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## General Council briefed on construction projects

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

**T**ribal Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb briefed the membership on various capital improvement projects on and off the Tribal campus during a Sunday, May 7, General Council hybrid meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application and in Tribal Council chambers.

“This is a great opportunity to talk about what we’ve done and what we have coming up, and celebrate all the great work we’ve been able to do,” Webb said.



Ryan Webb

He provided the Tribal audience with an update of Creekside Elder housing, the Tribal homeownership development, men’s transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, Wind River Apartments, wastewater treatment plant expansion, Warriors of Hope program expansion, language education building, health care and vaccination clinic, Grand Ronde Fire Station upgrade, child development center, Tumwata Village, resident recreation center and electric vehicle charging stations.

“I think everyone would agree it’s been a busy year with a lot of construction work happening and some great buildings being constructed to house different services of the Tribe,” Webb said.

### Projects

**Creekside Elder Housing:** The 24-unit project located at Hebo and Grand Ronde roads includes 12 two-bedroom, one-bath duplexes. Each unit is 1,120 square feet, with 18 market rate units and six subsidized units. Each one will have solar panels plus backup battery storage. The \$7.19 million project is funded with 80 percent Tribal dollars and 20 percent federal grant funds. The first unit will be ready for occupancy later this month and the final unit by the end of September.

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## ‘No more stolen sisters’



Photo by Kamiah Koch

**A red dress display was set up in the Governance Center Atrium on Friday, May 5, to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous People with ties to Oregon. Grand Ronde Tribal member Heather (Haller) Cameron was recognized on a dress as a missing Indigenous person since 2012.**

By Danielle Harrison

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**M**ay 5 marked a somber occasion in Indian Country as Indigenous communities from throughout the United States and Canada gathered to remember those who are missing and murdered.

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s Warriors of Hope Domestic & Sexual Violence Program marked

the day by honoring their Indigenous relatives with singers, speakers and a moment of silence.

Eleven red dresses were displayed throughout the Governance Center Atrium where the event, which symbolizes missing and murdered

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## Kennedy is featured speaker at Clackamas Community College



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

By Danielle Harrison

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**O**REGON CITY – As she looked out at the crowd of more than 100 people who had gathered to hear her speak, Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy summed up the moment: “Wow,” she said.

**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy is gifted a photo of Clackamas Community College’s Wacheno Welcome Center building after her lecture “Do You Know Oregon’s First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe” that was held at the college’s Niemeyer Osterman Theatre in Oregon City on Tuesday, May 9. The building is named after the Wacheno family, who Kennedy is a direct descendant of, and Dan “Old Man” Wacheno signed the Willamette Valley Treaty as chief of the Clackamas on Jan. 22, 1855. On the right is college President Dr. Tim Cook.**

Kennedy was the featured speaker at Clackamas Community College on Tuesday, May 9, hosting the lecture, “Do You Know Oregon’s First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe.”

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## Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 25

Tribal Council Chambers

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, May 17.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31.....	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 application. 503-879-2304.

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- qwinəm-mun (May)
- Wednesday, May 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Saturday, May 20 – Good Feeling Walk, 11 a.m., uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road. 503-879-1471.
  - Saturday, May 20 – Wellness Canoe naming ceremony, 2 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m., achaf-hammi Tribal plankhouse, 9600 S.W. Hebo Road.
  - Monday, May 29 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
  - Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Meal served at noon in the Tribal Community Center.
  - Wednesday, May 31 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

- taxam-mun (June)
- Thursday, June 1 – Enrollment informational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and Zoom. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday, June 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Monday, June 19 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
  - Sunday, June 25 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday, June 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

To stay abreast of future Tribal events, visit [www.smokesignals.org/calendar](http://www.smokesignals.org/calendar).

# Thomas retires



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Spirit Mountain Casino’s Interim Chief Executive Officer Bruce Thomas, left, receives a gift of horse tack from Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier during his retirement party held at the casino’s Event Center on Thursday, May 4. Thomas, who is a Tribal Elder, was the casino’s first CEO when it opened in 1995. He left in 2000 and returned as interim CEO in June 2021. Mercier took over as CEO on May 1. The tack was a gift from the casino’s executive team and Mercier did the bead work on it. Looking on in the background is Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors Chair Andy Jenness.**



**Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, left, and Spirit Mountain Casino’s Interim Chief Executive Officer Bruce Thomas talk during his retirement party held at the casino’s Event Center on Thursday, May 4. Harrison was Tribal Council vice chair when the casino opened in October 1995.**

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# 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 May 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. ■

# Drop box installed

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

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

## 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, May 19, 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.



**2018** – Tribal Council signed off on a loan agreement with the British Museum in London that would bring 16 items from the Summers Collection to the Tribal museum Chachalu for an exhibit called “Rise of the Collectors” that would run through May 2019. Part of the agreement stated that the Tribe would not invoke sovereign immunity and seize the items once they were in the Tribe’s possession. Tribal Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards said the items were selected to complement cultural programming that would occur during the almost 12 months that the items would be displayed in Grand Ronde.



**2013** File photo

**2013** – Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol honored the ways Oregon’s nine Tribes were teaching their children educationally and culturally. Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy briefed Government Day attendees about Grand Ronde Tribal efforts in educating its youth while speaking in the State Capitol rotunda. Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno carried in the Grand Ronde flag during the opening ceremony as an All Nations drum played. All nine Oregon Tribes attended the event.

**2008** – Tribal member and Natural Resources employee Jake McKnight won his mixed martial arts fight in a split-decision against Ray Armstrong at the Salem Armory. His coach

was Chris Toquero. It was McKnight’s debut event as a professional fighter.

**2003** – Tribal member Denise Ripley was hired to lead the Tribe’s Mentorship Program, which was a two-year pilot program designed to “create opportunities for Tribal members to acquire the necessary education, experience and skills to perform positions of leadership and responsibility for the Tribe,” according to the program’s mission statement. Ripley worked closely with Tribal members James Buxman and Elaine LaBonte as they sought to advance their careers. “You have to design (each program) to the environment they’re in,” Ripley said. “We’re totally flexible. Communication with department heads is key.”

**1998** – The Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Cultural Resources Protection Department joined forces to preserve a 75-acre wetland area near Corvallis that a band of the Kalapuya people considered part of their home country. The area, adjacent to Marys River, held special meaning for many Tribal people. The land was originally going to be a housing development, but when the historical and cultural importance of the area was revealed, the plan was halted.

**1993** – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier attended the Forest Conference held in Portland with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. The purpose was to discuss both sides of the timber crisis with various political figures, business owners, Tribal officials and environmentalists.

**1988** – A hearing on recently introduced legislation by Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin to establish a 9,811-acre Reservation for the Tribe was held in Washington, D.C. On the same day as the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs hearing, Sen. Mark Hatfield introduced companion legislation in the Senate to show his support for the establishment of a Reservation in Yamhill County. AuCoin called the Reservation bill a compromise that worked in the interests of the Tribe and the community.

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



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# Tribal Council establishes enterprise funds for fire department, TERO

**By Danielle Harrison**  
*Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer*

Tribal Council established enterprise funds for two Tribal departments during its Wednesday, May 3, meeting.

Enterprise funds allow revenue-generating programs within the Tribe to retain those funds and reinvest them into their departments, Interim General Manager and Finance Officer Chris Leno said.

In 2022, the Tribal Employment Rights Office and the Tribal Fire Station generated \$1.31 million and \$75,521 in various fees, respectively.

During a Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 25, Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley said that TERO fees were never meant to create revenue for the Tribe and that establishing enterprise funds allows the program to have steady funding levels.

“The funds generated allow the department to keep consistent in its training dollars for our members,” Langley said. “I am really happy about this change.”

TERO Director Harris Reibach thanked council members during the same meeting.

“Establishment of this fund will help ensure we can continue to fund ourselves and ensure sovereignty in TERO,” he said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved applying for a \$2.5

million development and implementation grant from the Administration for Children & Families for a Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program;

- Approved three credit cards for the Youth Education Department with \$2,500 credit limits on each;
- Approved applying for a five-year, \$1.25 million continuation grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that will fund the Tribe’s Native Connections program;
- And approved re-appointing Joann Mercier and Michael Mercier and appointing Lori Sterling to the Election Board with terms expiring on March 31, 2025.

Two approved authorizations to proceed also were included in the May 3 Tribal Council packet. One approved the Natural Resources Department building and maintaining a small trail near the tiny shelter village adjacent to the community garden site. The other OK’d applying for a \$31,380.30 Wildfire Season Staffing grant that will pay for personnel costs for additional seasonal firefighters during the high-risk fire season.

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. ■

# Tribe rehires former general manager David Fullerton in new position

**By Dean Rhodes**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Former General Manager David Fullerton, who was relieved of his duties on Jan. 13, did not stay unemployed for long.

Less than four months later, Fullerton has been hired as the new Community Transitions Program manager for the Health & Wellness Department, according to an all-employee e-mail distributed on Tuesday, May 9.

Fullerton’s new duties will be ensuring the community transition properties are developed and ready for occupancy. He also is accountable for establishing program policies and procedures for the transitional housing sites supported by Health & Wellness.

No official reason for Fullerton’s termination as general manager was given since personnel matters are considered confidential.

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. Following his termination as general manager, Fullerton received support from community members who signed a petition and spoke at Tribal Council meetings.

An online petition calling for Tribal Council to reconsider Fullerton’s “without cause” termination was posted at [ipetitions.com](http://ipetitions.com) and more than 330 people e-signed it. Former Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek presented the petition to Tribal Council during its Jan. 25 meeting.

Fullerton became interim general manager in 2015 and offi-



David Fullerton

cially 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.

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 also has a master’s in business administration from Western Governors University, an online college located in Millcreek, Utah. 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 and stated he does not want to return to the position permanently. ■

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# Lecture held in the Niemeyer Osterman Theatre

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“One of the things for me that has been so important in addition to being a traditional Indian woman is to teach, so that those who look up to you know the way,” Kennedy said. “And the way is effective leadership by example, to show and demonstrate the lessons they will have to confront and how to navigate those lessons. As we live this life here, we know not everyone will be an attorney or a doctor. But every person can help someone else. Make sure that the life you lead sets the best example you can.”

During her speech, Kennedy discussed the history of Indigenous communities in Clackamas County and how people can work to honor their strengths and contributions, and celebrate the diversity of contemporary Indigenous lives and experiences.

She also sprinkled personal stories and humor throughout the speech.

“You have to laugh,” Kennedy said. “Laughter is so important. There are enough stressors that we need those light times where we can look at each other and burst into laughter. It is so important and we need those times.”

The free lecture was held in the Niemeyer Osterman Theatre on the college’s Oregon City campus.

“We are honored to have Tribal Council Chairwoman Kennedy share with us the history of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,” said Casey Layton, the college’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer. “It is important for CCC to offer opportunities for our community to learn about the Indigenous communities of the Willamette Valley and their history, including culture and traditions, but also the harmful government policies that affected the peoples who lived on the lands where CCC now resides. This event is intended to amplify the voices of Indigenous peoples, and move us forward together.”

Kennedy, 75, is currently serving her eighth consecutive three-year term on the Grand Ronde Tribal Council and has been the Tribal chairwoman for 16 of those years. She also served on the first post-Restoration Tribal Council and was a key figure in advocating for on-Reservation health and wellness services during those early years.

The event opened with Grand



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks during the “Do You Know Oregon’s First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe” that was held at Clackamas Community College’s Niemeyer Osterman Theatre in Oregon City on Tuesday, May 9.**

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Ronde Tribal member Fabian Quenelle drumming and singing. Tribal member and Clackamas County Policy Advisor/Tribal Liaison Tracy Moreland, who was recently appointed to the Grand Ronde Editorial Board, read aloud a land acknowledgement.

Clackamas Community College President Tim Cook welcomed Kennedy and touched on how the college was putting the land acknowledgment into action.

“We really wanted to put our words into action and wanted opportunities for students and community to learn about the Indigenous people of this area,” he said. “We had our first Indigenous Peoples Day last year, opened the Wacheno Welcome Center, have Indigenous classes and other educational opportunities like this one.”

Kennedy is a descendent of Dan Wacheno, who the center is named after. The 21,000-square-foot building houses most of the college’s student services.

Kennedy told the crowd that Wacheno signed the treaty that ceded a sizable swath of the northern Willamette Valley to the federal government and was later removed to the Grand Ronde Reservation, as well as his family.

“I believe Chief Wacheno’s spirit

is still here with us today, leading and guiding us,” she said. “I get awestruck sometimes thinking our villages were down here, the falls that creator gave us. I think it is remarkable that I stand before you today as the (descendent) of a treaty signer in this place. ... As we reclaim this land, we are always mindful of what is beneath all of the many layers of different eras because we know that our ancestors’ bones are all over. We are very mindful to be respectful and make sure they are taken care of.”

Kennedy shared the creation story of how Coyote and Meadowlark created Willamette Falls, called “tumwata” in Chinuk Wawa. The site was once home to the village of the Clowewalla – the Willamette band of Tumwaters – and the Kosh-hukshix village of Clackamas people.

Even after the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 forcibly removed Tribal ancestors from the falls area to the Grand Ronde Reservation, Tribal connections to the area remained with people leaving the Reservation to harvest fish and lamprey.

“As Clackamas Indians, we continued to fish here,” Kennedy said. “The fishing is nothing like it is now. When we got to the falls, you could swear it was alive because of all of the eels that just hung from the falls. We would bring big 100-pound gunny sacks and fill many of them full of eels.”

Before contact with European settlers, the Clackamas people served as keepers of the falls and the entire area was known as the largest place of commerce west of the Mississippi River.

“The river and the environment provided more than enough fish,” Kennedy said. “It supported not only our people and many other Tribal people from Oregon and much farther than that. We served as welcomers to the falls and it was a bustling place where Tribal people were all together.”

Kennedy also touched on the fact that treaties signed between Tribes and the U.S. government were one of the methods used to divest Native people of their land and give it

to the newcomers. Other methods were through wars or assimilation with dominant culture.

“They came to us with treaties and tried to make the best case they could that this was a good exchange where you’ll be able to live like you used to, you’ll be protected and in the process, it included a reserved piece of land that you would agree to move to,” she said. “That’s the process of how it happened here.”

Kennedy read an excerpt from the oral history of a Tribal Elder, Victoria Howard, shortly before she died in 1930. Howard was one of the primary tellers of the Clackamas Chinook narratives and traditions. She described in vivid detail the removal of her people from the Clackamas area and the confusion and fear that followed.

The settlers intended to make farmers of the people, but the land in present-day Grand Ronde was not suitable for such work nor were they provided with tools. Many Tribal members didn’t get their promised homes, living for years in tents without the land allotments they also were guaranteed by treaties signed with the government.

“These were remarks made by an Elder woman and her experience being moved from here,” Kennedy said. “This is something to do some soul searching about. As people, I know in our hearts we can all do better and look out for one another. It was recorded almost 100 years ago and little has changed.”

Kennedy also touched on the devastation caused by the 1954 Western Oregon Indian Termination Act and the healing that has been brought about by the subsequent Restoration of the Tribe in 1983.

“The scarring and the wounds still there are largely because of being nobody in this United States of America,” Kennedy said. “We deal with issues that continue today.”

Restoration provided an opportunity for the Tribe to begin healing spiritually, culturally and economically, and to have its rights restored as a federally recognized Tribe.

Before contact with European settlers, Kennedy said that 100,000 Native people lived in the area, but by the time the Tribe was terminated in 1954 there were only 900 remaining, mostly due to the ravages of disease and relocation.


“Today, at Grand Ronde we’re able to provide our people education, health services and all the things that were in our treaties,” Kennedy said. “That’s what we were promised.”

She explained how most of this is funded by revenue from the Tribe’s Spirit Mountain Casino.

“I’m so pleased that we’re able to do that,” Kennedy said.

After her speech concluded, Kennedy took four questions and comments from the audience, and was given a plaque of the Wacheno Welcome Center, a smudging from the Red Lodge Transition Center and a plant from the college’s horticulture program.

“I can’t thank you enough for sharing your story,” Cook said. “How much history is here in this place is just amazing.” ■



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# Tribe remembers the missing and murdered

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dered Indigenous people with ties to Oregon, was held. Additionally, informational posters and laminated cards containing phrases such as “women are sacred” and “no more stolen sisters” were placed nearby. Warriors of Hope Program Manager Danielle Murrell thanked the approximately 70 people gathered for attending.

“Thanks for coming here today to honor and memorialize the missing and murdered Indigenous people,” Murrell said. “I also want to thank the staff from the Warriors of Hope program because these are the people who are doing the hard work each and every day, serving our community, and victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.”

Tribal member Bobby Mercier gave the opening prayer and then he and Tribal member Travis Stewart performed a drum song.

May 5 has officially marked the national day of awareness since 2017 when two Montana senators, Steve Daines and Jon Tester, introduced a resolution recognizing it in response to the murder of Hanna Harris on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and other abductions and killings of Native women across the United States, according to the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

Since then, there have been events at the local, regional, national and international level to call attention to and address the crisis. “These efforts are as varied as the Indian Nations where they are being organized,” the website states. “The silence of tolerance and inaction is being challenged.”

Murrell said that the day brings attention to the tragic epidemic of disproportionately high rates of disappearances and murders among Native people. She shared some sobering statistics with the crowd.

“According to the National Institute of Justice, more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,” she said. “The murder rate of Native American women living on Reservations is 10 times higher than



Photos by Kamiah Koch

**Former Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek, a cousin of Heather (Haller) Cameron, gives beaded necklaces to Tribal members Sydney Clark and Dorene Gillespie for their support in raising awareness for Cameron’s case during the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People recognition event held on Friday, May 5, in the Governance Center Atrium.**

the national average. American Indian and Alaska men also have high rates of experiencing violence in their lifetimes.”

Murrell shared a personal story of loss, her voice shaking with emotion at times.

“In 2008, my cousin Lisa was murdered by an alleged dating partner and she left behind two young children,” she said. “We don’t think that’s going to happen here until it does. This can happen to anyone. This could be your mother, sister, brother, cousin or any relative you have. ... You might

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hear the frustration in my voice and the anger because we should be angry. You should be mad. This isn’t anything new. It’s been going on for hundreds of years and we’re only talking about it now, and it’s not OK. When does it end?”

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey talked about the need to keep awareness alive.

“That’s how we get through this,”



**Oregon Department of Human Services Indian Child Welfare Act worker Amanda Loveless turns to show her red paint handprint to her colleagues outside the Governance Center.**



**Tribal Council member Denise Harvey shares a hug with Warriors of Hope Program Manager Danielle Murrell before speaking during the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People recognition event.**

Harvey said. “Years back, this was a pretty silent issue and nobody really talked about it much and nobody paid much attention to (Native people). And it’s because of us and the young people who have brought it forward, making the awareness and getting something done so we can have the programs that we have today to help protect our communities from murder and violence.”

Harvey recalled marching in a Washington, D.C., protest in 2018 with thousands of other Indigenous people from across the country.

“It was so powerful,” she said. “It was freezing that day and snowing. There’s freezing rain and still 8,000 people marched to the Capitol. We all had our signs and our Tribal flags and nobody really cared about the freezing cold. We had a mission to do. We were going to make our voices heard and that’s what we did.”

Former Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek spoke about her cousin, Heather (Haller) Cameron, who will have been missing 11 years on Aug. 18. She disappeared from a remote area of Shasta County, Calif., under suspicious circumstances.

“Heather was 28 years old and left behind three small children,” Gleason said. “She had made several 911 calls saying that a man named Daniel Lusby (her ex-boyfriend) had drugged her and taken her to the mountains, and was going to kill her. Two weeks later, she was finally reported as a missing person by her (estranged) husband. There were a couple of searches done, but the only thing we were ever able to find was her EBT card and we feel that area is probably where she lost her life. We don’t know what happened because she has never been found. ... It’s hard for me and it’s been hard for our whole family.”

Lusby was interviewed at least three times by the Shasta County Sheriff’s Office and remains a person of interest in the case, but has never been arrested.

When she finished talking, Shepek gifted beaded necklaces to Tribal members Sydney Clark and Dorene Gillespie for their support in raising awareness for Cameron’s case.

Tribal member Naomi Cardinal, who is Cameron’s aunt, talked about how her niece’s disappearance didn’t seem to be taken seriously by law enforcement or Tribal Council at the time.

“Like Tonya, I am grateful for the new awareness and attitude ... but we can do better,” she said.

Cardinal talked about two banners that the family created after receiving a donation from the Tribe: One will remain in Grand Ronde and the other will be held during an MMIP parade in Shasta Lake City, near where Cameron disappeared almost 11 years ago.

“This will help keep Heather’s name and face in the public eye,” she said. “We have not forgotten Heather and somebody knows something. We continue to pray for answers. ... Please help us bring Heather back home.” ■

## Eight names being added to Veterans Memorial on May 29

**By Dean Rhodes**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Eight names, including that of Albert J. “Joe” Martineau, will be added to the West Valley Veterans Memorial during the Monday, May 29, ceremony being held on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus.

Martineau walked on Feb. 1 at the age of 63. He was from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of Minnesota and he was a beloved longtime employee of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde as an alcohol and addictions counselor.

Martineau’s name will go up on the Air Force pillar along with the names of Jack Bailey and Jefferie J. Tucker.

The four pillars at the West Valley Veterans Memorial feature the names of Tribal and community members from Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan who served in the four major branches of the U.S. military – Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. The addition of eight names this year will increase the number of those honored on all four pillars to 2,382.

Other names being added include Grand Ronde Tribal member Jerald W. Tyler on the Navy pillar, Allan Halverson, Benjamin Lee Rogers and Ronney Lee Rogers on the

Army pillar and Billy J. Rogers on the Marine Corps pillar.

The Memorial Day ceremony will return to pre-pandemic protocols with a meal being served in the Tribal Community Center starting at noon and the ceremony occurring outside at the West Valley Veterans Memorial starting at 1 p.m.

The memorial was designed by late Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran who walked on in August 2022. It features a man and woman dressed in traditional Native clothing standing side by side while reaching for the sky.

This will be the 20th Memorial Day celebration at the West Valley Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in May 2003, because the 2020 event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional details about the ceremony were not available before press time.

Attendees also will notice in-progress work on the addition of two new pillars at the memorial because the ones containing names of Army and Navy veterans are reaching capacity.

The Tribe received a \$33,000 grant from Oregon State Parks to install the two new black granite slabs. ■

## Mək<sup>h</sup>Mək Mania



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Conner Ambrose, 11, rides a blender bike to mix a fruit smoothie during mək<sup>h</sup>mək mania held in the Tribal gym**

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**on Saturday, May 6. The annual event is a celebration of local food, farmers, and hunting and gathering that included informational booths, educational workshops and a silent auction. The event was organized by Grand Ronde’s Food Access and Community Team and sponsored by Marion-Polk Food Share and the Tribe.**



**Flicka Lucero and Rebecca Ambrose, in the background, look through seed packets that were available for free at mək<sup>h</sup>mək mania held in the Tribal gym on Saturday, May 6. Larry Wehrli, of Grand Ronde, a volunteer at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək haws, was manning the seed packet table helping people find what they wanted.**

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## Gas discount at Grand Ronde Station

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■

# Work on Grand Ronde Road will begin in June

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**Homeownership development phase one:** The project is located at McPherson Road east of Grand Ronde Road, with all 20 homes projected to be ready for occupancy by early 2024. Home sizes range from two- to four-bedroom, 1,200- to 2,000-square-feet on 10,000-square-foot lots. Each unit is solar-ready. The project is funded by federal sources and Spirit Mountain Casino revenues.

**Men's transitional housing:** The site work is complete on the Oregon Housing Authority grant-funded project on Ackerson and Grand Ronde roads, and includes utilities and parking for three manufactured homes. Two have been delivered and installed, and residents are starting to move in.

**Domestic violence shelters:** The Oregon Housing Authority grant-funded project includes utilities and parking for three manufactured homes. Two of these will serve as a shelter and the third will house a staff office.

**Wind River Apartments, phase three:** There will be up to 60 units within 15 apartment buildings located adjacent to the



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**The Warriors of Hope program expansion is expected to be completed later this month. It's a \$1.6 million, 2,100-square-foot addition to the Community Center on the Tribal campus.**

Tribe's Housing Department offices at 28450 Tyee Road. Five units are contingent on federal grant funding. The apartments will contain a mix of one- and two-bedroom solar ready units. There are plans to explore adding solar panels with Energy Trust of Oregon. Design will begin later in the month and construction is expected to start in 2024.

**Wastewater treatment plant capacity expansion:** The \$497,000

project will include software and hardware upgrades, increasing the capacity from 72,000 gallons per day to 125,000. The software upgrades will allow employees to monitor potential problems from home rather than having to drive into Grand Ronde to troubleshoot.

**Warriors of Hope program expansion:** The \$1.6 million, 2,100-square-foot addition to the current Community Center is expected to be complete later this month. The funding breakdown is 50 percent Tribal and 50 percent federal. “It’s a small-sized project that comes with a lot of meaning to it and the services it provides,” Webb said. Warriors of Hope is the Tribe’s program for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

**Language Education building:** The \$3.95 million, 6,600-square-foot building will have six classrooms and office space. It is located behind the existing Education Department complex on the Tribal campus. It is paid for through a combination of Tribal, federal and other funding, with an expected completion date of August.

**Health care and vaccination clinic:** Located adjacent to the current Health & Wellness Clinic, the new 10,000-square-foot building broke ground in March with an expected completion date of November. The \$7 million project is primarily grant funded.

**Grand Ronde Fire Station expansion:** This \$8 million project is funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds and will include a 20,000-square-foot expansion with office space, classroom, living quarters and four bays for fire equipment and engines. Design will be complete in October with construction expected to start in November.

**Child development center:** The 25,000-square-foot building will include 12 classrooms, a new kitchen, outdoor play areas and support areas, and will be located adjacent to the existing Tribal gym. The project will be paid with federal, Tribal and grant funds with a yet-to-be-determined construction cost. Construction is tentatively slated to begin in September and will take at least a year.

**Resident and recreation center:** The new 20,000-square-foot

building will be located at the Smith property across from Tribal Housing Department offices with a design cost of \$660,000 and construction costs undetermined. "We will be putting a heavy amount of community input on this project," Webb said. "We need as much input as possible." The project is funded with Indian Health Plan funds.

**Electric vehicle charging stations:** All buildings on campus will have electric vehicle chargers added in the future, with all new buildings constructed as EV charging ready. Webb is also in the process of developing a charging policy. “We know this need is coming and we need the chargers as soon as possible,” he said.

**Tumwata Village:** Located at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City, much of the work this year has been focused on environmental cleanup efforts. The project was awarded an \$800,000 Brownfield grant and \$2 million in congressional funding. Thus far, 24 structures have been removed and road construction improvements are expected to begin in 2024.

Public Works Coordinator John Mercier gave a brief update on the Tribe's transportation planning with a focus on road construction.

Grand Ronde Road work, from highways 18 to 22, will begin in June and is expected to wrap up by the end of September. However, the lengthy repair is also expected to cause traffic delays during this time.

"We will be completely replacing the pavement section so it's going to be a big project," Mercier said.

Added Webb, "We want to make sure the fix is a permanent one and that's why it will be a full depth repair that creates a thicker pavement section, but with that, it means it takes longer to do ... so I want to let people know this summer will be one of potential delays and impacts."

After the presentation was complete, Webb fielded seven questions and comments from the audience.

"That was a wonderful presentation and I thank you for putting all of the details there," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "Serving on the first post-Restoration Tribal Council, these were really our dreams and they were only dreams then. Now to see these things are taking place, it's a wonderful thing."

In other action, door prize winners were Jack Giffen Jr., Darlene Aaron, Diane Webb, Julie Casner and Brenda Gray, \$50 each; and Linda Brandon, Gail Wilkinson and Lorena Rivera, \$100 each. Webb donated her winnings to Grand Ronde Royalty fundraising efforts.

The next General Council meeting for only Tribal Council nominations will be held on Sunday, June 25.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and clicking 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."

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# Tribal member advocates for cradleboard acceptance

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer*

Tribal member Valeria Atanacio has long wanted to see cradleboards become more accepted in child care settings, but was finding the lack of knowledge surrounding this traditional practice frustrating.

As the Tribal Affairs director for the Oregon Early Learning Division, she has encountered misunderstandings from pediatricians and others when cradleboards were brought up in meetings regarding their use and relevance in child care settings, particularly in facilities operated by Tribes or those that serve Indigenous communities.

So, she teamed up with Ai Binh Ho, a fellow with the American Council of Learned Societies who focuses on innovations in child care access at the Better Life Lab, to co-author an article discussing the benefits of cradleboard use in early learning environments.

The two recently published their article in *Early Learning Nation*, an independent early learning magazine.

“We started working on this to bring awareness regarding cradleboard use and acceptance,” Atanacio says. “We’ve had top-level people within state government and pediatrics associations who have not bought into the idea of supporting cradleboard use. We decided we needed to write this. There is a need of more awareness and advocacy for best practices and more policies that support Tribes teaching this.”

In the past, Atanacio has served as the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Teen Pregnancy Prevention coordinator and worked as an assistant preschool teacher for several years. Now



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal member Valeria Atanacio co-authored an article about the benefits of using cradleboards in early learning and child care environments. She is the Tribal Affairs director for the Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division.**

33, she has years of education and experience in child care settings, as well as lived experience of using cradleboards with her now 7- and 5-year-old daughters when they were infants.

She and her sister, Isabella Atanacio, shared a cradleboard when their eldest children were born approximately at the same time.

“The sensory sort of experience of the child is different in a cradleboard than it would be for a baby lying down in a bassinet and this definitely increases the child’s awareness and ability to kind of like learn what their body feels like in those moments of ... just like being held and comfortable in that way,” she says. “I think that’s important and one thing that it did for me as a parent was it allowed me to take some breaks because a lot of times

as a new parent you tend to hold your baby a lot and no one says put down your baby because then they will cry when you put them down. So it really did allow for me to put down my babies without that guilt. They were content. So it worked out and helped me.”

Atanacio spoke of this experience in the article:

“The cradleboard – its construction, movement among family members, and history – is a unique product that brings old and new family members together, rebuilding ties severed by boarding school. ... The cradleboard is much more than a sleeping apparatus; it is a rite of passage for Indigenous parents in my community. It is a journey home after generations of being forced out of our homes and away from our families.”

The article further explains that cradleboard use in most child care centers is only permitted through an exemption process that requires a pediatrician’s authorization.

“The exemption process signals to parents that their care practices are inferior, and demand the oversight of a pediatrician that positions the parents as ignorant, when, in reality, the majority of physicians are unfamiliar with cradleboards.”

The article points to several national and Tribal studies that conclude cradleboards are one of the safest

sleep surfaces to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS.

“The First Nations Health Authority, the National Institute for Children’s Health Quality, and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development have all identified the cradleboard as ‘one of the safest alternative sleep surfaces’ that can prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDs). The National Institute of Health and Human Development-led Healthy Native Babies Project names cradleboards as a culturally appropriate infant sleep surface.”

As a member of the state Safe Sleep Coalition, Atanacio is advocating for cradleboard use as a culturally acceptable practice in SIDS prevention, despite some pushback.

“We heard from some more vocal personalities in the group that there wasn’t any research on this so they couldn’t endorse it,” she said. “Coming from an advocacy lens and knowing all the work that the nine Tribes are doing to bring culture back at the beginning of life, and recognizing their sovereignty, this was just always kind of like a dark cloud or something over it because as a state agency we oversee all of the licensing for child care and administration. Within our roles there is this really specific way of how infants and toddlers should sleep in programs and that hasn’t always been inclusive of different cultural communities.”

Since the article was published in late April, Atanacio said feedback has been positive.

“This is a platform where we could have an influence in this sector of work by sharing what we know,” she says. “I’ve gotten e-mails from our communities that we work with here in Oregon including the director from the Multnomah County Preschool for All, who shared and helped elevate the article.”

Atanacio says she plans to continue her advocacy regarding cradleboards.

“What is really important is helping the folks who are in the field, to help them understand what a cradleboard is and having a network of resources to point them to,” she says. ■

## Introduction to Construction Training



**Offering entry level skills training for individuals interested in construction careers.**

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Trainees will also be invited to engage with potential employers.

**Tuition: \$3500—Waived for those who qualify.**  
To receive additional details, including registration information complete the online form located at: <https://forms.office.com/r/ThrkJkbKB>

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**  
Individuals must be at least 18 Years old to register and must be an enrolled tribal member of a federally recognized tribe

Tuition support is provided through a Future Ready Oregon Grant via the Willamette Workforce Partnership. A complete Future Ready Oregon application package will be required of all trainees who receive tuition support.

All trainees must have a valid drivers license, and comp/steel toed footwear—all other PPE will be provided.

Consistent participation during training is required. Any absence

**\*SCHEDULE:**  
Mon.—Fri.; 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
June 5—9, 2023  
@Knife River Training Center  
35973 Kennel Rd. SE, Albany OR

*\*Schedule may be subject to change due to registration or training conflicts.*

Complete request for registration/ at:



Grand Ronde Introduction to Construction



Willamette Workforce Partnership/Knife River Training Center is an equal opportunity program/employer. Language assistance is available to individuals with limited English proficiency free of cost. Auxiliary aids or services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Oregon Relay 1.800.735.2900

## WIFI HOTSPOTS

NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT AT THE TRIBAL LIBRARY!

**For patrons without access to reliable internet, 10 T-Mobile hotspots have been made available for use. Devices provide access within the T-Mobile coverage area.**

**To borrow a hotspot library cardholders must be 18 years or older and have their library account in good standing. Parents/guardians are responsible for the use of the hotspot by minors.**

**For additional terms and agreements please contact the library**  
**Kathy.Cole@grandronde.org**  
**503-879-1488**

**These hotspots were made possible through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with the Chemeketa Community College and the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service.**



# 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. ■

## 2023-2024 OPEN ENROLLMENT

### CHINUK



*As of May 15th, 2023 we will be accepting registration applications for interested incoming Kindergarteners. We are a Chinuk Wawa immersion program offering literacy instruction through the use of Chinuk Wawa. Our students are shared with the Willamina Elementary School, so they are dually enrolled. In the years past, we have been a half day program holding services in the morning with transportation provided for students to end their school day at Willamina. However, our programming model has not yet been determined. If interested, please contact us for more info or fill out a registration and be updated on our plans as soon as they are decided. No prior language experience needed. If a student in a grade beyond kindergarten wants to enroll, please contact us for more information. Once we are at capacity, we give tribal preference.*

Applications are available at <https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/elementary-chinuk-language-program/> and can be turned in starting **May 15th** by:

**Mail:** 9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
**OR** emailed to either contact listed below

*We enroll families, not just students. It is our belief that the only way for the language to live and flourish is for it to be learned and used in the home by the whole family.*

Kate Thomas  
K/1 Chinuk Teacher  
503-879-1632  
[Katelyne.Thomas@grandronde.org](mailto:Katelyne.Thomas@grandronde.org)



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Limited Spots Available!  
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# Camas Restoration Camp

Dv-ne-Tillicum

**June 2nd - June 4th**  
**Vesper Meadow in Ashland, OR**  
**Deadline to Register is: May 30th, 2023**

Available to Siletz & Grand Ronde Tribal members and their families

***Practicing stewardship and positive relationships with the land.***

**Contact to Register**  
**For Siletz: Jacob Reid**  
**[JacobReidsi.nsn.us](mailto:JacobReidsi.nsn.us)**

**For Grand Ronde: Cristina Lara**  
**[Cristina.Lara@grandronde.org](mailto:Cristina.Lara@grandronde.org)**

**Drug and alcohol free event.**  
**Please plan for limited cell service.**  
**Gas cards will be provided. Camping is available.**



# Camas Festival returns



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Registrar Stephanie Craig, right, demonstrates how a cooking basket is used during the second annual Camas Festival held at Linfield University in McMinnville on Friday, May 5. The event is a collaboration between Linfield University, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council to teach about the cultural, biological and artistic significance of camas.**

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**Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Chris Rempel, right, talks about camas while helping lead a tour of the camas patch in Cozine Creek on Linfield University's campus during the second annual Camas Festival held at Linfield University in McMinnville. Tribal Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, second from right in the background, also spoke during the tour.**

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# 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](http://thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship) or go to [youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs](https://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. ■

Do you need help with First, Last, and Deposit?

Contact Social Services for more information

(503) 879-2034 or (800) 422-0232

[ssdinfo@grandronde.org](mailto:ssdinfo@grandronde.org)

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](mailto: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



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# 2023-24 Tribal Trask Management hunt

Thank you for your interest in applying for the opportunity to hunt Grand Ronde's Trask Management Tags. In accordance with the Consent Decree signed in 1986, Grand Ronde receives a limited amount of Trask Management Unit tags to distribute to its membership. To ensure as many Tribal members have the opportunity to hunt and that tags are distributed in a fair and consistent manner, the Tribe utilizes a random draw and has developed application rules. Failure to follow the rules outlined below will result in applications being denied.

To enter our random draw you must:

1. Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.

2. Have a hunting and fishing license issued by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

3. Apply by the application deadline.
- If an applicant fails to fill out the applications in its entirety, does not have an issued license, or files duplicates applications, all applications will be ineligible for the hunt or all hunts applied.

How to Apply:

There are now two options for applying, online or paper, but you may not do both. To apply online, go to [www.grandronde.org/TraskUnitTagApplications](http://www.grandronde.org/TraskUnitTagApplications) or scan the QR code at right. If applying on paper use the application(s) on the pages 14-15. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal Enrollment Cards and Hunter's Safety Certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing. If you have any questions, please call 503-879-2424 or e-mail at [NRD@grandronde.org](mailto:NRD@grandronde.org). The Natural Resources staff will draw tags on July 11, 2023. Staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone/e-mail on July 13, 2023. All tags will be available for issue on Monday, July 17, 2023.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m Friday, July 7, 2023

Application rules and general guidelines

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are required before submitting applications, this includes youth 11 and older.
- Hunt applications must be in **BLUE OR BLACK INK**, be legible, and signed and acknowledged in all designated spaces by the applicant.
- Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter's responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
- Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without all of the proper documentation. Proper documentation is: Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Card or Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) AND Hunter's Safety Certificate if applicable.
- If picking up for others, please notify Natural Resources prior to pick up. Please be advised, the Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing license **AND** Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID Card **AND** Hunter's Safety Certificate (if applicable) will be required when picking up a tag for others. **NO Exceptions.**

Hunt Categories and Seasons:

- Categories are as follows:
- BEAR (Black Bear)
  - MALE ELK (BOW, 1ST Season, 2ND Season)
    - ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply, Bow, 1st OR 2nd Season. Applications submitted for multiple Elk seasons will result in all applications being ineligible.
  - CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK:
    - ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply: SE Trask, West Trask #1, West Trask #2, Panther Creek, Trask, NE Trask Muzzleloader, NE Trask #1, NE Trask #2, Central Trask #1, Central Trask #2. Applications submitted for multiple Control/Damage Elk seasons will result in all applications being ineligible.
    - For paper applications, you must specify the Season Name of the season you are applying for on your application under Season Name.
  - DEER TAGS (BOW/Muzzleloader):
    - You must choose one season to apply, BOW or Muzzleloader. Applications submitted for both seasons will result in all applications being ineligible.
  - COAST BUCK – no application needed. First-come, first-serve.
  - CONTROL DAMAGE DOE: Any licensed Tribal member may apply.

Applicants may apply for one Season in each Category. One Male Elk, One Control Damage Elk, One Bow or Muzzleloader Deer, and One Control Damaged Doe season. Hunters submitting multiple applications for hunt categories, such as applying for both male elk bow and 1st season tags, will result in all 2023 Trask tag applications being ineligible for that hunter.

Youth Tags

- Any licensed Tribal member between the ages of 11-17 may apply. Youth 13 and under, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a licensed adult at least 21 years of age unless hunting on property owned by the parents or legal guardian.
- Youth hunters 11 years of age may apply. However, they must turn 12 by the "Last Day to PICK UP TAG" deadline and possess a CTGR issued License. All youth must have completed their Hunter's Safety Certificate before a tag will be issued. Be prepared to present all documentation when picking up the tag.
- Youth may also apply for all adult tags as described above in addition to the youth only hunts. All rules apply.
- Youth MAY NOT hunt with youth hunt tags when they turn 18 years of age. Example, applies for Youth Upper Tualatin Trask tag (Hunt dates 12/9-12/31), is awarded tag when 17, receives tag, turns 18 on Dec. 15. This tag would no longer be hunted by that youth after Dec. 15.

Applications may be submitted online, mailed, faxed, emailed or hand-delivered to one of the following: Hand delivered applications: A drop box is located outside of the NR building to the right of the entry door for convenience. Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Attn: Natural Resources Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Road Physical: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Office: 503-879-2424 Fax: 503-879-5622 [NRD@grandronde.org](mailto:NRD@grandronde.org)

2023-2024 HUNTING SEAS	
*If allowed weapon is not listed is season description, hunt allows Any Legal Weapon	
OPEN DAY	
Category - Deer	
Season	
COAST BUCK: NO APPLICATION	10/7/2023
CONTROL DAMAGE DOE	10/7/2023
MUZZLELOADER DEER	11/11/2023
BOW DEER (Buck Only)	9/2/2023
Category - Ma	
Season	
BOW ELK - (Bull Only)	9/2/2023
1ST SEASON (Bull Only)	11/18/2023
2ND SEASON (Spike Only)	11/25/2023
Category - Control D	
Season	
NE TRASK MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any)	12/14/2023
TRASK UNIT	12/1/2023
WEST TRASK #1	12/1/2023
WEST TRASK #2	2/1/2024
CENTRAL TRASK #1	1/1/2024
CENTRAL TRASK #2	2/15/2024
SE TRASK	12/1/2023
NE TRASK #1	12/1/2023
NE TRASK #2	1/1/2024
PANTHER CREEK	1/1/2024
Category - B	
Season	
BEAR	8/1/2023
Category - Youth	
Season	
YOUTH ANTLERLESS ELK	8/15/2023
YOUTH BOW ELK	9/2/2023
YOUTH C/D DEER	10/7/2023
YOUTH - UPPER TUALATIN - TRASK (WEEKENDS ONLY)	12/9/2023

BOW ELK - BULL ONLY

SEP 2 - OCT. 1, 2023

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

As the person who is obtaining this Tribal Hunting tag, I declare under the penalty of perjury that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in obtaining this tag is true and correct, and that I am qualified under all applicable laws and statutes to possess this tag and carry a weapon for the potential harvest of a game animal.

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1ST SEASON ELK

BULL ONLY

NOV. 18 - NOV 21, 2023

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Muzzleloader Deer

NOV. 11 - NOV. 24, 2023

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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# hunting application rules

WEAPONS		DEADLINES	
Last Day		Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if Drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
	11/10/2023	N/A	11/20/2023
	11/10/2023	9/29/2023	11/20/2023
	11/24/2023	11/3/2023	12/4/2023
	10/1/2023	8/25/2023	10/11/2023

Control / Damage Elk			
	10/1/2023	8/25/2023	10/11/2023
	11/21/2023	11/10/2023	12/1/2023
	12/1/2023	11/10/2023	12/11/2023

Damage Elk			
	12/31/2023	12/4/2023	1/10/2024
	3/31/2024	11/10/2023	4/10/2024
	1/31/2024	11/10/2023	2/10/2024
	3/31/2024	1/25/2024	4/10/2024
	2/14/2024	12/21/2023	2/24/2024
	3/31/2024	2/8/2024	4/10/2024
	3/31/2024	11/10/2024	4/10/2024
	3/31/2024	11/10/2024	4/10/2024
	3/31/2024	12/21/2023	4/10/2024
	3/31/2024	12/21/2023	4/10/2024

Bear			
	12/31/2023	7/17/2023	1/10/2024
Hunts			
	12/31/2023	8/3/2023	1/10/2024
	10/1/2023	8/25/2023	10/11/2023
	11/12/2023	9/29/2023	11/22/2023
	12/31/2023	12/1/2023	1/10/2024

BEAR

AUG. 1 - DEC. 31, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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2ND SEASON ELK

SPIKE ONLY

NOV. 25 - DEC 1, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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TAG RETURNS

In accordance with the Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (Kill or No Kill, and lost tags) are required TO BE REPORTED within 10 days of the last day of hunt.

In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities the following ways: Telephone at 503-879-2424; e-mail at NRD@grandronde.org; mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347; and in person to the Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 where a secured drop box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension.

Bow Deer (Buck Only)

SEP. 2 - OCT. 1, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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C/D DOE PERMITS

OCT. 07 - NOV. 10, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

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YOUTH C/D DEER

OCT. 07 - NOV. 12, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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CONTROL / DAMAGE ELK

Hunt Name:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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YOUTH Antlerless ELK

AUG. 15 - DEC. 31, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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NEW - YOUTH Bow Deer - NEW

SEP. 2 - OCT. 1, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

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YOUTH Upper Tualatin - Trask

Dec. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ( )

EMAIL:

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# Health & Wellness Center hours

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

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11AM POTLUCK 12PM  
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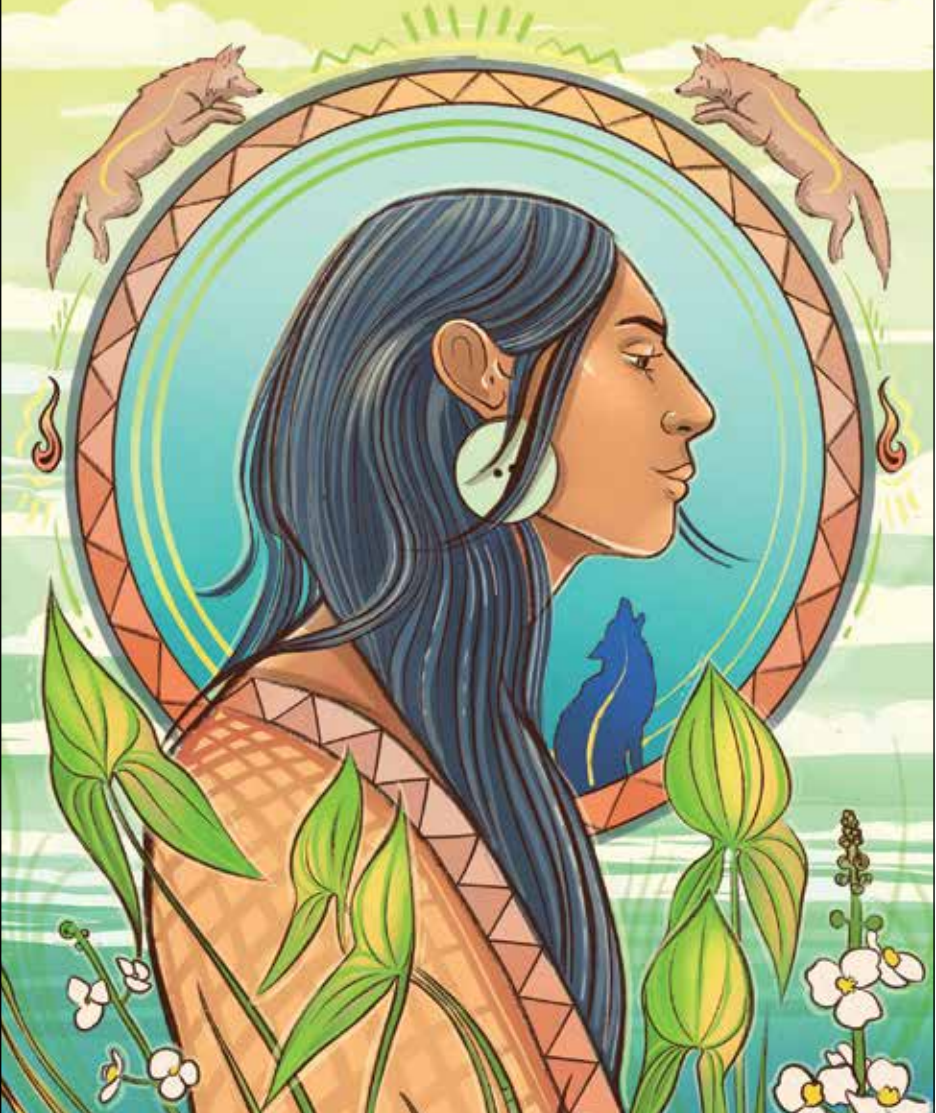
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH. THE  
COMMITTEE WILL BRING FRIED CHICKEN.

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO, COME SHARE GOOD COMPANY AND GOOD LAUGHS WITH  
OUR COMMUNITY.  
AGES 21 AND UP!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT SHANNON  
STANTON 971-901-1946

# MY FATHER'S April 20 FATHER'S SISTER: OUR Sept. 30 ANCESTOR SHIMKHIN 2023

Celebrating Oregon's queer Indigenous history, focusing on the respected 19<sup>th</sup>-century Atfalati Kalapuya healer Shimkhin (pronounced "Shim-hen" or "Shum-hin") and highlighting contemporary Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer contributions to our communities.



## CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE



### Portland Office Ribbon Skirt Making

Saturday, May 20  
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

CTGR Portland Office  
4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97239.

- Please call to sign up 8 spots available.
- Potluck meal.
- For Grand Ronde Tribal members.

Please RSVP Lisa at 503 879-1881

[www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

SAFE STAY ORDINANCE  
OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council adopted the Safe Stay Ordinance on an emergency basis at the April 5, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The Safe Stay Ordinance: 1) Establishes an ordinance that governs the temporary safe shelters, safe parking spaces, and any other building, camper or cluster of buildings that provides shelter on a temporary basis; 2) Provides a process for when those safe shelters are abandoned; and 3) Provides a process for eviction from those safe shelters.

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

Comments must be received by May 31, 2023. ■

ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE  
OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council adopted amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance on an emergency basis at the April 19, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance will: (1) Remove the previous loss of membership moratorium; (2) Limit involuntary loss of membership to fraud and dual enrollment; (3) Remove the language regarding loss of membership for failure to meet enrollment criteria; (4) Provide a definition of fraud; and (5) Other minor and technical changes.

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

Comments must be received by May 31, 2023. ■



**TEACH** our children  
our stories


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


**SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBERS 50+ TO SHARE STORIES...**

**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](mailto:culturalresources@grandronde.org)





Elders fishing trip slated for May 23

The next Elders fishing trip will be held on Tuesday, May 23, according to Fish & Wildlife Committee Chairperson Harold Lyon.

The Fish & Wildlife Committee in coordination with the Elder Committee is currently working out the details – location, time, food and transportation.

“Stay tuned for additional information,” Lyon said.

Elders can sign up at the Elders Activity Center to participate or call 503-879-2233. ■

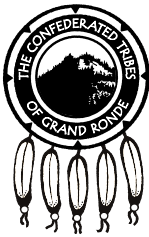


CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE  
Portland Office Food Distribution

Wednesday, May 24  
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Great Circle Recovery back parking lot.  
3580 S.E. 82nd Ave.,  
Portland, OR 97266

503-879-1881



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

SAVE THE DATE

*Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony*

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE NAME OUR WELLNESS CANOE AND CELEBRATE HEALING IN THE COMMUNITY

MAY  
SATURDAY 20 AT 2PM  
2023

DOORS OPEN AT 2PM  
FEAST AT 5PM  
DANCING TO FOLLOW DINNER  
ACHAF-HAMMI (PLANKHOUSE)



## Oregon State slates annual powwow

CORVALLIS – Oregon State University’s Native American Student Association is holding the 44th annual Klatowa Ina Powwow on Saturday, May 20, at Gill Coliseum, 660 S.W. 26th St., Corvallis.

The powwow is a free community event celebrating Indigenous culture and heritage. Doors open at noon with grand entries at 1 and 6 p.m.

The event will feature traditional dancing, music and singing, as well as a marketplace offering Native American crafts.

For more information, visit [beav.es/44th-pow-wow](http://beav.es/44th-pow-wow) on the Internet. ■

# TRUST FUND

**Do you want to know more?**

What are my accounts?  
What are my options?  
How do I access my account?  
What about taxes?  
Where can I go for financial advice?

The answers to all of these questions and more can be found on the Tribal website / member services.  
<https://www.grandronde.org/services/member-services/>

## 4 PART SERIES

**HIDE TANNING**  
*W/ Amanda Freeman*

YOU WILL LEARN THE BASICS OF BRAIN TANNING A FUR OFF HIDE

**DATES**

5/20 - SATURDAY 10-4  
5/27 - SATURDAY 10-4  
5/29 - MONDAY 10-4  
6/2 - FRIDAY 4-8PM

**AGE 13-18**  
**SPACES ARE LIMITED**

**TO REGISTER**  
ANGEY RIDEOUT - 503.879.4533  
ANGEY.RIDEOUT@GRANDRONDE.ORG

**PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL CLASSES IN SERIES**

# Community Shred Event

**Monday, May 22 • Noon – 1 P.M.**  
**Grand Ronde Recycling Depot**  
(On Tyee Road near Tribal Housing)

Free • Open to the Public • Drive-thru

Not just for confidential documents:

- File folders • Old tax documents • Junk mail
- Magazines • Newspapers • Photos & Negatives
- Books (no hardcovers) • No 3-ring binders
- Limited plastic & metal • Paper clips & staples OK.



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

## Lane County summit renamed after Kalapuyan chief

A mountain 35 miles southeast of Eugene has been officially renamed as Mount Halo, a name derived from Kalapuyan Chief Halito who lived in the 1800s and whose village was 20 miles west of the summit.

The 4,200-foot peak was previously called Swastika Mountain, a name that became controversial because of its association with Nazism and Hitler’s Third Reich.

Tribal member David Lewis, who is an assistant professor of anthropology and ethnic and Indigenous studies at Oregon State University, said renaming the peak was necessary because of its association with World War II and fascism.

“We need to at times revisit names that have been given to the land, and to rivers, and towns, and maybe replace those with things that have more resonance with today’s society,” Lewis said.

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names approved the name change on April 13 and it took effect immediately.

Swastika Mountain’s namesake predated World War II and was reportedly named for a local ranch in Lane County that branded cattle with the symbol. ■

## 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. ■

## SSI recipients eligible for Internet service aid

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

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

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



**INTRODUCTION TO GRADE READING**

**SAT., JUNE 3, 2023, 8 A.M - 5 P.M.**

**WHAT IS GRADE SHOOTING?**

Shooting grade is the process of testing the elevation of a construction project in order to level or slope it. Shooting grade properly is critical to every facet of construction including excavation, pipe laying, and forming footers and foundations.

**Free training and lunch will be provided.**

- Understanding grade reading.
- Why shooting grade is important.
- What tools you will use to shoot grade.

This will be a one-day introductory course open to all Tribal members or Tribal descendants 16 years and older.

For more information please contact:  
Jacob.boekhoff@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2146



**Where?**  
9615 Grand Ronde Road,  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
ESB Building C

To register please follow the link or scan the QR code below.

<https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/TERO-Training-Registration>



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# smok signalz offering fast e-mail subscription

Want to be one of the first Tribal members to receive *smok signalz*?  
Want to receive the Tribal publication on your computer instead of waiting for it to arrive in the mail?  
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In an effort to be more efficient and reduce printing and postage costs, *smok signalz* electronic subscribers receive a PDF (portable document format) version sent to them instead of a newsprint version sent via the mail. All you need on your computer is Adobe Acrobat or another program that can read a PDF and you're set.  
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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. ■

# Individual Development Account

Individual Development Accounts (IDA) provide opportunities to save for life-changing economic transformations.

A matched savings account can help you save towards a financial goal.

### Program Overview

Individuals who participate in this program will save \$1,200 over the course of 1-2 years and receive \$6,000 in match funds to put toward their financial goal - that is a 5:1 match!

### What saving goals are available through DevNW's IDA program?

- Home Purchase
- Education
- Small Business
- Car Purchase
- Rental Deposit
- Assistive Technology

### Can I start an IDA today?

In order to participate you will need to take Financial Foundations and have at least one financial coaching session with one of our Asset Building Specialists.

Financial Foundations will be provided by DevNW to Tribal Members this Fall, and sessions with our Asset Building Specialists can be completed in person or online.

Contact Caitlin Zimbrick for more information  
[caitlin.zimbrick@grandronde.org](mailto:caitlin.zimbrick@grandronde.org) 503-879-1990

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CTGR Cultural Resources

# PORTLAND AREA GATHERING TRIPS 2023

April - Hazel  
May - Cedar  
June - Camas  
July - Serviceberries  
August - Huckleberries  
August (Eugene) - Juncus and Tule  
September (Ashland) - Pine Nuts  
September - Wapato

No experience necessary. If you are interested in attending or learning more, email [greg.archuleta@grandronde.org](mailto:greg.archuleta@grandronde.org) or find the CTGR Lifeways group on Facebook

# AUTHOR VISIT

Hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Library

Words by Carrie Tillotson  
Pictures by Estrela Lourenco

MAY 17TH  
10:30 AM  
TRIBAL GYM

Join us in welcoming Oregon author Carrie Tillotson, 2023 Oregon book award finalist.

This humorous story of a banana and a narrator who have very strong opinions about what should (and should not!) be in this book.

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## POWWOW LEARNING EVENT SERIES

MAY 9th - Intro to Powwow  
MAY 23rd - Intro to Dance Styles  
JUNE 13th - Intro to Regalia  
5pm-7pm Chachalu Cultural Center  
Dinner provided | Everyone welcome | Beginners Encouraged | RSVP Appreciated

Join us for these special evenings as Anthony and Ramona Quenelle and their family share their experience and knowledge of Powwow culture.

8720 Grand Ronde Rd  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**CHACHALU**  
Tribal Museum and Cultural Center

Please RSVP to Jordan Mercier  
[CulturalEducation@grandronde.org](mailto:CulturalEducation@grandronde.org)  
503-879-2185

# Applications open for Eula Petite scholarship

The 2023 Eula Petite Competitive Scholarship Program is now accepting applications through Friday, June 30.

The scholarship was established and dedicated to longtime Tribal member educator Eula Petite. This is a one-time scholarship award where one undergraduate and one graduate student will each receive a laptop computer.

The application is available online at [www.grandronde.org/services/education/higher-education/educational-resources/](http://www.grandronde.org/services/education/higher-education/educational-resources/) ■



# 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 Mu-

seum 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 ■

## Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool

Apply starting : **April 03, 2023**

Applications due by : **June 2, 2023**

Head Start nurtures the growth of **you and your child.**  
Join our supportive community and give your child a strong **head start.**

### For Kids:

- Safe, quality early education
- Qualified teachers
- Healthy meals
- Cultural opportunities
- Transportation may be available
- Resources for children with disabilities

### For Parents:

- Connection to housing resources
- Employment assistance
- Parent training & support
- Enrollment opportunities for pregnant women
- Enrollment opportunities for all incomes

WAYS TO APPLY:

ONLINE at:  
<https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/early-childhood-education/>

Email [dawn.doar@grandronde.org](mailto:dawn.doar@grandronde.org) for an application

Or Scan QR Code:

Enrolling ages birth to 4

To Learn More: [dawn.doar@grandronde.org](mailto:dawn.doar@grandronde.org)  
503-879-1434

# Chinuk Wawa Family Language Retreat

**Spaces are limited; RSVP early**  
**Meals will be provided**

Where: **Longhouse**  
When: **June 16: 9am-5pm**

**RSVP to Dustin by phone, 971-264-4525 or by email, [Dustin.Ryan@GrandRonde.org](mailto:Dustin.Ryan@GrandRonde.org)**

For more information contact Dustin Ryan at [Dustin.Ryan@GrandRonde.org](mailto:Dustin.Ryan@GrandRonde.org) or at 971-264-4525.

**\*No prior language experience required**  
**\*Children under 13 must attend with an adult.**

## Parent Connections

Please join us on the first Thursday of each month 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:**  
**Community Center**

**12:00pm-1:00pm**

Thursday May 4th

Thursday June 1st

Thursday July 6th

Light lunch provided

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

[Audra.Sherwood@grandronde.org](mailto:Audra.Sherwood@grandronde.org) 503-879-2069  
[Lyndsey.Stuckey@grandronde.org](mailto:Lyndsey.Stuckey@grandronde.org) 503-879-2095  
[Chyanne.Schlappie@grandronde.org](mailto:Chyanne.Schlappie@grandronde.org) 503-879-1496

# TERO Worker of the Month

## April 2023



Dakota Rock

**Name:** Dakota Rock  
**Employer:** Suulutaaq  
**Position:** Journeyman operator  
Dakota Rock joined the TERO team almost six years ago and has continually grown and learned many new skills since the day he was referred to one of our Oregon Department of Transportation heavy highway construction projects.  
Dakota started as a general laborer back in 2017 for Gage It Construction and since has learned many new trades, such as traffic control, pipe laying and building MSE walls. His newest trade is excavation and GPS grade checks.

Recently, Dakota joined the 701 Operators Union as a journeyman operator. He is currently dispatched to the I-205 Abernathy Project in Oregon City. He has been a key employee on the many ODOT projects he has been referred to and has earned the April TERO Worker of the Month award.  
Dakota said that TERO has helped him and is the reason he got into the heavy highway construction trades. He said TERO has given him the opportunity to join the 701 Operators Union with plenty of support and guidance along the way. He also said that TERO is a great way to get into the construction trades and make an above average livable wage.  
Great job, Dakota, TERO is proud to have you represent our program.

*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](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)*

# TERO Indian Owned Business Spotlight

Grand Ronde TERO maintains a list of certified Indian Owned Businesses (IOBs) that contract or supply materials, goods, services or art. Through the IOB program, TERO provides consulting, connection to resources, business scaling, endorsements and more.  
One of the current IOBs registered with Grand Ronde TERO is Eugene William Construction and Eugene William Asphalt.



Eugene William Construction

**Year Business Started:** 2018 and 2022, respectively  
**Location of Business and Location Served:** Eugene William Construction and Eugene William Asphalt have their main office and equipment yard located along the Clackamas River in Carver and also have an office in Salem. Currently, most of their construction work takes place in the Portland area.  
**What Your Business Performs:** Eugene William Construction is a small, civil construction contracting company that specializes in underground utilities such as storm water drains, water main and sanitary sewer. Eugene William Asphalt is a freight contracting company that hauls asphalt oil from refinery to mixing plant.  
**How You Got Started:** Eugene William Construction is the product of Tribal members Kelly Eugene Ibabao and Martin William Wedeking. They have decades of experience in the construction industry. The company has performed for several city of Portland and TriMet contracts. Eugene William Asphalt is the tangent Kelly and Martin founded from the outreach of McCall Companies' search for asphalt oil haulers. Kelly and Martin are very familiar with the paving side of construction and have since established a promising business relationship.  
**How Has Grand Ronde TERO Helped?** Grand Ronde TERO has assisted our business in various ways. TERO has helped us in supplying Tribal members to our workforce as well as assisting in consulting with various outside departments to provide additional contracts and minority business opportunities.

*For more information on the TERO Indian Owned Business program, to get certified or access other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO Office at:  
503-879-2188 or [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)*

## Job Opening: Project Director

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is hiring a Project Director for the Native Agriculture Biodiversity Accelerator. This is a full-time exempt salaried role responsible for coordinating agricultural and horticultural career pathway planning and trainings for cohorts of Native Americans interested in becoming owners and operators of their own microenterprise business.

- \$60k to \$72k depending on experience
- Help plan internships
- Recruit cohorts of interns
- Provide business training
- Work with partners integrating Western science practices
- Help interns form microenterprises

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



## CTGR Tribal E-Reader Program



The CTGR Tribal E-Reader program is offered to aid CTGR Tribal members ages 5 and above in accessing level-appropriate reading material.

### Categories Include:

- Ages 5-7: Launchpad
- Ages 8-10: Launchpad
- Ages 11+: Kindle

E-Readers are limited one per household, per age group. E-Readers will be distributed once applications have been processed and approved. This is a limited duration program.



Apply Online!



### More information :

 [education@grandronde.org](mailto:education@grandronde.org)  
 503-879-2275

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"good feeling walk"

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND PREVENTION

SATURDAY

MAY 20TH

UYXAT POWWOW GROUNDS

9600 HEB0 RD (HWY 22). GRAND RONDE

WALK WILL START @ POWWOW GROUNDS AND GO UP TO FORT YAMHILL

11-1PM

Please join us as we come together for a day full of †ush tǎmtǎm! Bring a positive message poster with you on a walk that promotes our overall wellbeing!

We encourage all to attend the Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony at the long house after the walk.

Booths, Food, and Prizes

If you have any questions, please contact Keri Kimsey at [keri.kimsey@grandronde.org](mailto:keri.kimsey@grandronde.org)

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde Community & Culture by not displaying gang affiliation & by not bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

INTERESTS

SKILLS

WORK CONDITIONS

KNOWLEDGE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

find your path

CTGR TEMP POOL

ELIGIBILITY

• AGE REQUIREMENT

Candidates must be at least 18 years in age.

• TRIBAL PREFERENCE

Tribal Preference applies. However, nonTribal candidates can be considered based on business need, certifications and skills required.

• AVAILABILITY

Most positions work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Part-time and full-time work is available. Specific schedules will be communicated upon job placement. Candidates will be expected to adhere to work and schedule requirements.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE MULTIPLE CAREER PATHS?

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND ABILITIES IN THE WORKPLACE?

APPLY TO THE CTGR TEMP POOL AND START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY!

The CTGR Temp Pool was designed to fill the immediate staffing needs of CTGR Programs, and provides opportunities for participants to explore Part-Time and Full-Time job placement opportunities throughout the campus.

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

Apply online to begin your journey!

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

LEGAL NOTICE

IF YOU, A CHILD IN YOUR CARE, OR ANOTHER LOVED ONE WERE HARMED BY ENDO OR A RELATED COMPANY, INCLUDING PAR OR AMS, OR THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING OPIOIDS, RANITIDINE, OR TRANSVAGINAL MESH, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY DEADLINES IN THE ENDO BANKRUPTCY.

The deadline to file a claim in the bankruptcy is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. **This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. If you, a child in your care, or another loved one were harmed by Endo or a related company, including Par or American Medical Systems (AMS), or their products, including opioids, ranitidine, or transvaginal mesh, you may have a claim against one or more of these entities. To make a claim, you will need to submit a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. You may file a claim on behalf of yourself, a child in your care (including a child exposed to opioids in the womb), or a deceased or disabled relative. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Endo bankruptcy include but are not limited to:

> Opioid Claims:

Claims for death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of consortium, or neonatal abstinence syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.

> Ranitidine claims:

Claims for cancer, including bladder, esophageal, pancreatic, stomach, and liver cancer, among others.

> Transvaginal mesh claims:

Claims for pelvic pain, infection, bleeding, among others.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is **July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is actually received by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

For a more complete list of relevant companies and products manufactured and/or sold by Endo and its related companies, including full prescribing information and BOXED WARNINGS for OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets), and for more complete details about the bar date and instructions on how to file a confidential personal injury claim, visit [EndoClaims.com](https://EndoClaims.com) or call **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SALE?

Endo intends to sell substantially all of its assets in an auction and sale process in the bankruptcy case and subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. **Endo is seeking relief that the sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens, and encumbrances.**

If you disagree with the proposed sale, you must object to the sale in writing, so that your objection is received on or before **July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**. **Any party in interest who fails to properly file and serve its objection by the objection deadline may lose its claim against Endo's assets if the sale is approved.** Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the bankruptcy court.

Complete details about the proposed sale, including any auction for Endo's assets, the date of the hearing to consider the sale, and instructions on how to file an objection, are available at [EndoClaims.com](https://EndoClaims.com) or by calling **877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)** or **929.284.1688 (International)**.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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929.284.1688 (International)

VISIT: [EndoClaims.com](https://EndoClaims.com)

EMAIL: [EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com](mailto:EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com)

WRITE: Endo International plc Claims Processing Center

c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC

Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850

New York, NY 10163-4850

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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	16	\$104,004.14/yr.	\$135,684.70/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
1797	Payroll Specialist	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	Until Filled
1835	Security Officer - Oregon City [On-Call]	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/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
1848	Groundskeeper	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1857	Dentist	20	\$146,562.24/yr.	\$198,204.72/yr.	Until Filled
1858	Enrichment Coordinator Aide – Part Time	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
1877	Cook – AFC	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1908	Lodge Caregiver	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	Until Filled
1909	Teacher's Aide/Bus Monitor PT/On-Call	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1910	Editor - UPDATED	14	\$87,565.47/yr.	\$112,323.88/yr.	Until Filled
1911	CFS Caseworker	11	\$65,789.23/yr.	\$84,727.04/yr.	Until Filled
1914	Infant/Toddler Teacher Entry Level	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	05/11/23
1915	Cashier/Fueler – Part Time (Variable Shift) GRFFCo	3	\$16.04/hr.	\$16.04/hr.	05/11/23
1916	Restoration Technician – Equipment Operator	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	05/11/23
1917	Employee Relations Specialist	12	\$72,368.15/yr.	\$93,059.45/yr.	05/11/23
1918	Lodge Caregiver On-Call	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	05/18/23
1919	Member Services Administrator	10	\$28.75/hr.	\$37.09/hr.	05/18/23
1921	Accounting Clerk	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	05/18/23
1925	Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	05/18/23
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	\$34.79/hr.	\$44.74/hr.	Until Filled
1808	Milleu Safety Technician - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1900	Peer Support Specialist – Female – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	Until Filled
1913	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	10	\$59,808.39/yr.	\$77,148.67/yr.	05/18/23
1920	LPN – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	12	\$34.79/hr.	\$44.74/hr.	05/18/23
1924	Mental Health Counselor – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	12	\$72,368.15/yr.	\$93,059.45/yr.	05/18/23

Natural Resources Youth Crew Opportunities 2023

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1896	Youth Crew Member – Limited Duration Summer		\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
1897	Youth Crew Leader – Limited Duration Summer		\$18.00/hr.	\$18.00/hr.	Until Filled
1898	Youth Crew Supervisor – Limited Duration Summer		\$19.00/hr.	\$20.00/hr.	Until Filled

Natural Resources - Youth Crew 2023 – Requirements – Preference given to Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal Members

- Youth Crew Member - Community youth 15 and older are eligible with preference being given to Grand Ronde Tribal Members.
- Youth Crew Leader – Must be 18 years or older and currently enrolled in college with preference being given to Grand Ronde Tribal Members.
- Youth Crew Supervisor – Must have ODL
  - Requires a High School Diploma or GED and must be enrolled in college
  - One (1) year of supervisory or leadership experience is required
  - Requires experience in the proper use of hand tools

\$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:  
1. 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)  
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.  
3. External candidates.  
[Apply online at: www.grandronde.org](#)



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
<del>Barista (*Part-Time)</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$18.02/hr. DOE</del>
<del>Guest Services Cashier (*Part Time)</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$18.02/hr. DOE</del>
<del>Lodge Laundry Attendant</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$18.02/hr. DOE</del>
Marketing Communications Specialist	5/11/2023	\$25.45/hr. DOE
<del>Surveillance Agent I</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$18.55/hr. DOE</del>
<del>Surveillance Agent II</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$18.82/hr. DOE</del>
<del>Surveillance Agent III</del>	<del>5/11/2023</del>	<del>\$21.22/hr. DOE</del>
Amore Buspersion (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Amore Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Banquet Attendant (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Bar Porter (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Food Runner (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Sports Bar Buspersion (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips

\$500 Referral Bonus

SMC & CTGR Employees

\$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



Watchlist: ‘World’s largest trove of Native American language resources’

(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

In late April, a collection of Native American learning materials were unveiled at a United Nations forum.

CBS News featured the story on its YouTube channel with an interview with The Language Conservancy’s Chief Executive Officer Wilhelm Meya.

Like the endangered species list, The Language Conservancy has an endangered languages list.

“In North America and Canada and Australia, unfortunately, it’s at the forefront of the wave of extinctions that we are experiencing,” Meya says. “In our lifetime we expect perhaps up to 90 percent of world’s languages, certainly in the U.S., those languages to become extinct.”

The commonality in North America, Canada and Australia’s endangered languages is they can mostly be found in their Indigenous communities.

The Language Conservancy works to support those under-resourced communities that speak languages on the verge of extinction. Meya discussed how his nonprofit organization works to connect communities with resources that can create language textbooks and dictionaries to preserve the language, plus teacher trainings and apps that can help teach the language to new speakers.

“These are languages that don’t have the resources, the literature, the support that is needed to continue moving forward without extraordinary help,” Meya concludes. “Young people want their language, young Native American people want the apps, the cartoon, all the bells and whistles that would be available for any other language.”

You can watch the CBS interview at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-bmreD9ok8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-bmreD9ok8) or find it linked in the *Smoke Signals* “Watchlist” playlist on our YouTube channel. ■

ALERT on RAINBOW FENTANYL

BACKGROUND

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

SITUATION

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

ACTION

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

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


ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html>


2. <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2022/08/30/dea-warns-brightly-colored-fentanyl-used-target-young-americans>

3. <https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness>





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



**Saturday, April 1**

- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received an animal complaint in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers received a telephonic harassment call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a trespass call in the 9600 block of Hebo Road. The vehicle's occupant eluded officers on foot. Officers were unable to locate the subject after conducting a search.

**Sunday, April 2**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 22900 block of Grand Ronde Road for a suicidal subject call.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in taking a subject into custody for a warrant arrest.
- Officers received a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 16. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

**Monday, April 3**

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a group of subjects who were refusing to identify themselves and were not cooperating with officers' orders in the area of Cherry Street in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 26700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Tuesday, April 4**

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received reports of a juvenile walking along Highway 18 near milepost 22. Officers found the juvenile and notified the legal guardians.
- Officers served a civil in the Ead Creek housing area.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a medical emergency call in the 26100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a reported 911 hang-up/ domestic disturbance call in the 800 block of Excel Street in Sheridan.

**Wednesday, April 5**

- Officers interacted with a subject in the 120 block of Wind River Drive. Officers later determined the subject had a warrant issued for their arrest.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop on Highway 22 near milepost 1. Officers arrested the driver for a valid arrest warrant.
- Officers assisted a driver with a tire change near Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call that involved weapons.

**Thursday, April 6**

- Officers responded to a suspicious activity call about two miles up Agency Creek Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with an in-progress attempted stolen vehicle in the 25900 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Friday, April 7**

- Officers received a driving complaint in the 9600 block of Hebo Road. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- Animal complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
- Officers contacted a subject in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined the subject had a warrant and arrested the person.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person call in in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers received a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 12 headed eastbound.
- Officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to the 22400 block of Grand Ronde Road for a 911 hang-up call. Officers attempted to make contact at the residence but no one answered.

**Saturday, April 8**

- Officers located a subject in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road and were made aware that the person had a warrant issued for their arrest. Officers arrested the subject without incident.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a suspicious activity call

- in the 7600 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Officers received a trespass call on a nearby property near Highway 18 at milepost 23. As officers arrived, they located the vehicle that was getting ready to leave. Officers conducted a traffic stop and learned that the driver had a warrant issued for their arrest. Officers also located drugs along with weapons inside the vehicle, and arrested the driver.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in taking a subject into custody in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers located a subject who had a warrant issued for their arrest in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads. Officers took the subject into custody.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 100 block of Northwest Viola Street in Sheridan.

**Sunday, April 9**

- Officers located a vehicle parked on private property on Highway 18 near milepost 21. The occupants left shortly after officers trespassed them.
- Officers delivered civil papers.

**Monday, April 10**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Tuesday, April 11**

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted the driver of a stranded vehicle on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Traffic assist performed near milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Civil service performed in the 4100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received a fraud call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Wednesday, April 12**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near Jahn Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop near Sawtell Road on Highway 22.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a suspect in a case the other law enforcement personnel were working on.

**Thursday, April 13**

- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to a crash at the intersection of A Ackerson and Grand Ronde roads.
- Officers conducted a warrant service in the 500 block of Sherman Street. Officers took the subject into custody without incident.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Friday, April 14**

- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a civil service in the 25300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers contacted and arrested an individual in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway for a valid warrant.
- Officers responded to the 9500 block of Raven Loop for a report of a menacing call.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Saturday, April 15**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Officers received information of a suicidal subject who was possibly headed to the Grand Ronde area. Officers were unable to locate the person's vehicle.
- Officers interacted with a subject near McPherson and Grand Ronde roads. Officers later determined the subject was a suspect in a case another agency was investigating. Officers arrested the subject without incident.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Officers were in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway and

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



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saw a subject who was a suspect in a case they were investigating. Officers arrested the subject for theft.

**Sunday, April 16**

- Officers assisted an outside agency on an alarm call in the 500 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a possible kidnapping case in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received a trespass call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers conducted a civil standby in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers received a driving complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a disturbance call in the 300 block of Main Street in Sheridan.

**Monday, April 17**

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a menacing call.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8800 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call on Sourgrass Road.

**Tuesday, April 18**

- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Wednesday, April 19**

- Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers determined the subject had struck an employee with an umbrella and arrested the person for harassment.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Officers responded to the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle and assisted Children & Family Services employees.

**Thursday, April 20**

- Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road. Officers noticed signs of impairment and arrested the driver for DUII.
- Officers responded to a trespass/theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers arrested the subject for theft and also determined the subject had an arrest warrant.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a report of an active burglary call in the 100 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- Officers assisted the FBI with a search warrant.
- Officers responded to a crash on Agency Creek Road.
- A drug complaint was received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.

**Friday, April 21**

- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call.
- Officers responded to a criminal mischief call in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash at the intersection of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

**Saturday, April 22**

- Officers responded to a theft call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers conducted a welfare check on Blacktail Drive.
- Officers responded to a report of a car prowler in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers arrived and determined the subject had a warrant for their arrest.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Fire Hall Road.
- Officers contacted a subject in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway and determined the subject had an active arrest warrant.

**Sunday, April 23**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- Officers responded to a crash on Hebo Road near milepost 12.
- Animal nuisance was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Animal at large was reported in the 4800 block of Dragonfly Road.
- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 21.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a vehicle fire on Agency Creek Road.

**Monday, April 24**

- Property was found in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
- A driving complaint was received on Highway 18 near milepost 19 headed eastbound.

**Tuesday, April 25**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 96000 block of Hebo Road.
- Trespass call received in the 26600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 21.
- Officers responded to an overdose call on Highway 18 near Fire Hall Road.

**Wednesday, April 26**

- A suspicious activity call was received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported on Grand Ronde Road near Acker-son Road.
- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers contacted a subject on Highway 18 near milepost 23 and determined the subject had a warrant issued for their arrest.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 14.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

**Thursday, April 27**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person call in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Animal complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

**Friday, April 28**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 25200 block of Beaver Court.
- Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop and determined the driver's driving privileges were criminally suspended. The driver was arrested.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 25.


**Saturday, April 29**

- Disturbance call received in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Officers responded to a stranded/lost hiker up Agency Creek Road. After officers hiked and walked the area, officers located the subject and help them off the mountain.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 18.

**Sunday, April 30**

- Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a trespass report on Tyee Road.
- Driving complaint reported on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- Officers responded to a disturbance call on Tyee Road and arrested a subject for disorderly conduct.
- Drug complaint reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drug complaint reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Angel Arenas.



Happy birthday on May 7 to

**Nakai Rock!**

We're so proud of you and will always be by your side.

**3rd annual  
Holmes  
Reunion**

Saturday, July 22, from noon to 5 p.m.

Day Park, Grand Ronde

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

No alcohol or drugs allowed.

For more information, call Dave or Sue Clark at 541-921-3100.

*Walking On...*

**Elizabeth Joann (Brown) Leno**

Nov. 9, 1952 – May 2, 2023

Tribal spouse and longtime Tribal employee Elizabeth “Liz” Joann (Brown) Leno, an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to many, passed away on May 2, 2023, at the age of 70.

She was born Nov. 9, 1952, to Richard and Darlene (Hill) Brown. She grew up in Willamina, graduating from Willamina High School in 1970.

On Oct. 23, 1971, she married Reynold “Reyn” Leno. They raised a family in Willamina and she loved her hometown and enjoyed attending events, such as the Fourth of July celebration, Christmas activities and the art tour.



For the past 31 years, Liz worked as a Member Benefits specialist for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde where she met and became friends with Tribal members from all over the country.

Liz’s first love was Reyn and her children and grandchildren, having often said that being a wife, mother and grandmother was all she ever wanted in life. She also adored her family and spending time with all of them while reminding her nieces and nephews who their favorite aunt was. Her other loves included Disneyland family vacations, Christmas, planting flowers and Elvis music. She was a friend to all who met her, giving her time to listen and also to give advice and encouragement when needed.

Liz’s presence in life was felt by all as she gave her all to the people she cared about. She has impacted so many lives and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her mother, Darlene of Sheridan, Ore.; husband, Reyn of Willamina, Ore.; daughter, Angela (Ariah) Fasana of Willamina; sons, Shonn (Egypt) Leno and Dustin Leno of Willamina; brothers, Tom Brown of Grand Ronde, Ore., Ray (Diana) Brown of Albany, Ore., and Wayne (Phyllis) Brown of Dallas, Ore.; grandchildren, Cheyanne (Tyler) Heidt, Justin Fasana, Nikia Mooney, Darien Leno, Bayleigh Leno, Koana Leno, Maleah (Tomas) Espinoza and Bryson Leno; and great-grandchildren, Bentley and Calvin Stauffer, and Palmer Heidt. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard.

At Liz’s request there will be no services, but a celebration of life will be held later this summer. Final arrangements were handled by Bollman Funeral Home of Dallas. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Willamina Fourth of July Celebration or city of Willamina for purchase and upkeep of Christmas lights and decorations.

**Other passings**

**Barney Eugene Cummings**

Sept. 10, 1956 – May 1, 2023

Tribal Elder Barney Eugene Cummings passed on Monday, May 1, 2023, at the age of 66.

Huston Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon, Ore., is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were pending at press time.



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