2, 1934, in Mount Angel, Ore., to Wendel and Catherine Hauth. She was the third youngest in a family of 11 children with four brothers and six sisters. Kathy came from a large Catholic family and was devoted to her faith for her entire life.

She graduated from high school in Mount Angel in 1953. She met William "Wink" Soderberg and they married on Oct. 20, 1956. They had three children: Steven, Gary and William "Bill" III.

Kathy was a devoted wife and stay-at-home mother. She later worked for Nike and the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Doctors before retiring in 1999. She also was heavily involved in and supportive of her husband's business ventures, which included Amway, Melaleuca and a six-year run on the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council. Wink passed away in 2018 after more than 61 years of marriage.

Kathy is survived by her sons, Steven (Ronee) Soderberg, Gary (Jean) Soderberg and Bill (Dave) Soderberg; nine grandchildren, Tyrell (Heather) Soderberg, Luke (Missy) Soderberg, Steven Soderberg, Katie (Jesse) Rios, Erin (Seth) Glossen, Mark Soderberg, Will Soderberg, Gabriella Soderberg-Heater and Zachary Soderberg-Heater; and nine great-grandchildren with one on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wink; parents, Wendel and Catherine; sisters, Marcella Deal, Georgianna Hansen, Rose Sills, Maryann Gore, Eleanor Whitworth and Marguerite Baune; brothers, Frederick Hauth, Francis "Scratch" Hauth, Donald "Butch" Hauth and James Hauth; and grandson, Christopher Soderberg.

Kathy loved spending time with her family, especially with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also was generous with giving to many charities, especially Catholic causes. While in Grand Ronde, Kathy was involved in the Food Bank and Clothes Closet among other volunteer opportunities.

A Rosary will be held at 10:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Grand Ronde. Burial and reception will follow. A viewing was held at Dallas Mortuary from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 14.

Dallas Mortuary and Bollman's Funeral Home handled the services. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Other passings

Douglas Vernon Mollenhour

Dec. 3, 1958 – March 6, 2023

Tribal Elder Douglas Vernon Mollenhour passed on Monday, March 6, 2023, at the age of 64.

Macy & Son Funeral Home of McMinnville is assisting the family. Funeral service details were not available at press time.



Pittock Mansion opens 'This IS Kalapuyan Land'

Through most of July, visitors at Pittock Mansion will not only see panoramic views and early-20th century architecture, they also will see the "This IS Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion" exhibition curated by Grand Ronde Tribal member and artist Steph Littlebird.

The exhibit features historical panels sharing accurate representations of Indigenous people's continued presence in the area, as well as contemporary Indigenous artwork.

The Pittock Mansion exhibit is a spinoff of a 2019 exhibit Littlebird created with Five Oaks Museum after a problematic exhibit about Kalapuyan people was shown at the Washington County Museum in 2008, according to the Pittock Mansion website.

Littlebird's exhibition and the modern Native artwork affirms Native people still exist and live on their traditional homelands. The Washington County Museum

named the 2008 exhibit "This Kalapuya Land." Littlebird named the 2019 exhibit "This IS Kalapuyan Land."

Input from former Tribal historian David Lewis also was represented in the annotated panels. The 2019 exhibition closed early in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Littlebird resides in Las Vegas, but traveled to see the opening of the exhibit in early February.

"I am so excited to re-open this exhibition after it closed early due to the pandemic," Littlebird says. "This gives folks who learned about 'This IS Kalapuyan Land' after it closed a chance to see the panels I edited with David Lewis's help, and see a new collection of local Indigenous artwork."

"This IS Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion" will be on display until Sunday, July 23, at 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, Portland. — By Kamiah Koch ■

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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.

Tribal members can now get books from libraries in Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties, as well as access to many free programs.

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

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



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