Tomanowos visit resumes

By Dean Rhodes
Publications Coordinator

ORREGON CITY – Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Administrator Casey Sixkiller toured the Tribe’s Tumwata Village on Monday, July 10, and praised the Grand Ronde Tribe’s intergovernmental partnerships and efforts to heal the land. Sixkiller, who was in Oregon to tour the Moore and Wright Natural Area on the Columbia Slough, was invited by Tribal Council member Kathleen George to visit Tumwata Village to see the clean-up and restoration work the Grand Ronde Tribe has been performing since buying the former Blue Heron Paper Mill property in 2019.

George is also chair of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission.

“This is particularly powerful work for us since this is the site of one of our traditional villages before our people were removed to Grand Ronde,” George said in her invitation to Sixkiller.

The site was home to the Char-cowah village of the Clowewalla (Willamette band of Tumwaters) and the Kosh-huk-shix village of Clackamas people, who were both forcibly removed from Willamette Falls and relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the 1850s.

George was joined by Tribal employees in taking Sixkiller on the 50-minute tour, including Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards, Communications Manager E. EPA continued on page 8

Veterans Powwow attracts hundreds of attendees

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

People from across the region gathered for the 2023 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow during a weekend of beautiful Pacific Northwest summer weather. The powwow, which ran through Sunday, July 9, attracted hundreds of attendees, and even a few four-legged ones.

Powwow weekend began with the Veterans Royalty Pageant held Friday morning at the Governance Center. The results were announced by Tribal Council member Jon A. George at a coronation event held at the sxyat Powwow Grounds just before that evening’s 7 p.m. grand entry. Memory Leno was named Veterans Senior Miss Queen. Laloo Quenelle was named Veterans Junior Miss Queen. Ulali Quenelle was named Veterans Little Miss Queen. Grace Macon was named Veterans Little Miss Princess and William Craig was named Veterans Honorary Tiny Tot Warrior. “We appreciate all of the hard work you do in representing Grand Ronde,” George said.

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NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE — TIME
Wednesday, July 26.................................................................4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 9.................................................................4 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 23...............................................................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 Zoom, 503-879-2304.

Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to smoke signals. Letters should be no more than 400 words or less and must include the writer’s name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period. Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the other writer by name, should refer to the date of the letter published. Discurso should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner.

Letters deemed in poor taste will not be printed. Send letters via e-mail to news@grandronde.org, or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to smoke signals, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.

Election Office opens July 24

The Tribe’s Election Board office will open on Monday, July 24, and will be open through Friday, Sept. 8.

Office hours are 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Board office door. Completed signature verification forms — with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver’s license, member ID card, passport, etc.) — need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and signature attached.

Ballots will be mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 26. Tribal members can submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Election Day. Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Board office door. Completed signature verification forms — with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver’s license, member ID card, passport, etc.) — need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and signature attached.

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For Tribal members’ convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a box in the Community Center where ballots can be dropped off.

Ballots will be available, as they have been in the past, for Tribal members who want to vote in person. It is the voter’s responsibility to ensure their ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day and allow for adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 9.
Danielle Harrison, a 25-year veteran of Pacific Northwest journalism and Smoke Signals staff member for the past six years, was named Smoke Signals editor on Monday, July 3.

Harrison hails from the Seattle area and graduated from Eastern Washington University with a journalism degree in 1998. She started her journalism career working for The Blue Mountain Eagle in John Day, Ore., where she covered the community of Prairie City — city government, schools and sports — and wrote numerous feature stories.

She joined the staff of the Gresham Outlook/Stand Post in 1999, covering the Mt. Hood-area community of Sandy by herself, and also has worked for the Wilsonville Spokesman and Camas-Washougal Post-Record as an education reporter.

She has spent the past six years working for Smoke Signals as the staff writer and then assistant editor, garnering numerous writing awards, including the Native American Journalists Association’s Best Coverage of Native America category several times.

“When Smoke Signals was looking for a new staff writer six years ago, I already was zeroing in on a January 2024 retirement,” Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes said. “I wanted to hire someone who I knew would be able to succeed Dean and keep Smoke Signals as one of the premiere newspapers in Indian Country. Danielle has the experience, news judgment and knowledge about the Grand Ronde Tribe to keep Smoke Signals where it is, and she has new ideas that will take the newspaper into the future. I feel confident I, after 16 years at the helm, am leaving the newspaper in good hands.”

“Danielle has served as both a staff writer and assistant editor for Smoke Signals and is a natural choice to succeed Dean as our next editor-in-chief,” Smoke Signals Editorial Board Chair and Tribal member Mia Prickett said. “In addition to her strong knowledge of the Tribe and Tribal history, Danielle is a strong, thoughtful journalist and her work is consistently recognized and awarded across Indian Country. We are excited and proud to see her take this next step and lead Smoke Signals into the future.”

Rhodes will remain the department’s publications coordinator until January 2024 to help ensure a smooth management transition.

In her spare time, Harrison is an avid swimmer, runner and cyclist, and regularly participates in road races and triathlons. She also was the volunteer director with Why Racing Events and served as the assistant cross country coach at Washougal High School for three years.

“I am looking forward to continuing to work for the Grand Ronde Tribe,” she said. “I’m really excited about leading the team at Smoke Signals into the future, and continuing to write about the Tribe’s culture, traditions and history. I feel that my entire journalism career has been leading up to this great opportunity.”

Harrison lives in Monmouth with her husband, Brian, and has a 16-year-old son, Alex, and three stepchildren, Peytin, Luke and Wyatt.

She can be contacted at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.
Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mak’mak 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.

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. “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 July food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If the box 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 211live.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.

If you have us land on the trails in between villages. Then, we would set up taking care of Tribal members to New York City for an annual ceremony with Tomanowos at the American Museum of Natural History. He was asked to perform the private ceremony. Those who attended said that they felt humbled to be in the presence of a sacred Tribal object.

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.

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.

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- Ceremonial Holiday Board meets as needed. Chair: Marine Grosnong.
- Culture Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam mak’mak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20, remotely via Zoom. 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 Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- Housing Grievance Board meets at 4 p.m. the first Thursday 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.

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Tribal Council approves Fish & Wildlife agreement

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a 10-year agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Service Partners Program during its Wednesday, July 12, meeting.

The agreement will provide the Tribe access to additional resources for restoration of the Tribe’s 463-acre Enchanted Oaks property in Marion County, according to Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen.

“This property is the only one that isn’t in the program,” he said during a Legislative Action Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 11. “They have helped us mow, provided grass seed and technical support on various conservation properties.”

Tribal Council also approved three sponsorship requests for the Oregon Native American Chamber, $5,000; Cascade High School cheer program support, $2,000; and Sheridan High School volleyball program support, $2,000.

In other action, Tribal Council:
• Approved a memorandum of understanding and a memorandum of agreement for the Tribe’s 670-acre Noble Oaks property outside of Willamina. The agreements will allow an Oregon State University student, who is also a member of the Long Tom Watershed Council, to research whether allowing goats to graze on sections of the property is more efficient than using herbicides for weed control.

The property was donated to the Grand Ronde Tribe by The Nature Conservancy in 2019, which also gave the Tribe about $1 million in stewardship funding;
• Approved the 11 Tribe O’Link memorandum of agreement. The annual agreement is necessary because the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Indian Housing Block Grant service area overlaps with 10 other Tribes in Oregon and California.

The federal government requires that Tribes in overlapping service areas agree on how to distribute funding and the 11 Tribes have agreed to use Tribal enrollment data instead of Bureau of Indian Affairs labor force statistics. The agreement includes the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Siletz, Klamath, Coquille and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribes in Oregon and the Karuk, Quartz Valley, Tolowa Dee-ni’, Yurok and Fort Bidwell Tribes in California. The agreement will benefit the 11 Tribes a total of $2 million in additional funding;
• And approved the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department application for the America the Beautiful Challenge 2023 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

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

Elder Honor Day

Roni Shaw (Crow Creek) accepts her gifts from Grand Ronde Tiny Tot Willow Squetimkin after her name was randomly drawn as queen during Elder Honor Day held at the Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center on Monday, July 10. One hundred blankets were gifted to Elders starting at the age of 100 and lower until all blankets were given out. Thomas attended the event with her daughter, Tribal Elder Phyllis Brown. Approximately 600 people attended the event that included breakfast and lunch, raffle prizes and bingo.

Linn County hosting Cultural Encampments

Tribal Elder and Linn County Cultural Encampment Director Dierich Peters is hosting Cultural Encampments again this summer.

Upcoming encampments will be held July 28-30 at Waterloo County Park in Lebanon and Aug. 25-27 at Cascadia County Park in Cascadia.

The three-day encampments open with a morning prayer on Friday, a meet and greet, storytelling and flute music, and an evening prayer. On Saturdays, craft classes and Native American traditional dancing are taught. Sundays include more dancing and then a thank you feast in the afternoon.

For more information, contact Peters at petersdeitz@gmail.com or visit the Linn County Parks web page.
Grand Ronde contingent reconnects with meteorite

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But for Grand Ronde Tribal members, the pandemic-caused pause in visiting the sacred object lasted for what seemed like forever.

On Thursday, June 29, Tribal members reconnected with Tomanowos during a private and confidential ceremony held in the American Museum of Natural History adjacent to Central Park.

The Tribal contingent was led by Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Elders Sue-Ann Mudderman and Marcel Allen. Tribal members who are also employees included Communications Manager Sara Thompson, Multimedia Specialist Matthew Williams, Member Services Manager Shannon Simi, Social Media/Digital Journalist Kanina Koch, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Shannon Ham-Texeira, Public Works Coordinator John Mercier and Records Clerk Holliene Mercier.

Tribal member attendees included Tribal Elder Simone Auger, Tribal Royalty members Tasina Bluehorse and Anavay Smith, Spencer Weiss, museum interns Hattie Mercier, Gracie Mercier, Mikayla Mercier and Kaleigha Simi and their chaperones, Cultural Education Specialist Cristina Lara and Curriculum and Professional Development Program Manager Justine Flynn.

The annual Tribal ceremony with Tomanowos, the first since 2019 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, was led by Lara in the Frederick and Sandra Priest Rose Center for Earth & Space. She requested that the details of the 90-minute event remain confidential.

Smoke Signals staff in attendance included Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes, photographer Michelle Alaimo and Koch.

Tomanowos’ history

Tomanowos is the iron-nickel core of an early planetoid that was formed and orbited the Sun more than 10,000 years ago. After that planet was shattered, perhaps in a collision with another proto-planet, the core fell at approximately 40,000 miles per hour to the Earth’s surface, landing somewhere in southwestern Canada.

The meteorite eventually found its way to present-day West Linn in the Willamette Valley as a passenger in the Missoula Floods that carved out the Columbia River Gorge. The Clackamas Chinooks named it Tomanowos and revered it as a spiritual being that healed and empowered the people since the beginning of time. The rainwater that collected in the meteorite’s crevices and pockmarks served as a powerful purifying, cleansing and healing source for the Clackamas and their neighbors.

Tribal ancestors also dipped their spearheads into the crevices and pockmarks of Tomanowos to obtain spiritual strength before a hunt. But the Native connection was broken when the Clackamas and other Tribes were removed from the area at the end of the 18th century.

With the Native peoples gone, Tomanowos’ story grew more complex and convoluted. In 1902, it was kidnapped by part-time miner Ellis Hughes, who moved it off land owned by Oregon Iron and Steel Co., and he charged people 25 cents to view it.

Eventually, Oregon Iron and Steel won a lawsuit to regain ownership of the meteorite, which was then purchased in the early 20th century by a wealthy New York City philanthropist who moved it across the country and donated it to the American Museum of Natural History, where it sat, waiting patiently for almost 100 years for its Native peoples to find it.

In 1999, the Grand Ronde Tribe submitted a claim to the museum seeking return of Tomanowos under the provisions of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The museum countered and eventually the

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Agreement with museum marks 23 years

two parties reached an agreement that Tomanowos would remain in New York City provided that Tribal members had annual access for religious ceremonies and the museum sponsored an internship program for Tribal youth to spend two to three weeks working at the museum every summer. This marks the 23rd year of that agreement.

As previously mentioned, those in-person visits and the internships were suspended in 2020, 2021 and 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Museum breakfast
On Thursday, June 29, museum staff held a breakfast in the Mignone Halls of Gems and Minerals for the Grand Ronde delegation.

Museum Director Lisa Gugenheim welcomed Tribal members.

“This marks the 20th delegation that we’ve been able to welcome here at the museum,” Gugenheim said. “It’s always very, very meaningful to bring together the Tribal community, Elders, council members, chaperones and interns with our museum community for the first time in four years.”

Museum President Sean Decatur spoke about how the museum is working with Native communities regarding items in its collections and how they are displayed to the public.

“This is a season for renewal in many ways as we all emerge from the difficult pandemic years,” Decatur said. “It’s a time of renewal for the partnership between Grand Ronde and the museum. We’re very grateful for this opportunity.

“We’re living in an important time, a time that is actually appalling overdue in many ways, when institutions like this one, across the country and around the world are reckoning with their histories and with practices that have affected and damaged Native people, Native communities and treasured objects, traditions and knowledge. Like many other institutions right now, we are working to acknowledge our museum’s own history with an intention of forthrightness, humility and a desire to learn. This work includes working with Native communities to improve the way their cultures are represented in our halls and programs.”

George spoke and gifted 14 dentalium necklaces to museum employees.

“We have this connection from one coast to the other coast,” George said. “But I speak more highly of friendships, of how we gather together to work together.”

Suderman, granddaughter of Clara Riggs, displayed mementoes she brought along on the trip, including hawk feathers, and told two stories. Then the four interns took turns discussing their shared experiences while working at the museum.

The interns discussed the diversity of New York City, pigeons, the culture shock of going from a small town to a large city and how the experience has deepened their individual connections with Tomanowos.

Following the breakfast, Grand Ronde Tribal members received a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum’s extensive Native American textile archives led by Paul Beelitz, director emeritus of Collections and Archives in the Division of Anthropology, and Lauri Halderman, vice president of Exhibitions, led a tour of the Northwest Coast Hall.

The hall features a cedar and clam shell hat made by Tribal member Carol Colton and donated by Joanne Colton Comeaux.

“Over these 23 years, this agreement that we have has become a model for our work,” Gugenheim said as she wrapped up the breakfast. “Reciprocal relationships, welcoming one another. I’ve had the privilege of being welcomed in the community, and being able to welcome you here today. These two weeks have been a privilege for us all.”

In addition to the Tomanowos activities, Tribal members and employees also visited the Statue of Liberty, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and caught the Broadway show “Wicked” on Friday, June 30, as well as squeezed in some shopping at the Lego and Harry Potter stores.

The Tribal contingent returned to Oregon on Saturday, July 1.

Tribal Elder Sue Ann Suderman tells stories about her family during a breakfast on Thursday, June 29, for the Grand Ronde delegation that traveled to the American Museum of Natural History for a private ceremony with Tomanowos. The breakfast was held in the museum’s Mignone Halls of Gems and Minerals.

TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO

Photos by Michelle Nammo
Tribe purchased property for $15.25 million in 2019

Sara Thompson and Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb. Also in attendance were Environmental Protection Agency Oregon Operations Director Anthony Barber, EPA Strategic Communications Advisor Jason Kelly, Department of Environmental Quality Commissioner Jennifer Flynt and DEQ Northwest Region Administrator Christine Svetkowich.

Since purchasing the property for $15.25 million in August 2019, the Tribe released its vision statement for the site in March 2021, started environmental remediation, launched the first phase of building demolition in September 2021, secured federal support by obtaining an $800,000 EPA grant in May 2021 and $2 million in federal funding included in the appropriations bill signed into law in March 2022, and started a third round of demolition work in March of this year. The Tribe also renamed the site Tumwata Village after the Native word for Willamette Falls.

The 23-acre site has been used for numerous industrial purposes since the 19th century and included more than 50 buildings before demolition work began.

“Our hearts are very full when we get to be here and we get to show our friends this place,” George said in welcoming Sixkiller. “This is a place that is very dear to us and our hearts, and was very dear to our ancestors. It means a lot to us that you are here today.”

“We’re going to really showcase and celebrate the partnerships between the Grand Ronde Tribe, the state of Oregon and our federal partners at the Environmental Protection Agency about what we can do when we come together to heal a place, to clean up a place and to restore it; to restore it to usefulness to people and to the relationship of people to place.”

George explained the history of the Tumwata Village site before Webb discussed the rehabilitation efforts and Edwards talked about the history of Native peoples at Willamette Falls since time immemorial.

“As Grand Ronde people, we see that underneath this surface, under this industrial decay, we know that this is the site of one of the villages of our ancestors,” George said. “A whole lot of people lived here year-round.”

While discussing rehabilitation work, Webb said the Tribe has occasionally been surprised by what has been found, including two buried railroad tankers that were being used as underground storage tanks.

“It’s those kind of surprises that we have been finding throughout the site,” Webb said. “You’re having to deal with how do you get that out of the ground? It’s fun, little surprises that always make it interesting.”

Sixkiller was appointed regional administrator for the agency’s Region 10 in May 2022 by President Joseph Biden. He oversees the agency’s work to protect human health and the environment in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and 271 Tribal nations.

Before joining the EPA, Sixkiller was deputy mayor of Seattle and chief operating officer for King County, Wash. He is an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and went on the tour that briefed Sixkiller on the Tribe’s rehabilitation efforts.

Photos by Dean Rhodes

Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Administrator Casey Sixkiller, left, listens to Grand Ronde Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb and Tribal Council member Kathleen George discuss redevelopment plans for Tumwata Village in Oregon City on Monday. July 10. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Commissioner Jennifer Flynt, second from left, also went on the tour that briefed Sixkiller on the Tribe’s rehabilitation efforts.

Grand Ronde Historical Preservation Manager Briece Edwards, right, discusses the history of Tumwata Village since time immemorial during a tour of the Oregon City site on Monday. July 10. From left, Tribal Council member Kathleen George, Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Administrator Casey Sixkiller and Tribal Communications Manager Sara Thompson listen.
Army says feathers in some official military ceremonies

By Danielle Harrison

Tribal member and U.S. Army Maj. Patrick Sorensen will be able to wear eagle feathers in some official military ceremonies.

Sorensen is one of the first Indigenous men in the Army’s nearly 250-year history who is now allowed to grow out of his hair and wear eagle feathers in some official military ceremonies.

“It was a long and sometimes tedious process to get the approval, which must be made through Army headquarters at the Pentagon,” Sorensen said.

“To the best of my knowledge, I am the second Native American man in the Army that has received a waiver to the male grooming standards so I can grow my hair,” Sorensen said.

He first became interested in pursuing a religious grooming code accommodation after attending a national American Indian Science and Engineering Society conference at the time. Sorensen served as the Native American Heritage Forum officer-in-charge for the U.S. Military Academy West Point and attended the conference for recruiting purposes.

“(After) I first learned that the Air Force Indigenous Nations Equality Team was making headway with this hair waiver for their service members, I knew right away I needed to request a waiver, as well as try to expand the waiver to include the wearing of eagle feathers, which is an important part of being a warrior,” he said.

“I also knew that as a field grade officer I needed to make myself available as a resource for other Native Americans in the Army, to help them through the process of seeking accommodation for their traditional Indigenous grooming practices,” Sorensen requested the waiver through the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff in October 2022.

“Allowing my hair to grow will allow me to grow stronger in my relationship with the Creator,” he said in his request letter. “Long hair serves as an outward symbol of spiritual growth in my Native American ancestral tradition. … I believe that growing my hair will give me strength to move on from the loss of two soldiers that I experienced during my combat deployment to Kandahar City, Afghanistan. … In my culture, hair may be cut during times of mourning or loss. It is customary to allow the hair to grow again, after the grieving period is complete, as a symbol of regrowth and new life moving forward.”

Sorensen noted that the wearing of eagle feathers is customary in Tribal religious ceremonies and other cultural events. He explained that “wearing of these eagle feathers should be allowed with the military uniform, as they are a religious article of strength for the warriors, and of critical importance to honor our dead warriors during military ceremonies,” he said.

Sorensen received his approval letter in May, which states his accommodation is valid throughout the rest of his Army career.

The first official military ceremony he attended after his waiver was approved was the West Point Eagle Feather Ceremony for Indigenous cadets.

“Growing my hair is important to me because it is a daily reminder of growing past my losses, dedication to God, the creator, and is the physical device necessary to wear my eagle feathers properly,” Sorensen said in a West Point Public Affairs Office article. “What I didn’t realize was that this accommodation request process would open the door to conversations and opportunities to share my story with others. This has become the greatest aspect of my healing process.”

Sorensen, 42, who has served since 2006, has since transferred from West Point to his new duty station at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia. Srgt. 1st Class Anthony Hewitt, who works in Army media relations, provided Smoke Signals with the following comments regarding the waiver approval.

“In accordance with Department of Defense and Army policy, the Army has a deliberate process that evaluates each request on a case-by-case basis,” he said. “While we cannot speak to the specifics of any particular case, a religious accommodation will be approved if it is determined that the request is based on a sincerely held religious belief and a less restrictive means exists to further the Army’s compelling governmental interests. The Army strives to ensure soldiers have every opportunity to engage in their religious practice while serving in the U.S. Army.”

Hewitt declined to confirm whether Sorensen was the second-ever Indigenous man to receive a waiver, citing privacy concerns, but did confirm the Army has approved 14 Indigenous religious accommodations, the first in 2018.

Sorensen is grateful to be able to continue his career with the Army while remaining true to his Indigenous roots.

“I’m really excited and so happy about this,” he said. “It’s just a sense of extreme joy. There were some hiccups along the way, but now I can help other people who want to do this, too.”

Includes information from a West Point Public Affairs Office article.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9

NRD is now accepting applications for the 2023 Tribal Reservation Hunt. Hunters who need their one-time hunt tutorial to participate in this hunt can complete that online. If you need an alternative to an online option, please call the NRD office to make arrangements.

Hunt return cards also will be available online this year. Look for e-mails following your hunt to prompt use of an online form to submit results.

The Fish & Wildlife Department staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone on Monday, Aug. 14. Call prioritization will be based on season beginning date. Bow tags will be available for pickup starting Wednesday, Aug. 16.

To ensure as many Tribal members have the opportunity to hunt and that tags are distributed in a fair and consistent manner, the Tribe utilizes a random draw and has developed application rules. Failure to follow the rules outlined below will result in applications being denied.

To enter our random draw you must:
1. Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.
2. Have a hunting and fishing license issued by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
3. Apply by the application deadline.

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

How to Apply:

There are now two options for applying, online or paper, but you may not do both. To apply online use the QR code or https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/ReservationHuntApp2023. If applying on paper, use the application(s) at right.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal enrollment cards and hunter’s safety certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing.

If you have any questions, please call 503-879-2424 or e-mail us at NRD@grandronde.org.

Application rules and general guidelines:

• Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are required before submitting all applications, this includes youth 11 and older.
• Paper 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 hunters responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
• Reservation Only tags are non-transferable.
• 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 pickup. 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.
• TUTORIAL: Tribal members must successfully complete a one-time mandatory educational tutorial discussing tag rules, regulations, applications and reporting, as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having completed the tutorial.

Hunters can apply for one deer and one elk hunt tag and should follow instructions in red below. Hunt categories are as follows:

DEER
DEER HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow Buck, Any Legal Weapon Coastal Buck or Muzzleloader.

- Bow Buck: Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

ELK
ELK HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow, First Season, Second Season or Muzzleloader.

- First Season, Any Legal Weapon Bull: Nov. 15-17.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9

Applications may be completed online, mailed, faxed, e-mailed or hand delivered to one of the following:
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Mailed: 9615 Grand Ronde Road
Delivered: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Office: 503-879-2424
Fax: 503-879-5622
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Tags only will be issued after successful applicants have been notified. The earliest tags will be available for issue is Wednesday, Aug. 16. Tags must be picked up by the deadline listed in the table.
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POWWOW continued from front page

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Tribal Elder and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno introduces himself during the 7 p.m. grand entry of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, July 7.

Desirae Hernandez, 11, dances a jingle dance during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, July 8.

Tribal member Angella Schultz holds her four-month-old granddaughter Rosalia Annabelle Martinez as they watch the 1 p.m. grand entry of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, July 8.

since she was a little girl.

"Some of the other dance styles are really flashy but women's traditional you have to have grace," she said. "This is an incredible event and I love the people here. It's a real 'feel good' type of powwow. I love the connection with my powwow family."

Tribal Council members in attendance Saturday were Jon A. George, Mercier, Kathleen George and Tummi, who is also an Army veteran and carried in the U.S. flag.

After the afternoon grand entry concluded, various royalty members and veterans introduced themselves.

This year, just as they did in 2022, organizers hosted a Veterans Resource Fair during the day on Friday, with a number of veterans' organizations with informational booths, including Ramona Quenelle (Pit River), who serves as the Grand Ronde Tribe's first veterans service officer.

Friday’s resource fair included breakfast snacks, lunch, information and speakers from the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Native Wellness Institute, VA Roseburg Health Care System and Lines for Life. A closing ceremony was held at the Tribal plankhouse, achah-lunmi.

Quenelle, a Navy veteran, dedicated her time at this year’s event to helping veterans with whatever assistance they needed. One of her main goals was to inform veterans about the changes that came about because of approval of the PACT Act legislation in August 2022, which opened up two new presumptive illnesses that Vietnam veterans could apply for if they were exposed to Agent Orange. This legislation also opened up myriad new presumptive illnesses and locations for Gulf War and post-9-11 era veterans as well.

During the resource fair, Tribal Elder Steven Rife Sr. was honored because he is a Purple Heart veteran. Additionally, several other Vietnam, World War II and Korean War veterans were honored.

A big part of any powwow is the food, and this one didn’t disappoint: Attendees could choose from a plethora of onsite vendor selections including the ever-popular fry bread and Indian taco recipes.

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A variety of vendors filled the powwow grounds, selling everything from ribbon skirts to intricate leather purses, moccasins and animal pelts.

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Leona Jeffries has been creating beaded handbags, moccasins and jewelry for many years.

She started by making regalia and branched out from there.

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Publications Secretary Katherine Warren contributed to this article.
2023-24 Veterans Royalty

Memory Leno reacts to being named Veterans Senior Miss Queen 2023-24 during the Royalty coronation ceremony held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, July 7.

Leloo Quenelle is crowned Veterans Junior Miss Queen 2023-24 during the Royalty coronation ceremony.

William Craig was named Veterans Honorary Tiny Tot Warrior 2023-24 during the Royalty coronation ceremony.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Veterans Little Miss Queen Ulali Quenelle fist bumps with Kaleigha Simi, 17, during the newly crowned royalty’s first dance after the coronation ceremony.

Ulali Quenelle smiles after being named Veterans Little Miss Queen 2023-24 during the Royalty coronation ceremony held at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, July 7. On the left is Grace Macon, Veterans Little Miss Princess 2023-24.
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: Online form which will be e-mailed out to hunters on the last day of the hunt' 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, seven days a week. As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension.

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### Learn Chinuk Wawa

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde collaborates with LCC to teach the original universal language of the Pacific Northwest. Classes involve hearing, speaking, writing, and reading Chinuk Wawa, along with a focus on the cultures of people who spoke and still speak the language.

**Fall 2023**

- 4 credits
- CW101: Tuesday/Thursday 4-6pm on Zoom
- CW201: Monday/Wednesday 4-6pm on Zoom

Contact Britannia Koch at 503-879-2146 or e-mail Britannia.Koch@grandronde.org

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By Dean Rhodes

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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.

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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Summer Meals program runs through July 27

The Oregon Summer Meals Program is serving children in Grand Ronde, Sheridan and Willamina through Thursday, July 27. The program offers free meals to youths 1 to 18 years of age and is open to all families without paperwork, income verification and regardless of immigration status.

To receive a meal, youth can drop in during the designated meal times. In Grand Ronde, meal time is from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Raven Loop. In Willamina, it is 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. at the elementary school and 11:30 a.m. to noon at Tina Miller Park next to City Hall. All meals must be eaten at the location at each of the sites.

To find a free meal site, call 211 or text the word “food” to 304-304 or visit summerfoodoregon.org.

Lamprey harvest season runs through July 31

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has set lamprey season to run through Monday, July 31. Harvesting hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Monday.

Harvesting is not permitted Tuesday through Thursday, and is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the “horseshoe area” at the peak of the falls. Harvesters should also avoid any lamprey ramps.

Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit. In addition, Tribal members may harvest for distribution to other Tribal members, but this must be done without charge. Commercial sale of lamprey and use of lamprey as bait in fisheries is prohibited.

The catch must be recorded on a harvest card available from the Tribal Natural Resources Department, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, or the Clackamas ODFW office, 17330 S.E. Evelyn St. All harvest cards must be returned by Thursday, Aug. 31.

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 & ALL ARE WE WATER COLLECTIVE

Grand Ronde Surfers Clinic

Learn How to Surf from a Professional Surfer!

When: August 25th
9:00am - 2:00pm
What: Surfing Clinic & Ocean Safety
Where: Otter Rock, OR
Who: For Members & Descendants of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Ages 10 - 18

*All Are We provides all the surfing equipment including: surfboards, wetsuits, & boots

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99 Tribal graduates honored

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

The Tribe’s Education Department honored 99 Tribal members who graduated from eighth grade through earning doctorate degrees during an honor and recognition event held Thursday, July 6, at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Education Department Director Angela Fasana and Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley welcomed approximately 200 attendees to the event, and Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi gave the invocation.

The Agency Creek Drummers, led by Tribal members Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel, and joined by Tribal Council member Jon A. George, performed a drum song. Two other Tribal Council members in attendance was Vice Chair Chris Mercier.

Following a dinner, Willamina High School graduate Kaleigha Simi and University of Oregon School of Law graduate Kaylee Hudson gave the keynote speeches before graduates were feted.

“Thank you for all of your endless support and thanks to my mom and everyone who has supported me over the years,” Simi said.

Hudson, 37, talked about her experience as both a Native woman and a non-traditional student in law school.

“After recovering and reconnecting with my Native identity, I found activism and that I had something to say. ... Law school changes you. It changes how you argue, how you speak and how you approach everything. During law school, I found people to be my giants: My mom, my mentors, Native groups, my sweet children and the Tribe’s Higher Education Department.”

Those honored included:


GED/high school completion: Kaylee Frazier, Melissa Pascal and Valerie Ramirez.

- Doctorate Degree: Crystal Bi- gelow, Andie Capellino, Kayelyn Gleason, Stacie Haney, Kenneth Kittleson, Dominique Olson, Caylee Parr and Angela Shultz.


- Master’s Degree: Gabrielle Colton, Caelan Cooney, Tabatha Frazier, Kory Ganuelas, Bran- don Grout, Cassie Hughes, Jesse Ligold Feone III, Katrina Mor- ris, Melissa Pascal, and Valerie Ramirez.

- Doctorate Degree: April Bos, Amanda Dorman and Kaylee Hud- son.
THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

2023 TRIBAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Meet your Tribal Council candidates and hear their views on topics that are important to you!

Location: Candidates will be in-person at the Governance Center. All other Tribal member participation will be via Zoom.

Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Time: 6 - 7:30 P.M.

Tribal members may submit questions for candidates ahead of time by emailing CandidateQuestions@grandronde.org (please include name and roll number).

For more information, contact Stacia Hernandez at 503-879-2304
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 Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion” exhibition curated by Grand Ronde Tribal member and artist Steph Littlebird.

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

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

Littlebird’s exhibition and the modern Native artwork affirms Native people still exist and live on their traditional homelands. The Washington County Museum named the 2008 exhibit “This Kalapuyan Land.” Littlebird named the 2019 exhibit “This Is Kalapuyan Land.”

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

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

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

“This Is Kalapuyan Land at Pittock Mansion” will be on display until Sunday, July 23, at 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive, Portland.

— By Kamiah Koch

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**Pittock Mansion opens ‘This Is Kalapuyan Land’**

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@ Depoe Bay

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Walking On...

Other passings

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Name: Dylan Larson
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Position: Laborer

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3rd annual Holmes Reunion
Saturday, July 22, from noon to 5 p.m.
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For more information, call Dave or Sue Clark at 541-921-3100.

72nd Jeffers Family Reunion
Sunday, Aug. 13, at Wildcat covered bridge, Highway 126 and Siuslaw River Road (the old homestead of Ira Jeffers).
From Eugene, take Highway 126 west toward Mapleton.
At approximately mile marker 27.5, turn left on Siuslaw River Road. From Mapleton to Eugene, turn right at approximately mile marker 26.5 on Siuslaw River Road. Look for signs with balloons for your turnoff. Bring lawn chairs and favorite food dish to share. Eat around noon.
Call Evelyn Seidel at 503-831-4955 or Lori at 541-543-6117 for more information.

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Wink Soderberg
Dec. 29, 1933 – June 25, 2018
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Look who’s 40!
Happy birthday Jason Bailey.
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For more information, call Dave or Sue Clark at 541-921-3100.

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K-5 Youth

PLEASE JOIN
COMMUNITY HEALTH
FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES
1-3 p.m.
7/18: COLORING CONTEST
8/1: AQUA DAY
8/15: ROCK PAINTING

MEET AT COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR ALL ACTIVITIES
QUESTIONS: CALL COMMUNITY HEALTH AT 503-879-2078

Other passings

Wink Soderberg
Dec. 29, 1933 – June 25, 2018
We miss you, pops!

Look who’s 40!
Happy birthday Jason Bailey.
Love,
Your family.

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Facts about sunscreen

Not all sunscreens have been shown to protect against skin cancer, so it is important to look for a sunscreen that is labeled as broad spectrum and SPF 15 or higher. The FDA recommends these, even on cloudy days. Broad spectrum sunscreen provides protection against both UVA and UVB ultraviolet radiation that we are exposed to daily by providing a barrier that absorbs or reflects the UV radiation before it can damage the skin. Only broad spectrum sunscreen products with an SPF of at least 15 have been shown to reduce the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging caused by the sun when used as directed with other sun protection measures.

Remember, no sunscreen is waterproof! All sunscreens, even those labeled “water resistant,” eventually wash off. Water resistance claims, for 40 or 80 minutes, tell you how much time you can expect to get the labeled SPF level of protection while moving in and out of the water.

Source: Facts about Sunscreen | FDA

What’s Up with Social Media

Some Benefits of Social Media

- Career opportunities provided by some platforms
- Can provide exposure and connection to new cultures and movements
- Inspire healthy lifestyle change. For instance, announcing a goal via social media and regularly posting about it promotes accountability to others.
- Can build community by:
  - joining local meetups
  - developing new friendships
  - allowing connection with family and friends who are far away
  - reducing social isolation for people who are unable to leave their homes.
- Provide social support. Some social media platforms provide a way for people to express themselves anonymously. Because it’s anonymous, it feels safer to express oneself.

The Flip Side: Social Media’s Drawbacks

Studies are showing that social media is changing our brain structure and function in key areas:

Memory

Social media can affect what is remembered, how it is remembered and how much is remembered. New research shows that as we document our experiences and thoughts on social media we may actually reduce our memory of those events and experiences.

Social media often uses a constant stream of new information to maintain our attention. Our brains compartmentalize and store information. Since we think we know where we can find the digital information our brains don’t seem to keep as many details about the event stored in our own memory.

Attention capacity

With heavy use of social media our brains are constantly being stimulated. Our brains multi-task. This can create changes in the neurological architecture of our brain.

Social media offers the constant promise of new information. This new content is regularly competing for our attention. The current belief is that with this stimuli we are less able to ignore distraction. Therefore, we have worse mental performance. Heavy social media use has even been shown to shrink parts of the brain that help us concentrate.

Social and Emotional Response

Social media is made to be addictive. Our brains get hit of dopamine with each like or positive comment. The little brain reward system in our brain to do whatever it takes to get another dopamine release, so we post more. This can lead to social media addiction.

Mental health: can also be affected. The absence of likes and comments on our posts can leave us feeling empty, sad, anxious or depressed because our brain isn’t getting that hit of dopamine.

Social media users tend to compare their lives to those they see online, leading to questions of their self-worth. They repeatedly question their importance to their “friends”. Do they measure up? Are they valuable in their family? Social media can contribute to social isolation, depression, and anxiety.

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According to NBC: “Self-disclosure and online anonymity are often linked to improved physical and psychological well-being (in which) individuals may choose to withhold their actual identities or reveal personal details about the event stored in our own memory.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

https://www.dea.gov/fentanylawareness


https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html

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.
Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde’s Tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

Uyxat Powwow Grounds
9600 Highway 22 (Hebo Road),
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Friday, Aug. 18 – Grand Entry 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 19 – Grand Entry 1 & 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 20 – Grand Entry 1 p.m.

Camping available:
$5 w/parking open Wednesday.

Parking: $1/day or canned food - weekend passes available for $3.

Additional Information:
Spirit Mountain Casino: (800) 760-7977
For information call: 503-879-2037
Public welcome.

Emcee: Howie Thompson
Arena Director: Anthony Quenelle
Head Dance Judge: Doug Schofield
Head Drum Judge: Derrick Keeswood
Host Drums: Bullhorn and Indian Hill

Contest Drums Only:
Drums must have 7 singers; there will not be day-pay.

Committee Specials:
Prairie Chicken/Round Bustle
$700, $500, $300, $200, $100, $100

Woman’s Jingle
Contemporary vs. Old Style
$700, $500, $300, $200, $100, $100

Best Dressed Drum Group
“Saturday Night Live”
$800, $600, $400

The Squelimkin & Hernandez
Family Junior Jingle Special:
1st - $200 and Gift Bag
2nd - $150 and Gift Bag
3rd - $100 and Gift Bag
4th - $50 and Gift Bag

Honoring Specials for Marie Quenelle:
Outgoing Jr. Miss Grand Ronde 22-23, Teen and Jr. Girls Traditional,
1 winner, 1 consolation from each.

Royalty pageant: Friday, Aug. 18,
at 11 a.m. at CTGR Governance building, Crowning of 2023-24
Royalty Court & outgoing giveaways at 5 p.m. at the powwow grounds.

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