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Revered Restoration figure Kathryn Harrison walks on

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal matriarch Kathryn Harrison walked on Sunday, May 21, at the age of 99. Harrison was a key participant in the Grand Ronde Tribe's early 1980s Restoration efforts and was one of five Tribal members who testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 18, 1983, in support of restoring the Tribe to federal recognition. The Tribe's federal recognition had been Terminated 29 years earlier in 1954.

After the Tribe was restored on Nov. 22, 1983, she continued serving her people on Tribal Council from 1984 to 2001. During her time on Tribal Council, she served as secretary, vice chair and six years as Tribal chairwoman. She never lost a Tribal Council election and was the first woman elected Tribal chair.

During her time on Tribal Council, she helped guide the Tribe into gaming through the signing of a compact with Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts in July 1993. She also suggested the Tribe start endowment funds to benefit education, health care, economic development, and social and cultural programs. Those funds continue to be an important economic resource to this day for the Tribe.

Harrison was born Kathryn May Jones on March 28, 1924, in Corvallis to Harry William Jones and Ella Fleming. Her father was Molalla and her mother Eyak from Alaska. Her grandparents were George A. Flemming Sr. and Elena Kal'Tane and Billy Jones and Philomene Nellie Jones. Her name honored her great-great-aunt, Molalla Kate.



Kathryn Harrison

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Tribal Veteran Coordinator Jon Taylor speaks during the Tribe's annual Memorial Day observance held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 29. Taylor was one of two guest speakers at the event.

Honoring those who served

Eight names added to West Valley Veterans Memorial

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor / staff writer

The Memorial Day ceremony returned to Grand Ronde's West Valley Veterans Memorial for the 20th time on Monday, May 29, and included the addition of eight names to the four black granite pillars that represent the major branches of the U.S. military.

The eight who were honored during the ceremony included longtime Tribal employee Albert J. "Joe" Martineau, an Air Force veteran who walked on Feb. 1 at the age of 63. He was from the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa of Minnesota and worked for the

Tribe as an alcohol and addictions counselor.

Martineau's name was etched on the Air Force pillar, along with the names of Jack Bailey and Jefferie J. Tucker.

Approximately 100 people attended the 1 p.m. ceremony, held under sunny skies with a light breeze. A boxed lunch, served to attendees at the Tribal Community Center by Veterans Royalty, preceded the event.

Veterans Special Event Board member Molly Leno served as the master of ceremonies.

"Thank you for joining us today to honor all

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All three incumbents seeking re-election to Tribal Council

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council incumbents Chris Mercier, Lisa Leno and Michael Langley will be seeking re-election during the Sept. 9 election.

Mercier, Langley and Leno set new benchmarks for the most votes received in a Tribal Council election in 2020 with each one receiving more than 960 votes each.

Mercier, 47, will be seeking his seventh and potentially final term on Tribal Council and will tie former Chairman Reyn Leno for second longest-serving Tribal member at the conclusion of his term in September 2026 if he is elected again.

"Yes, probably," Mercier said in an e-mail to *Smoke Signals*.

"I've gone back and forth on it all year. A few months ago, I'd have told you my chances were 50/50 of running again. There are a few things, like enrollment and the problems caused by the '99 amendment, that I'd like to see through, in addition to a few backburner issues.

"Right now though one more term is all I can see doing. I love this job, this community and I feel truly lucky to have served this long. Lucky is probably an understatement. Regardless, I've a number of unchecked boxes in my life that are nearly impossible to do while doing this. So should I be here another three years, expect me to start making preparations for the next step in life, and hopefully we will see somebody who will make me confident to step away."

Langley, 56, will be seeking his third consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. He has been serving as Tribal Council secretary since September 2021.



Chris Mercier

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Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 25

Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal members can participate remotely
via Zoom and in-person attendance.
Call 503-879-2304 for more information.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 14.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28.....	4 p.m.

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

Beware of scammers, chief warns

Summer has arrived early in Grand Ronde and so have the prank phone calls.

Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight sent out an all-employee e-mail on Tuesday, May 16, to inform employees of a few disturbing incidents.

“It was brought to our attention yesterday that there was a prank call to one of our Tribal departments asking the employee to come out with their hands up,” he said. “I just wanted to make everyone aware that in most situations an officer would never call and ask you to come out with your hands up.”

Tribal Police also have been told by community members that people are getting phone calls saying that a loved one is being held hostage and will be harmed if a ransom isn’t paid.

“If you receive one of these calls, do not pay them or give them any of your personal information,” McKnight said. “You need to call your local police department right away.”

The non-emergency number for Tribal Police is 503-879-1821 and the after-hours number to call or text is 541-921-2927. ■

We want to hear from you!

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

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.

CTGR YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

2023 Honor and Recognition Event

Are you a CTGR Tribal member promoting to 8th grade or are you a high school senior graduate? We invite you and your family to join us on July 6th at 5:30pm at Spirit Mountain Casino to our Honor and Recognition event to celebrate with us!



JULY 6, 2023 • 5:30 P.M.



Fill out this link or scan the QR code to
sign up your graduate to participate:
<https://bit.ly/honorandrec>

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IN THE FUTURE



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- taxam-mun (June)
- Thursday, June 1 – Enrollment informational meeting, 5:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Sunday, June 4 – Kathryn Harrison public memorial, 10 a.m. with 1 p.m. meal, Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
 - Wednesday, June 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Monday, June 19 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the June-tenth commemoration.
 - Sunday, June 25 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, June 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- sinamakwst-mun (July)
- Tuesday, July 4 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
 - Friday-Sunday, July 7-9 – Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. úyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries traditionally start at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
 - Wednesday, July 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Wednesday, July 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

To stay abreast of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.

Tea time



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

After Bonnie’Lee Mathews, 5, left, colored a watermelon wind chime, her mother Melinda Mathews holds it so she can tie the chimes to it during the annual Mother’s Day Tea held in the Tribal Community Center on Saturday, May 13. The event, hosted by Community Health, celebrated mothers and mothers-to-be and included light refreshments, activities for the children and raffle prizes. Melinda is the wellness assistant/driver for Community Health.



Alicia Phillips offers a snap pea to her 1-year-old son Felix Maxfield during the annual Mother’s Day Tea held in the Tribal Community Center on Saturday, May 13.

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Building Strong Support for Elders

CTGR Elder Abuse Awareness Walk

June 15th, 2023
Elder Activity Center

- *Resource Fair from 2pm to 4pm
- *Elder Abuse Awareness walk from 4pm to 5pm (all ages welcome)
- *Dinner Served at 5pm
- *Great resources, bringing awareness, food, prizes, and more!
- *TOGETHER WE CAN END 1 IN 10



To learn more visit <https://ncea.acl.gov>, or find ways to take action here <http://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home>

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 June 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. ■

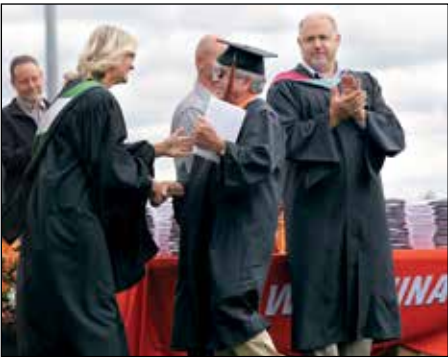
Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **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. Wednesday, June 21, 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 Elder Steve Bobb Sr., 69, finally received a Willamina High School diploma during the class of 2018 graduation ceremony. Bobb was on track to graduate 51 years earlier, but dropped out three months shy of earning his diploma after he and two friends were suspended for tampering with a fire alarm. As a veteran, Bobb was eligible to be awarded the diploma and Willamina staff worked with his wife of more than 50 years, Connie, to surprise him.



2018 File photo

2013 – The Tribe continued its effort to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act and streamline how the Tribe took land into trust with Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno making his second appearance in Washington, D.C., in less than a year to testify in favor of H.R. 841. The legislation was introduced by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader and sought to end the two-step process that required the Tribe take each piece of former Reservation land into trust with approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then request the land be designated Reservation land by Congress. The legislation would allow the Tribe to streamline the process.

2008 – The Memorial Day ceremony in Grand Ronde included a keynote speech from then-Gov. Ted Kulongoski at the West Valley Veterans Memorial. Approximately 50 Tribal and family members and veterans from across the West Valley gathered for the event. It was also the first Tribal ceremony held with fresh ceremonial meat.

2003 – Seven gates were installed to protect forests on the Grand Ronde Reservation during high fire hazard days. “We’ve got \$180 million plus worth of timber,” Natural Resources Manager Pete Wakeland said. “We’re putting a lot of our timber resources at risk if we’re not closing down during high fire danger.”

1998 – Tribal Information Day was celebrated at the State Capitol building with a proclamation presented by Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling to kick off the day set aside for Oregon citizens to learn firsthand about Tribal culture, history and community programs. Traditional dancers and drummers attended the event, and Tribes also provided informational tables. Tribal leaders said that the proclamation honoring Oregon Indian nations was a significant recognition of Indigenous sovereignty

1993 – The first year of the Tribe’s Head Start program wrapped up and was touted as the “first of its kind” in Grand Ronde. It was developed in conjunction with the Yamhill Community Action Program of McMinnville. Nineteen children attended the program, which was staffed by teacher Angela Bedortha, assistant teacher Mary Cook and family services advocate June Olson.

1988 – A harmful 1950s-era Termination policy, H.R. 108, was repealed by Congress as part of an education reauthorization bill passed by the House of Representatives and Senate. The 1953 policy led to an era of Termination amongst Native American Tribes. Eventually, most of the Tribes that were terminated under the policy were restored to their former status as federally recognized Tribes, but the policy remained on the books for years longer.

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

RABBI TRUST FUND AND MINORS’ CUSTODIAL TRUST FUND

This announcement is to inform you of the upcoming election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk. The election deadline is June 22, 2023, and the investment period will be effective from July 1, 2023, until modified.

Recognizing that each Tribal member’s tolerance for investment risk may be different, parents of minor members age 17 or younger having balances in the Rabbi Trust Fund and Minors’ Custodial Trust Fund, or members age 18 or older can recommend that these funds be invested in one out of five possible investment options.

Please e-mail deanne.norton@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2215 to receive your Investment Risk Assessment Recommendation Form. This is optional and open only to those who participate in the Rabbi and Minors’ Custodial Trust Funds. ■



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council approved purchasing the Sheridan Country Inn property, located at 1330 W. Main St. in Sheridan, during its Wednesday, May 17, meeting. The \$1.8 million sale is expected to close by June 18.

Tribal Council approves purchase of Sheridan Inn

By Danielle Harrison
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Tribal Council approved purchasing the 3.5-acre Sheridan Inn property during its Wednesday, May 17, meeting. The \$1.8 million sale is expected to close by June 18 and the property is located at 1330 W. Main St. in Sheridan.

During a Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 16, Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Reibach said the purchase was part of a Health & Wellness Department project and completely funded by a grant.

Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said the property will be used for programming and housing for Tribal members suffering from behavioral health diagnoses. The property has 20 rooms and a common area with a kitchen.

At the same meeting, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the project is essential.

“I just want to express my gratitude to Jan and his team for the good work that they've done, not only through this property but the many properties that have been worked on and all the increased acreage that has been added to our Tribe because of this work,” she said. “This project specifically, I know that I’ve said this before, but it is so essential to meet the needs of our membership (who) are caught in the web of addictions and the lifestyle that they've been trying to deal with and overcome. This is a step in the recovery (process). I'm so pleased that we’re able to address these kind of issues.”

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved a contract amendment with GBD Architects of Portland for \$622,000 for master planning and design services for the Tumwata Village project in Oregon City;
 - Approved applying for an Environmental Protection Agency Performance Partnership Grant for \$375,960 in 2024 and \$370,063 in 2025;
 - Approved a credit card for the Social Services Department with a \$2,500 credit limit;
 - Approved a professional services agreement with MCA Architects of Portland for the design of a

- 20,000-square-foot resident and recreation center across from Tribal Housing Department offices;
- Approved a resolution declaring Friday, June 9, as the quarterly per capita payment date;
 - Reappointed Jerri Schmidt to a three-year term on the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission that expires in June 2026;
 - Approved a resolution for a construction phase amendment to allow Scholten Construction of Willamina to complete the work for the \$8.8 million Grand Ronde Fire Station remodel and expansion;
 - Approved a limited waiver of the Tribe’s sovereign immunity to allow the city of Salem to litigate if any action arises out of an emergency reporting systems services contract so that the Tribal Police Department can enter into a contract with the city for 911 services;
 - Approved a cash out and credit consent decree and authorized a limited waiver of the Tribe’s sovereign immunity to allow any litigation resulting from the Portland Harbor confidential settlement be conducted in U.S. District Court;
 - Approved re-appointing Richard VanAtta to the Veterans Special Event Board with a term ending on March 31, 2025;
 - Approved an agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for off-reservation and non-trust land hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering, and for cooperative management of natural resources between the Tribe and state of Oregon;
 - And enrolled four infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.
- One approved authorization to proceed also was included in the May 17 Tribal Council packet to conduct a supplemental budget process to establish \$2 million in additional funding for the Tribal Sponsorship Program (Tribal member grants), which will be funded by the gaming dividend.
- To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Polk County OKs repaving Grand Ronde Road

Grand Ronde residents and governmental employees will be facing a summer of repaving work on Grand Ronde Road now that the Polk County commissioners have approved a \$2.27 million contract with K&E Excavating of Salem during its May 17 meeting.

The 1.5-mile stretch of Grand Ronde Road between highways 18 and 22 will be repaved starting around June 15 and last until mid-October.

Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker said the project is a “full depth” reconstruction that will clear away the entire old roadway surface and lay down six inches of new asphalt, two more inches than was laid down during the last repaving that occurred in 2009-10.

The Grand Ronde Tribe is paying for about 50 percent of the project with Yamhill County paying for about 7 percent while Polk County is accounting for the other 43 percent. The northern end of Grand Ronde Road is in Yamhill County.

Whitaker said that one lane will remain open with flagger control throughout the project, which is being managed by Polk County Public Works.

On April 19, Tribal Council approved a memorandum of understanding between Polk County and the Tribe to fund the engineering design and an intergovernmental agreement authorizing up to \$1.5 million for the Tribe’s portion of the project. ■

— Includes information from the Polk County Itemizer-Observer

GRAND RONDE PADDLE PRACTICE DATES

Saturday, June 10 -10 a.m.-2 p.m. at East Devil's Lake State Recreation Area

Wednesday, June 14 - 3-5 p.m. at Huddleston Pond Park in Willamina

Wednesday, June 28 - 3-5 p.m. at Huddleston Pond Park in Willamina

For more info contact Jordan Mercier
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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE Portland Office Food Distribution

Thursday, June 8
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

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

503-879-1881



Spring Celebration fetes relationship between state and Tribes

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals assistant editor/staff writer

SALEM – For the first time since 2019, the Legislative Commission on Indian Services’ Spring Celebration returned to the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, but with a new twist: It was held outdoors instead of the Capitol Rotunda due to on-going construction.

“It’s good to be here on this land,” Legislative Commission on Indian Services Vice Chair and Coquille Tribal Chair Brenda Meade said. “This is blessed land and we are blessed to live here in this place that we call Oregon. We have been working a lot this season. It is spring and a time for our Tribes to go out and prepare for the seasons. But it is also important to be here today.”

Almost 49 years ago, the state of Oregon established the Legislative Commission on Indian Services. Next came an executive order creating a government-to-government relationship between the state and its nine federally recognized Tribes. The relationship is celebrated with the Spring Celebration, which is held biennially to coincide with when the Legislature is in session. This year’s event was on Thursday, May 18.

Meade said she was pleased to see so many Tribal leaders in attendance.

“Many, many bills are running through that building, right behind me, that are going to impact the Tribes and our communities forever, and we shouldn’t take it lightly. I do not believe the Oregon Tribes do. ... The Legislative Commission on Indian Services allows our Tribal leaders to come together to talk with our legislators and to talk about how it impacts our people and to think about how best we should make these decisions together.”

Representatives from seven of the nine federally recognized Tribes attended. The Siletz and Klamath Tribes were unable to attend. Tribal information tables were on display as they usually are, only this time it was at Wilson Park, adjacent to the Capitol.

Grand Ronde’s table was staffed



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Jon A. George speaks during the Legislative Commission on Indian Services’ 2023 Spring Celebration held in Wilson Park on the Oregon State Capitol grounds in Salem on Thursday, May 18. Tribal Council members Brenda Tuomi, left, and Denise Harvey, middle, also spoke briefly.



Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi carries the Grand Ronde flag during the procession to start the Legislative Commission on Indian Services’ 2023 Spring Celebration held in Wilson Park on the Oregon State Capitol grounds.

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by Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez. It included chocolates, lapel pins and folders of information on the Tribe.

The celebration began with Tribal government leaders bringing in their respective Tribal flags. Also included were the American flag, Oregon flag and POW/MIA flag.

Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi carried in the Grand Ronde flag. Other Tribal Council members in attendance were Jon A. George and Denise Harvey.

Warm Springs Tribal Council member Carlos Calica gave the invocation and sang a prayer song.

Afterward, Tribal leaders were given the opportunity to speak to attendees. George, Harvey and Tuomi each said a few words and

George drummed and sang.

“It’s an honor to stand up here today to address each and every one of you,” he said. “We thank you for this. We stand upon the lands of our people, the Santiam Kalapuya.”

Added Harvey, “I want to welcome you all here. It’s an honor to be here. Enjoy your day, get all the information you can.”

Commission Director Patrick Flanagan also welcomed attendees to the Spring Celebration.

“Thank you for being here,” he said. “These connections are how relationships are built.”

Senate President Rob Wagner said he has an appreciation for LCIS and all the work it does to advocate on behalf of Oregon’s nine Tribes.

“I want to give my deep appreciation and thanks to LCIS,” he said. “It’s a joy to be spending just a few minutes with you this morning. I know this celebration typically happens in the Capitol Rotunda. But spending this early summer morning on our beautiful grounds is a pretty darn good substitute. ...

“One of my biggest responsibilities here is to listen. People come into our offices and the Legislature every day to discuss topics of critical importance to them and their communities. And it is our duty, all of us, to hear them and truly work to understand these diverse perspectives and this is particularly true when I get the opportunity, the blessing of meeting with Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes. Each is unique and special. The Tribes have knowledge and wisdom that we all in the Capitol space must listen to.”

After the speakers finished, attendees perused the Tribal information tables, enjoyed fry bread from Portland’s Native American Rehabilitation Association, and got an up-close view of a canoe carved from a western red cedar, which was brought by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

Harvey said it felt great to be back at the event, especially with the outdoor component added.

“I’ve been coming here for more than 20 years and it’s the first time we’ve done it outside,” she said. “It’s nice to see all of the Tribes and everyone enjoying themselves.”

It is the first Spring Celebration for Flanagan, who took over as director in 2021.

“It’s great to go to the committee meetings and attend the annual Tribal summit, but this is a nice opportunity for Tribes to get together and chat with the community and legislators as they pass through. There’s good attendance and participation, and that’s one of the huge benefits to having it outside. Encouraging relationships and understanding is what this is all about.”

Acting Secretary of State Cheryl Myers closed the ceremony by reading a proclamation declaring May 18-25 as American Indian Week. ■

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Tribe harvests 15 salmon limit in one day

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

OREGON CITY – Tribal members went to the site of the removable Tribal fishing platform at Willamette Falls on Tuesday, May 16, but were unable to erect the platform because water flows were too high and dangerous.

However, Tribal fishermen fished from the rocks instead and caught the Tribe’s full allotment of 15 salmon.

“Our fishing season ended in less than two hours,” Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said.

The Grand Ronde Tribe is allowed to catch 15 hatchery grown Chinook salmon or summer steelhead for ceremonial purposes per Oregon Department of State Lands rules. The removable platform has been erected since October 2018 and was not used in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fishers and construction crew included Andrew Freeman, Bobby Mercier, Daniel Mooney and Nick Kimsey while Leo Ayala, Kyle Rowe, Kyle McLaughlin and Brandon Weems provided staff and safety support.

Shore help was provided by Kim



Photo by Dean Rhodes

Cultural Education Specialist Chris Rempel, left, and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta separate the flesh of a salmon during the First Fish Ceremony held Monday, May 22, near the fish weir on Agency Creek. About 50 Tribal members and employees attended the event and partook of the salmon that were caught the week before at Willamette Falls. The ceremony continues Tribal peoples’ promise to the salmon to remember and honor them, and thank them for providing sustenance in the past, present and into the future.

D’Aquila, Lindsay McClary and Matt Zimbrick, and Terry Kowing, Nick LaBonte, Sara Thompson, Jade Unger, Lisa Archuleta, Jordan Mercier, Brian Krehbiel, Colby

Drake and Brad Leno maintained their swift water rescue certifications.

“All of them continually show selfless dedication to the cause. I

am sincerely humbled and grateful for the chance to be around this amazing group of folks,” Dirksen said in an e-mail sent to Tribal Council.

On Monday, May 22, Tribal members held a First Fish Ceremony near the fish weir on Agency Creek.

Led by Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier and other Cultural Resources Department staff, three of the salmon were cooked on stakes next to a wood fire. A drum including Greg Archuleta, Nick Atanacio, Bobby Mercier, Tribal Council member Jon A. George, David Harrelson, Jordan Mercier, Nakoa Mercier and Brian Krehbiel opened the ceremony.

Bobby Mercier said the ceremony continues the pact Tribal ancestors made with the salmon, who offered themselves up for sustenance of Tribal members if they vowed to remember and honor the salmon annually with stories, songs and ceremonies.

About 50 people attended the event, sampling the salmon after drinking a cup of water. At the end of the ceremony, Nakoa Mercier returned the salmon carcasses, bones and uneaten flesh to Agency Creek. ■

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. ■

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

Tribal Council nominations will be held on June 25

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“Serving on Tribal Council has been a privilege and honor,” Langley said in an e-mail to *Smoke Signals*. “I made the decision to run for office over seven years ago and it has been a rewarding while very challenging job. While every candidate has their own ideas and passions, I promised to be objective in my decision making, transparent in my decisions and available to the members. My body of work demonstrates that I have.

“The last six years I have always showed up for the most difficult conversations and decisions. Often, the easiest course is to sidestep these things. After all, each decision we make has the potential to make folks unhappy. Sometimes a single decision leads to folks deciding they want to strike back at you, despite a much larger body of work they support. The national political climate stokes these emotions.”

Langley cited continued work on the General Welfare Exclusion Act and a comprehensive nine Tribes of Oregon plan for economic development as some issues he would like to address in a third term.

“These issues, as well as many others such as mental health, hous-



ing, education and, of course, the most challenging of them all, our enrollment files, are not resolved,” he said. “I hope to still have a seat at the table, where one may not always agree with me, but sees that I at least gave everything the attention it deserves. That is why I am running for re-election. There’s still work to be done and the path forward is through respect, cooperation and a willingness to compromise if the end goal can still be achieved.”

Leno, 54, responded to a *Smoke Signals* inquiry that she also will be seeking a third consecutive term on Tribal Council. She holds the record for the most votes ever received in a Tribal Council election with 1,047 in 2020.

Tribal Council nominations will be held on Sunday, June 25, in Tribal Council Chambers. This year’s election will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, with new council members being sworn into office on Wednesday, Sept. 13. ■

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Harrison returned to Grand Ronde in 1980

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Her parents walked on when she was 10 years old from a flu epidemic and she was raised in an abusive foster care environment. She eventually graduated from Chemawa Indian School in Salem in 1942.

She married Frank Harrison and had 10 children before enrolling at Lane Community College in Eugene. In the mid-1970s, she became the first Native American graduate of the college's nursing program and worked at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene and then Lincoln City Hospital. She then went to work as an alcohol rehabilitation counselor for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz on the Oregon coast.

She returned to Grand Ronde in 1980 with Restoration experience under her belt, having helped the Siletz Tribe secure federal recognition in 1977.

By 1982, Harrison was a lead community organizer for the Grand Ronde Restoration effort, mustering support for federal recognition and convincing opposition groups of the justice of Restoration.

In October 1983, Harrison, Marvin Kimsey, Jackie Colton and two of Harrison's children – Frank and Karen – traveled to Washington, D.C.

"It has taken a lot of hard work, depressing and discouraging at times, but there's always been the feeling that, as extensions of our ancestors, this Restoration effort is the carrying out of their vision – and so we could always reach back to their strength and wisdom," she testified before Congress. "We are not only looking at strengthening our culture, we are also interested in working for economic betterment, and so by helping ourselves, we are helping the total community."

Because of her service to her Tribe and Indian Country, Harrison received many honors in her lifetime.



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Kathryn Harrison, left, attended Chemawa Indian School in Salem and graduated in 1942.



Kathryn Harrison met President Bill Clinton in 2000 while she was serving as Tribal Council chairwoman.



Kathryn Harrison, center, met with then-Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, left, in 2000 at the State Capitol in Salem. She was accompanied by fellow Tribal Council members, from left, Ed Pearsall, Earl LaBonte and June Sell-Sherer.

Upon her retirement from Tribal Council in 2001, 400 people attended an event at Spirit Mountain Casino to honor Harrison. Attendees included former Gov. Kate Brown, who was a state senator at the time, and former Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Her name was inscribed on the Wall of Honor at the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., 2001.

She also received the prestigious

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Tom McCall Award, created to recognize outstanding contributions from individuals who mirror the spirit and service shown by the former Oregon governor, in 2001.

"What Kathryn has done for Grand Ronde, Native Americans and the people of Oregon has been a guiding light for us all," said then-Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism Executive Director Jack McGowan in November 2001. "Kathryn Harrison manifests the best we can be as people and as Oregonians."

She was the first Native American recipient of the Oregon History Maker honor in 2012 given out by

the Oregon Historical Society. She also received the Betty Roberts Women in Leadership Award from Emerge Oregon, a Portland-based training program for Democratic women that same year.

Harrison received honorary degrees from Portland State University in 2003, the University of Portland in 2013 and Willamette University in Salem in 2014.

She became the first Native American to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City in 2018. During Harrison's tenure as Tribal Council chair, the Tribe and museum reached an agreement in 2000 regarding Tomanowos, or the Willamette Valley meteorite. The agreement settled a claim to Tomanowos filed by the Tribe under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

Most recently, the Corvallis School District renamed one of its elementary schools after Harrison in May 2022.

"We haven't reached our potential yet, and we probably never will in my time and I hope that is true," Harrison said about the Grand Ronde people in 2001. "I think for our children we are leaving the right tools for them to follow and to use."

During an interview for the Tribe's 25th Restoration celebration held in 2008, Harrison said, "We are living out the dreams of our Elders and our ancestors."

In her latter years while confined

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Kathryn Harrison, right, stands with former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse and former Oregon Sen. Mark O. Hatfield in 1998. Furse and Hatfield were instrumental in helping the Grand Ronde Tribe regain federal recognition in the early 1980s.



Kathryn Harrison received an honorary doctorate from Willamette University in Salem in May 2014.

Harrison’s public memorial slated for Sunday, June 4

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to a wheelchair, Harrison remained a revered fixture at Tribal events, attending Spirit Mountain Community Fund check presentations, an occasional Tribal Council or General Council meeting and many cultural events. Her most recent public appearances were attending Bruce Thomas’ retirement party held at Spirit Mountain Casino on May 4 and the Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony held Saturday, May 20, at the achaf-hammi plankhouse.

She resided at the Adult Foster Care lodges in Grand Ronde.

Harrison had 10 children: Frank Harrison, Tom Harrison, Ray Harrison, Roger Harrison, David Harrison, Patsy Pullin, Jeanette Harrison, Kathy Coley, Diane Harrison and Karen Askins. She is survived by numerous relatives.

At the time of her passing, Harrison was the oldest Tribal member at the age of 99. That distinction now passes to Lorene Belle Smith, who is 98.

Funeral services were arranged by West Valley Funeral Home in Sheridan and a public memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Sunday, June 4, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

The Tribal government shut down for the day on Monday, May 22, after the news was announced.

“The Tribe lost one of its great leaders over the weekend with the passing of former Tribal Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison,” Interim General Manager Chris Leno said in an all-employee e-mail, adding that Tribal governmental offices would close to honor her life and memory.

“Words cannot express the magnitude of sadness and loss that we’re expressing with the passing of our beloved Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison,” the Tribe posted on its governmental Facebook page. “She dedicated her life to the service of



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Kathryn Harrison became the first Native American recipient in 2012 of the Oregon History Maker award given out by the Oregon Historical Society.



Kathryn Harrison was honored on her 95th birthday by Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier in 2019 during a Tribal Council meeting.

she started into the future.”

On Tuesday, May 23, Congressman Earl Blumenauer released a statement regarding Harrison’s passing.

“It was an honor to have worked with, and learned from Kathryn Harrison,” Blumenauer said. “She was a source of wisdom and dignity whenever she attended one of

our Tribal roundtables. She imparted a special value, her dignity, insight and great respect. Her words carried special significance because of her history, leadership and accomplishments. I count myself lucky that our paths crossed many times. She was a powerful symbol of determination – helping secure justice for her people and providing inspiration for Native Americans across the country.”

Former Oregon U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin, who introduced the Grand Ronde Restoration Act in the House of Representatives in 1983, said he and his wife, Sue, were saddened to hear the news of Harrison’s passing.

“Her groundbreaking life has inspired legions of open-hearted people throughout Oregon and the country,” AuCoin said in an e-mail. “I have lost one of my most faithful friends. Kathryn and I journeyed many miles together to make the world a kinder and fairer place for all, not just for some. Her joy lit up the lives of all who knew her. Born into humble beginnings, she inspired countless souls with her unforgettable example of compassion, benevolence and goodwill.

“I met Kathryn long before the Grand Ronde people were restored as a federally recognized Tribe, before the creation of the Tribal Reservation and gaming compact. When she told me about the Trail of Tears the Grand Ronde people endured during their forced relocation and subsequent betrayal by the U.S. government, her eyes told me her ancestors were speaking to me. Now Kathryn is reunited with her forebears. To have walked at her side is an honor I cherish.” ■



Kathryn Harrison was interviewed in June 2010 on the 10th anniversary of the agreement with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.



Kathryn Harrison attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration for the Spirit Mountain Community Fund on July 30, 2022.



Kathryn Harrison spoke to students at Kathryn Jones Harrison Elementary School in Corvallis in May 2022. One of Harrison’s most recent honors for her lifetime of work in Indian Country and in Oregon was having the Corvallis School District rename one of its schools in her honor.

There are over 150,000 Native American military veterans

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of our veterans,” she said.
Leno also asked the crowd to observe a moment of silence for late Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., long-time event organizer and Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran who walked on in August 2022. He also designed the memorial, which features a man and woman dressed in traditional Native clothing standing side by side while reaching for the sky.

Tribal members Anthony Quenelle and Jordan Mercier drummed and sang a memorial song.

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard posted the colors and Tribal Council member Michael Cherry provided an invocation after welcoming people to the event.

“I wanted to make sure to be here to honor all of our veterans and everyone who has served,” Cherry said. “We know that our ancestors are with us today. ... It’s very special and I just want to say thank you for everyone being here today and taking the time to be in community.”

Other Tribal Council members in attendance were Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Denise Harvey, Brenda Tuomi, Secretary Michael Langley and Lisa Leno. Past Tribal Council chair and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno also attended.

After invocation, Tribal member JC Rogers sang the national anthem as she has for the past six events. After she sang, Grand Ronde and Veterans Royalty members performed “The Lord’s Prayer.”

The keynote speakers were Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Tribal Veteran Coordinator Jon R. Taylor and Army veteran Albert Moody.

“I am honored to serve and advocate for Oregon’s Tribal members who served this country, and returned home to their families and communities,” Taylor said. “On Memorial Day, it is a time to remember those who did not return home.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo
Tribal members Anthony Quenelle, left, and Jordan Mercier perform a memorial song during the Tribe’s annual Memorial Day observance held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 29.

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We stop to honor and pay respects to those who gave their lives to the service of this country, in the service of freedom, in the service of a more peaceful world. We remember their sacrifice, their valor and their grace. For while we stand amid these beautiful granite monuments, we must never forget that each of the names forever etched represents a precious life: A son, daughter, father, mother, spouse, brother, sister and a friend.”

Taylor also acknowledged that Native Americans have participated with distinction in the U.S. military for more than 200 years.

“Currently, there are over 150,000 Native American military veterans and it is well-recognized that historically, Native Americans have the highest record of service compared to any other group,” Taylor said. “The service of these men and women has been exemplified by strength, honor



Tribal Elder and Marine Corps veteran Alton Butler carries in the POW/MIA flag at the start of the Tribe’s annual Memorial Day observance held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 29.

and wisdom. These are the qualities we honor today, but we must never forget the true cost of war. The price is paid with the lives of our heroes.”

Moody talked about the tradition of military service in his family. His father had a 32-year career in the Army. Moody served 22 years in the Army, but his brother never made it home from Vietnam.

“I ended up graduating from R.A. Long High School in Longview, Washington, and joined the Army at 17,” he said. “I wanted to be a paratrooper and a medic.”

After completing his training, Moody was shipped off to Vietnam, where he spent six months as a combat medic. Afterward, he transferred to military assistance command, where he worked with a medical team doing public relations work by providing health care for local villagers.

Moody was about to retire when the first Gulf War started in January 1991. He continued his service, retiring later that year.

“So, immediately after leaving the Army, I joined Doctors Without Borders,” he said. “I’m sure most of you have heard of them. We traveled all over the world providing medical support for certain individuals and certain countries. I went to Bosnia two times, to Columbia for earth-

quake relief and to provide medical care. ... That was my career, but it didn’t stop there for me. I continue to volunteer. Veterans have this great responsibility to tell our stories, not just to each other, but to others.”

After Moody and Taylor spoke, Molly Leno read aloud the names being added to the memorial. 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 military – Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The addition of eight names this year increased the number of those honored on all four pillars to 2,382. Two additional pillars are in progress because the ones containing names of Army and Navy veterans are reaching capacity.

Other names added included 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.

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

Tribal Veterans Service Office

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chicha is filled with giveaway items during the canoe’s naming ceremony held at achaf-hammi plankhouse on Saturday, May 20.

Canoe naming

chicha, chinuk wawa for “grandma,” was the name given to the Wellness canoe during a naming ceremony held at achaf-hammi plankhouse on Saturday, May 20. Almost 100 people attended the event to celebrate the canoe, healing in the community and to welcome the canoe to the community. The Health & Wellness Center commissioned Tribal member Brian Krehbiel to build the canoe to bring culture into the clinic. Dinner, drumming, singing and dancing followed the naming ceremony.



Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe hands out T-shirts during the Wellness Canoe Naming ceremony.



Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison speaks, as Tribal member Brian Krehbiel holds the microphone for her, at the Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony held at achaf-hammi on Saturday, May 20. It was the last public appearance by Harrison before she walked on Sunday, May 21.

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

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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.

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Physical: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Office: 503-879-2424
Fax: 503-879-5622
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1ST SEASON (Bull Only)	11/18/2023
2ND SEASON (Spike Only)	11/25/2023
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CENTRAL TRASK #1	1/1/2024
CENTRAL TRASK #2	2/15/2024
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NE TRASK #1	12/1/2023
NE TRASK #2	1/1/2024
PANTHER CREEK	1/1/2024
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BEAR	8/1/2023
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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 #: _____

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NOV. 11 - NOV. 24, 2023

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

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1ST SEASON ELK

BULL ONLY

NOV. 18 - NOV 21, 2023

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ ROLL #: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

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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
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	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
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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: ()

EMAIL:

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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: ()

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YOUTH Antlerless ELK

AUG. 15 - DEC. 31, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ()

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NEW - YOUTH Bow Deer - NEW

SEP. 2 - OCT. 1, 2023

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:STATE:

ZIP:ROLL #:

PHONE: ()

EMAIL:

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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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Keeping on moving



Stephen Haller, 13, leaps from one hula hoop to another during a “the floor is lava” relay activity during Native Youth Movement Day 2023 held at the University of Oregon in Eugene on Friday, May 19. Staff from Youth Empowerment & Prevention, Family Partnership and hayu-munk skukum programs took six seventh- and eighth-graders to the event. Activities took place at Papé Field and the Moshofsky Center.



Esten Kimsey, 13, is grabbed by Billy DeLoe, 13, left, and Marcus Zambrano (Pomo), 14, as he almost fell into the “lava” in a “the floor is lava” relay activity.

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Introduction to Construction Training



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

Receive over 40 hours of training including:

- OSHA 10 Certification
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- Entry Level Equipment Operation:
 - Skid Steer
 - Manlift
 - Telehandler

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:



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

Youth Education Summer College Trip!



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE APPLICATION!



When? June 5th-9th

Who? For 2023-24 High Schoolers
(*Preference will be given to Juniors and Seniors)

Where? From Grand Ronde to Chico, CA, visiting 6 College Campuses, with fun extracurricular experiences along the way!

Want to join? Go to the following link to apply online:
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Or email: youtheducation@grandronde.org for the application. Or call: (503) 879-2318

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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 June 15.
Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.
Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.
Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.
The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Pacific Northwest Tribes. However, preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2023, and be 21 or older.
For more information, visit thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.
The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. ■

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TIME TO GATHER THE OLD FASHIONED WAY!

JUNE 11, 2023
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
CTGR
COMMUNITY CENTER
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR

Questions? Email: anemush@gmail.com or call 503-983-6790
Hosted by Molly Leno & Angella Schultz

~ POTLUCK EVENT ~
please bring a dish to share.

Creating an opportunity for us to come together and talk about the pending enrollment changes.
This is a gathering for sharing food, questions, and thoughts.
Surveys will be available along with any handouts that have been provided.
This event is for tribal member, descendent or anyone that stands to be affected.

Gone fishing!



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Dan Ham looks in a rainbow trout's mouth to remove the hook after catching the fish during the Elders Fishing Trip at Hebo Lake in Hebo on Tuesday, May 23. About 30 people participated in the event that was sponsored by the Fish & Wildlife and Elders committees.

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Tribal Elder David Leno holds a fishing pole as his wife Lyn threads fishing line through it as they prepare to fish during the Elders Fishing Trip at Hebo Lake.

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Have a courageous spirit. Reach out now, for you and your children.

Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center
Behavioral Health Program
9605 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
503-879-2026

Feeling good



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Bennett Schlappie-Guerrera, 2, celebrates getting the bean bag in the hole as he plays corn hole during the łush tæmtæm mitxwit-łatwa (Good Feeling Walk) held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, May 20. The event, sponsored by Youth Empowerment and Prevention, included lunch, raffle items and several Tribal department information booths with giveaway goodies. Each attendee could walk from the powwow grounds to Fort Yamhill at their leisure.

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Brody Mathews, 5, and his mother Tribal member Sara Lafferty color a wood ornament at Community Health's booth during the łush tæmtæm mitxwit-łatwa (Good Feeling Walk) held at úyxat Powwow Grounds.

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Tribe receives \$500,000 to improve wireless network

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will receive a \$500,000 federal grant to build a fixed wireless network providing high-speed Internet connections to 200 unserved households in the Grand Ronde community, U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced on Wednesday, May 24.

“Quality rural broadband is essential to quality of life, and that infrastructure priority must include Tribal communities,” Wyden said in a press release.

“In today’s world, reliable and affordable broadband is crucial for Tribal communities to succeed,” Merkley added.

The grant is from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Tribal broadband connectivity program created and funded by the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

“Thanks to this generous grant we’ve been awarded, we can continue to grow and strengthen our digital infrastructure, ensuring our members remain connected and active in our online spaces,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “We will maximize this opportunity and get our members closer together.” ■

TRUST FUND

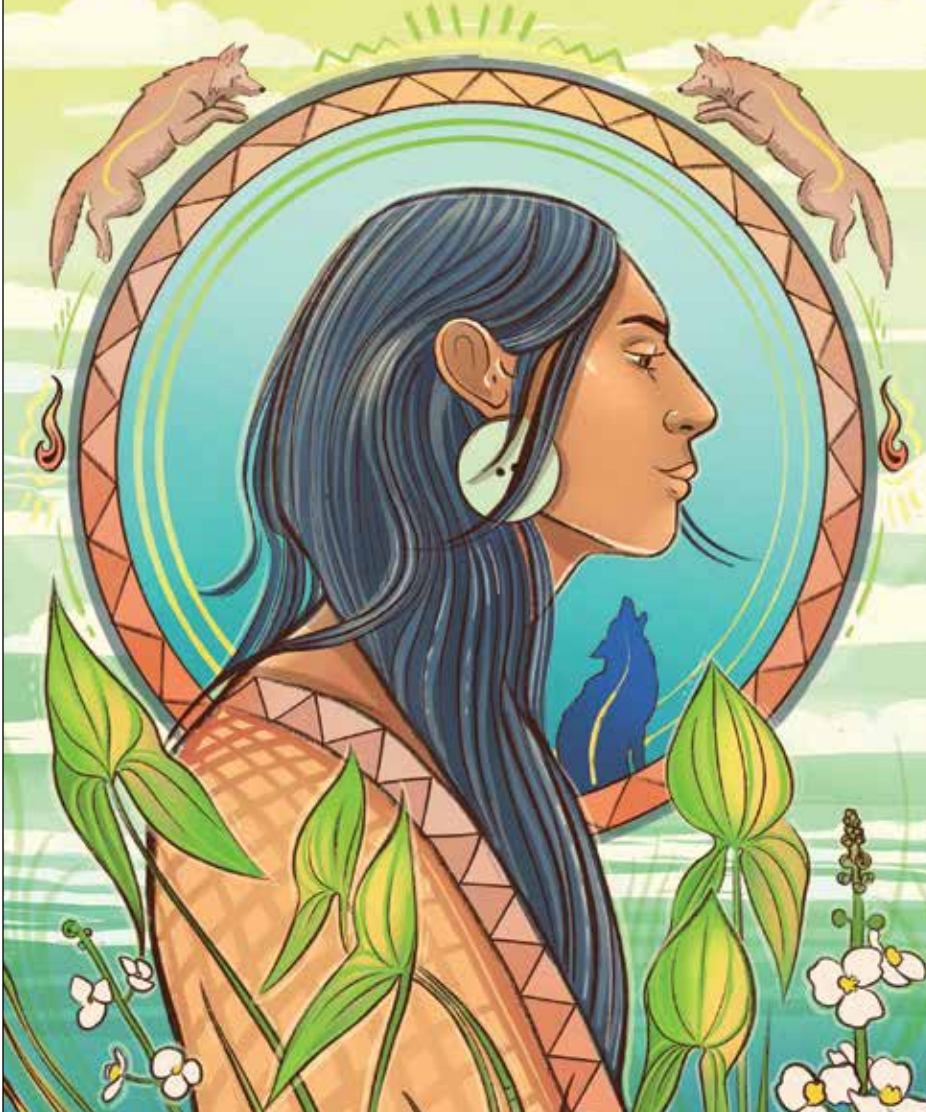
Do you want to know more?

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/>

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

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



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

Kick the Habit.

Call these numbers for free from anywhere in Oregon:
1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)

Español: 1-877-2NO-FUME (1-877-266-3863)

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Willamina High School graduates 63 seniors

WILLAMINA – Willamina High School graduated 63 seniors during its Saturday, May 27, exercises held in the high school gym.

Hallee Marie Hughes was this year’s valedictorian and salutatorians were Spencer Jo Onstot and Alexis Iva Wertz. Former middle school/high school vice principal Shawn Draper was the guest speaker.

The other 60 students – CTGR denotes enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members – in the 2023 graduating class included Gabriela Abigail Arenas, Brooklynn Mae Bailey (CTGR), Jasmine Margret Ann Bastin-Babatunde, Angelique Larie Bechtol, Alexander Elliott Bezona, Gage Augustus Bishop (CTGR), Zachary Jordan Bradley, Richard Oliver Brisbois II (CTGR), Alyssa Marie Carpenter, Kai Lucius Connelly (CTGR), Parish Mirage Cook, Elias Daniel Prophet Davidson, Jayda Lynn Engle, Mireyah Alanah Escamilla-Orozco, Austin Ray Flynn, Dominik Elijah Gomez, Kendra Jade Gustafson, Kyle Edward Herod, Thanya Alejandra Isiordia, Alyssa Grace Jackson, Ayasha Marie Jacobson, Austin Jeffery Johnson, Jacob Lee Kennedy, Abbygale Rose Ketzner, Lauren Elizabeth Klaers, Lillianna Rosemarie Labonte, Tiffany Corinne Lanchester, Allison Marie Lapoint, Leanna Marie Lapoint, Ramiro Lopez, Tanner Jeffery Lundgren, Trevor Michael Maaranen, Zander Lee Marmon, Cayleb Lee Marsh, Jimmy Robert McIntosh III, Hattie Ruth Mercier (CTGR), Aryana Faith Murphy-LaChance, Lilliam Alexandra Oswald, Tanner Burdine Parks-Shell, Aleah Rose Patterson (CTGR), Alyson Marie Payne, Emily Allessandra Ramirez-Ramos, Alijah Esperanza Ramos, Jasmine Leilani Richert, Elijah Johnathon Rocco, Anastasia Rosca, Ireland Rayne Schiedler, Lacody Les Scott, Maone Buck Scott, Annaka Marie Schafer, Kaleigha Aleenah Simi (CTGR), Trinity Noelle Simon, Justice Aaron Smith, Shawnessy Amerie Sohapp (CTGR), Elliza Lucy West, Brooklyn E. Westerlund, Collin James Whitmore, Trevor Allen Williams, Zoie Lynn Willie and Johnathon Ryan Woods.

Willamina’s graduating exercise was the only one held indoors in the West Valley. ■

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. ■

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COMMUNITY
STICK GAME
NIGHT


WEDNESDAY JUNE 7TH 5:00PM
CHACHALU CULTURAL CENTER

GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBER FABIAN QUENELLE
HOSTS AN EVENING OF STICK GAME PLAYING AND
KNOWLEDGE SHARING



NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
BEGINNERS ENCOURAGED
DINNER WILL BE SERVED
PRIZES TO WIN

PLEASE RSVP TO JORDAN MERCIER
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503-879-2185



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Limited Spots Available!
Register ASAP

Camas
Restoration
Camp

Dy-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
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Contact to Register
For Siletz: Jacob Reid
JacobRectsi.nsn.us
For Grand Ronde: Cristina Lara
Cristina.Lara@grandronde.org

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



Elder Resource Fair



June 15th, 2023
Elder Activity Center
2pm to 5pm

Please Join us for a resource fair and
Elder Abuse Awareness walk. Dinner
Provided.

Resource Tables Include: ODF,
SHIBA/Medicare, Library, Warriors of
Hope, Willamette Medical, Police, NWDS,
Safe Banking, and much more. You don't
want to miss this event! Raffle Prizes

Questions call 503-879-2233

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/ ■

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 for an application

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Enrolling ages birth to 4



To Learn More: 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

For more information contact Dustin Ryan at Dustin.Ryan@GrandRonde.org or at 971-264-4525.

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



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* ■



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>



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. ■



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Tribal Employment Rights Office
9615 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
503 879-2188

Employment Recruitment Event

Prevailing Wage Positions!
Construction Work and More!
Any Enrolled Tribal Member (All Federally Recognized Tribes)!

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO Department will be hosting two employment Recruiting events:

1.
1775 Freeway Ct NE, Salem OR. 97301 at Comfort Inn & Suites
June 16th 2023 from 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

2.
27100 SW Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Sprit Mountain Casino, Molalla Room
June 22nd 2023 at 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Food and Refreshments Provided

Questions? Please contact us at:
(503) 879-2188 or tero@grandronde.org

Fundraiser aids displaced Tribal family in Willamina

A taco feed fundraiser that also featured Indian fry bread and homemade flour tortillas was held Tuesday, May 16, at the Tribal Community Center to help Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Wayne “Butch” Lillard and his family. The family was displaced after an early evening fire on April 29. Family members escaped with only their clothes on their backs and pets.

Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden said the two-alarm fire caused approximately \$200,000 in damage to the Lillard’s two-story home in the 700 block of Cherry Avenue in Willamina. Five Tribal Fire Department vehicles and 20 personnel responded.

Warden said that fire personnel believe the fire was caused by an over-heated pump unit on a freezer that was located on the home’s back porch.

The fundraiser was organized by Lillard’s daughter, Jessica, and proceeds went to replace everything that was not covered by insurance.

During the event, Tribal member Alexandra Warren donated stickers she designed and more than \$250 to the family. An unnamed Tribal Elder donated a 55-inch flat-screen TV to raffle off as well.

An estimated 200 people attended the fundraiser and everything was sold out 45 minutes before the advertised ending time of 2 p.m.

Other donations included a crocheted blanket, and handmade earrings, necklace and bones for regalia donated by Tribal Council member Jon A. George.

Tribal Elder Claudia Leno donated her time making the fry bread and Jenn Leno served as cashier for the event. More than 175 flour tortillas and 140 Indian fry breads were made during the fundraiser. Butch Lillard and his wife, Marla, and grandson Ivan Santos delivered meals in Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan. ■

– Includes information contributed by Tribal member Veronica Gaston

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. ■

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. ■

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
Elderberry Wisdom Farm
www.elderberrywisdom.org



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CTGR DAY USE PARK

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RSVP BY JUNE 14TH
(503)879-2078

Book examines Celilo Falls

CORVALLIS – A new children’s book by Warm Springs Elder Linda Meanus captures the destruction of Celilo Falls in 1957 from her childhood perspective.

“My Name is Lamoosh” is being published by OSU Press and Confluence in June.

Meanus grew up with her grandparents, Flora and Chief Tommy Thompson, about 100 miles east of Portland. Her life was altered by the falls’ destruction when it was flooded by the construction of the Dalles Dam.

Intended for elementary school-aged readers to learn more about Native American history through a firsthand account, the book is also a reminder that Indigenous people continue to maintain a cultural connections to the land and river that gave them their identity,” Meanus said.

“It is an honor to do this book,” she added. “People don’t know our history and I thought it was time to share an original story from the river, from a real historical site.”

Meyer Memorial Trust provided funding for the project. The book can be ordered at osupress.oregonstate.edu/book/my-name-is-lamoosh. ■

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 or find the CTGR Lifeways group on Facebook

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 503-879-1990

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Springfield, OR 97477
541-345-7106

257 SW Madison Ave #200
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541-752-7220

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APPLY ONLINE THROUGH THE TEMP POOL AT:

WWW.GRANDRONDE.ORG/EMPLOYMENT/

2023 POWWOW SEASON

TEMPORARY POWWOW WORKERS NEEDED

FRIDAY JULY 7TH THROUGH SUNDAY JULY 9TH

FRIDAY AUGUST 18TH THROUGH SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

úyxat Powwow Grounds
9600 Hwy 22 (Hebo Road)
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

SHIFTS VARY
\$16.00/HR STARTING WAGE
AGES 16 AND UP
POSITIONS NEEDED: PARKING ATTENDANTS, SET UP/TEAR DOWN CREW, CLEANING/SANITATION BEFORE, DURING & AFTER EVENT

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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
503-879-2185



Are you frustrated with your diabetes control?

Do you have questions about diabetes?

Do you need help managing your diabetes?

If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002

To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment


CTGR EMPLOYMENT



Posted May 26, 2023

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
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
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
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
1909	Teacher's Aide/Bus Monitor PT/On-Call	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1915	Cashier/Fueler – Part Time (Variable Shift) GRFFCo	3	\$16.04/hr.	\$16.04/hr.	Until Filled
1918	Lodge Caregiver On-Call	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	Until Filled
1919	Member Services Administrator	10	\$28.75/hr.	\$37.09/hr.	Until Filled
1921	Accounting Clerk	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	Until Filled
1925	Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	Until Filled
1926	Staff Pharmacist On-Call	19	\$64.06/hr.	\$86.69/hr.	Until Filled
1927	Curriculum College Intern	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	06/01/23
1928	Housekeeper – Swing Shift	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	06/01/23
1929	Youth Prevention Manager	14	\$87,565.47/yr.	\$112,323.88/yr.	06/01/23
1930	Grant Supervisor - Finance	12	\$34.79/hr.	\$44.74/hr.	06/01/23
1931	Forester	12	\$72,368.15/yr.	\$93,059.45/yr.	06/08/23
1831	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

1808	Milieu Safety Technician - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	Until Filled
1913	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	10	\$59,808.39/yr.	\$77,148.67/yr.	Until Filled
1932	Client Registration Specialist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	06/08/23
1933	Milieu Safety Technician Part Time – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	6	\$20.05/hr.	\$25.53/hr.	06/08/23
1934	Certified Medical Assistant – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	06/08/23
1935	Peer Support Specialist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	06/08/23

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

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

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

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

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org


SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO CAREERS

POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Cage Cashier	6/1/2023	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Lodge Front Desk Clerk (*Part-Time)	6/1/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Bar Porter (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Cleaning Attendant (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
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
Guest Services Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Lodge Houseperson	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Player Services Representative I	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Sports Bar Bussperson (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Sportsbook Writer	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent I	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent II	Until Filled	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	Until Filled	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Table Games Floor Supervisor (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$23.24/hr. DOE
Uniform Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE

\$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

employmentteam@spiritmtn.com

<https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.



NATIVE AMERICAN WATCHLIST

Watchlist: ‘Colorado Experience: Native Horses’

(Editor’s note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those myriad videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)

By Kamiah Koch
Social media/digital journalist

The debate on whether horses were used by Native Americans before or after Spanish contact is finally being answered. Rocky Mountain PBS published a video to its YouTube channel compiling the research archaeologists have done in the last few decades that has changed what was previously thought and taught about the history of horses in North America.

“The accepted account of the human-horse alliance may have been mistold for centuries,” the video narrator begins. “European settler histories tell the story of how Spaniards introduced domesticated horses to what the conquistadors considered ‘the new world,’ but many Indigenous oral traditions tell of their people riding horses long before meeting the Spanish newcomers.”

What has been widely written in history books and taught in schools says Native Americans acquired horses decades after the Pueblo Revolt of the late 1600s, where the Pueblo people rebelled against the Spanish colonizers. During that conflict, the theory is the Spanish horses got loose and were then recaptured and used by the Native people.

However, this theory comes from white, male anthropologists who cast the European settlers as the main characters in the story.

“The archaeological evidence seems to start to suggest the Indigenous people had horses well before the Pueblo Revolt,” archaeologist and Pawnee Nation Tribal member Carlton Shield Chief Gover says.

Many horse bones have been restudied in the last few decades using better technology that has identified horses can be traced back to Native territories, pre-Spanish contact, with bone markings that indicate they were ridden and tethered.

Not only are the bones telling a different story, the documents share conflicting accounts.

“We have Spanish documents from 1637 talking about a battle between the Spanish and mounted Ute Indians,” Ethno-Historian Celinda Reynolds Kaelin says.

According to the Rocky Mountain PBS video, new scientific evidence is leaning more toward Native Americans using domesticated horses before the Spanish arrived. Many Natives were told to have a minimum of three horses: a war horse, a hunting horse and a traveling horse.

A large shift in this theory partly comes from oral stories told by Native people. Many Tribes, especially in plateau areas, have long shared stories of having horses before the Spanish showed up.

“I think we are quite late to the party in recognizing that good science requires diversity,” the Curator of Archaeology at the University of Colorado at Boulder William Taylor says. “It requires Native archaeologists leading the charge because we are now seeing science and the Indigenous perspective often are converging on the same story.”

You can watch the entire video on the history of horses in North America at www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGki2EwrbkA or find it in the *Smoke Signals* “Watchlist” playlist. ■



GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT
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PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING
Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.



Happy 6th birthday,
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Saturday, July 22,
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Day Park, Grand Ronde

Please bring a side
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No alcohol or drugs allowed.

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Walking On...

Michael Lee Hensley

July 20, 1980 – May 8, 2023

Tribal member Michael Lee Hensley, a lifetime resident of Aberdeen, Wash., died on May 8, 2023, at the age of 42 in Aberdeen.

Michael was born in Olympia, Wash., on July 20, 1980, to parents Dale E. and Donna (Erickson) Hensley. He was raised in Aberdeen and attended Aberdeen and Montesano schools.

Surviving relatives include his mother, Donna Erickson of Aberdeen; father, Dale Hensley of Central Park, Wash.; brother, Craig Hensley of Alaska; sister, Alissa Aarhaus of Cosmopolis, Wash.; and grandmother, Elsie Hensley of Albuquerque, N.M. There are also many nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles and aunts in the extended family.

An urn committal service was held on Thursday, May 18, at Hoquiam's Sunset Memorial Park.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Coleman Mortuary Inc. in Hoquiam, Wash.

Thoughts and memories for the family can be recorded at www.colemanmortuary.net.



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

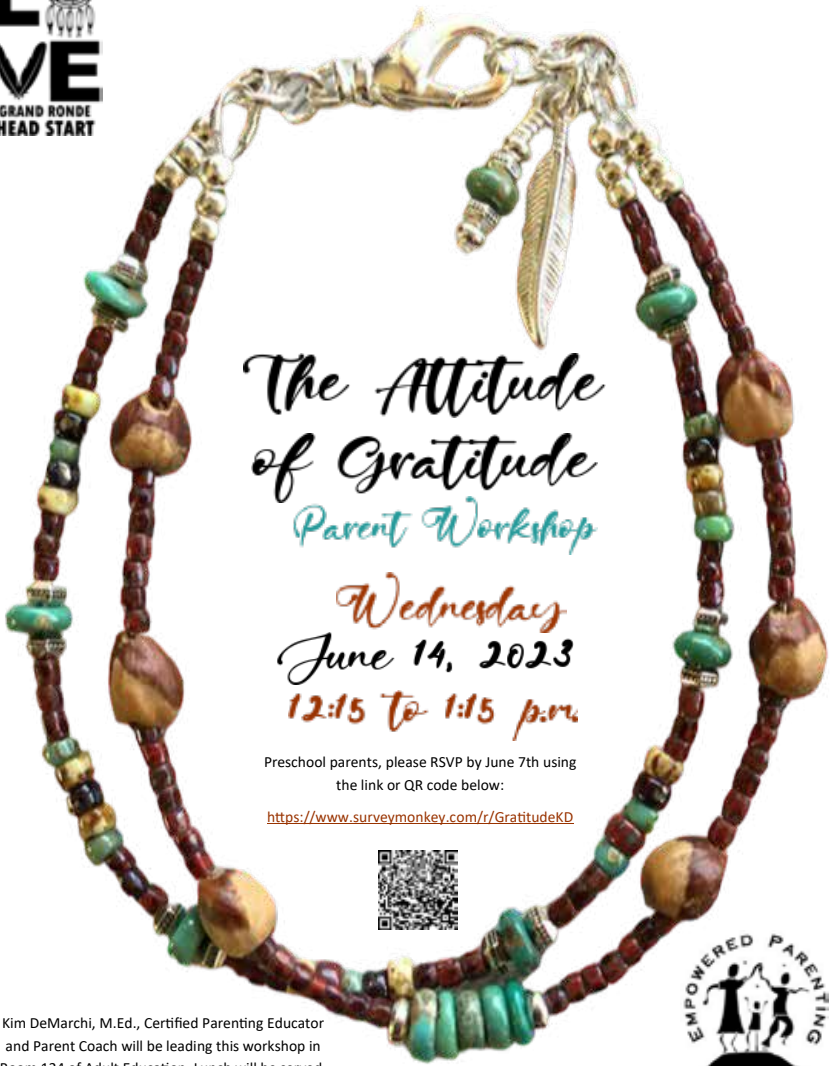
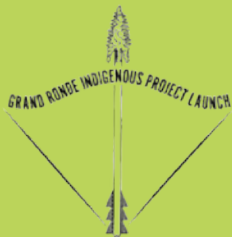
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The Attitude
of Gratitude
Parent Workshop

Wednesday
June 14, 2023
12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

Preschool parents, please RSVP by June 7th using
the link or QR code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GratitudeKD>



Kim DeMarchi, M.Ed., Certified Parenting Educator
and Parent Coach will be leading this workshop in
Room 124 of Adult Education. Lunch will be served.



Mobile Mammogram Breast Cancer Screening

June 15, 2023

For many women, mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer.

Where:

CTGR Health & Wellness

To Schedule:

Call Alisha at (503)879-6542 or
email alisha.parkshell@grandronde.org

Eligibility:

- Must be 35 years of age (check with insurance coverage for 35-39)
- Must not be pregnant or have breast fed within the last 6 months
- Must be 1 year since recent mammogram
- No known/present breast lumps, discharge or breast pain



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

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

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







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