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State extends Willamette Falls fishing platform permit through ‘28
By Dean Rhodes
Publications coordinator
The Oregon Department of State Lands extended the Grand Ronde Tribe’s permit to have a removable fishing platform at Willamette Falls through August 2028 on Thursday, Aug. 3. The permit continues the Tribe’s ability to harvest up to 15 salmon annually for ceremonial purposes.

“(Permit) Holder is authorized to maintain a fishing platform at a single location only during the period for which the Holder is authorized to harvest salmonids under its Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Ceremonial Harvest Permit,” the notification states. “Holder must remove the fishing platform each year on or before the date that the ODFW Ceremonial Harvest Permit expires.” The renewal also requires the Tribe to work in good faith with upland owners to ensure the fishing platform does not interfere with any upland owner’s use, including that of Portland General Electric.

The Tribe applied for and received approval for a waterway structure from the Department of State Lands in 2018. The removable fishing platform was completed in October 2018 after Portland General Electric revoked permission allowing Grand Ronde Tribal members and employees to use its land to access and build the platform from the safer West Linn side of the Willamette River.

Tribal Natural Resources De-

ODFW approves MOA expanding Tribal hunting and fishing rights
By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor
Almost 37 years after Grand Ronde was forced to sign a consent decree with the state of Oregon restricting its hunting and fishing rights in order to get its Reservation Plan approved, some of those rights have been returned.

The agreement will expand the Tribe’s ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas on off-Reservation and non-trust lands and allow the Tribe to co-manage this for its members with the state.

Paddle to Muckleshoot Landing Day attracts thousands
By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor
SEATTLE – More than 100 canoe families from Tribes across British Columbia, Oregon and Washington arrived on the shores of Alki Beach Park for Paddle to Muckleshoot Landing Day on Sunday, July 30.

Thousands of people crowded along the shoreline, some peering through binoculars and trying to catch a glimpse of the approaching canoes, which marks the completion of the paddling portion.

The excited crowd didn’t have to wait long. Over the sound of the drums and a light breeze under a blue sky, cheers and clapping could be heard as the first canoe, On Shaman, appeared on the horizon.

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley and Tribal Council member Kathleen George hug in celebration after the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission voted to pass a memorandum of agreement with the Tribe during the commission’s meeting in Salem on Friday, Aug. 4. The agreement will expand the Tribe’s ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas on off-Reservation and non-trust lands and allow the Tribe to co-manage this for its members with the state.

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NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

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Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to smoke signals.

Letters should be 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. Discourse 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.

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• Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow, Great Pow- wow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
• Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 17-19 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m., Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2424.
• Wednesday, Aug. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
• Wednesday, Aug. 23 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.
• Friday, Aug. 25 – Grand Ronde Education Summit, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
• Tuesday, Aug. 29 – Canoe Family Welcome Home/Tribal-State MOA Cer- ebration. Time and location to be determined. 503-879-2304.
• Thursday, Aug. 31 – Family Night Out, 4:30 to 8 p.m., old powwow grounds, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. To volunteer, contact destiny.osborn@grandronde.org.

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• Monday, Sept. 4 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
• Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
• Saturday, Sept. 9 – Tribal Election Day. Ballots due by 6 p.m. 503-879-2271.
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• Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.
• Friday, Sept. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.
• Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
• Sunday, Sept. 10 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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

Grand Ronde Road repaving completed early

By Dean Rhodes
Publications coordinator

Community cooperation and a well-organized contractor are being cited as reasons why the repaving of Grand Ronde Road concluded weeks earlier than anticipated. Grand Ronde Tribal Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said the original goal was for the project to be completed before the last week in August.

However, Mercier sent out an e-mail on Friday, Aug. 4, alerting Tribal employees that they could take any route to work starting on Monday, Aug. 7.

"Delays should be minimal," he added.

During the height of repaving work in July, delays could be long and many Tribal employees used Hebo Road to avoid the work.

"Support from the community by adjusting and taking detours helped keep the trucks going," Mercier said. "In addition, the contractor brought in the correct equipment to take out the old road material and bring in the new material."

Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker said that the new roadway should have a life span of 20 years with required maintenance, such as a chip seal, occurring in eight to 10 years.

"It went very smoothly," Whitak- er said. "I credit having a well-or- ganized contractor."

A&E Excavating of Salem was the contractor on the $2.2 million project.

The last bit of work – striping – was scheduled to be done Sunday and Monday, Aug. 13-14.

The project started on June 5, 10 days ahead of schedule.

Whitaker said the project was a "full depth" reconstruction that cleared away the entire old roadway and laid down six inches of new asphalt, two more inches than was laid down during the last repaving that occurred in 2009-10.

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

On April 19, Tribal Council ap- proved a memorandum of understand- ing between Polk County and the Tribe to fund the engineering design and an intergovernmental agreement authorizing spending up to $1.5 million for the Tribe’s portion of the project.

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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. on Friday. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year. The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores. Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

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

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**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. The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

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

For more information, call 503-879-1821.

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

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marine Grossong.
- **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 Pickett. 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: Dedi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainan at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainan.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

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**2018**

- Grand Ronde Tribal Council officially ended its banking relationship with Wells Fargo. Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said it was due to Wells Fargo’s involvement in the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline project in North Dakota, creating millions of fake bank and credit card accounts for customers and forcing unnecessary auto collision insurance on more than 800,000 clients.

**2013**

- An ad hoc group of Tribal department heads began reestablishing the community garden originally set up in 2005. The garden was located on 54.64-acre International Paper Co. property along Grand Ronde Road that was purchased by the Tribe in 1990 for $35,000. The land had been used by the Grand Ronde Food Bank, and Tribal and community members, since 2005 but not extensively.

- Tribal member Solomon George brought four heavy metal bands to Grand Ronde for a fundraising concert. The concert collected one barrel full of food and $134 in cash, which would be donated to the Grand Ronde Food Bank. Approximately 80 people attended the event at the Tribal gymnasium.

- The Eagle Beak drum group was featured as members prepared to perform at the upcoming Contest Powwow. “The drum watches over us,” Tribal member Bobby Mercier said. “It’s just like your grandpa or grandma.” The group had been listening, learning and doing what their Elders taught them since it was formed in 1994. Original members were Mercier, Shane Harmon, Dustin Harmon and Joe Hostler.

- A three-person firefighting team from Grand Ronde’s Natural Resources Department made a 1,200-mile journey to New Mexico and Texas to assist with wildland firefighting. The group joined a crew of four Native strike teams with fire engines to help local firefighters as a part of a cooperative effort by the Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and state of Texas.

- Grand Ronde Tribal Elders visited the Horner Museum at Oregon State University to view cultural and historical displays, then spent an afternoon visiting Siletz Elders who came for a lunch of bread and produce (mostly garden vegetables) at the Grand Ronde Tribal Health & Wellness Center.

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Tribal Council approves first reading of TERO Ordinance amendments

By Danielle Harrison
Smokes Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a first reading of proposed changes to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance at its three-hour Wednesday, Aug. 9, meeting.

The three proposed amendments would affect seven executive positions within Tribal government and Spirit Mountain Casino, including the general manager position, which is currently vacant.

Specifically, the amendments would change the definition of executive-level employee from those who are direct reports to Tribal Council to also include those who are reporting to the Tribal Gaming Commission.

The second amendment would remove executive-level employees from the standard minimum preference that is applied in the TERO Ordinance and modify it to a “tiebreaker preference,” meaning if there are equally qualified Tribal member and external candidates, the Tribal member would be hired.

The third amendment would remove executive-level applicants from TERO director qualification assessments review.

Several Tribal members and employees spoke against the proposed changes during the Tuesday, Aug. 8, Legislative Action Committee meeting, including TERO Commission member Brian Krehbiel, former Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr., Tribal member Matt Haskins of Tribal 477/Employment & Training Specialist Rhonda Leno and TERO Compliance Officer Duke Kimsey.

“Are fighting for TERO for many, many years, and seeing how our Tribal members were swept under the rug, how will these amendments promote Tribal members into executive-level positions,” Giffen said. “I look here and see almost everyone in this room and the folks on Tribal Council who were given an opportunity by the Tribe to succeed. By taking TERO out of this, you’re eliminating an opportunity for a Tribal member to be in a good position. For me, this is going backward.”

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said that the proposed changes would allow council to more carefully screen applicants for the highest level positions within Tribal government.

“These are the very highest responsibility positions,” she said. “If things were to go wrong, these positions would have the highest potential levels of risk to the Tribe and our assets if things went badly. In recruiting the next Tribal general manager, Tribal Council wants to see and potentially interview all applicants who meet the qualifications, but we were told we cannot do that under the current TERO Ordinance, and that these amendments would be necessary for Tribal Council to see all candidates who meet qualifications.”

George added that council spoke with the TERO Commission, which didn’t think the amendments were needed, but that legal staff told them it was necessary.

During the Wednesday, Aug. 9, Tribal Council meeting, more than two hours were dedicated to hearing Tribal members speak in opposition to the proposed amendments. Most speakers expressed their dislike for weakening Tribal preference in the hiring process.

As a first reading, Tribal members will have 30 days to comment on the ordinance before council makes a final decision.

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said that those who spoke during the Tribal Council meeting would have their testimony automatically incorporated into the comments for Tribal Council to review following the 30-day period.

In other action, Tribal Council:

• Set a per capita date of Friday, Sept. 8, and directed Finance Officer Chris Leno to make the payments;
• Approved four credits cards for $2,500 each for different members of the Emergency Services Department;
• Approved applying for the 2023-25 Oregon Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act grant for $225,000, which will provide services for both female and male survivors of domestic violence;
• And enrolled three infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements stated in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

During the announcements portion of the meeting, Tribal Council member Lisa Leno said that an event will be held Tuesday, Aug. 29, to welcome the Canoe Family home and to also celebrate the Tribe’s approved memorandum of agreement with the state of Oregon about expanding hunting and fishing rights for Tribal members.

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

ATTENTION GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2023 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

Deadline Dates for September 2023 Per Capita

- Change of Address: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023 BY 5 P.M.
- Change of Direct Deposit: Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023 BY 5 P.M.

PER CAPITA DIRECT DEPOSIT

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- Or by contacting Kalene Contreras at 503-879-2204 or Kalene.contreras@grandronde.org

ADDRESS CHANGES

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- If you get voicemail your address will still be changed if you clearly state your:
  - Name
  - Roll #
  - Date of Birth
  - Last 4 digits of SS#
  - New Address

Mural dedication

Tribal Council member Kathleen George speaks about endangered species during the unveiling of a new mural at 1350 N.W. Lovejoy St. in Portland on Thursday, Aug. 3. The mural commemorating and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act features Oregon species protected by the act, such as gray wolves, western painted turtles, Coho salmon and the northern spotted owl. The mural was painted by artist Jeremy Nichols in collaboration with Oregon Wild, Portland Street Art Alliance and Kilian Pacific.

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.

Contact: Brandon Weems
(503)879-2192
brandon.weems@grandronde.org

Ad by Samuel Briggs III
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) Revise 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.

Tribal Council is considering adopting amendments to the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the Aug. 9, 2023, Tribal Council meeting. The proposed revisions reflect the need for additional scrutiny and standards to be applied in screening candidates for Executive Level Positions. Specifically, the proposed amendments will: (1) Amend the definition of Executive Level Position to include direct reports to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission; (2) exempt Executive Level Positions from the existing Tribal preference requirements in Part III, Section (b) (1) and provide that as between equally qualified Tribal and non-Tribal candidates for Executive Level Positions, the Tribal candidate shall be offered the position; and (3) amend Part III (f)(4)(A) to exempt Executive Level Positions from minimum qualification assessment reviews by the TERO Director.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by Sept. 15, 2023.

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- If you are in need of assistance and are concerned, please contact the non-emergency line at 503-879-FIRE (3473).
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The Department of State Lands extended the Grand Ronde Tribe’s permit to have a removable fishing platform at Willamette Falls through August 2028 on Thursday, Aug. 3. The Tribe is allowed to harvest 15 salmon annually for ceremonial purposes at the falls.

Platform allows fishing at culturally appropriate time

Department employees were then forced to ferry supplies across the Willamette River from the Oregon City side of the falls to the West Linn side.

The Tribe obtained authorization from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to harvest 15 ceremonial fish at the falls in 2016. The platform allows Tribal members to take fish at the culturally appropriate time of year instead of later in the season when water levels are lower and rocks are exposed.

Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said that the Tribe annually requests permission to harvest salmon from the platform with the time period ranging from early April to the end of July. This year, Tribal fishermen harvested all 15 allowable fish in one day.

The Department of State Lands permit must be renewed every five years.

Heat Wave Tips

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Tribal member launches counseling business

By Danielle Harrison

Hewitt moved from California to Oregon in 2012 when she was recruits to fill a Youth Mental Health and Chemical Dependency counselor.

“Everyone benefits when our laws Tribal member and former Tribal employee Nicole Hewitt has launched her own therapy practice. Hewitt, who is a licensed marriage and family therapist, is calling her new business Sevengeen Counseling, built on the concept that navigating past and present struggles in a mindful way will help clients heal the next seven generations to come.

“That is the instrument to healing“ Hewitt said. “And it wouldn’t be that name if I had never worked for the Tribe.”

Most recently, Hewitt served as a clinical supervisor and mental health therapist for the Tribe, and also has worked as the Youth Empowerment and Prevention Program manager and as a senior mental health counselor. In total, she was with the Tribe for eight years and has been a therapist for 18 years.

Hewitt decided to branch out on her own so she could spend more time with her family, especially her 7-year-old daughter, Sanaa.

“I feel honored to have given back to our Tribal community, but I wanted to be home more with my daughter and make my own hours,” she said. “I had the goal of doing this for a while, and now that we have two wonderful therapists for youth (at the Tribe), I felt comfortable doing it.”

Hewitt will treat clients virtually and in-person, depending on their location. She is licensed in both California and Oregon. Her services will be available to those living in Washington and Yamhill counties.

“Once you accept I accept some private insurance providers, but is not yet able to take Tribal health insurance.

In addition to one-on-one therapy sessions, Hewitt also offers a Girl Strong Group, which focuses on increasing feelings of empowerment, self-confidence and connections.

The group meets 60 minutes a week for six weeks, with a maximum of six participants per group.

“It will help them with communication skills, time management and self-esteem,” she said. “It’s also a lot more effective than one-on-one therapy. I have offered to do this in the Tribal community as well and would love to offer that to our youth here.”

Hewitt grew up in Southern California and has a bachelor of arts in psychology from Cal State Northridge, and a master of arts in psychology from Phillips Graduate University. She wanted to be a therapist from the time she was in high school.

“I had lots of friends with family issues and they would talk to me about it,” she said. “I just always knew I wanted to help people since then.”

Growing up in California, Hewitt didn’t have the opportunity to regularly attend Tribal events, although her family traveled to Grand Ronde almost every year for the Tribe’s Contest Powwow in August. Living in Sherwood, an hour away, gives her daughter much more opportunity to do so.

“I love that my daughter is growing involved in Tribal activities and connections with the Tribe that I didn’t have the opportunity to do,” she said. “I am also grateful to be able to do things with the Tribe and our culture.”

Hewitt moved from California to Oregon in 2012 when she was recruited to fill a Youth Mental Health and Chemical Dependency counselor.

“I had a dream to give back to the Tribe and serve our community, so when the call came, I took the opportunity and moved here,” she said.

Hewitt can be reached at 971-979-0790 or sevengencounseling@ gmail.com. For more information on her counseling services, visit www.sevengencounseling.com.

Racing Commission audit faults ambiguous gaming laws in Oregon

By Dean Rhodes

SALEM – An audit of the state Racing Commission released Wednesday, Aug. 9, by the Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division faults “ambiguous” state gaming laws that pose a risk to the state’s economic interests and sovereign Tribal nations.

“As technology changes, laws and rules need to be updated to minimize conflicts between existing statutes authorizing gambling on horse races with Oregon’s constitutional prohibition of casinos and limitation of lottery,” the audit states.

In February 2022, the Oregon Racing Commission voted unanimously to deny TMB Racing 225 slot machine-like historic horse racing machines at the planned Flying Lark entertainment complex adjoining the racetrack at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass.

The decision was largely based on an opinion by the Oregon Department of Justice that categorically stated that TMB Racing’s plan violates the Oregon constitutional prohibition against casinos.

TMB Racing, a company formed by Dutch Bros Coffee co-founder Travis Boersma, drew opposition from the state’s Native American Tribes, including the Grand Ronde Tribe, which argued that allowing historic horse racing machines at the Flying Lark would be unfair since only Tribes are allowed to operate casinos in Oregon. Their approval, Tribes contended, would hurt not only Tribal casino revenues, but the Oregon Lottery as well.

After receiving a letter from Oregon Tribal representatives objecting to the racing machines, then-Gov. Kate Brown told Oregon Racing Commission members that they had a “statutory obligation” to consult with the Tribes. She also suggested that the commission seek a formal legal opinion from the Oregon Department of Justice on the legality of Boersma’s plans.

Boersma originally hoped to open the Flying Lark by October 2021 and then rescheduled to February 2022. With the Department of Justice ruling part of his business plan unconstitutional, he withdrew his business proposal.

Former Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan announced in February 2022 that an audit of racing oversight and regulation by the Oregon Racing Commission would be in her office’s 2022-23 audit plan.

The Racing Commission collected approximately $7.5 million in revenues and more than $1.4 million went into the state’s general fund in the 2019-21 biennium.

“The controversy around the Flying Lark, its request… highlighted the contention among the state, Tribes and private industry, revealing various concerns and complexity around constitutional allowability and regulation authority over such gambling,” the audit states.

The audit recommended that the Oregon Legislature should consider, with stakeholder and Tribal input, providing additional clarity around the definition of a casino in state statutes. It also suggested the Legislature set specific limitations on user interfaces and player experiences for online and physical gambling products.

The audit also found delays in filling and replacing Racing Commission commissioners, ways to increase oversight and transparency of funds allocated to support the horse racing industry and limited documentation maintained of the commission’s reviews of historical horse racing machines.

“Everyone benefits when our laws are clear and fair,” said Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade. “The audit points out important areas of ambiguity that the Racing Commission, legislators and the governor’s office can address to ensure we have clarity, a fully staffed oversight commission and appropriate stakeholder input in our gambling statutes and enforcement.”

To read the full audit, visit the Oregon Secretary of State’s website.

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Tribal member sisters barrel race at Yamhill County Fair

By Tanner Russ

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The main attraction at the Yamhill County Fair on Wednesday, Aug. 2, was the bull riding and barrel racing in front of a packed Cascade Rodeo Arena.

The competitors for the night included barrel racing sisters Rylee, Tinlee and Lilee Bishop, all Grand Ronde Tribal members from the Willamina area, along with younger cousin Paityn Bruckner from Grand Ronde.

They were among 23 barrel racers.

The Bishop sisters, along with their brother and Tribal member Brantley, are all under 15 years old and have been competing in barrel racing for years. Rylee, 14, began racing at the age of 4; Tinlee, 9, took up the sport three years ago; and Lilee, 7, began competitively last year. Cousin Paityn, 5, is the youngest of the group.

“It runs in the family. The Bishop’s mother, Megan, and sister, Devon Bruckner, were barrel racing themselves when they were younger. “I grew up doing it and Devon grew up doing it, so we really wanted to get them into it,” Megan said. “They are actually all horses that we grew up doing it on. They’re born and raised on our parents’ place. We raised them all. (Lilee’s horse) Wild Thing, she’s our prized horse.”

“Wild Thing is our prized horse and we grew up doing it on them. They’re our friends. Our friends were out camping and doing trail rides and the horses would come along with us,” Rylee said. “It’s not like we go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card. It’s all about being responsible and giving back.”

Rylee said the girls’ connection on horseback is a special bond between horse and rider. “It strengthens the connection between horse and rider. It’s also a way to instill strong values, according to Megan and Rylee. “We grew up cleaning 20 to 30 horses, and we helped with the barn, and I help out my little sister with her horse,” Tinlee said. “As long as I’m able, I just like doing it because I’m competing against my siblings and my friends.”

The Bishop sisters, along with family members and Tribal members from the Willamina and Grand Ronde areas, were among 23 barrel racers.

“Megan and Rylee gave advice. “Find a good horse,” Rylee said. “You should for sure know how to ride before you get a horse because there’s a lot of girls that I compete with who will get a crazy good horse, but don’t know how to ride.”

The “stuff” includes getting up at early hours to clean stalls, bucking hay and grooms the horses. All of those responsibilities, coupled with riding the horses and practicing for hours on end, strengthen the connection between horse and rider. “It’s also a way to instill strong values, according to Megan and Rylee. “We grew up cleaning 20 to 30 horse stalls on the weekends when our friends were out camping and stuff,” Megan said. “We were cleaning horse stalls, bucking hay, but it teaches you discipline. That’s what we want our kids to grow up learning.”

“We grew up doing it and my sister and I help out my little sister with training and stuff,” Tinlee said. “I don’t know, I just like doing it because I’m competing against my siblings and my friends.”

The sisters and their cousin, they don’t compete directly against each other in most competitions they ride in. According to Rylee, the lack of direct competition doesn’t hinder the girls’ connection on horseback. “We sometimes have little challenges at home, but we don’t seriously compete,” Rylee said. “We ride every day together for hours, and I help out my little sister with training and stuff.”

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“It teaches me a lot of responsibility,” Rylee said. “I have to get up every morning; they’re the reason I get up every morning just to mess with them. Like 8 a.m., but on school mornings like 6 to 7 to get them ready.”

But it’s also an entertaining sport, according to Tinlee. “It’s fun to go fast on your horse,” Tinlee said. “I don’t know, I just like doing it because I’m competing against my siblings and my friends.”

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“When: August 25th
9:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Otter Rock, OR

What: Surfing Clinic & Ocean Safety for the people who have the means and the curiosity to give barrel racing a go, Rylee gave advice. “Find a good horse,” Rylee said. “You should for sure know how to ride before you get a horse because there’s a lot of girls that I compete with who will get a crazy good horse, but don’t know how to ride.”
On Friday, Aug. 4, the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission approved a memorandum of agreement with the Tribe that will significantly expand its ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas on off-Reservation lands, and allow the Tribe to manage this for its members in coordination with the state.

The agreement will allow Tribal members to harvest finfish, lamprey, shellfish and crustaceans, mammals and birds in the Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain and Santiam wildlife management units, taking pressure off the much-used Trask Management Area, which Tribal members compared its opening day to a Friday afternoon traffic jam in Portland.

The approval was a 4-3 vote, which occurred after a sometimes tense, marathon meeting that stretched more than five hours with testimony from those both in favor and against the proposal. When the vote was announced, Grand Ronde Tribal members cheered and some began spontaneously drumming and dancing.

“This is elation and gratitude,” an emotional Tribal Council member Kathleen George said. “It’s a long, long dream of our Elders that has come true. We thank the commissioners who had the courage to see this was really about. … This will help right a dark and unfair chapter in Oregon’s history.”

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley said his grandfather, who also was Tribal Council secretary in the 1930s, felt very strongly about the consent decree but also recognized it was crucial to have Reservation land again.

“This is huge,” he said. “This is joy. … For me, this is what my grandfather imagined, knowing he wouldn’t live to see it happen. Now, we did it.”

The Tribe’s agreement was originally up for consideration at ODFW’s June meeting in Newport but was postponed after other Tribes – Warm Springs and Umatilla – voiced concerns that it would interfere with their treaty rights. They were joined in their objections by the Nez Perce and Yakama Tribes in Washington.

The Aug. 4 hearing began with Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen, Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and ODFW Acting Land Resources Manager Davia Palmeri explaining the proposal in detail to commissioners.

“I was at the June meeting when this agreement was postponed,” Kennedy said. “I have a hopeful heart that our words today will be received in a good way. These agreements that other Tribes have with the commission have not undergone the scrutiny and revisions that we have. We have had several meetings and have made concessions on the geographic area, ensuring that there was no overlapping boundaries, and we included that any other Tribe’s rights would not be affected. We are good partners. … As we all know, the future is ahead of us and that affects our children. So what we do today matters for them. For myself, hunting and fishing is very important as a way of life, it is how we live.”

Palmeri discussed the various revisions the agreement with Grand Ronde had undergone, and said ODFW staff recommended its approval as it had before with four
No other Tribe’s treaty rights will be affected

Additionally, the agreement states that no other Tribe’s treaty rights will be affected and that the agreement is limited to sustenance and ceremonial harvest.

“No additional Tribal legal or treaty entitlement is created, conveyed, implied or diminished, nor is any existing agreement, treaty or court decree modified by the adoption of these rules or the above referenced Memorandum of Agreement,” the agreement states.

“Nothing in the above referenced Memorandum of Agreement shall be construed as affirming, recognizing or limiting the rights or claims of any other Tribe within the geographic scope of that agreement.”

All nine Tribal Council members attended the hearing, and approximately 90 Tribal and staff members testified.

Many testified before the commission, including Elder and past Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson, Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, Tribal member Jade Unger, Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Tribal Lobbyist Justin Martin.

“Tribal Council members who testified included Kennedy, Langley, Kathleen George, Jon A. George, Michael Cherry, Lisa Leno and Vice Chair Chris Mercier.

“I'm in my 18th year of doing this and I don't recall ever seeing this kind of opposition like I've seen today. Everyone feels that there are more people from other Tribes expecting more of a celebratory environment. But if people feel the need to speak their peace and if it’s in opposition, they have the right to do that. However, I do feel part of my testimony has to be in response to a lot of things that you’ve heard here today. Nothing in this agreement affects any treaty rights and additional changes to the agreement make clear there wouldn’t be an impact in the Columbia River.”

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. During the Tribe’s efforts to secure Reservation lands, the only path forward at the time was to sign the decree.

“The Tribe’s Natural Resources Department and the state are working cooperatively to finalize details of the agreement and that will be published in Smoke Signals when it is complete. For more information, contact naturalresources@grandronde.org or 503-879-2413.”

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

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

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7365.
‘Honoring Our Warriors Past and Present’

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family drum and sing during protocol at the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Canoe Journey at Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Auburn, Wash.

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at approximately 10:40 a.m., 20 minutes earlier than expected.

“We welcome you to our shores, and we’re so happy you are here today,” Muckleshoot Tribal Council Chair Jaisen Elkins said. “This is a blessed and joyous day.”

The theme for this year’s journey was “Honoring Our Warriors Past and Present,” and it’s the second time the Muckleshoot Tribe has hosted the event, the first being in 2006.

Landing Day was followed by a dinner at the new Muckleshoot Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 2. In Auburn, Wash.

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family, comprised of youth and adults, navigated tankiya along the beach during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Canoe Journey at Alki Beach Park in Seattle, Wash.

Support crew members drove in vans to set up camp and cook for the tired travelers every night. Long-time Canoe Journey participants Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel served as skippers.

tankiya was the first of the Grand Ronde family to arrive at approximately 11:20 a.m. Mercier asked permission in Chinuk Wawa and then English to come ashore, as is customary during Landing Day.

“We are raising our hands to the people of this land,” he said. “We’re honored to be on your beaches and we ask permission to come ashore.”

“We welcome you to the home-lands and waters of the Muckleshoot people,” Elkins replied. “You have permission to come ashore.”

Landing Day created a mix of emotions in both participants and observers as the COVID-19 pandemic had upended large community and cultural celebrations for more than three years.

“It’s been very emotional,” Tribal member Zeey Holsclaw said. “It’s so good to be back on the water with everyone. It’s also really special because it’s my daughter’s first Canoe Journey.”

The last time Tribal member Benjamin Powley participated in the journey, he was only 14 years old. Now 18, he felt more experienced and able to fully engage.

“I loved it all,” he said. “It was really fun to paddle and feel so connected to everyone. Going through COVID was hard, so being able to enjoy journey once again was really nice.”

Krehbiel faced extra adversity on this year’s journey. Right before it began, he pulled his calf muscle and was subsequently confined to a boot and compression sleeve. However, it didn’t ruin his determination to participate, especially since it would be the first time skippering the new canoe, which the Tribal artisan made for his daughter’s 21st birthday a year earlier.

“It handles like a dream,” he said. “Hobbling around on crutches wasn’t fun, but everyone wanted to help. … Just seeing all of our families here and having so many Elders coming, it’s great. It’s the most I’ve ever seen.”

Tribal Council members in attendance during Landing Day or journey itself included Jon A. George, Lisa Leno, Brenda Tuomi and Michael Cherry.

“It’s a very healing journey,” Cherry said. “When you are there, you are surrounded by so much love. We were able to bless the canoe family as they were waking up one morning and made them breakfast. My mom got to see the first canoe come in and the first canoe go out. It was so incredible.”

It was Tuomi’s third Canoe Journey experience.

“It really is spiritual, powerful and good medicine,” she said. “There’s nothing like standing on the shore at Landing Day and watching the canoes come in. You feel your ancestors and also see your future.”

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, the Grand Ronde Canoe Family had its op-

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family pulls tankiya along the beach during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Landing Day at Alki Beach Park in Seattle, Wash., on Sunday, July 30.

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and adults, navigated tankiya along the beach during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Canoe Journey at Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 2. in Auburn, Wash.

Tribal members Mabel, left, and Joanna Brisbois, daughter and mother respectively, dance to the Frog Song as the Grand Ronde Canoe Family perform protocol during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Canoe Journey at Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 2. in Auburn, Wash.
Honoring Our Warriors Past and Present

Grand Ronde Canoe Family skipper Bobby Mercier asks the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for permission to come ashore during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Landing Day at Alki Beach Park in Seattle, Wash., on Sunday, July 30.

Tribal member Alexis Contreras dances while Tanukiya is sung as the Grand Ronde Canoe Family perform protocol during the Paddle to Muckleshoot 2023 Canoe Journey at Muckleshoot Indian Tribe’s Community Center on Wednesday, Aug. 2, in Auburn, Wash.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo
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 discounts 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.

### Award winners

Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch celebrate the Tribal newspaper’s six awards for journalism excellence with Editorial Board Secretary Andy Jenness, Editorial Board member Tracy Moreland and Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier after the 2023 National Native Media Awards Banquet held at the RBG Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Saturday, Aug. 12. Smoke Signals beat The Cherokee Phoenix and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune to win the award for best overall publication in its circulation category of between 5,000 to 10,000 copies printed per edition, and also won a first-place award for Best Coverage of Native America, first- and second-place for Best Multimedia project, second-place in the Best Radio/Podcast feature category and an honorable mention for page design. The awards dinner capped an annual three-day conference hosted by the newly christened Indigenous Journalists Association, which was formerly known as the Native American Journalists Association.

### Community Health Program Services

**Medical Transport Services**

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.
TERO Worker of the Month
July 2023

Name: Tony Gonzalez
Employer: Suulutaaq
Position: Laborer

Tony Gonzalez joined the TERO workforce in July 2022. He was unfamiliar with the program until he met other TERO members on the Interstate 205 Abernethy Bridge project, where he is still working today. Tony was told about the benefits that TERO has to offer and he didn’t waste any time registering with the program.

Tony started as a general laborer and says that every day is a learning experience. Tony has been fortunate enough to learn new skills like using hand tools, operating heavy equipment and managing crews.

Tony says that if it wasn’t for fellow TERO members and his supervisors believing in him, he wouldn’t be where he is today. He added that he fully believes in the TERO program as it “gives our people employment opportunities to better themselves and provide a better quality of life for their families.”

TERO thanks Tony for his hard work and dedication, which has earned him our July Worker of the Month. Great job, Tony!

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

Judging a book

Ariel Hunt shows a book to her children Opal, 3, and Ivar, 5, as they look through books at the Tribal Library on Wednesday, Aug. 9. In celebration of National Book Lovers Day, the library gave away about 1,200 surplus books from the reading packet program that began after the COVID-19 pandemic started. About 80 people visited the library to get books.

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, said Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole.

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

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

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

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Preschool Graduation
CLASS OF 2023
HONORING
The Mawich and Shayim Graduates
STUDENTS ARRIVE: @ 5:30PM
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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.

• Chinuk Wawa courses fulfill Oregon University System language requirements.
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To learn more, scan the QR code:
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PORTLAND AREA GATHERING TRIPS 2023
April 1-4, 2023
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September 1-2, 2023

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG

Saturday, July 1
• Officers responded to a hit-and-run call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers conducted a welfare check on Highway 18 near milepost 16.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a subject for arrest.
• Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash in the 9000 block of Gilbert Creek Road in Williamina.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Sunday, July 2
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 800 block of Main Street in Williamina.
• A road hazard was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 24.

Monday, July 3
• Officers responded to a three-vehicle crash on Highway 18 near Rowell Creek Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 8000 block of AR Ford Road.
• Officers received a stolen vehicle report from Lincoln City.

Tuesday, July 4
• Officers responded to a trespass call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a recovered stolen vehicle call.
• Citizens reported a crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• A noise complaint was reported in the 800 block of North Street.
• Officers received information about a domestic dispute in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash.

Wednesday, July 5
• Officers assisted fire personnel on Highway 18 near milepost 28.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted with a lockout call in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.
• Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call in the area of Firehall Road and Highway 18.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, July 6
• A suspicious person was reported in the area of Fort Hill and Yamhill River roads.
• A driving complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A warrant service was conducted in the 25000 block of Yamhill River and Fort Hill roads.
• Criminal mischief was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, July 7
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers conducted a traffic assist in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
• A welfare check was conducted in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, July 8
• Officers responded to a hazard call on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 17.
• A noise complaint was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.

Sunday, July 9
• Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Balm Street in Yamhill.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
• A driving complaint was reported in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, July 10
• A noise complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A hit-and-run was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A driving complaint was reported at Highway 22 and Red Prairie Road.
• An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, July 11
• A welfare check was conducted in the 25000 block of Beaver Court.
• Officers responded to a traffic assist call on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A welfare check was conducted on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
• A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a traffic assist call on Highway 18 near the Highway 22 interchange.
• Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
• Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, July 12
• A runaway was reported in the 9600 block of Salmon Way.
• Officers responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5800 block of Hebo Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a subject.
• Theft reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, July 13
• Officers assisted emergency medical personnel in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers located a subject who had a warrant for their arrest.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, July 14
• Citizen contact occurred in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs Road.
• Officers assisted a citizen with a lockout.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 18.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 22 near milepost 9.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a disturbance call in the 22000 block of Highway 18.

Saturday, July 15
• Officers assisted fire personnel with a wildland fire on Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers conducted a traffic stop for a driver with a criminally suspended license and arrested the person.
• Officers assisted a citizen on a lockout in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• An intoxicated subject was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• An animal complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Found property was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers conducted a traffic stop, determined the driver was impaired and arrested the person for DUII.

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Sunday, July 16
• Officers responded to a crash on Hebo Road.
• Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 28.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle stop on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A liquor violation was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a civil call on Andy Riggs and Grand Ronde roads.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, July 17
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 500 block of Churchman Street in Willamina.
• A welfare check was conducted on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
• Suspicious activity was reported on Agency Creek Road.
• Criminal mischief was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a missing phone that was pinging in the Grand Ronde area.
• Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 28.

Tuesday, July 18
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 500 block of Wind River Drive.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers located a subject who had a warrant for their arrest in the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, July 19
• Officers assisted a citizen with a lookout.
• Officers responded to an intoxicated subject in the 25000 block of Beaver Court.
• Officers arrested a subject for DUII in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, July 20
• Officers arrested a subject for DUII in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred on Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
• Theft reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 25100 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a hit-and-run call.

Friday, July 21
• A drug complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
• A suspicious vehicle was reported on Agency Creek Road.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred on Agency Creek Road.
• A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
• An overdose was reported in the 26800 block of McPherson Road.
• An animal complaint was reported in the 26800 block of McPherson Road.
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, July 22
• A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a civil call.
• A traffic assist occurred on Hebo Road and Highway 18.
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, July 23
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a fight in progress in the 500 block of Sheridan Road.
• Officers responded to a hazard call on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• A domestic dispute was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a harassment call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, July 24
• Criminal mischief was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a domestic assault in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, July 25
• Harassment was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
• Officers assisted with a lookout in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
• A noise complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, July 26
• An animal complaint was reported in the 24000 block of McPherson Road.
• A welfare check occurred at the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Criminal mischief was reported at Big Buck campground.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 21.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a burglary call in the 900 block of Main Street in Sheridan.
• Theft reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, July 27
• A disturbance was reported in the 9500 block of Tyee Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a shots fired call in the area of King and Rock Creek roads.
• A disturbance was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 18.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a stolen vehicle on Highway 18 near milepost 26.

Friday, July 28
• Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
• Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted with a lookout in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency in the 8900 block of McPherson Road.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a locked car on Highway 18 near milepost 26.

Saturday, July 29
• Officers conducted a welfare check in the 8800 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• An animal complaint was reported in the 9370 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers responded to a forgery call near Highway 18 and milepost 26.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a shots fired call in the Gold Creek Road area in Willamina.
• A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency with a medical emergency on Highway 18 near milepost 19.

Sunday, July 30
• Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Tyee Road.
• A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers responded to a theft call on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a warrant call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, July 31
• Theft reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
• A noise complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
• Officers assisted an outside agency on a trespass call in the 5000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• Officers responded to a disturbance call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
• A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 14.
• Officers assisted an open door call in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Angel Arenas.
Walking On...

Reginald Leroy Dompier
July 23, 1969 – Aug. 1, 2023

Tribal member Reginald “Reggie” Leroy Dompier, 54, of Lake Stevens, Washington, sadly passed away from pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023.

He spent his final days surrounded by friends, family and loved ones. Those close to him will forever miss his biting sense of humor and infectious smile.

Reggie was a loving father, husband, brother, uncle and proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde who encouraged those around him to pursue their passions and stand up for what they believe in. He generously devoted his time and energy to championing the people he cared about. His appreciation of art, punk music, horror films and competitive badminton will continue to resonate with anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him. He emanated enthusiasm in everything he did and effortlessly shared that excitement.

This exuberant spirit spent his youth hunting for mischievous music and romping around the quiet town of Wolf Creek, Oregon, where he met the love of his life, Julie Plummer. The high school sweethearts eventually married and had three children: Miles, Mercedes and Dante. Reggie and Julie worked incredibly hard to relocate to Washington state to ensure their family had a better life. Here he provided the Dompier family home in Tulalip, Washington. His family will always cherish the memories of that quaint, comfortable homestead.

Reggie’s memory and legacy are survived by his wife, Julie Dompier (Plummer); daughter, Mercedes; sons, Miles and Dante; grandson, Elijha; granddaughter, Scarlet; mother, Vonnie Edmonson (Cureton); sisters, Jenny, Stacy and Renee; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded by his father, Allen Mark Dompier, who passed on May 15, 2003.

His artistic ardor also will live on through an extensive collection of intricate oil paintings, beautiful Tribal drums and hand-crafted woodwork. Reggie’s love, impact and inspiration will continue to bring warming light when the world feels dark and cold.

Other passings

Yvonne Rose Merrow
July 12, 1953 – Aug. 4, 2023

Tribal Elder Yvonne Rose Merrow walked on Friday, Aug. 4, at the age of 70.

Mountain Vista Chapel in Ely, Nevada, is assisting the family.

Funeral service information was not available before presstime.
CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL
Vote For No More Than Three (3)

MATTHEW HALLER

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ADVISORY QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1
Vote For No More Than One (1)
Should the Tribe change the current enrollment requirements?

QUESTION #2
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Do you support the Tribe moving towards a Lineal Descendancy for enrollment?

QUESTION #3
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Do you support the Tribe moving towards a 4/4 Blood quantum applied to a specific roll or date for enrollment?

QUESTION #4
Vote For No More Than One (1)
Do you support repealing and replacing the 1999 Constitution Amendment requiring that the parent on the Restoration Roll be the Blood Tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement?

QUESTION #5
Vote For No More Than One (1)
What Constitutional Amendment Election would be your top choice for Tribal Council to pursue next?

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Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar

APPLY ONLINE THROUGH THE TEMP POOL AT:
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TEMPORARY POWWOW WORKERS NEEDED
FRIDAY AUGUST 11TH THROUGH SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH

2023 POWWOW SEASON

$16.00/HR MINIMUM

AGES 16 AND UP
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FREE PARKING
NO OPEN CARRY
CLEANSING SANITATION BEFORE SHOW & AFTER EVENT
Smoke Signals

20 AUGUST 15, 2023

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 bouncy house, horseshoe pit, corn hole. Hosted by Shereena Bates, 971-269-5569, and Roxanne Teeter, 503-675-5712. RSVP would be helpful but not required. Hope to see you there.

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Table Games Dealer School

WHAT:
- Learn to deal Blackjack and several other games. A commitment of 6 weeks is needed to potentially become a Table Games Dealer.

WHO:
- Preference will be provided to enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; although all applicants are welcome to apply for consideration.

WHAT:
- Dealer positions are not guaranteed. Open positions will be posted and filled using the regular selection criteria, see below.
- Baccarat and Pitch is required after class completion to maintain employment.

WHEN:
- Class Times: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Deadline to apply is Thursday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.
- Training begins on Monday, Sept. 11

WHERE:
- Training is held in the Table Games Training Room at Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Selection Criteria:
  - Must be at least 21 years of age.
  - Tribal member preference will apply.
  - Pacing score for basic math entrance exam.
  - Current employee must meet transfer eligibility requirements.
  - Ability to obtain High Security class 2G Gaming License.

Closing Date: Monday, Sept. 11

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

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org or Fax 503-879-5973.

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Current posting effective 8/18/2023.
ALERT on RAINBOW FENTANYL

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

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

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Rainbow fentanyl and seek naloxone training to prevent overdose deaths.

2023-24 BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program details and applicant requirements
This program is for enrolled CTGR Tribal member students entering into Kindergarten through 11th grade (enrolled in the 2023-24 school year). Enrolled Tribal member students may apply for a $50 Walmart 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. 25, it will be a rolling application open until Nov. 10. 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!

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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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Questions or to schedule:
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What is involved?
Study participants will take part in a 6-8 person focus group discussing their thoughts and opinions on cervical cancer screening in their community. This will be a virtual 60-90 minute session. Participants will also be asked to complete a 10-20 minute electronic survey. Compensation will be up to $125 ($25 for the survey and $100 for the focus group).

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ACUPUNCTURE can help with...
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**FUN RUN/WALK**

Saturday, Aug. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

- Starts at uyxat Powwow Grounds, path will be marked.
- No pre-registration, just visit our table to begin.
- All registered individuals will receive a light breakfast and t-shirt. People who complete the entire walk will receive a moccasin keychain (while supplies last).
- Fun for the whole family!

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**WATER SAFETY TIPS**

- **NEVER SWIM ALONE.** Even though you may be a good swimmer!
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- **WEAR** a life jacket when boating, jet skiing, water skiing, rafting or fishing.
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**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:**
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**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINE BASICS**

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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:
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For information call: 503-879-2037
Public welcome.

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