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Leno, Mercier re-elected; Haller tops Langley by one vote for third seat

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

isa Leno and Chris Mercier won decisive victories in the Tribal Council election, but only one vote separated incumbent Michael Langley and challenger Matthew Haller.

Following a recount on Saturday, Sept. 9, Haller was declared the winner with 585 votes to Langley's 584.

Langley, 56, was vying for his third consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council. He had been serving as Tribal Council secretary since September 2021.

"Congratulations to all of the candidates, especially Chris, Lisa and Matt," he said. "For Veronica and Chris, even choosing to run takes courage and is worthy of kudos. While it has been a demanding job, it has been an honor to serve our Tribe the last six years. I'm proud of what we accomplished. I will always wish for the best outcomes for the decisions this Tribal Council will be making. There is much too important work ahead to ever make it about anything other than good performance."



Chris Mercier

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Haller, 34, the owner of Wildwood

"Thank you for believing in and

supporting me during my cam-

Hotel in Willamina, was a first-time

Lisa Leno

paign," he said. "In the next three years. I promise to give every single

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Contributed photo by Thomas Sievers/City of Springfield Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Marta Clifford received the History Maker Award from Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon on Tuesday, Sept. 5, during the

Community Fund tops \$95 million

Ophelia's Place says grant awards are crucial to fulfilling its mission

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor pirit Mountain Community Fund awarded almost \$1.5 million in grants on Wednesday, Sept. 13, during its second in-person check presentation in more than three years held in the Governance Center Atrium.

The Community Fund receives 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and awards that money to nonprofits in 11 northwest Oregon counties to fund efforts in the areas of arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon under the fund's Tribal Grants program.





City Council meeting.

History maker

Tribal Elder Marta Clifford honored

By Dean Rhodes

Publications coordinator

PRINGFIELD – Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Marta Lu Clifford received the History Maker Award as part of the second annual Springfield Heritage Awards that were handed out during the Tuesday, Sept. 5, City Council meeting by Springfield Mayor Sean VanGordon.

The Heritage Awards were developed in 2022 by the Springfield Historic Commission and the Springfield History Museum to recognize an array of stewardship activities that increase awareness, appreciation and support of an inclusive perspective regarding local heritage.

There are two award categories – the Preservation Excellence Award and the History Maker

See AWARD continued on page 8 As of the third quarter of 2023, the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving now exceeds \$95 million.

The Community Fund was created as part of the Tribe's gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by an eight-member Board of Trustees that includes Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Brenda Tuomi and Michael Cherry, who is also a former Community Fund director.

Tribal Council members who attended the check presentation included Chairwoman

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Ophelia's Place Executive Director Laura Sanchez sorts beads that will be used to make jewelry at the Eugene location on Friday, Sept. 8. The organization helps girls enhance their emotional health, manage life challenges and learn more about themselves. The nonprofit received a \$50,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund during its quarterly check presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

> Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tuomi, Cherry, Kathleen George, Jon A. George and newly elected Matthew Haller. Eugene-based Ophelia's Place is one of the Community Fund's beneficiaries, receiving a \$50,000 grant on Wednesday for its partnerships with Albany schools to promote positive female youth development.

Ophelia's Place was founded as a nonprofit in 2005 by biologist and community advocate Ro-

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1

Tribal Council Chambers

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

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

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed Friday, Sept. 22, in observance of National Native American Day.

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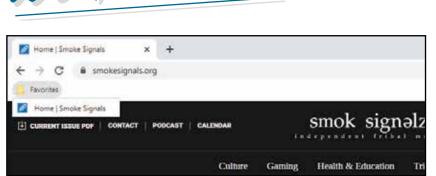
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kwayts-mun (September)

- Friday, Sept. 15 Family Movie Night, 7:30 p.m., old powwow grounds. "Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse." Popcorn and drinks provided.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 Facebook Live, 11 a.m., via Facebook. Discussion of Tribe's new MOU with the state of Oregon regarding fishing and hunting. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 22 Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.
- Monday, Sept. 25 Family Night Out, 3:30-6:30 p.m., old powwow grounds in front of Governance Center. Rain or shine event. 503-879-2034.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

tałlam-mun (October)

- Sunday, Oct. 1 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4-5 History and Culture Summit, 8 a.m. to noon with afternoon breakout sessions and an optional plankhouse dinner Wednesday. Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center and via Zoom. Advance registration required for in-person events at www.chachalu.org.
- Monday, Oct. 9 Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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

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Blessed



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Youth Empowerment & Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout leaves tobacco outside of the Warriors of Hope program expansion during a blessing for the new offices on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The \$1.6 million, 2,100-square-foot addition to the Tribal Community Center is the new home to the program that serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence. During the blessing, Chachalu Manager Travis Stewart smudged the inside of the building while Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson, Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier and Tribal Council member Jon A. George sang a blessing song. Afterward, Warriors of Hope Program Manager Danielle Murrell, Social Services Department Manager Dana Ainam and Tribal Council members spoke briefly. Everyone who attended left tobacco in the building as a way to share their thoughts of what they wanted for the building and to acknowledge the work that has gone into it so far.

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MOA Hunting and Fishing in 2023

As part of the historic agreement with the State of Oregon, the Natural Resources Department (NRD) has been given authority to issue hunting tags in an expanded area outside of the Trask wildlife management unit. Effective October 2023, MOA Tags will be available for General Western Oregon Coast Buck **AND** the General Season Elk. Additionally, combined angling and harvest cards will be available.

♦ No application necessary.

 A new Hunting and Fishing license issued by the NRD will be required for hunters wishing to hunt a MOA tag. Expanded office hours for 2023 are 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday to Thursday. If additional accommodation is needed outside of these hours, please call 503-879-2424 for appointment.

• In-person pick up of tag is required.

Stay tuned Specific tag information in October 1 issue of *Smoke Signals*.

tible MOA areas include Trask, Wilamette, Stott Mountain, Wilson and Santiam (with modified eastem border) Wildlife Management Units. Eligible marine fishing zone 50 miles off the coast of Wilson, Trask and Stott Mountain units.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək^hmək 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 September food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. The Food Bank is closed on Friday, Sept. 22, for National Native American Day.

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-ofmonth 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. \blacksquare

Social Service's School clothing program opens

Social Service's school clothing program opened on July 30.

This is a first-come, first-served program and children who benefit must be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.

The child must be of school age and enrolled in school (preschool, elementary, middle or high school). Income criteria applies.

Contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for application.

Deadline for all applications is Friday, Sept. 29, 2023. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- Ceremonial Hunting Board meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- Culture Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam makhmak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29, remotely via Zoom. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial. Board@grandronde.org.



2018 – Tribal Council members, Tribal members and Tribal employees participated in a ceremony that blessed the future site of a fishing platform at Willamette Falls after receiving permission from the state to build the structure. Having a platform at the historic site in the Tribe's ceded lands had



the **2018**

File photo

been a goal since 1983's Restoration, and was in negotiations with the state for two years.

2013 – Willamina Elementary fourth-graders would soon receive instruction in Grand Ronde Tribal history for the first time. The pilot project included several 40-minute lessons that would teach Willamina youth about Tribal history from time immemorial through Termination in the 1950s, Restoration in the 1980s and modern-day status as a sovereign nation. The curriculum was created after the Tribe signed a memorandum of understanding with the Willamina School District.

2008 – Spirit Mountain Casino was doing better than most other large businesses in a down economy. During an update at a General Council meeting, Acting General Manager Roy Rhode said despite high gas prices and lagging consumer confidence in the U.S. economy, the casino's net revenue was higher in 2008 than in 2007.

2003 – Tribal members re-elected Cheryle A. Kennedy, and elected Jack Giffen Jr. to serve on Tribal Council. The third- and fourth-place candidates, Jan D. Reibach and Mark Mercier, were headed for a recount because there was less than one percent between their vote counts.

1998 – Cultural Resources Department staff, members of the Culture Board and community-based group Seekers worked together to provide a variety of cultural materials for the public during the Tribe's Contest Powwow. These included an interactive Chinuk Wawa display, and some illustrations of old Tribal photographs. Additionally, an initial draft for the proposed cultural center and museum was available for public comment at the powwow.

1993 – Tribal nursing assistant Darlene Aaron was recognized for five years of working for the Tribe. Aaron noted that she had seen many changes in that relatively short period of time. "When I first began working for the Tribe, everyone worked in the Manor. There were only about 25 employees and the Health Clinic was only open one day per week," she said.

1988 – Tribal enrollment reached 2,351, according to Enrollment Director Margo George. "Congratulations to all of our new members," she said. "I have been working on a computer program to automate and update the enrollment records. The enrollment clerk, Beverly Smith, issued 45 (Tribal identification) cards at the powwow." George also reminded Tribal members to look into the enrollment status of their children, and said that if they hadn't received a roll number, they were likely not enrolled yet.

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

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

To update information on this list, contact Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org. 🔊 WIFI HOTSPOTS 🥱

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Tribal Council swearing-in



Photos by Michelle Alaimo Newly re-elected Tribal Council member Chris Mercier is sworn in by Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick S. Melendy during the Tribal Council swearing-in ceremony in Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 13.



Newly re-elected Tribal Council member Lisa Leno is sworn in by Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick S. Melendy during the Tribal Council swearing-in ceremony.



Newly elected Tribal Council member Matthew Haller is sworn in by Tribal Court Chief Judge Patrick S. Melendy during the Tribal Council swearing-in ceremony.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

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, 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 email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Sept. 15, 2023. ■

FISH AND WILDLIFE ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance at the Sept. 6, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to reflect the terms of the memorandum of agreement for off-reservation and non-trust land hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering between the Tribe and the state of Oregon. The adoption of the amendments on an emergency basis will allow the Natural Resources Department to implement the changes for the 2023 hunting season. Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Tribal Council approves emergency Fish & Wildlife Ordinance amendment

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved an emergency amendment to the Fish & Wildlife Ordinance to implement a memorandum of agreement with the state Fish & Wildlife Commission for off-Reservation and non-trust land hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering during its Wednesday, Sept. 6, meeting.

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 fish, lamprey, shellfish and crustaceans, mammals and birds in the Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain and Santiam wildlife management units, taking pressure off the muchused Trask Management Area.

The emergency amendment will take effect immediately, allowing

ry, Denise Harvey and Brenda Tuomi to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees with terms expiring on Sept. 30, 2025;

- Approved an early work amendment for the installation of electrical switch gear and a generator at the Tribe's child care center project at a cost not to exceed \$261,375;
- Approved a first reading of the Tribe's Burial Fund Ordinance amendment to increase the benefit from \$7,000 to \$8,000;
- Approved final adoption of the Tribe's Gaming Ordinance amendments to change definitions of high security and primary management official gaming licenses, and revise license application and background investigation requirements to better reflect information currently necessary to safely operate the gaming facility;
- Approved a resolution to begin the fee-to-trust transfer process of the 113.87-acre South Yamhill 2 property located near Spirit Mountain Casino;

Comments must be received by Oct. 15, 2023. ■

BURIAL FUND ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the Sept. 6, 2023, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments increase the burial benefit from \$7,000 to \$8,000, and may also include minor technical (i.e., formatting, typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Oct. 15, 2023. ■

the implementation of a "scaled back" version of the MOA for the fall hunting season. Tribal members will still have 30 days to comment on the ordinance amendment.

"Our team is working hard to implement this for the 2023 hunting and fishing season," Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said during a Tuesday, Sept. 5, Legislative Action Committee meeting. "The emergency amendment will open a 30-day comment period and we hope to use these comments along with revisions that we know we will need for a larger program. We'll bring that larger ordinance update to (council) in 2024."

In other action, Tribal Council:

• Approved the reappointment of Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier and the reappointment of Tribal Council members Michael Cher-

- Approved the annual agricultural permits program for 2023-24 with an estimated amount of \$43,000 to be generated from the program;
- And approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

In other business, Tribal Council approved the issuance of a Tribal liquor license to the Happy Dragon Chinese Restaurant at Spirit Mountain Casino. Additionally, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier read a statement directing the Tribe's Housing Department to pause any actions regarding its pet policy in Tribal Housing until council has an opportunity to evaluate it.

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

RABBI TRUST FUND AND MINORS' CUSTODIAL TRUST FUND

This announcement is to inform you of the upcoming election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk. The election deadline is Sept. 21, 2023, and the investment period will be effective from Oct. 1, 2023, until modified.

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

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



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Haller, Langley result closest in Tribal Council election history

By Dean Rhodes

 $Publications\ coordinator$

The one-vote difference between challenger Matthew Haller and incumbent Tribal Council member Michael Langley during the Saturday, Sept. 9, election set a new benchmark as the closest race in Tribal Council election history.

After a recount, Haller received 585 votes to finish third while Langley tallied 584 votes and lost his seat on Tribal Council after serving two terms.

The previous record for closest race between third and fourth place during a Tribal Council election occurred in 2015 when Tribal Council member Jon A. George received two more votes than the late Steve Bobb Sr. - 434 to 432 - to capture a seat on Tribal Council.

A two-vote margin also occurred in 1997 when Val Grout edged Robert Haller 254-252 for the final seat on Tribal Council. Robert Haller is Matthew's grandfather. In 2016, Tribal Council member Denise Harvey edged Lisa Leno by three votes -557 to 554 – for a seat on Tribal Council. Merle Holmes also beat Merle Leno by three votes -72 to 69 – in 1991.

Senior Staff Attorney Deneen Aubertin Keller said that if a tie had occurred for the first time ever, the Election Ordinance would mandate that the Election Board ask whether one of the candidates wanted to withdraw. If neither did, a special runoff election would be held on the second Saturday in November.

Langley would have stayed on Tribal Council until the results of the runoff election were certified. In the event that neither of the candidates is an incumbent, the council seat would remain vacant until the runoff election winner is sworn in.

Matthew Haller becomes the 50th Tribal member to be elected to Tribal Council since 1983's Restoration. ■

Tribal Council selects Mercier for vice chair, Cherry as secretary

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

With just a week passing in between meetings, Tribal Council had a fairly light agenda on Wednesday, Sept. 13, with only three action items.

The shorter one-week period between meetings occurred because Tribal Council traditionally holds a meeting after new members are sworn into office.

Earlier in the day, incumbents Lisa Leno and Chris Mercier and first-time challenger Matthew Haller were sworn in for new three-year terms after taking the top three spots in the Sept. 9 election. Michael Langley, who served six years on Tribal Council, officially became a former Tribal Council member.

During the Tribal Council meeting, Mercier was re-appointed as vice chair and Michael Cherry was selected to serve as secretary. In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved extending an environmental consulting services agreement for Portland Harbor cleanup efforts from one year to three years;
- Approved a master services agreement between the Tribe's Human Resources Department and UKG, Inc. for software and software support;
- Approved re-appointing Andy Jenness and Matthew Kirkland to three-year terms on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors, with terms expiring on Sept. 30, 2025.

In other business, Tribal Council approved an application for a U.S. Forest Service Siuslaw Pollinator Grant for up to \$525,000 to help fund the Tribe's Native Plant Nursery expansion.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org

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Voter turnout was 29 percent

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member of our Tribe my all, equally. I will do my best to help our Tribe continue to advance in a positive direction for the betterment of us as a whole. I simply can't thank you enough."

Leno, 54, won her third consecutive three-year term on Tribal Council, finishing first with 873 votes.

"I would like to thank our membership for your love and support, and allowing me to serve you for the next three years," she said. "I am committed to work hard with our people to address the issues that impact us all."

Mercier, 48, captured his seventh-term on Tribal Council and will tie former Chairman Reyn Leno as the second longest-serving Tribal Council member at the conclusion of his term in September 2026.

Mercier, who was first elected to Tribal Council in 2004, finished second with 602 votes.

"As always, I am grateful to be trusted by the members," he said. "But the votes indicate that folks want to see some form of change, and we need to be mindful of that moving forward."

Other challengers in this year's election were Veronica Montano, 37, the Tribe's Budget Coordinator and former manager of the Member Services Department; and Chris Bailey, 46, a Tribal Cultural Protection Specialist.

Both were first-time candidates. Bailey finished with 420 votes and Montano finished with 349.

"I want to thank all the people that supported me this year," Bailey said. "Though the results weren't what I was hoping for, I'm still looking forward to the future and will continue to provide service to our people in other ways. Congratulations to the winners and I am hopeful that they will lead us with wisdom and compassion."

"I would like to congratulate this year's winners," Montano said. "This was a great learning opportunity, and I appreciate all of the help that I received along the way. Most importantly, I want to say thank you to all of the Tribal members who supported me this year. I am beyond grateful for your support and encouragement. I would also like to say thank you to all of the other Tribal members who voted." This year marked 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. Turnout was 29 percent with 1.295 ballots cast from 4.457 adult Tribal members. It marked the third year in a row that turnout dipped below 30 percent.

SEPT. 9, 2023, ELECTION RESULTS

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

LISA LENO CHRISTOPHER MERCIER MATTHEW HALLER 873 M 602 C 585 V

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ADVISORY VOTE QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Should the Tribe change the current enrollment requirements?

YES - 772 NO - 324

QUESTION # 2

Do you support the Tribe moving toward lineal descendancy for enrollment?

YES - 716 NO - 380

QUESTION # 3

Do you support the Tribe in moving toward a 4/4 blood quantum applied to a specific roll or date for enrollment?

YES - 458 NO - 595

QUESTION # 4

Do you support repealing and replacing the 1999 constitutional amendment requirements including: parent on the roll at the time of application, parent on the roll at time of birth and the Indian blood tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement?

YES - 627 NO - 421

QUESTION # 5

What constitutional amendment election would be your top choice for Tribal Council to pursue next?

(A) Lineal descendancy (B) 4/4 blood quantum (C) Repealing and replacing the 1999 constitutional amendment requirements including parent on the roll at the time of

Winners were sworn into office at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Governance Center Atrium.

Also on the ballot were five advisory votes. The results were:

• Should the Tribe change the current enrollment requirements?

application, parent on the roll at time of birth and the Indian blood tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement (D) None of the above?

(A) Lineal descendancy - 421 (B) 4/4 blood quantum - 194
(C) Repeal and replace - 156 (D) None of the above - 162

Total eligible voters – 4457 • Total ballots cast – 1295 Total percentage of eligible voters – 29%

772 yes and 324 no.

- Do you support the Tribe moving toward lineal descendancy for enrollment? 716 yes and 380 no.
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ing parent on the roll at the time of application, parent on the roll at time of birth and the Indian blood tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement? 627 yes and 421 no.

• What constitutional amendment election would be your top choice for Tribal Council to pursue next? Lineal descendancy, 4/4 blood quantum, repealing and replacing the 1999 constitutional amendment requirements including parents on the roll at the time of application, parent on the roll at time of birth and the Indian blood tied to the Restoration Roll ancestor requirement; or none of the above? Lineal descendancy, 421; 4/4 blood quantum, 194; repeal and replace, 156; and none of the above, 162. ■

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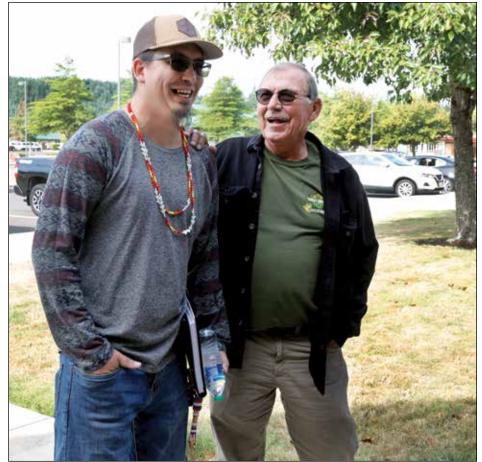


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Newly elected Tribal Council member Matthew Haller, left, is congratulated by Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. before the start of the General Council meeting held in Tribal Council Chambers on Sunday, Sept. 10. Haller received 585 votes, the third most votes in this year's Tribal Council election. Incumbent Michael Langley received 584 votes, bringing Haller the win by one vote.

General Council briefed on Spirit Mountain Casino

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier, Chief Operating Officer Clint Johnson and Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board Chairman Andy Jenness gave the first presentation of the 2023-24 General Council meeting cycle on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Mercier gave a 30-minute presentation in executive session and the trio then fielded 20 questions and comments from Tribal members in attendance.

Since the presentation was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot publish specific details.

In other action, Tribal Election Board member Michael Mercier delivered the Tribal Council election results from Saturday, Sept. 9, that saw two incumbents – Lisa Leno and Chris Mercier – re-elected to three-year terms. First-time challenger Matthew Haller secured the third seat, beating twoterm Tribal Council member Michael Langley by one vote.

The one-vote separation between candidates is the closest in an election since 1983's Restoration. The previous record for closest race between third and fourth place during a Tribal Council election occurred in 2015 when Tribal Council member Jon A. George received two more votes than the late Steve Bobb Sr. to capture a seat on Tribal Council.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct.

Clifford 'leads with joy, empathy and compassion for all those around her'

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Award. The latter "celebrates a person or entity that demonstrates leadership in shaping, preserving and fostering appreciation of local heritage – past, present and future."

Clifford, 71, has helped guide the city of Springfield and Willamalane Parks in crafting a land acknowledgement. She also supported a mural focused upon Indigenous history in the mid-Willamette Valley and designed and organized the annual Red Dress Poetry in the Park event that honors missing and murdered Indigenous women.

"Marta has devoted her life's work to bringing awareness of Native American issues in and around the city of Springfield and strives to be a good caretaker of Kalapuya Illihi," said Stephanie Tabibian (Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley Indian Reservation), an education assistant director at the University of Oregon's College of Education, in her nominating letter, citing Clifford's work on Poetry in the Park held at Springfield's Heron Park.

Tabibian said that Clifford juggles her volunteer activities while also working a full-time job.

"Marta also collaborates with Willamalane, providing guidance on appropriate land acknowledgements and park signage, and conducting Kalapuya Talking

Stones tours for staff. In addition to all this, and a full-time job, she is the Elder-in-Residence at the University of Oregon Theatre Department and the Native American and Indigenous Studies Academic Residential Community. Whenever there is a community discussion regarding making improvements for Indigenous and Tribal representation in Springfield, Marta is there – always willing to assist, teach and provide feedback. She leads with joy, empathy and compassion for all those around her."

In addition, Clifford and Theresa May, University of Oregon professor of Theatre Arts, co-founded the Illioo Native Theatre, which celebrates and showcases Native, First Nations and Indigenous dramatists and artists through productions, concert readings and workshops.

Illioo recently received \$52,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation to support "Blue-Jay's Canoe," a new form of play developed in collaboration with Oregon Indigenous community members and knowledge holders, and focusing on water-related lifeways of Oregon's Indigenous peoples.

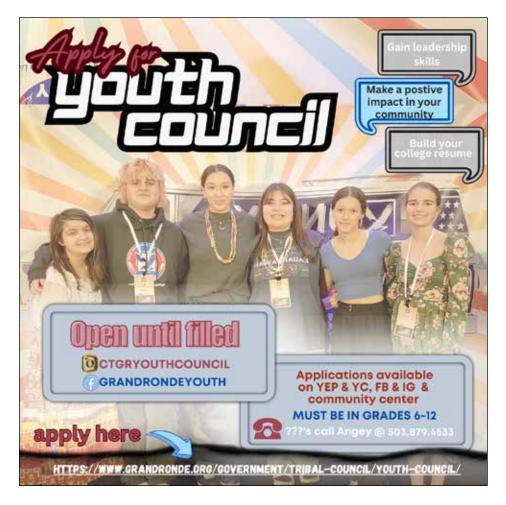
Clifford, who works full-time as a government procurement specialist for the Government Contract Assistance Program, lives in Springfield with her husband, Al. ■

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. ■



1, and will feature an annual presentation on the Tribe's endowments.

Haylee Dehart, Mike Portwood and David Leno won the \$100 door prizes and Deborah Good, Kelli Matthews, Mike Wilson, Emma Leno and Peter Grout won the \$50 prizes.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos.

Tribal members wanting to see the executive session portion should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@ grandronde.org or call 503-879-2304. ■



Casino seeking Marketplace vendors

Spirit Mountain Casino is seeking vendors for the upcoming Spirit Mountain Marketplace, which will celebrate Native American heritage, craftsmanship and community.

The one-time event, set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13-14, is an opportunity to showcase handmade creations and network with like-minded individuals.

The Marketplace is seeking Native American and community members who create handmade products that are at least 80 percent crafted by hand or produced locally. To secure a place, vendors should contact Jeffrey Sittisuphachoke at 503-879-3893 to obtain details and confirm a spot as a vendor.

Fees, rules and guidelines will be available to sign, along with a table assignment, at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13. Marketplace spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Vendor fee will be \$30 and provides access to one table, one Flex linen, two chairs and a black linen to cover the table overnight. A second table will be available for an additional \$10 fee.

The Marketplace will be located in the Events Center hallway with space for 36 vendor tables. Table placement will be determined through a lottery process on Friday, Oct. 13. Additional space up to 5 feet beside and in front of tables will be available for clothing racks.

In addition, vendors can temporarily park vehicles in the roundabout behind the hotel for unloading and loading between 9 and 10 a.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., respectively.

Vendors also will need to comply with local health and safety regulations, display their goods professionally and maintain a clean, inviting booth with transparent pricing and outstanding customer service.

"We aim to create an inclusive and vibrant marketplace that honors the craftsmanship of Native American and local artisans," the casino said in a press release. "We hope these guidelines provide clarity and excitement as we prepare to host the Marketplace."

For any questions or more information, contact Sittisuphachoke 503-879-3893. ■



New Fellow



Photo by Kamiah Koch

Klamath Tribal member and Spirit Mountain Community Fund 2023-24 Hatfield Fellow Jordan Harrington introduced himself to Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, right, in Tribal Council's conference room on Friday, Sept. 8, while Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie looks on. Harrington, a recent University of Oregon graduate, will be joining Oregon U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden's office in Washington, D.C. Harrington will serve as the Spirit Mountain Community Fund's 24th Hatfield Fellow. The Grand Ronde Tribe established the Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship in 1998 as a tribute to Hatfield to honor his accomplishments as Oregon governor and U.S. senator. Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a Native American to serve as the fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office, enhancing the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

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David Lewis writes histories of Willamette Valley Tribes

By Dean Rhodes

Publications coordinator

SALEM – Former Tribal Historian David Lewis sits inside the IKE Box Café, his ever-present laptop computer to his left.

He's just a few blocks from the state Capitol, which is adorned with an 8.5-ton bronze sculpture with gold leaf finish of an Oregon pioneer that honors the European settlers who poured into the Willamette Valley in the mid-19th century and stole Tribal peoples' land, displaced those Natives who survived disease and starvation to Reservations, and at times killed Tribal peoples for just trying to survive on what had been their ancestral homelands.

It's a disturbing history that is told well in Lewis' immensely readable new book, "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley," which will be released on Nov. 14 by Ooligan Press.

Although the old adage, sometimes attributed to English Prime Minister Winston Churchill, states that history is written by the victors, some 170 years after European settlers invaded the Willamette Valley and made it their own, the other side of the story is being told in greater depth and detail by Tribal descendants.

Lewis, 58, is an assistant professor of Anthropology & Indigenous Studies at Oregon State University in Corvallis and has been researching and writing about Willamette Tribal history for years.

His new 240-page book takes a deep dive into the separate stories of the numerous Tribes that eventually confederated and ended up at the Grand Ronde Indian Reser-

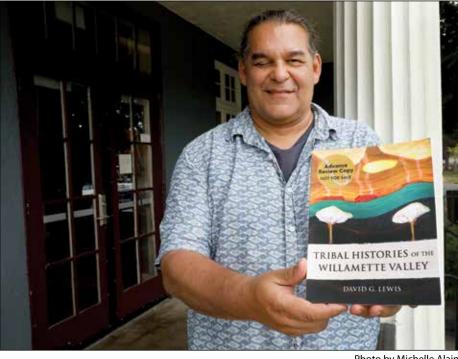


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Tribal Elder David Lewis has written a book titled "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley." The release date is Nov. 14.

vation in the mid-1850s.

"I dedicate this book to the Tribal People of Western Oregon, who deserve to be told the truth about their history," he writes at the beginning of the book.

The book also includes information that rewrites many of the facts currently told about the history of Willamette Valley Tribes. For instance, instead of eight people dying and eight children being born on the Trail of Tears march from Table Rock to Grand Ronde in early 1856, Lewis found that the actual number was only seven on both accounts, according to the journal of removal.

"After I left the Tribe back in 2014, I started doing a lot of research on Tribal history," Lewis



says about the genesis of the book. "Not just at Grand Ronde, but all over ... all of the different Tribes of western Oregon."

From that research, he started writing the histories, eventually compiling more than 500 essays.

"So I decided to take those essays and just reformulate them into chapters in the book," Lewis says.

The essay approach makes "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" imminently readable as people are able to consume the information in small bites and are not forced to read 20-page chunks of information in one sitting.

Lewis said he is hoping the book can be used in high school history classes as well as his own Kalapuya Studies courses taught at Oregon State.

"When I came into Grand Ronde, there really wasn't a good history of the Tribe," Lewis says. "So I developed that along with people like Eirik Thorsgard. We helped develop that history and since then I have been adding to it, adding more pieces to it. What I have discovered through my research is not just for my Tribe, but all the Tribes, they're not really well researched or written about. In fact, some of the histories may be wrong.

"I think (the book) fills in more of that history of colonization because most of the books about the Tribes are about either the Kalapuyas in the past or don't really follow the Tribes into the late 19th or early 20th century. I follow them into the events that were occurring in the midst of colonization and just after colonization, and what happens on the Reservation." Lewis' book paints a dismal picture of the first inhabitants of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. who were victims of federal government ineptitude and poorly treated. "The first year of the Oregon reservations was chaotic," he writes. "The expediency of creating the reservations to alleviate several wars was perhaps too quick and too complex for the federal government to respond with full support. ... The lack of preparation of the expenses needed for removal and care of so many Native people was apparent. The many problems created by a

sudden change in the living environment for the tribes was also not well understood or anticipated. Few foresaw the problems with nutrition or illnesses, likely caused by exposing remote Indian groups to Tribes from regions hundreds of mile apart."

"It was really, really horrible how people were being treated," Lewis says, adding that around 500 Natives "disappeared" in the first few years of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation. He thinks they either left the Reservation and re-assimilated into the settler culture, or they died from the strange food and harsh living conditions, such as having only a tent between them and the Coast Range winter.

He also draws an interesting through line from the Native Americans' loss of land and the accompanying intergenerational trauma to the continuing intergenerational poverty of Tribal peoples that continues to this day.

"Tribal people in Oregon today are commonly quite poor, unable to advance into the middle class," he writes. "The actions of the United States and its citizenry have continually impoverished the Tribes and their people for the past nearly 200 years. Few Native people own land, have access to enough land to practice their culture, or know the history of how their family got to their position.

"This was not the case for the settlers in Oregon. These settler families benefitted greatly from free land and labor for a pittance ... They built agriculture, industries, cities, and great amounts of wealth and power for themselves. The descendants who have retained wealth based on their land holdings and the wealth of their pioneer ancestors now have extensive resources that continue to benefit each generation."

Other interesting historical facts include that Indian Agent Joel Palmer was pressured out of his job because he was seen as too sympathetic to Native Americans' plight and that Indian agents had to travel to San Francisco to cash a federal bank draft to buy the supplies for the fledgling reservations because there was no bank in Oregon.

hayu-munk skukum will be offering after-school and no-school day programming for the 2023-2024 school year. This program is intended for students entering kindergarten through 5th grade who are enrolled in the Willamina and Sheridan school districts.

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"Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" also features Greg Robinson (Chinook) artwork on the cover.

Ooligan Press is affiliated with Portland State University and staffed by students pursuing master's degrees in an apprenticeship program under the guidance of publishing professionals. "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" is available for pre-order via Amazon and other book-selling sites for \$24.95.

"The full history of those who have lived in the Willamette Valley since time immemorial is one that needs to be told," says Kerry Tymchuk, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society. "'Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley' brings to light a heretofore largely untold story of courage and resilience. It should be required reading for all who want to understand the true history of Oregon."

Fund awarded 3,259 grants in 26 years

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saria Haugland, who believed that prevention-based services dedicated to helping girls ages 10 to 18 make healthy life choices through empowerment, education and support were essential. She and her family remain involved with the organization in various ways.

The organization has three locations – Eugene, Junction City and Albany – where it provides after-school drop-in services, social-emotional learning activities, therapy, parent education and referrals.

The \$50,000 grant from the Community Fund will go toward increased access to behavioral health resources for girls and teenagers at the Albany location through sitebased and school-based resources.

These services will include individual therapy, therapy groups, empowerment groups, classroom presentations for all youth, and after and non-school day activities and workshops. Services are offered on a sliding scale or free of charge, including at local school districts.

"We believe that cost should never be a barrier to any girl who wants to come here," Executive Director Laura Sanchez said. "That goes for our school district partnerships, too."

The organization opened its Albany location in 2022.

"There is a real unmet need for youth services there," Sanchez said. "My primary goal is to reach the kids who are the hardest to reach and we're looking at ways to make our programs more equitable in general."

Since most of the organization's funding comes through donations and grants, being a \$50,000 beneficiary of the Community Fund is extremely helpful to achieving their mission, Sanchez said.

"I want to give a huge thank you to them for supporting our work," she said. "We can't do of it without funders like these. Specifically in Albany, we're still trying to get our foot in the door and let the community know who we are, so this grant is really important. ... There's a big benefit for the girls knowing there is a space just for them, and coming to a space that is open and welcoming. The hope is that all who come here feel hopeful, validated and safe."



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Transformations by Salem Angels Executive Director Brooke Goldsby, right, shakes hands with Tribal Council member and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees member Brenda Tuomi during the fund's quarterly check presentation held in the Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, Sept. 13. The nonprofit received a \$20,000 grant to recruit mentors for youth in foster care in Marion and Polk counties.

Community Fund is all about. ... These quarterly get-togethers are some of our absolutely favorite days."

Sears introduced Community Fund employees: Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie, Administrative Assistant Pamela Warren-Chase and Grants Coordinator Jesse Knight.

The approximately 50 attendees then watched a video on the history of the Tribe. After the video, representatives from three organizations – Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies, Transformation by Salem Angels and Vision to Learn – gave brief descriptions about what their organization seeks to do in the community.

Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies works with children with development disabilities through a nature-based program while Transformation by Salem Angels supports the foster family community in Marion and Polk counties by recruiting mentors to help provide foster youth with more normalcy and stability in their lives. Counties, A Family for Every Child of Eugene, Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence of Corvallis and Willamette Riverkeeper of Oregon City.

Small grant recipients were:

- Admire Teachers of Portland, \$6,000, for resources for Title 1 students and staff;
- Bloomin' Boutique of Oregon City, \$7,500, for clothing and supplies for children from low-income families in distress;
- Center for Community Counseling of Eugene, \$7,500, for child abuse prevention;
- Connecting from the Heart of Lane County, \$3,000, for its Surviving and Thriving in Times of Darkness program;
- Kindred Matters of Salem, \$4,000, for the Lane County KINnect program;
- Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program of Portland, \$7,000, for creating opportunities for underserved youth through health education;
- Neskowin Valley School, \$7,500.

- Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies Inc. of Canby, \$50,000, for its nature-based therapy expansion project for children and families;
- Open School Inc. of Portland, \$50,000, for its workforce and life skills program;
- Ophelia's Place of Eugene, \$50,000, for its Albany partnership program to promote positive female youth development;
- Oregon Mind Body Institute of Eugene, \$10,000, for a mindfulness-based mental health video series;
- Oregon Native American Chamber of Portland, \$50,000, for its clean energy and green construction program;
- Reality Kitchen Nonprofit of Eugene, \$30,000, for its Indigenous home cooking project;
- St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County Inc., \$100,000, for its Green Lane trauma-informed services of veterans with mental illness project;
- Transformations by Salem Angels, \$20,000, for mentorship for youth in foster care;
- Vision to Learn of Multnomah County, \$75,000, for vision care access for Multnomah Education Service District students;
- Yakona Learning Center of Newport, \$62,000, for its Creating Connections program.
- Tribal grant recipients were:
- Burns-Paiute Tribe, \$100,000, for its economic development build-ing;
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw, \$100,000, for its Native Language Enhancement Program;
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz, \$100,000, for operationalizing Ghii Dee-Ne Dvn, A Place for the People;
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, \$100,000, for its nature playground project;
- Coquille Indian Tribe, \$100,000, for a behavioral health suite remodel at its Ko-Wel Wellness Center;
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, \$100,000, for the renewal of its museum's HVAC system and support for 2024 Camp Naimuma;

Check presentation

Community Fund Director Angie Sears welcomed the approximately 50 attendees to the event.

The check presentation opened with a prayer and flute song from Tribal Council member Jon A. George.

Tribal Council member Kathleen George, who is a former director of Spirit Mountain Community Fund, said that the Community Fund continues the Native tradition of potlatch of sharing the bounty.

"These quarterly check presentations are such a joy to us, celebrating you and your work," George said. "The work that you do in your communities is what Spirit Mountain Vision to Learn National Director Damian Carroll said his organization will use its \$75,000 Community Fund grant to outfit its 51st mobile vision clinic that will visit schools and provide free eye exams, vision care and glasses to youth in need.

After the three presentations, Knight and Schlappie announced the grant recipients.

During the check distribution portion, the Community Fund awarded 10 small grants worth \$65,000, 15 large grants worth \$707,000 and seven Tribal grants worth \$700,000.

Additionally, \$25,000 in annual Youth Grantmaking grants were awarded at a check presentation in August by the Community Fund's summer youth interns. The organizations selected were Hearts with a Mission of Newport, CASA-Voices for Children of Benton & Lincoln for its Tech for Teachers program;

- Network Charter School of Eugene, \$7,500, its outdoor credit recovery adventure program;
- Solid Strides of Eugene, \$7,500, for equine facilities learning training;
- Unlock the Arts of Portland, \$7,500, for its writing kinship program.

Large grant recipients were:

- AC Portland, \$35,000, for its STEM to Engage and Empower Girls for Success program;
- Adelante Mujeres of Forest Grove, \$50,000, for ensuring school readiness in Latino children;
- CASA for Children of Multnomah County, \$50,000, for more CASAs for children in foster care;
- Family Justice Center of Washington County, \$25,000, for family support services;
- Hearts With a Mission of Lincoln County, \$50,000, for its safe families for children program;

• Klamath Tribes, \$100,000, for its public safety headquarters infrastructure project.

Three beaded necklaces made by the Community Fund's summer youth interns were raffled off to Hearts With a Mission, Network Charter School and Unlock the Arts. An Ikanum saddle blanket designed by Travis Stewart went to Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program.

Cherry gave closing remarks after the grant awardees were announced.

"This is one of my favorite presentations to do," Cherry said. "And I want to thank you all for your gift of time and gift of service."

During the past 26 years, the Community Fund has awarded 3,259 grants totaling more than \$95.9 million. ■

Includes information by Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.

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| Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on August 17, 2023; | for) |
| THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOW: The Petition does does not meet the requirements of the Name Change Ordinance, Chapter 303 and the Petition is dismissed granted: | NOLEN RAY CRISS-LAWSON |
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| within the past twelve (12) months: The Petitioner does does does not have creditors or a former spouse to whom and obligation is owed under a divorce decree. | Having now reviewed the records and files herein and testimony of Petitioner and witnesses, the Court finds as follows: |
| NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: | The Petition meets does not meet the requirements of the Name Change |
| The Petition for Name Change is not granted and is dismissed without prejudice. The Petition for Name Change granted and Petitioner's name is changed from KERMA MARIE LANGLEY to KERMA MARIE CONTRERAS. | Ordinance and ☑ is □ is not in the best interest of the Child and □ the Petition is dismissed ☑ The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Tribe's Name Change |
| The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal | Ordinance, Chapter 303, Section (c). |
| Newsletter; The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment Office and to the State Department of Vital Statistics Office in the state in | Petitioner is over 18 years of age and is the parent or legal guardian of the minor Child. The Child is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde |
| which Petitioner was born. | Community of Oregon. The Child has not been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the last |
| DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023. | twelve months. ✓ No objection An objection to the Petition has been filed by any parent or legal guardian of the minor Child and □ no objection □ an objection was raised at today's hearing. |
| /s/ Patrick S Melendy | |
| Patrick S Melendy | NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: ☐ The Petition for Name Change 	is granted 	is dismissed. |
| Chief Judge | The name of the minor Child is changed from NOLEN RAY CRISS-LAWSON to NOLEN RAY LAWSON. |
| | That the Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the |
| 2 IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES | Tribal Newsletter. Image: The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the |
| 3 OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON | Tribal Enrollment Office. That the Clerk of the Court shall provide a certified copy of this Order to be submitted |
| 4 In The Matter of:) Case No.: 23 COOO8 | to the Registrar of Vital Statistics in the state in which the minor child was born. |
| | That the Petitioner, on behalf of the minor child, shall surrender all old Tribal identification cards bearing applicant's former name to the Tribal Enrollment Office |
| 6 <u>Harron Huerodo Hindersen 3</u> ⁶ ,) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE Petitioner.) [ADULT] | prior to the enrollment office issuing the minor child a new Tribal identification cards |
| 7 | bearing the minors Child's new name. That within sixty days of the date of this Order the Tribal Enrollment Staff and if |
| 8 | necessary the Tribal Enrollment Committee shall cause new Tribal identification to be issued to Petitioner on behalf of the minor Child showing the new name of the Tribal |
| 9 NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS: | Member and shall change the official membership roll and all official enrollment records of the Tribe to reflect the minor Child's new name as stated in this Order. |
| 10 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on | records of the Tribe to reflect the minor Child's new name as stated in this Order. |
| 11 the <u>8th</u> day of <u>September</u> , 20 <u>13</u> , requesting that Petitioner's name be 12 changed from <u>Haron Humado Anderson JR</u> to | DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023. |
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| | |
| 14 The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause | |
| 15 why the name change chould as chould not be granted. Any person objecting to the nurnesed | /s/ Patrick S Melendy Patrick S. Melendy |
| 16 17 name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of | Chief Judge |
| publication of this Notice, as to why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed | |
| 19 change of name. | |
| DATED this $\frac{3}{21}$ day of <u>September</u> , 20 <u>23</u> . | have much skulkum |
| Aavon Alwaredo Anderson Jr | hayu-munk skukum |
| 23 24 24 | Youth Center |
| | 6-12 grade students, join us After-School! |
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CULTU ED

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.

Plus, check out the tribal calendar for a quick glance of upcoming events and classes.

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!

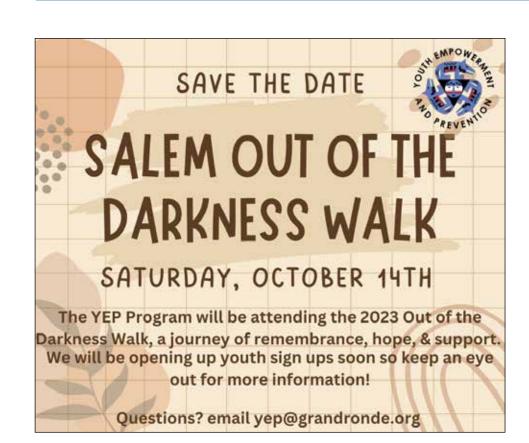
Search Facebook for Grand Ronde Cultrual Education Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar

We look forward to seeing you for our 2023-24 After-School 6-12 $\,$ Grade Drop In Youth Center, beginning on Sept. 5, 2023. Rides home will be given for students residing in Tribal housing and the Grand Ronde area. Use link to let us know that you are interested in attending during the upcoming school year!



Apply Here https://bit.ly/2023-2024afterschool or scan the QR code to apply!

For more information please reach out to us at 503-879-2101 or youthenrichment@grandronde.org





Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. **Board of Director's Position Openings**

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. ("SMGI"), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde"), operates Spirit Mountain Casino - the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas-style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest's premier casinos. Grand Ronde invites applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There are two board seats expiring on Sept. 30, 2023.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. The board oversees strategic planning, overall fiscal accountability, budgets and operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The SMGI Board meets monthly. From time-to-time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, which are held at Spirit Mountain Casino - although participation by telephone will occasionally be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position and a solid understanding of the Portland-metro and Salem area economies. Experience in the following areas is also preferred: gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is required. Preference will be given to gualified Tribal members. Submission Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their gualifications, a résumé and three references to:

Stacia Hernandez, Chief of Staff Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 Phone: 503-879-2304 Email: stacia.martin@grandronde.org

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.

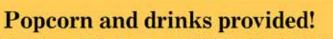


THOMPSON PRAIRIE RESTORATION STAFF SERVICE EVENT

NIGHT Bring your chairs and blankets and join us Friday, September 15th @ 7:30PM* at the Old Powwow Grounds



SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE



*Movie start time will be after sunset which is estimated at 7:35PM

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



Parking: Parking will be available at Chachalu. From there it is a half mile walk to the site.

Shuttle is available for those with limited mobility. Contact Annaliese Ramthun@grandrond e.org to sign up

What to Bring:

- hat to Bring: Water Clothing that can get slightly dirty and is appropriate for the temperature Comfortable shoes for walking Work gloves if you have them- we will have a limited supply available

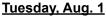


SEPT. 21 10 A.M. – Noon After 3rd **QUARTER SERVICE AWARDS**



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- A welfare check occurred in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- 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 30400 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a disturbance call in the 8300 block of King Road.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A civil assist was conducted in the 200 block of Ead Creek.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 48400 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 23000 block Yamhill River Road.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Blacktail Drive.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported 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 on a domestic disturbance call in the area of North Street.

Thursday, Aug. 3

- An animal complaint was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A noise complaint was reported at Big Buck campground.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted with a lockout in the 9500 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, Aug. 4

- Trespassing was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 22900 block of Spirit Mountain Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a traffic stop on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

• Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Saturday, Aug. 5

- Animal nuisance was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 19.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a vehicle that eluded police on Highway 18 near milepost 30.

Sunday, Aug. 6

• Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road. Tuesday, Aug. 8
- Officers responded to a noise complaint in the area of Blacktail Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
 A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River
- Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Traffic assist was conducted in the area of Agency Creek near milepost 4.
 Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

- Officers responded to a crash on Grand Ronde Road near A Ackerson Road.
- · Criminal mischief was reported in the area of South Street.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Fire Hall Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Aug. 10

- A welfare check occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- Trespassing was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Fire Hall Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the area of Andy Riggs and Grand Ronde roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Aug. 11

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the area of North Street.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 5.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 6.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing was reported at Big Buck campground.

Saturday, Aug. 12

- A disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 29000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Sexual assault was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a menacing call in the 900 block of Sheridan Road.
- · Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 28.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. **Sunday, Aug. 13**
- Officers assisted medical personnel in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A traffic assist occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Warrant service occurred on Grand Ronde and Tyee roads.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a vehicle that had a subject who was possibly overdosing.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Blacktail Drive.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 29300 block of Salmon River Highway.



- Officers responded to a civil dispute in the 48700 block of Eagle Loop.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 33.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Mill Street.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A missing person was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- A civil dispute was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26. Monday, Aug. 7
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- Officers responded to a vehicle crash on Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- A welfare check occurred in the 8900 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A civil stand-by occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A welfare check occurred in the 48200 block of Eagle Loop.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Monday, Aug. 14

- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Disorderly conduct was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- A driving complaint was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 22.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in locating a suicidal subject on Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 22.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- Trespassing was reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing was reported on Highway 18 near Fire Hall Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 5.

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- · Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- · Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 27700 block of McPherson Road.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- Disorderly conduct was reported on Highway 18 near Hebo Road.
- · Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Assault was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Warrant service occurred on Grand Ronde and Tyee roads.
- · Citizen contact occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- · Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, Aug. 17

- A contempt of court arrest occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A disturbance was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- An animal complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 24.

Friday, Aug. 18

- An officer assisted an outside agency with a traffic stop on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- · A missing person was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A disturbance was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

Saturday, Aug. 19

- · Officers responded to a vehicle crash on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A hit-and-run was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- · Child neglect was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A vehicle crash was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A fight was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Sunday, Aug. 20
- A traffic assist occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A welfare check occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- · Suspicious activity was reported on Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- · Lost property was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- · Disorderly conduct was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A fight was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A welfare check occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 21.
- Trespassing was reported in the 27900 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A hit-and-run was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.

Monday, Aug. 21

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24

- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic hazard was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Trespassing was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Ordinance call at Big Buck campground.

Saturday, Aug. 26

- Trespass was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- An animal complaint was reported in the area of Highway 18 near Fire Hall Road.
- Trespass was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Theft was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A welfare check occurred in the 200 block of Ead Creek Loop.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- Trespassing was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A restraining order violation was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Found property was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a trespass call in the 500 block of Oak Street.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 900 block of Main Street in Willamina with reported vehicle prowlers.
- · An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.

Monday, Aug. 28

- Citizen contact occurred in the 8800 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · A traffic assist occurred on Fire Hall Road.
- · Suspicious activity was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- · Warrant service occurred in the 9100 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 20.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 200 block of Schley Street.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · An animal complaint was reported in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 22000 block of Forestry Road with locating a missing child.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9800 block of Hebo Road.
- · Citizen contact occurred on Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 200 block of Harrison Street in Willamina.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · A traffic assist occurred on Grand Ronde Road.
- · Lost property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Suspicious activity was reported at Big Buck campground.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A disturbance was reported on Grand Ronde and A Ackerson roads.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency with an emotionally disturbed person in the 29000 block of Joe Day Way.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A noise complaint was reported in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

- Menacing was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Warrant service was conducted in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespass was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Thursday, Aug. 24
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Warrant service was conducted in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.

Friday, Aug. 25

Trespassing was reported at Big Buck campground.

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · A domestic disturbance was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the area of Finn Road in Sheridan.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a warrant service in the 54000 block of Hebo Road.
- A traffic assist was conducted on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 26600 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, Aug. 31

- Criminal mischief was reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Office Angel Arenas.



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PACT ACT Claims Event

Hosted by Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Veterans Program Grand Ronde Community Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Honoring Our Promise - Increasing Awareness Veterans Benefits Administration personnel and VA examiners will be on site to process benefit claims, conduct exams (in some scenarios for the claim) and help answer questions you may have regarding VA compensation and pension benefits. No appointments required. Questions: Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer at 503-879-1484 or Terry Bentley, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations at 541-537-0213 (cell).





Walking On...

<u>Other passings</u> **Bobbie Jo Ann Workman**

July 12, 1966 - Aug. 30, 2023

Tribal Elder Bobbie Jo Ann Workman passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at the age of 57.

Columbia Funeral Service in Longview, Wash., is assisting the family. Funeral service details were not available at presstime.

Eldon B. Farlow Sr.

April 14, 1953 – Sept. 10, 2023

Tribal Elder Eldon B. Farlow Sr. passed away on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, at the age of 70.

Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland, Ore., is assisting the family. Funeral service details were not available at presstime.

Jeanne M. Snyder

Feb. 13, 1947 - Sept. 6, 2023 Tribal Elder Jeanne M. Snyder passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at

the age of 76.

Funeral Alternatives of Washington is assisting the family. Funeral service details were not available at presstime.

Community Health Program Services







U.S. Department Veterans Affairs

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3:30 - 6:30 PM











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EVENT DATE & TIME/S:

- Speak with a VA representative
- Get answers to VA claim and benefits questions

😿 File your claim

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Thursday, Sept. 28

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

LOCATION:

Grand Ronde Community Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

POINT OF CONTACT:

Name/s Ramona Quenelle

PHONE NUMBER:

503-879-1484 or email: CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org



Watchlist: 'Bad Press' trailer

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

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

Smoke Signals staff, two members of the Editorial Board and a Tribal Council member attended the Indigenous Journalists Association's annual conference in Winnipeg, Canada, in August.

One of the conference activities was a special screening of the documentary "Bad Press." To our surprise, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and *Smoke Signals* received a shout-out in the film.

The film focuses on the Muscogee Nation's journey to a constitutional amendment establishing a free press for its Tribal news organization, Mvskoke Media, after the Tribe's Free Press Act was repealed abruptly under suspicious circumstances by the Muscogee National Council in 2018.

The documentary follows Angel Ellis, a Muscogee (Creek) Tribal member and Mvskoke Media journalist who advocates for a constitutional amendment securing freedom of the press for her Tribe.

During the documentary's trailer, text overlaying a map of America with the Tribal nations shaded in states, "Out of 574 federally recognized Tribes, only five have passed laws protecting freedom of the press."

In the trailer, Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton, a Cherokee Nation Tribal member and freelance reporter, talks about how censorship is not something you expect to hear about in America since the First Amendment of the Constitution protects freedom of speech and press. However, because Tribal nations have sovereignty, that free press protection from the First Amendment is not guaranteed on Tribal lands.

In the trailer, Krehbiel-Burton lists the Tribal nations with codified press protections: Navajo Nation, Cherokee Nation, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Osage Nation and (only recently) Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

During the screening, journalists from those named Tribal nations let out "whoops" and cheers, including *Smoke Signals* staff and the present Editorial Board members.

Filming for the documentary started soon after the Muscogee Nation had its Free Press Act repealed in 2018, and during that time Mvskoke Media employees were instructed to provide a copy of the paper to the Tribal government leaders before it was published. Those leaders would then edit or remove any stories that they felt put the Tribe in a bad light, especially stories reporting on the unethical behavior of Tribal leadership, most notably cases of sexual harassment.

The documentary follows the many attempts to reinstate a free



| Job# | Position Title | Grade | Min. Start Wage | Max Start Wage | Closing Date |
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| 1793 | Tribal Court Volunteer - Court Appointed Special Advocate | | | | Until Filled |
| 1808 | Milieu Safety Technician - Great Circle Recovery - Portland | 6 | \$20.05/hr. | \$25.53/hr. | Until Filled |
| 1857 | Dentist | 20 | \$146,562.24/yr. | \$198,204.72/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1913 | Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem | 10 | \$59,808.39/yr. | \$77,148.67/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1925 | Enrichment Coordinator | 8 | \$23.76/hr. | \$30.76/hr. | Until Filled |
| 1941 | General Manager | 24 | \$199,254.51/yr. | \$335,365.92/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1945 | Driver/Wellness Assistant | 5 | \$18.23/hr. | \$23.26/hr. | Until Filled |
| 1946 | Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health | 12 | \$72,368.15/yr. | \$93,059.45/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1950 | Shelter Advocate | 10 | \$28.75/hr. | \$37.09/hr. | 09/17/23 |
| 1952 | Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Behavioral Health | 22 | \$170,430.95/yr. | \$239,739.54/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1962 | HR Health Care Generalist – Employment Service Center | 13 | \$79,604.97/yr. | \$102,239.01/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1964 | Project Manager | 16 | \$104,004.14/yr. | \$135,684.70/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1968 | Client Registration Specialist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland | 8 | \$23.76/hr. | \$30.76/hr. | Until Filled |
| 1969 | Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland | 10 | \$59,808.39/yr. | \$77,148.67/yr. | Until Filled |
| 1971 | Licensed Practical Nurse – Great Circle Recovery - Portland | 12 | \$34.79/hr. | \$44.74/hr. | Until Filled |
| -1972 - | Groundskeeper | 6 | \$20.05/hr. | \$25.53/hr. | 09/10/23 |
| 1973 | Staff Pharmacist – On-Call | 19 | \$64.06/hr. | \$86.69/hr. | 09/10/23 |
| 1974 | Tribal Security Officer - Grave | 5 | \$18.23/hr. | \$23.26/hr. | 09/10/23 |
| 1975 | Senior Auditor | 14 | \$87,565.47/yr. | \$112,323.88/yr. | 09/17/23 |
| 1976 | Staff Writer – Smoke Signals | 9 | \$26.14/hr. | \$33.77/hr. | 09/18/23 |
| 1977 | Enrichment Coordinator Aide - Part Time | 5 | \$18.23/hr. | \$23.26/hr. | 09/18/23 |
| 1831 | Temporary Pool | 2 | \$16.00/hr. | \$16.00/hr. | Open |





| POSTING TITLE | CLOSE DATE | WAGE/SALARY |
|--|--------------|------------------------|
| Cleaning Attendant | 9/14/2023 | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Dish Machine Operator (*Part-Time) | 9/14/2023 | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Lodge Front Desk Clerk/Night Auditor | 9/14/2023 | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Sports Bar Busperson | 9/14/2023 | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Assistant Banquet Manager | Until Filled | \$48,329.22/yr. DOE |
| Banquet Server (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Bartender (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$16.50/hr. + Tips |
| Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Food Runner (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Guest Safety Specialist I | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Guest Safety Specialist II | Until Filled | \$18.55/hr. DOE |
| Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| IT Business Intelligence Analyst | Until Filled | \$69,737.82/yr. DOE |
| IT Database Administrator | Until Filled | \$69,737.82/yr. DOE |
| IT Network Administrator I | Until Filled | \$58,008.29/yr. DOE |
| IT Security Engineer | Until Filled | \$76,484.51/yr. DOE |
| IT Systems Administrator | Until Filled | \$63,586.43/yr. DOE |
| Marketing Director | Until Filled | DOE |
| Mountain View Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$14.58/hr. + Tips |

\$500 Referral Bonus

\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus

press law, culminating in a constitutional amendment vote, requiring 66.6 percent of eligible voters' votes. The movie had scenes of suspense and humor throughout, highlighting the uniqueness of Tribal law in America today.

Ellis sums up the importance of a free press with her blunt humor in the first few seconds of the trailer.

"What we cover is most important to Muscogee Creek people, but here I am reporting on news topics that maybe don't show my Tribe in the best light," Ellis said. "But do you want a friend who will lie to you and leave you walking out the door with a booger hanging out of your nose or toilet paper on your shoe? Or do you want a friend who will stop you and say 'Hey, check your face!"

"Bad Press" has several screenings scheduled in 2023 throughout the United States. To find a screening near you, visit https:// badpress.film/.

To watch the trailer of "Bad Press," visit: https://mubi.com/en/films/bad-press/trailer. ■

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. Contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

SMC & CTGR Employees

All Positions

*Part-time employees are eligible for a **20% differential** pay to their base wage if they are scheduled to work up to 29.99 hours per **week**.

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATIO

- ✓ SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

Semploymentteam@spiritmtn.com https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.



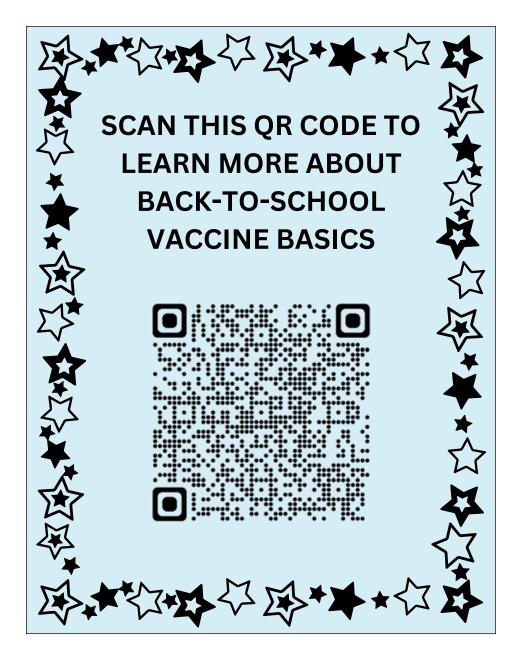
GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

28450 Tyee Road – Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 – 503-879-2401 – Fax 503-879-5973

ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.





WHAT IS HEAD LICE?

An insect found on the head, eyebrows and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day and live close to the human scalp.

WHO IS AT RISK?

Everyone. However, head lice is most common among pre-school children attending child care, grade school, and household members of children with head lice.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

- Tickling feeling or something moving in the hair
- Itching
- Irritability and difficulty sleeping; head lice are most active in the dark
- Sores on the head caused by scratching

HOW DO LICE SPREAD? Head lice are spread by direct contact with the hair of another person with head lice. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice

TREATMENT OPTIONS

- Lice medication that is available over the counter called pediculicide
- Wet combing mechanically removing the lice through combing of wet hair with a fine toothed comb every 3-4 days for two weeks
- Utilizing mayonnaise, petroleum jelly, olive oil, tub margarine and thick hair gel. Applying a thick coating of such agents to the hair/scalp left on overnight.





Most people give some signs that they are thinking about suicide. Some of the possible signs include:

- Feelings of hopelessness
- Feelings of rage, anger, or seeking revenge
- Acting reckless or doing risky activities without thinking
- Feeling trapped—like there's no way out
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family or usual activities
- Feeling anxious, agitated, being unable to sleep, or sleeping all the time
- Having dramatic mood changes
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life
- Giving away their things
- Feeling that there's no one that cares about you

If you see these signs or a friend tells you that they are having these feelings, encourage that person to call 988 or get help with a mental health provider.

If you see someone:

- Saying they want to hurt or kill themselves
- Looking for ways to kill themselves: looking for pills, weapons, or other means
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide

Get immediate help from a mental health provider or call 988.

Thank you, Josh Baker!

The Elder Activity Center would like to acknowledge and thank Josh Baker for acting quickly in an emergency. Josh provided lifesaving care by performing the Heimlich maneuver on an Elder who had started to choke. He acted quickly and effortlessly, which is not an easy task under these circumstances. Josh, thank you for all you did for this Elder.

> Thank you, Kristy Lawson Nutrition Program Manager



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 12th grade (enrolled in the 2023-24 school year). Enrolled Tribal member students may apply for a \$150 Wal-Mart gift card to be used toward school supplies or school clothing.

Registration information

Registration opened on July 28 and the initial deadline closed Aug. 11. 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!

TERO Worker of the Month August 2023

Name: Franklin Norwest Employer: Suulutaaq Position: Apprentice laborer

Franklin Norwest joined the TERO workforce almost one year ago. TERO has helped Franklin join the 737 Laborers Union out of Portland and he was soon referred out to a renowned company called Suulutaaq, an Alaska Native-owned company with employees working on the Interstate 205 Abernethy Bridge project, where Franklin is working now.

The I-205 project in Oregon City is the largest project that the TERO program has been involved in to date. Franklin, who is only 21, is now making a



Franklin Norwest

great name for himself as a top-notch hand in the heavy highway industry.

Since joining the 737 Laborers Union apprenticeship a year ago, Franklin has acquired an assortment of new skills, such as rebar experience, working with many different types of construction material and erosion control, along with many other labor-intensive tasks that he is asked to do.

Franklin's foreman had nothing but great things to say about him and that is what has earned him the August TERO Worker of the Month.

We asked Franklin what his thoughts were about the TERO program and how it helped him. Franklin said that it gave him an opportunity to excel in the construction field and gain some great experience in a lifelong career.

He also said that he would like to thank the local 737 and also the TERO program for helping him be a part of the great opportunities it has to offer. Franklin would also like to give a special thank you to the Suulutaaq family that have been so great to work with.

TERO, Suulutaaq and the local 737 union want to thank Franklin for his hard work and dedication, which has earned him August Worker of the Month. Great job, Franklin!!

> 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

ACUPUNCTURE

@ Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS



Acupuncture in PORTLAND

For Tribal members





Mallory Harman, LAc



Alison Healy, LAc

Questions or to schedule:

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Acupuncture can help with...

- pain
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- digestive issues
- women's health issues
- emotional pain &
- trauma
- diabetic neuropathy
- addictions
- and so much more!

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TUE, WED, FRI/SAT

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