Contest Powwow slated for Aug. 18-20

By Dean Rhodes
Publications coordinator

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ger a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribe’s biggest powwow attracted 290 registered dancers and eight drum groups in 2022. Now the 38-year-old August Contest Powwow is pretty much back to normal as the memories and protocols of the COVID-19 pandemic era are fading into bad memories.

Contest Powwow slated for Aug. 18-20

Powwow weekend will kick off with the Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the Tribal Governance Center. The 2023-24 Royalty Court officially will be crowned later in the day at 5 p.m. at Uyxat Powwow Grounds. More than $22,000 in prize money will be danced for and prizes range from $100 for a consolation prize to $1,000 for first place. Specials will include the Saturday Night Best Dressed Drum Group with a top prize of $800, a Prairie Chicken/Round Bustle committee special.

Tribe holds hybrid Candidates Forum

By Dean Rhodes
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or the fourth consecutive year, the Tribe held the annual Tribal Council Candidates Forum using the Zoom teleconferencing program with candidates attending in the Governance Center and most other Tribal members participating remotely.

Starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, challengers Veronica Montano, Chris Bailey and Matthew Haller joined Tribal Council incumbents Lisa Leno, Michael Langley and Chris Mercier in Tribal Council Chambers for a 92-minute forum that attracted approximately 36 online viewers and 20 in-person attendees.

Acting General Manager Chris Leno handled moderator duties and watched the clock to ensure candidates did not go over their allotted time. Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez monitored online attendees for any questions.

After three-minute opening statements, each candidate had two minutes to answer submitted questions from the membership. In a slight departure from previous forums, only three candidates answered a question before moving on to the next question that three other candidates answered.

Questions covered a wide range of topics, including increasing rental assistance for Tribal members in college, protecting the minor’s trust accounts, how to make the Tribe more welcoming to visitors and employees, defining self-sufficiency and discussing views on transparency in Tribal government.

Following the questions, each candidate was allotted 90 seconds to answer a question of their choosing.

Tribe campus is charging up

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

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he Tribe recently began offering another perk to employees with its first solar-powered electric vehicle charging station, located at the southern end of the Tribal Governance Center parking lot.

“This is a benefit the Tribe is providing to employees and to help reduce air pollution,” Tribal Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb said. “This charging station is completely self-contained, doesn’t require any utility hookups and creates renewable energy.”
NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE          TIME
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.

Correction — An article in the July 15, 2023, edition of Smoke Signals contained an error. Tribal Council was presented with three sponsorship requests for the Oregon Native American Chamber, Cascade High School cheer program support and Sheridan High School volleyball program support at its Wednesday, July 12, meeting. Council did not approve the requests at the meeting. Smoke Signals regrets the error.

When Grand Ronde Tribal news breaks...

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**ODFW Commission to consider Grand Ronde MOU on Aug. 4**

By Danielle Harrison  
Smoke Signals editor

After it was abruptly pulled from the agenda at a June meeting in Newport, the Tribe’s memorandum of understanding to expand its communal hunting and fishing areas is up for consideration once again.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission will meet at its Salem headquarters Friday, Aug. 4, to decide whether to approve the agreement with Grand Ronde. It will be discussed at 1:30 p.m. as per the meeting agenda.

The Tribe’s proposed memorandum of understanding, which was up for consideration at ODFW’s June meeting, was postponed after two other Tribes — Warm Springs and Umatilla — voiced concerns that it would interfere with their treaty rights.

Grand Ronde has been working for years to have its hunting and fishing rights restored after being forced into a consent decree with the state to get its Reservation approved in 1988. During the Tribe’s efforts to secure Reservation lands, the only path forward at the time was to sign the decree.

Various Tribal Council members have encouraged Tribal members who would like to give input to attend the meeting, either virtually or in-person.

The topic was discussed at length during the Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 25, after the council had met with members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council in an effort to resolve differences prior to the hearing.

“It was civil, cordial and professional, but we didn’t resolve our differences,” Vice Chair Chris Mercier said. “As far as I know, we’re still moving forward (with the agreement) so please come and show your support.”

“Our people are already hunting and fishing in our ceded lands,” Tribal Council member Kathleen George said. “This agreement will allow us to manage that in partnership with the state. We would love to see you there in Salem.”

Those who want to give virtual testimony must register at least 48 hours in advance. In-person registration will be done at the meeting.

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**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. 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 August food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 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 repackaging food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer.

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**Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times**

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Grosongh.
- **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. Friday, Aug. 25, 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 Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molala 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 Anaim at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Anaim.
- **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 VanAlta.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1453 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

File your PACT Act claim by August 9, 2023 to be eligible for backdated benefits

There’s no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. But if you file your PACT Act claim—or quickly submit your intent to file—by August 10, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022. So don’t wait, apply today.

To upload your claim or Intent to File, visit your Veterans Service Officer, me, the Tribal Veterans Service Officer, or upload via the portal on VA.Gov.
Tribal Council approves Housing software contract

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a contract between the Tribal Housing Department and Yardi of Santa Barbara, California, during its Wednesday, July 26, meeting.

Yardi is a property management software company with more than 30 North American offices. The Housing Department has worked with the company in the past, purchasing $25,000 of new housing management software in October 2022.

Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno said during the Tuesday, July 25, Legislative Action Committee meeting that he wanted to continue with purchasing the company’s software because the current software being used is outdated.

However, Leno added, the Tribe did not want to proceed with how Yardi wanted to set up online bill paying, so the department will pursue online bill paying with another company.

In other action, Tribal Council:
• Approved termination of the Tribe’s contract with auditing firm RSM US LLC. Tribal Council approved hiring REDW LLC of Albuquerque, N.M., to conduct the Tribe’s 2022 and 2023 audits in August 2022. The termination letter will allow REDW to also conduct the 2021 audit.
• And enrolled one infant into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements stated in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance, and denied enrollment of one infant because they did not meet the requirements.

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

By Dean Rhodes
Publications coordinator

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Grand Ronde Tribe’s continuing effort to fix an error made in a 1994 piece of legislation that adversely affected the Grand Ronde Reservation Act cleared a hurdle on Thursday, July 20, when the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs passed Senate Bill 910 out of committee.

The legislation, introduced by Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley in the Senate and new Oregon Rep. Andrea Salinas in the House of Representatives in March, would allow the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to address any future survey errors discovered on its original Reservation with the federal government.

The Bureau of Land Management discovered a surveying error on the Grand Ronde Reservation that dates back to 1871. The error was discovered after passage of the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1988 that returned 9,811 acres to the Tribe.

Surveyor David Thompson incorrectly surveyed the eastern boundary of the Reservation, missing 84 acres that should have been included. The land also was excluded from a 1904 sale of unallotted lands within the Reservation and Grand Ronde was not compensated for it.

However, the Department of the Interior in 1994 developed broad language that relinquished any future claims of this type within the state of Oregon by the Grand Ronde Tribe.

In agreeing to this land exchange in 1994, the intent was for Grand Ronde to relinquish its rights only to the Thompson Strip. There was no intention by BLM or BIA officials to extinguish the Tribe’s land claim rights for the entire state of Oregon.

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley testified before the House of Representatives’ Subcommittee on Insular and Indian Affairs on Wednesday, June 7.

Both the House resolution and Senate bill would replace the phrase “state of Oregon” with the phrase “84 acres known as the Thompson Strip” in the Grand Ronde Reservation Act. It also would prohibit any property obtained by the Grand Ronde Tribe as part of a land claim settlement from being used for gaming activities.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs advanced similar legislation in July 2020 and it was approved by the entire Senate. However, it was not passed by the House of Representatives and the bill died at the end of the 117th Congress.

The Grand Ronde Tribe has been lobbying for the fix since at least December 2019.

GAMING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the June 28, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments reflect recent amendments to the Tribal/State Gaming Compact and: (1) Amend definitions of High Security and Primary Management Official Gaming Licenses; (2) Review license application and background investigation requirements to better reflect information currently necessary for safe operation of the Gaming Facility; and (3) Other minor and technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Sept. 1, 2023.

Linn County hosting Cultural Encampments

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

Upcoming encampments will be held 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 Saturday, craft classes and Native American traditional dancing are taught. Sunday includes 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.

Tribal nonemergency text line

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

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

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

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a lush lamastin event

Thursday, Aug. 3
5-Hour Fishing Charter
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Tribe has two charging stations, other located at Grand Ronde Station

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As of presstime, 10 employees had submitted applications to use the new station, which has two plug-ins available. All employees must sign a charging policy prior to usage.

Tribal Audit Director Steve Harrop owns a 2019 Tesla Model 3. He commutes from Portland to Grand Ronde, and drove a convertible Mini Cooper when he first began working for the Tribe.

“It was getting tired and even at 30 miles per gallon, I didn’t like putting the emissions from four gallons of gas into the air every day,” he said. “I’d been a fan of Tesla and its technology since launch, and federal and state electric vehicle incentives brought the cost down.

He said having a charging station onsite means peace of mind.

“Any Tesla has enough range to make my round trip,” Harrop said. “However, in winter the lights and wipers use a lot of electricity so I charge nearly full (hard on the battery and not recommended) and get home with 5 to 10 percent left. Now I can get lunch in Sheridan without worrying about getting home, and this winter I’ll be able to lower my charge level at home and top up here to extend the life of my battery.”

Webb said the charging station can be used as a power source in the event of an emergency.

“There are a lot of great benefits,” Webb said. “We’re easing ourselves into this and plan to provide more as more people go to electric vehicles in the future.”

The Tribe is applying for an Oregon Department of Transportation grant, which would provide five more solar charging stations and six traditional panel plug-in stations. Additionally, two electric vehicles would be added to the Tribe’s fleet.

The Tribe has one other electric vehicle charging station, located at Grand Ronde Station, which was installed in November 2012.

“I know lots of people want to have these at the Tribal campus but it’s a new thing so we’re trying to get up to speed, so would ask for patience during this time,” Webb said.

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.

Exercise practice

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Jeff Gilbert, Regional Emergency Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, registers Crystal Bigelow after she evacuated to Willamina High School during a full-scale evacuation and shelter training exercise held on Wednesday, July 12. The exercise tested the Tribe’s evacuation, reunification, sheltering and communications plans for emergency response and recovery efforts in a wildland fire scenario threatening the Tribal campus and community of Grand Ronde. Approximately 60 staff and local residents participated in the exercise. Bigelow is the Tribal Library aide.

To schedule a claim appointment:

call (503) 879-1484 or email
CTGRVeteransVSO@GrandRonde.Org
Audit finds mismanagement at Chemawa Indian School

SALEM – An audit released Tuesday, July 18, by the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Inspector General found poor accounting practices and oversight at Oregon’s only federally-run boarding school, Chemawa Indian School in Salem.


The audit found problems with how Chemawa administrators managed an almost $650,000 fund in its Student Enterprise Account, a bank the school operated to safeguard money that belongs to individual students. The audit identified money missing from student accounts, including a $319,000 shortage in the school’s accounting records compared to $219,000 in bank statements.

The audit also looked at a $2.2 million sample of Chemawa’s spending of government funding over a two-year period and labeled more than 25 percent of that spending “inappropriate and potentially wasteful.”

Bureau of Indian Education Director Tony Dearman concurred with almost all of the inspector general’s 26 recommendations.

“This new report confirms the worst fears of anybody advocating for Tribal students at the Chemawa School to be well educated and well cared for by the adults entrusted with these young lives,” Wyden said about the audit’s findings.

He added that he will continue pressing for fixes at Chemawa Indian School.

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 aid 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.
**Candidates Forum will be posted on Tribe’s website**

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to address any question that was asked but they did not have an opportunity to answer, and then two minutes to deliver a closing statement.

Mercier, 48, is seeking his seventh term on Tribal Council and will file former Chairman Reyn Leno as the second-longest-serving Tribal Council member at the conclusion of his term in September 2026 if he is elected again. He said this will be his last term on Tribal Council if he is elected.

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

Leno, 54, also is seeking a third consecutive term on Tribal Council. She holds the record for the most votes received in a Tribal Council election with 1,047 in 2020.

Haller, 54, is the owner of the Wildwood Hotel in Willamina. He is the son of Rex Haller and Martha Hoo and grandson of Robert Haller and LeVeta Sell. He is a first-time candidate and vowed to run again if he is not elected this year.

Montano, 37, is employed by the Tribe’s Finance Department as the Budget Coordinator and was the manager of the Tribe’s Member Services Department. She is descended from the Holmes family. Her mother is Tammy Chavez, her grandmother is Betty Dick and great-grandmother is Arlene Holmes. She is also a first-time candidate.

Bailey, 46, works for the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department as a cultural protection specialist. He has been a Tribal employee for more than 20 years and this is his first run for a Tribal Council seat. His parents are Jerry and Teresa Bailey.

This year’s field of six candidates marks the 10th consecutive year of single-digit candidates running for Tribal Council. The last time 10 or more candidates threw their proverbial hats in the ring was in 2013.

The Candidates Forum was recorded and will be post at www.grandronde.org under the Government tab and then Videos.

Tribal voters also can read candidate statements in the July Tiliksam Wawa that was mailed in early July and listen to Smoke Signals’ podcast interviews with each candidate at www.spreaker.com. The interviews were posted on Friday, July 28.

More than 2,800 ballots were mailed on Wednesday, July 28, and Tribal Election Day is Saturday, Sept. 9.

In addition to electing three Tribal Council members, voters are being asked five advisory vote questions—all regarding enrollment issues—on the Sept. 9 ballot.

- Should the Tribe change the current enrollment requirements?
- Do you support the Tribe moving toward lineal descendancy for enrollment?
- Do you support the Tribe in moving toward 4/4 blood quantum applied to a specific roll or date for enrollment?
- Do you support repealing and replacing the 1996 constitutional amendment requirements, including parent on the roll at the time of application, parent on the roll at time of birth and the Indigenous blood tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement?
- What constitutional amendment election would be your top choice for Tribal Council to pursue next: Lineal descendancy, 4/4 blood quantum or repealing and replacing the 1999 amendment?

**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 539-847-7565.

**ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This program is for enrolled CTGR Tribal member students entering into Kindergarten through 12th grade (enrolled in the 2023-24 school year). Enrolled Tribal member students may apply for a $50 Wal-Mart gift card to be used toward school supplies or school clothing.

Registration information

Registration opened on July 28 and the initial deadline will close Aug. 11. Starting Aug. 28, it will be a rolling application open until Nov. 2. Please allow up to two weeks after submission to process applications and distribute your gift card. Applicants will not be required to provide receipts with the application, however all applicants are subject to audit and may be required to provide receipts at a later date.

Apply here https://bit.ly/backtoschoolassistance or scan the QR code to apply!
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO Department is looking for Tribal members with CDLs who are interested in current employment opportunities or Tribal members who are interested in obtaining their CDL for future employment.

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must obtain your CDL permit before you register.
- Must show proof of completed ODOT physical and other requirements.
- Four weeks to complete.
- TERO will assist with funding CDL course.
- Employment opportunities available now.
- Schedule courses when you are ready.

Contact Jacob Boekhoff at 503-879-2146 or e-mail Jacob.Boekhoff@grandronde.org

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

Are you missing out on what Cultural Education has to offer? Follow us on Facebook to get detailed class information, photos from events, and updates.

Search Facebook for Grand Ronde Cultural Education
Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

CTGR Cultural Resources

PORTLAND AREA GATHERING TRIPS 2023

April - Helvel
May - Cedar
June - Cuns
July - Cranberries
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

CTGR HEAD START

Preschool Graduation

CLASS OF 2023

HONORING

The Mavich and Shayim Graduates

STUDENTS ARRIVE @ 5:30PM
CEREMONY: @ 6:00PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW

THURSDAY
17 AUGUST

POWWOW GROUNDS
3-On-3 Contest Powwow Basketball Tournament will be held Aug. 19

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with a top prize of $700, a Women's Jingle Contemporary vs. Old Style special also with a top prize of $700, a Squetimkin & Hernandez Family Junior Jingle Special and an honoring special for outgoing Junior Miss Grand Ronde 2022-23 Marie Quenelle.

Head staff for this year’s powwow include master of ceremonies Howie Thomson (Assiniboine), arena director Anthony Quenelle (Grand Ronde), head dance judge Douglas Schofield (Wintu) and head drum judge Derrick Keewwood (Onion Lake Cree Nation).

Bullhorn and Indian Hill will be the host drum and drums will compete for $30,000 in prize money, with the best drum taking home a $10,000 prize.

The powwow, as always, is a drug-, alcohol- and weapon-free event, and attendees should allow enough time for parking and finding a seat in the often-crowded arena.

In addition, Recreation Coordinator Leo Ayala is looking for teams to play in the 3-On-3 Contest Powwow Basketball Tournament, which will start at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, and continue until a champion is crowned.

Games will be played between co-ed, middle and high school teams, as well as men’s and women’s teams. Teams will consist of four players and all teams must have an adult coach. There also will be a three-point shooting contest with prizes for first through third place.

Gifted fellow

Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, left, and Lisa Leno gift Tribal member and 2022-23 Hatfield Fellow Izayah Hall with an Ikanum saddle blanket during a meeting with Tribal Council in Council’s conference room on Tuesday, July 25. In the meeting, Hall reviewed his time working in Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer’s office during his fellowship. Spirit Mountain Community Fund, through an application process, annually picks a Native American to serve as the fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Hall is the 23rd Hatfield Fellow. To watch an upcoming video on Hall’s experiences in Washington, D.C., check out the Smoke Signals YouTube channel.
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.

Hunter 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.

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
Email: NRD@grandronde.org

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.
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 the hunt. In an attempt to help all hunters achieve this, the Natural Resources Department will allow reporting of activities in the following ways: an 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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TRIBAL TAG - BOW BUCK

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ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUESTS PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING
Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.
Thursday, June 1
- Officers found property in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a harassment call in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a fraud call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person call in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a drug complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined the subject had used someone else’s identity and located several identification cards belonging to different people. Officers seized the property.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted a community member with a lockout in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in taking a subject into custody.

Friday, June 2
- Officers assisted fire services in the 100 block of B Street in Willamina.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to a fight call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a vehicle that had been involved in a crash and fled the scene. Officers located the vehicle in the 7400 block of Fire Hall Road.
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers conducted a welfare check on Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.

Saturday, June 3
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 25300 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a suspect vehicle that had been involved in an assault case. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
- An officer assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop on Highway 18.

Sunday, June 4
- Officers received a report of a driver heading westbound in the eastbound lane near milepost 28 on Highway 18. An officer located the vehicle near milepost 22. Officers determined the driver was having health issues and medical personnel arrived to treat the driver.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist was performed in the 92000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officer responded to an alarm call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a found property call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers determined there were various identification cards, credit cards and checkbooks that belonged to other people. Officers located the subject, who was in possession of the stolen personal documents, and arrested them.

Monday, June 5
- Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 8600 block of North Street.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a menace call in the 500 block of Branson Street in Willamina.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle fire in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop.

Tuesday, June 6
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a disturbance call in the 500 block of Fifth Street.
- Officers responded to a disturbance/trespass call in the 48000 block of Blacktail Drive.
- Officers located a stolen U-Haul van in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers also located the subject seen driving it and arrested them.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers received a driving complaint on Highway 18 near milepost 28. Officers located the vehicle.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, June 7
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a warrant service in the 55000 block of Hebo Road.
- A fraud call was received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A theft call was received in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, June 8
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 28.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A theft call was received in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, June 9
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near Fire Hall Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a high-risk traffic stop near milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a burglary in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in taking someone into custody after the subject began to resist and fight officers in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near Fire Hall Road.

Saturday, June 10
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a reported domestic disturbance.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 92000 block of Grand Ronde Road for a reported disturbance call.
- Officers responded to a crash on Agency Creek Road.

Sunday, June 11
- Officers assisted an outside agency for a reported disturbance call in the 700 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- An alarm was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a physical domestic call in the 30000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, June 12
- Officers assisted an outside agency for an attempted warrant service in the 300 block of Main Street.
- Officers received a driving complaint of a rolling hazard on the roadway. It was a trailer that was losing its load. Officers located and stopped the vehicle.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near Steel Bridge Road.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a warrant subject who eluded officers in a wooded area in Willamina.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a burglary call.
- Officers responded to a fraud call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, June 13
- Officers assisted an outside agency in taking a subject who was non-compliant into custody.
- A civil assist occurred in the 25300 block of Blue Jay Court.
- A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

See POLICE LOG continued on page 17
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• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.

Wednesday, June 14
• A drug complaint was reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 96000 block of Raven Loop.

Thursday, June 15
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A drug complaint was reported on Fire Hall Road.
• Officers responded to a crash on King Road and Highway 18.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, June 16
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Steel Bridge Road and Highway 18.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A traffic assist occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A drug was reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.

Saturday, June 17
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers determined the subject had a valid warrant and arrested them.
• Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
• Officers contacted a subject and determined they had a warrant.

Sunday, June 18
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a disturbance call on Pioneer Drive in Willamina.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person on Highway 18B.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers received information regarding a possible intoxicated driver headed toward Grand Ronde. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
• Officers responded to a disturbance call in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 7900 block of Fire Hall Road.
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person in the 29700 block of Joe Day Way.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle crash on Highway 18.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a trespass call in the 300 block of Main Street in Willamina.
• Theft was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a welfare check in the 29700 block of Joe Day Way.
• Officers responded to a reported overdose in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a wanted person in Willamina.
• A disturbance was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a suspicious activity report at the Sheridan Dairy Queen.

Tuesday, June 20
• Theft was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• Harassment was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, June 21
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a drug call in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers responded to a vehicle crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers responded to a fire call in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, June 22
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 96000 block of Hebo Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 29600 block of Joe Day Way.
• Officers responded to a suspicious activity call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on an alarm call in Willamina.

Friday, June 23
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 94000 block of Raven Loop.

Saturday, June 24
• Officers responded to a forgery call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A suspicious person was reported in the area of AR Ford Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 600 block of Fifth Street in Willamina with a reported domestic call.

Sunday, June 25
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 29 headed westbound.
• Mail theft was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8100 block of Fire Hall Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a reported physical domestic call in the 300 block of Main Street in Willamina.
• A fire was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
• A disturbance was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
• Officers performed a traffic assist in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
• Trespassing was reported at Fire Hall Road and Highway 18.
• Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 96000 block of Raven Loop.
• Officers responded to a physical domestic call in the 24700 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, June 26
• Citizen contact occurred in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 25000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 48600 block of Dragonfly Drive.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop at Highway 18 near milepost 25.

Tuesday, June 27
• Officers responded to a disturbance call reported on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in gathering evidence for a case.
• Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A fight was reported in the 96000 block of Hebo Road.

Wednesday, June 28
• Officers assisted an outside agency with an uncooperative subject in the 600 block of Mill Street.
• Officers assisted an outside agency at the scene of a vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a 911 hang-up call in the area of Main and Oak streets in Willamina.

Thursday, June 29
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Officers learned the subject had a warrant for their arrest.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a reported domestic disturbance call in the 700 block of Main Street in Willamina.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 22 at milepost 12.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 3700 block of Mill Creek Road with a subject who fell from a bridge.

Sunday, June 30
• Officers contacted a subject in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway and determined they had a warrant.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 96000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on an assault call in the 800 block of Sherman Street.
Indian gaming revenue breaks records for 2022

National Indian gaming revenue for 2022 is the highest in its gaming history. Seven of the National Indian Gaming Commission’s eight regions showed an increase from 2021, with an overall gain of $1.9 billion, which is 5 percent higher than the historic 2021 amount of $39 billion.

This year’s record-breaking revenue reflects the resiliency of many Tribal gaming operations, and how Tribal gaming continues to rebound and remain strong, according to the commission.

“Tribal governments and the operations they license continue to explore new and innovative ways to expand and deliver world-class experiences to cultivate sustainable economies,” Commission Chairman E. Sequoyah Simeon Meyer stated in a press release. “Across Indian Country, Tribes pursue economic sustainability through gaming by relying on the robust regulatory reputation for which Indian gaming is well known, and made better when supported by efficient and effective measures.”

Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland noted this year’s numbers reflect Indian gaming geographic and financial diversity, with 55 percent of Tribal gaming facilities reporting less than $25 million in revenue, which is only 5 percent of the total.

“We have cause to celebrate the opportunity successful Indian gaming operations afford Tribes to invest in the future and improve the quality of life for individual Native people, their families and their communities,” Hovland said.

Revenue are calculated from the independently audited financial statements of 519 gaming operations owned by 244 federally recognized Tribes. Indian gaming operations are located on Tribal land in 29 states.

In 2022, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) received 519 (2021: 518) informed Applications for Tribal Gaming Operations. The NIGC received 519 (2021: 518) applications for Tribal Gaming Operations. The NIGC received 519 applications for Tribal Gaming Operations. The NIGC received 519 applications for Tribal Gaming Operations. The NIGC received 519 applications for Tribal Gaming Operations.

The Health & Wellness Center hours

The Health & Wellness Center has additional access for patients during holiday weeks on Thursday mornings. The clinic will be scheduling patients at 8 a.m. every Thursday preceding or following a holiday closure. Urgent care also will be available during this time.
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LaChance Reunion
2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at 27975 Jahn Road in Grand Ronde (half-mile west of Spirit Mountain Casino off Highway 18). Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, water, lemonade and coffee provided at 3 p.m. Bring your favorite side dish if you’d like. Please bring a chair if you can. Small pool, small bounce house, horseshoe pit, corn hole. Hosted by Shereena Bates, 971-269-5569, and Rosanne Teeter, 503-475-9712. RSVP would be helpful but not required. Hope to see you there.

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 turnout. 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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Oregon State University Extension Service is hiring an Education Program Assistant for the SNAP-Ed/Family & Community Health program in Polk County. Extension educators provide nutrition education and engagement with SNAP eligible audiences. Programs are designed to promote healthy eating habits and a physically active lifestyle. Position closes August 7th, 2023. For more details about the position, benefits OSU offers and to apply visit: https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/140876 or Scan the QR code!

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Deborah Rae Childers-Slack
April 6, 1968 – June 30, 2023

Deborah “Debby” Childers-Slack was born on April 6, 1968, in Salem, Ore., to Candy George and Raymond Childers. She was primarily raised in Grand Ronde and was very proud to call it her home. She left this world peacefully on June 30, 2023, surrounded by family in Salem.

Debby had the best sense of humor and the most infectious laugh. She made everyone feel welcome in her home and in her heart. She held her head high until the very end with a beautiful smile on her face.

Debby graduated from George Fox University with a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Leadership and Management as well as earning an associate degree from Chemeketa Community College in Addiction Counseling.

She spent most of her career as a manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the state of Oregon. Numerous friends have said she was the best boss they had ever had; consistent and stern, but also compassionate and flexible.

Debby loved being a mother and grandmother, raising four children of her own and was blessed with seven grandchildren: one boy and six girls.

She had many talents and enjoyed acting, singing, painting and generally expressing herself through her creations.

She was preceded in death by her father, Raymond Childers, and brothers, Mike and Brandon Robertson.

She is survived by her husband, Lamonte Slack; mother, Candy Robertson; children, Andrea and Jeromey Childers and Ray and Edi Larsen; grandchildren, Liliana, Haley, Chloe, Mikayla, Mariah, Grayson and Dillinah; siblings, Jesse, Ken, Lynn, Angie, Michael, Diana and Brandi along with their spouses; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews as well as several longtime friends.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 5, at the Grand Ronde Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, with more than 300 people in attendance. Burial followed at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery.

Mary Ann Hamilton
Oct. 3, 1949 – June 30, 2023

Tribal Elder Mary Ann Hamilton walked on Friday, June 30, at the age of 73.

Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston, Idaho, is assisting the family.

Funeral service information was not available before press time.

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

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

10 Water Safety Tips
• DO learn to swim. If you like to have a good time doing water activities, being a strong swimmer is a must.
• DO take a friend along. Even though you may be a good swimmer, you never know when you may need help. Having friends around is safer and just more fun!
• DO know your limits. Watch out for the “too’s” — too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much hard activity.
• DO swim in supervised (watched) areas only, and follow all signs and warnings.
• DO wear a life jacket when boating, jet skiing, water skiing, rafting or fishing.
• DO stay alert to currents. They can change quickly! If you get caught in a strong current, don’t fight it. Swim parallel to the shore until you have passed through it. Near piers, jetty (lines of big rocks), small dams, and docks, the current gets unpredictable and could knock you around. If you find it hard to move around, head to shore. Learn to recognize and watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents — water that is a weird color, really choppy, foamy, or filled with pieces of stuff.
• DO keep an eye on the weather. If you spot bad weather (dark clouds, lightning), pack up and take the fun inside.
• DON’T mess around in the water. Pushing or dunking your friends can get easily out of hand.
• DON’T dive into shallow water. If you don’t know how deep the water is, don’t dive.
• DON’T float where you can’t swim. Keep checking to see if the water is too deep, or if you are too far away from the shore or the poolside.

Water Safety - CDC

Sunscreen on Babies and Toddlers

The AAD recommends the following:

Children younger than 6 months of age: Protect their skin from the sun by keeping them in the shade and dressing them in long-sleeved shirts, pants, wide-brimmed hats, and sunglasses. Take care, of course, to prevent overheating. If possible, avoid using sunscreen on these children.

Children 6 months of age and older: Use a sunscreen that contains zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, which is most appropriate for the sensitive skin of infants and toddlers. Even when using sunscreen, keep children in the shade and dress them in clothing that will protect their skin from the sun, i.e., long-sleeved shirts, pants, and wide-brimmed hats.

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.

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.

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/.

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2023 Contest Powwow

August 18–20

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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
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Emcee: Howie Thomson
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.

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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 Squetimkin & 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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