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## Tribe discusses new hunting, fishing rights

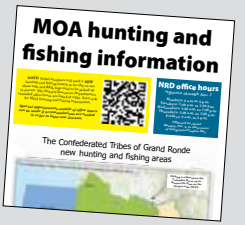
By Dean Rhodes  
Publications coordinator

The Tribe held another Facebook Live event on Wednesday, Sept. 20, to brief the membership on the new hunting and fishing rights acquired through a memorandum of agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Approved on Aug. 4, the MOA significantly expands the Tribe's ceremonial and cultural hunting and fishing areas beyond the Trask management unit from 1,300 square miles to more than 11,000 square miles.

The agreement now allows Tribal members to harvest finfish, lamprey, shellfish and crustaceans, mammals and birds in the Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain

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and Santiam wildlife management units in western Oregon. In addition, Tribal members can fish on the Columbia River from Kelly Point to the Bonneville Dam in Oregon waters.

In reaction, Tribal Natural Resources staff members – the Fast Track Team – have been working to create the regulations and structure of hunting and fishing in the

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen, left, discusses the new holographic license that Tribal members must obtain through the Tribe's Natural Resources Department to hunt and fish under the memorandum of agreement the Tribe recently signed with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife during a Facebook Live broadcast from Tribal Council Chambers on Wednesday, Sept. 20. On the right is Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

## Prairie restoration



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright sprinkles a seed mix onto a patch of land that has been prepared for restoration on the Thompson property in Grand Ronde on Thursday, Sept. 21. Tribal staff were given three hours of administrative leave so they could volunteer to help restore 30 patches of non-native pasture grass to a mixture of native prairie species as part of the Thompson Prairie restoration effort. The Tribe's Natural Resources Department has been working on restoring the property for several years using plants that have come from NRD's native plant nursery.



Early Childhood Education Shayim classroom teacher Leah Brisbois, left, and Early Childhood Education Teacher Aide Lana Gaines remove grass from a patch of land on the Thompson property.



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie hugs Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi as she is recognized for 20 years of service to the Tribe during the third quarter Years of Service awards held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 21. In the background, Grand Ronde Emergency Services Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton hugs Tribal Training Specialist Tisha Pellett as she's recognized for 21 years of service.

## Years of Service awards honor 83 employees

Eighty-three employees with a combined 1,301 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe were honored during the third quarter of 2023 at a breakfast held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 21. They included third-quarter employees hired in either July, August or September with at least five years of service to the Tribe.

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry welcomed employees to the service event, noting how much the Tribe had grown since Restoration in 1983.

"I'm so grateful for all of our employees,"

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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.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Oct. 11.....	4 p.m.
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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.

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Judith Pettibone

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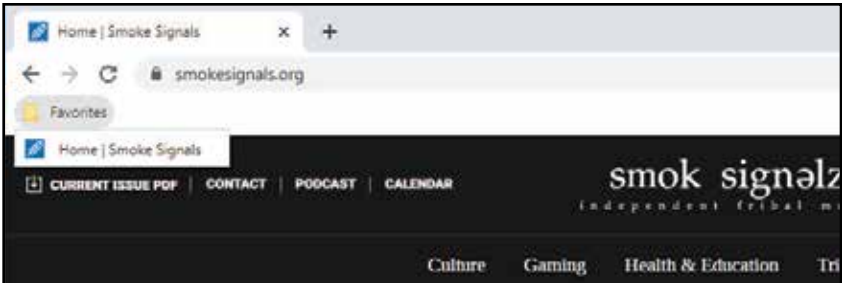
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- taɬlam-mun (October)
- Sunday, Oct. 1 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4-5 – History and Culture Summit, 8 a.m. to noon with afternoon 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](http://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.
- taɬlam-pi-ixt-mun (November)
- Sunday, Nov. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
  - Friday, Nov. 10 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
  - Sunday, Nov. 19 – 40th Restoration Day celebration at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Doors open at 10 a.m., meal served at 12:30 p.m., powwow begins at 5:30 p.m. [publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org).
  - Monday-Friday, Nov. 20-24 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Restoration Day and the Thanksgiving holiday.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

To stay abreast of future Tribal events, visit [www.smokesignals.org/calendar](http://www.smokesignals.org/calendar).

# Chat with the Chief



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Chief Jake McKnight, right, removes elk burgers from the grill with the help of Tribal Police Department Lt. Tim Hernandez during Chat with the Chief at the police station on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Approximately 200 elk burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks were served. It was the last Chat with the Chief event for 2023.

# Willamina School District sees attendance increase

WILLAMINA – Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick reported that the district had a student population of 892 during the Monday, Sept. 11, School Board meeting.

Willamina finished the 2022-23 school year with 876 students.

Zimbrick said there were 378 students at the elementary school, 190 at the middle school and 324 at the high school. The largest class was 70 first- through third-graders, 64 seventh-graders and 88 high school juniors.

“Numbers are up,” Zimbrick said. “We haven’t seen numbers like this in 10 years.”

She cited the district’s Career Technical Education program and the Chinuk Wawa language program among reasons why enrollment is increasing with incoming transfer students.

The Willamina School District includes about 40 percent Native American students with many of those youth being Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■

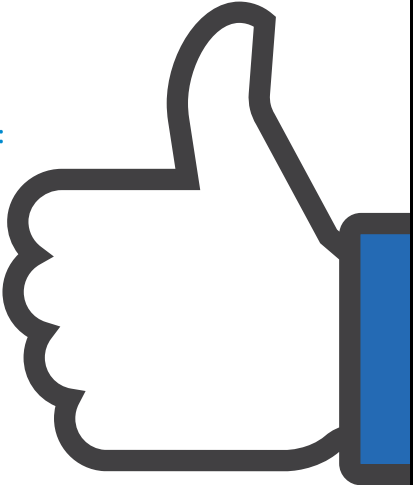
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THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

2023



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Find more information at [Chachalu.org](http://Chachalu.org)

# 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 October food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

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

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## SSI recipients eligible for Internet service aid

Any household with an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income is eligible to receive discounted Internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program launched by the Federal Communications Commission. Social Security does not count Affordable Connectivity Program assistance as income or a resource for SSI purposes.

The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To enroll in the Connectivity Program, go to [www.fcc.gov/asp](http://www.fcc.gov/asp). ■

### 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 mək'hmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, remotely via Zoom. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial. [Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Board@grandronde.org).
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. 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](mailto:danielle.harrison@grandronde.org).



**2018** – The seventh annual Coffee & Conversation was held in southern Oregon to commemorate the 1853 treaty signing at Table Rocks and the September 2011 signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Land Management and The Nature Conservancy



2018

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to manage the Table Rocks area north of Medford. “I hope our joint efforts are helping turn the dial to a better place,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said in a conference room of the Courtyard Marriott Hotel adjacent to Medford’s airport. “From the smallest insects to the birds and wildlife there, all are important to us.”

**2013** – The Grand Ronde Tribe brought home four first-place awards at the 10th annual Traditional Dugout Canoe Race held during the Mill-luck Salmon Celebration and Canoe Races in North Bend. The four first-place awards were given in the Co-Ed, Youth, Women’s and Men’s races.

**2008** – The Tribe held a Chankal Celebration after pieces of rock, likely used by the Kalapuya people and other Tribes from across the Northwest, were found on a property it had purchased on Skyline Road in Salem. The rocks were recognized as fertility artifacts from thousands of years ago. The Tribe purchased the property in 2007.

**2003** – A sunrise blessing ceremony was held at Portland State University’s new Native American Student and Community Center. The student center, built with the help of a \$250,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, was a large, open communal structure located on the PSU campus. It provided a place for community activities, ceremonial and social functions, community outreach programs, storytelling and art activities.

**1998** – The Tribe filed a lawsuit against the Grand Ronde Water Association in a final effort to end a yearlong disagreement over the cost of a water hook-up for the Tribe’s Grand Meadows Housing Project. The two sides were locked in a dispute over initial water hook-up fees. The Tribe had agreed to pay \$2,500 for a new water hookup, but after the project was complete, it received a bill for \$92,500 instead. The Tribe attempted to solve the dispute informally and was unsuccessful, then through proposed arbitration, which was rejected by the Water Association.

**1993** – A groundbreaking for Spirit Mountain Resort included traditional ceremonies as well as statements from Tribal Council Chair Mark Mercier, Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison and Spirit Mountain Development Corp. General Manager Bruce Thomas. Additionally, a committee comprised of Harrison, Merle Holmes and Tammy Cook were working with historians and others in an effort to incorporate the Tribe’s cultural heritage into the final design.

**1988** – Ray McKnight, Marvin Kimsey and Merle Holmes won the Tribal Council election, garnering 98, 77 and 74 votes, respectively. McKnight was the only incumbent re-elected as Gene LaBonte and Merle Leno did not receive enough votes. Chairman Mark Mercier thanked both for their service, noting that the process of getting the Tribe’s Reservation approved had stretched over the past five years and was “no cakewalk.”

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

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# Tribal Council approves signing authority for Haller

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

It happens whenever there's a new Tribal Council member.

Tribal Council approved adding newly elected member Matthew Haller as an authorized signer on Tribal bank accounts and also approved his use of a Tribal credit card during its Wednesday, Sept. 27, meeting.

Haller finished third in the 2023 election and will serve his first term on Tribal Council through September 2026. He edged out two-term council member Michael Langley by one vote in the Sept. 9 election.

Tribal Council also removed Langley's name from the authorized list of signers on Tribal bank accounts and canceled his Tribal credit card.

Tribal Council also set the agenda for the 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, General Council meeting that will feature an executive session briefing on the Tribal endowments from Robert W. Baird representatives. The meeting will be held on Zoom and in Tribal Council Chambers.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the purchase of the Phoenix G2 Station Alerting System from U.S. Digital Designs and authorized a limited waiver of the Tribe's sovereign immunity only in favor of U.S. Digital Designs for arbitration and jurisdictional provisions outlined in the sales agreement;

- Approved a transfer from the Tribe's TriState Capital Bank line of credit for \$600,000 to Upq-wena LLC, which will be used for a secured loan to Shasta Administrative Services to be used as requested, totaling \$1.35 million loaned since 2022;
- Approved the \$350,000 purchase of the 9.98-acre Powley property at 24714 S.W. Grand Ronde Road and the \$100,000 purchase of the .7-acre Hurliman property adjacent to the Tribe's Kilchis trust parcel in Bay City;
- Approved re-enrolling one non-infant and enrolling nine non-infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- Approved a resolution obligating grant funds from the Oregon Administration for Children and Families Office of Child Care to be used for the Tribe's Early Childhood Education childcare center through Sept. 30, 2024;
- And approved appointing Victoria Ernst to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees for a term ending on Sept. 30, 2025. She will replace former Oregon Sen. Arnie Roblan, who served on the board since May 2019.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

## Gas discount in Grand Ronde

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■



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#### Native plant restoration effort.



Grand Ronde Tribal employees were granted three hours of administrative leave on Thursday, Sept. 21, to participate in a native plant restoration effort on the Grand Ronde Reservation. The event was hosted by the Natural Resources Department at the end of their 9-year project with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

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### 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, 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](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

**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](mailto:legal@grandronde.org).

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

## Clothes Closet open

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

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

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

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5:30 P.M. – Powwow begins

Contact [publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org)

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## Clackamas County to host Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration Oct. 8

Clackamas County will hold an Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, at Clackamas Community College’s Environmental Learning Center, 19600 Molalla Ave., Oregon City.

Community members are invited to attend this event, which includes Indigenous food, music and storytelling. Admission is free.

There will be an opening blessing by Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, storytelling with Darlene Foster and Ed Edmo, a flute performance by Jan Michael Looking Wolf and Robin Gentlewolf, free books from Clackamas County libraries and Spoke and Word, food for purchase and a variety of vendors selling handmade Indigenous creations.

Parking is available in the yellow and blue lots at Clackamas Community College, and accessible parking is available in the brown lot near the Environmental Learning Center. Shuttles will run from the parking lots to the event.

The event is sponsored by Clackamas County, Clackamas Community College, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Port of Portland and Unite Oregon.

Email [TracyMor@clackamas.us](mailto:TracyMor@clackamas.us) for more information. ■



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**Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, middle, was selected for the John Kieffer Sovereignty Award on Wednesday, Sept. 13, during the Indian Gaming Association’s 2023 Mid-Year Conference at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Conn. Harvey was presented with a plaque and a blanket by IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr., left, and Spokane Tribal Business Council Vice Chairman Danny Kieffer, who is the son of John Kieffer.**

## Harvey selected for Indian Gaming Association’s Sovereignty Award

**By Danielle Harrison**  
*Smoke Signals editor*

MASHANTUCKET, CONN. – Tribal Council member Denise Harvey was honored with a sovereignty award during the Indian Gaming Association’s Mid-Year Conference & Expo in Mashantucket, Conn.

The John Kieffer Sovereignty Award was given out Wednesday, Sept. 13, during the awards luncheon. It is named in honor of the late John Kieffer (Spokane Tribe), who was a member of the IGA Executive Committee and advocated for self-determination and Tribal sovereignty.

Award recipients are selected based on their fulfillment of the association’s mission, which is to “protect and preserve the general welfare of Tribes.”

Harvey was presented with a plaque and a blanket by IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. and Spokane Tribal Business Council Vice Chairman Danny Kieffer, who is the son of John Kieffer. Afterward, Tribal drummers performed a warrior song.

“This is quite the honor and surprise,” Harvey said. “I will say as Tribal leaders, we all wear many (advocacy) hats. We can be engaged in our Indian gaming but there are so many other things we have to do as leaders, from the Indian Child Welfare Act to Missing and Murdered Indigenous People to Housing and Urban Development, the list goes on and on. We all have a huge responsibility ... I try to be a very responsible Tribal Council person and realize there is a lot of responsibility to our communities and all Indian people. I feel lucky to be able to do a lot of the national work with IGA and the Tribal HUD

Advisory Committee. ... I do this for all of Indian County. ... I admire and appreciate all of you and you gotta show up. We all need to be here and work together. I’m happy to be a part of this list now.”

While announcing the award, Stevens said that Harvey is someone who is dedicated in her advocacy for Native gaming sovereignty.

“Denise is always there,” he said. “She is on our board of directors, her Tribal Council and a major part of our team. We’ve been fighting the fight together and that’s why we’ve selected her for the John Kieffer Sovereignty Award.”

IGA works with the federal, state and Tribal governments to develop policies and practices, and to provide technical assistance and advocacy on gaming-related issues, while maintaining and protecting Tribal sovereignty, according to its mission statement.

Harvey has served as a Pacific Northwest Tribal delegate to the commission since 2018, and is the first Grand Ronde Tribal member to be appointed to the board. She previously served on the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission as a member and chair from March 2004 through September 2013.

Harvey started working for the Tribe in 2002 in the Human Resources Department as the Mentorship and Workforce Development coordinator, a position she held until 2010. She has been a Tribal Council member since 2013.

In November 2022, Harvey was selected as one of 15 Tribal leaders appointed to the first-ever Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. ■



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These hotspots were made possible through funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with the Chemeketa Community College and the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service.



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## Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

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

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

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

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

# Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

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

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

## Tribal members must obtain new Tribal holographic licenses

MOA continued  
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new territory open to the Tribal membership for a fall 2023 season, Tribal Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said.

“This MOA is a huge step for the Tribe and an important one,” Dirksen said. “What we’re doing today with the MOA is actually a step to solving issues that came out of the consent decree.”

On Sept. 6, Tribal Council approved emergency amendments to the Fish & Wildlife Ordinance to allow implementation of the “scaled-back” fall hunting season.

Dirksen said Tribal members must obtain new Tribal holographic licenses. Natural Resources is expanding office hours on Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. until Tuesday, Nov. 7, to accommodate demand for new licenses. Office hours will remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday.

Dirksen said Tribal members will be able to hunt during general state-sanctioned seasons for black-tail deer and elk this year, as well as harvest salmon and steelhead on 50 miles of coastline and 50 miles out to sea. Tags and informational packets should be available no later than Monday, Oct. 2.

“That license will be good for all things that just require a license under the state program,” Dirksen said, using a fishing license for trout as an example.

Tribal members who want to hunt for deer or elk will need a Tribally issued nontransferable hunting tag and those wanting to harvest salmon or steelhead will need other documentation, including harvest cards.

“What we’re going to do in ’23 is a scaled-back system that is not going to be as big as 2024,” Dirksen said. “We’ve done a fast track to get hunters and fishers in the field. It won’t feature everything that we hope to do in 2024. ... Our motivation has been to get the membership in the field. That has always been the priority, but it’s also important that we show that we are utilizing this opportunity.”

Dirksen said Natural Resources has worked with Tribal and state police, and officers will be expecting to see and are familiar with the new Tribal hunting licenses and tags.

Dirksen also asked Tribal hunters and fishers to take pictures of

their experiences in the new territories and submit them to Natural Resources to help the Tribe take the next steps in expanding hunting and fishing rights. Those who do will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Cabela’s gift card, he added.

“It’s a much larger land base,” Dirksen said. “We have to get this right, so I hope you’ll be patient with us as we put the last pieces together to implement this in ’23 and in ’24.”

Attending the Facebook Live event were Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Brenda Tuomi and Matthew Haller with Communications Director Sara Thompson fielding questions asked on Facebook.

Kennedy prefaced the presentation by recounting the “awful” times of the mid-1980s that the Tribe went through to regain Reservation lands, including agreeing to a consent decree that limited hunting and fishing in return for state support for the Reservation Plan.

“I just can’t tell you how awful the meetings were,” Kennedy said. “They were large in number. We were certainly the minority and we were not able to hear ourselves talk.”

George complimented Natural Resources staff members for their work in implementing a fall hunting and fishing season in the five wildlife management units.

“It sounds like we really made a huge effort on the staff side to get up a program so quickly this year,” George said. “I honestly don’t think that a lot of people expected that, including maybe ODFW, that we would stand up a program this quickly and have our hunters and fishers in this vastly expanded territory.”

The Tribe started holding monthly Facebook Live events after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 as a way to safely keep Tribal members informed about the Tribe and its activities. They are now held on a more irregular schedule and deal with a variety of issues.

About 65 Tribal members signed on to the 30-minute event at its attendance peak.

For more information, contact Natural Resources at 503-879-2424. ■

# 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.

The 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. ■

# MARKETPLACE

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# ‘We have close to 700 employees now’

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Cherry said. “We have close to 700 employees now. When I started here in the 1990s, all the employees worked out of the Depot (building). Growing up in Grand Ronde, the only land we had was the cemetery and five acres.”

Other Tribal Council members in attendance included Brenda Tuomi and Denise Harvey.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was unable to attend, but sent a message to share with employees. “Please express my congratulations to staff and tell them that I greatly value and appreciate them. I’m sorry I can’t be there today.”

Employees were served biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage links, potatoes and fruit.

Leading those honored in employment longevity are GED Coordinator Tracy Biery, General Manager’s Office Administrative Assistant Barbara Branson, Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere and Staff Accountant Melanie Hubbard, who all reached the 33-year mark in working for the Tribe.

Joining them in the three decades or more club were Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley and Chinuk Immersion Preschool Teacher Jeff Mercier, who each notched 32 years of service, Finance Officer/Interim General Manager Chris Leno, who reached 31 years of service and Social Services Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison, with 30 years of service.

In the quarter-century or more club were Education & Services Coordinator Elaine Lane Raven, Dental Department Manager Sheila Blacketer and Swing Shift Su-

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pervisor Ben Bishop, who reached the 25-year mark.

Assistant Tribal Attorney Kim D’Aquila and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier both reached 27 years, Organizational & Training Manager Scott Mode hit 28 years and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene notched 29 years.

Achieving 20 or more years of service were Benefits Specialist Peggy Carpenter, Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson with 20 years, Cook Kevin Campbell and Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton with 21 years, Security Department Supervisor Roel Hernandez, Purchase/Referred Care Health Care Payment Specialist Erica Mercier and Chachalu Manager Travis Stewart with 22 years while Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Matthew Bucknell and Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier hit 23 years of service. Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Cultural Protection Specialist Christopher Bailey reached 24 years.

Employees received certificates in appreciation for their increasing tenure with the Tribe. Employees who hit milestone years of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years also received bonus checks. In addition, those reaching the 10-year mark received a Tribal Pendleton blanket and a \$50 check, or a \$150 check.

Other employees honored during the third quarter included:

**19 years:** Health Information Technician Stephanie Simmons, Member Services Program Manager Shannon Simi, Finance Executive Assistant Ken Trevino and Employment Specialist Brandy Hembree.

**18 years:** Health Information Technician Leanna Norwood and Chinuk Wawa Program Aide Susan Sabey.

**17 years:** Asset Inventory Specialist Nathan Mueller.

**16 years:** Central Phones Receptionist Scarlett Holtz, Information Services Program Manager Alec Palanuk-Mercier, Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes and Preschool Bus Driver/Aide Jennifer Jerabek.

**14 years:** Senior Help Desk Technician Spencer Olson, Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor Bradly Robertson and Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Freeman.

**13 years:** Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey, Budget Manager Veronica Montano, Maintenance Technician Gary LaChance Jr., Early Childhood Education Department Manager Angie Blackwell, Housing Maintenance Technician Michael Lane, Native Connections Project Coordinator Keri Kimsey and Child and Family Services Supervisor Amber Zimbrick.

**12 years:** Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Amber Yates, Medical Technologist Staci Pemble, Community Support Specialist Joanna Brisbois and Senior Maintenance Technician Daniel Mooney.

**11 years:** Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Tara Summers, Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Youth Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout, Senior Telecommunications Ad-

ministrator Mark Scheelar, and Parks and Recreation Specialist Jerry Bailey.

**10 years:** Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier.

**9 years:** Health & Wellness Clinic Medical Doctor Lance Loberg.

**8 years:** Housekeeper Jonathan Baker, Help Desk Administrator Braden Ebensteiner, Senior Help Desk Technician Nathan Hoff, Employment Coordinator Shylo Williams and Tribal Police Officer Tokata Tehama.

**7 years:** Education & Inclusion Coordinator Star Weatherall and Senior Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland.

**6 years:** Health Information Technician Norma Reed, Housekeeper Dorene Gillespie, Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright, Dental Assistant Sam King, Pharmacist Timothy Wood, Security Officer Eugene Pribble, *Smoke Signals* Editor Danielle Harrison, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Administrative Assistant Pamala Warren-Chase and Silviculture & Fire Protection Technician Nicholas Larsen.

**5 years:** Certified Application Assistor Cassandra Rhamy, Audit Director Steve Harrop, Pharmacy Technician Carrie Lewis, Pharmacy Clerk Amber Thiede, Certified Medical Assistant Jennifer Lott, Assistant Chinuk Wawa Teacher Brettia Vale, Warriors of Hope Program Manager Danielle Murrell and Pharmacist Andrew Canning.

Raffles were conducted during the event that included additional administrative leave and cash drawings for \$50 to \$1,000.

Afterward, staff were invited to participate in a service event to help prepare native plant patches at the Thompson property near Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center. ■

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.**



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2023 Salem  
Out of the Darkness Walk



This event unites our communities and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the way in which suicide and mental health conditions have affected our lives and the lives of those we love and care about.

Saturday - October 14th - 11am  
Riverfront Park, Salem OR



The YEP program will be attending the 2023 Out of the Darkness Walk. We are opening up 10 spots for youth to attend the walk.

If you would like your youth to attend, please email [yep@grandronde.org](mailto:yep@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-1471 for more information on departure and return time for the day.

## Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam

The Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam was held Tuesday through Thursday, Sept. 19-21, in the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gymnasium. The event serves as a community gathering to discuss historical and intergenerational trauma, wisdom, culture, identity, healing and more. Approximately 50 people attended the gathering.

From left, Tribal Community Programs Manager Caitlin Zimbrick and Tribal Community Support Specialist Isabell Bobb make beaded necklaces during the Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

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From left, Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Matt Bucknell, Native Connections Grant Coordinator Keri Kimsey and Tribal 477/Employment & Training Specialist Rhonda Leno work on a shield for their clan.

Tribal 477/Employment & Training Specialist Angella Schultz, left, shows Regina Wheeler (Yakama), how to make a prayer tie. The prayer tie supplies were from the generosity table and they were given away at the end of the event.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

# Tribal Elder represents Iowa Purple Heart recipients

## Patrick Burgess honored for his service in Vietnam

By Dean Rhodes  
*Publications coordinator*

SIOUX CITY, IOWA – Tribal Elder Patrick Burgess, 74, was chosen to be one of the nation’s 2023 Purple Heart Patriot Project honorees by the National Purple Heart Honor Mission.

Burgess represented his fellow Purple Heart recipients as Iowa’s representative at the multi-day tribute to the courage and sacrifice of America’s combat wounded during events held Monday through Friday, Sept. 18-22, in Newburgh, N.Y.

“Patrick and his fellow Patriot Project honorees represent the best of the best our country has to offer,” said Richie Lay, a Purple Heart recipient and chairman of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. “America’s Purple Heart veterans have given so much to defend freedom and that sacrifice must always be remembered. These brave men and women are true American heroes. We are privileged to be able to provide this unique salute to service for our Purple Heart heroes.”

This year’s Patriot Project honorees included Purple Heart recipients from World War II, the

Vietnam War, Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and other conflicts, as well as representing all branches of the armed services.

Burgess enlisted in the Army in June 1967. Because he was only 17, his father had to sign for him. After basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash., he was sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, where he received training in demolition and minesweeping.

He was then deployed to Vietnam as a combat engineer with the 25th Infantry Division. In February 1968, he was wounded by a Viet Cong grenade that left one other soldier wounded and killed another.

He returned to Vietnam in June 1969 with the 299th Combat Engineers, where he continued to serve as a demolition expert and did minesweeping, too. He continued to see combat action across the country, finishing his tour of duty in An Khe in July 1970.

Along with a Purple Heart, Burgess received numerous medals and commendations including the Army Commendation Medal, two Vietnam Gallantry Crosses with unit citations, the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

“My father, brothers and grandfather all served our country, and it was an honor to do the same,”



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Burgess said. “I served with great pride.”

After the war, Burgess married his wife, Jean, and they had two children. He has been involved in the ministry for 46 years, including

serving as a missionary around the world. He holds a Ph.D. in Christian Counseling and is board certified with the National Christian Counselors of America.

The all-expense paid trip included visits to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Gen. George Washington’s headquarters, a tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and other events and tributes.

“They took them to Manhattan to the restaurant where George Washington said farewell to his troops and we had lunch there,” Jean said in an email to *Smoke Signals*. “We went to the Statue of Liberty and the New York Fire Department salute with water shooting out on four sides. They took them to the Sept. 11 memorial and Vietnam memorial. They went to the Purple Heart Hall of Honor and to West Point where they had lunch with some of the cadets and then they had a welcome home rally with police escorts and a motorcycle club. It was tremendous for all these men and their families.”

Patrick Burgess is the son of Ira Burgess and the grandson of Tina Irene (Jeffers) Burgess, who attended Chemawa Indian School in Salem. Both Patrick and Ira are honored on the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus. ■

# MOA hunting and fishing information

**NOTE:** Tribal members will need a **NEW** hunting and fishing license to be able to use these tags and **ALL** tags need to be picked up in person. Members can pick up their MOA tags throughout the season this year because of short turnaround time to issue new Tribal licenses. The Natural Resources Department's extended office hours are listed at right. Scan code for MOA hunting and fishing information.

*Special appointments outside of office hours can be made if accommodations are needed in order to issue new licenses.*



## NRD office hours

*\*effective through Nov. 7*

Monday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*NRD will be closed  
Monday, Oct. 9, in observance  
of Indigenous' Peoples Day.*

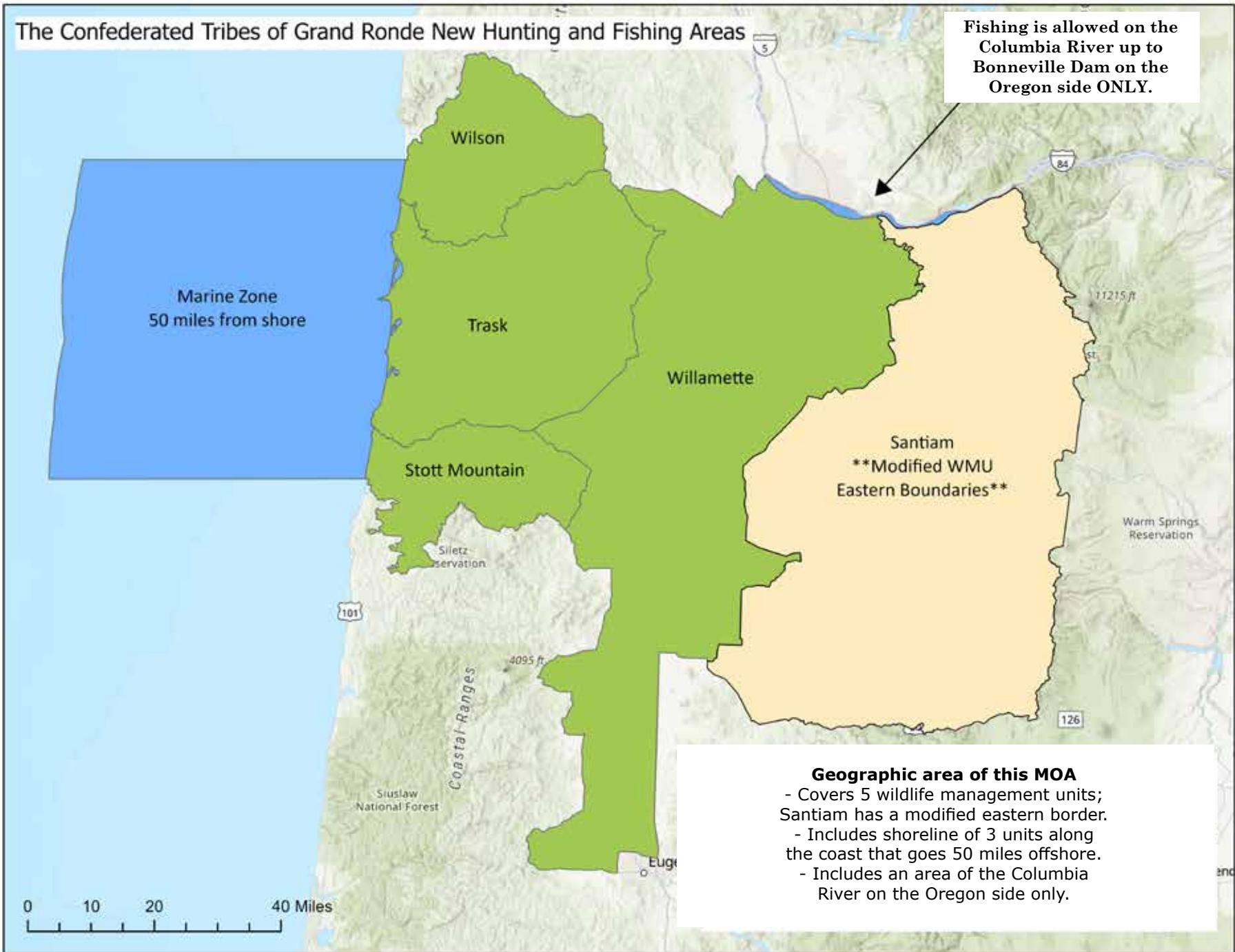
## Photo submissions wanted

Raffles offered for \$50 Cabela's gift cards for the following:



- Photos submitted to [HuntingandFishing@grandronde.org](mailto:HuntingandFishing@grandronde.org) of hunters and fishers in the field which will be used for press purposes.
- On-time return of MOA return cards. Hunters and fishers have 30 days after the end of the hunt or after fishing card expiration date to submit results.

## The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde new hunting and fishing areas



# 2023 MOA hunting

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Eligible WMUs  
for General Season Coast Buck MOA Tag



General Season Coast Buck MOA Tag			
Hunt	Dates	Eligible Units	Bag Limit
Coast Buck	Oct 7-Nov 10	Wilson	Buck with 1 visible antler
		Willamette	
		Stott Mountain	
		Trask	
		Santiam	

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Eligible WMUs  
for General Season Elk MOA Tag



General Season Elk MOA Tag 2023			
This tag is inclusive of multiple ODFW hunts which have different dates and bag limits depending on the unit you are hunting. Tag is only valid for 1 animal.			
Hunt	Dates	Eligible Units	Bag Limit in unit
General West Cascade Elk	Nov 11-Nov 17	Santiam	1 bull
General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season Elk	Nov 18 - Nov 21	Wilson	1 bull
		Willamette	1 bull
		Stott Mountain	1 bull
		Trask	1 bull
General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season Elk	Nov 25 - Dec 1	Wilson	1 spike
		Willamette	1 bull
		Stott Mountain	1 bull
		Trask	1 spike

# 2023 MOA hunting

## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

### MOA hunting tags information for 2023



### What is available for hunting in 2023 as part of this agreement?

#### Deer— General Oregon Coast Buck MOA Tag

- Enrolled CTGR Tribal members with this tag will be eligible to hunt the General Oregon Coast Buck season.
  - Bag limit is one buck with any legal weapon.

#### Elk—General Season Elk MOA Tag

- Members with this tag will be eligible to hunt the General West Cascade Elk, General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season Elk and General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season Elk all under one general season MOA elk tag.
  - Bag limit is **one animal per tag** and the ability to hunt a bull vs. a spike will vary based on the season and unit you are hunting.
  - It is the hunters responsibility to know the dates of hunts and bag limit in the unit they are hunting.

### Important information for hunters

- Tags are only valid during **state season hunt dates** and in the **Wilson, Trask, Stott Mountain, Willamette and Santiam** units. Please note the Santiam unit has a different eastern boundary as part of this MOA. Maps of MOA boundaries for Avenza or onX are available at the website linked in the QR code.
- Administered as an over-the-counter tag which must be picked up in person. Tags will not be mailed in 2023.
- Follows state rules and regulations.
- Tags are nontransferable. Transfers can still be made with Trask consent decree tags.
- Limit of one MOA deer tag and elk tag per member.
- Tribal Conservation Properties: Ashney, Chahalpam, Chankal, Chankawan, Enchanted Oaks, Noble Oaks, Rattlesnake Butte and Takilth are closed for hunting in 2023 in accordance to the access policy. Access policy is available upon request.



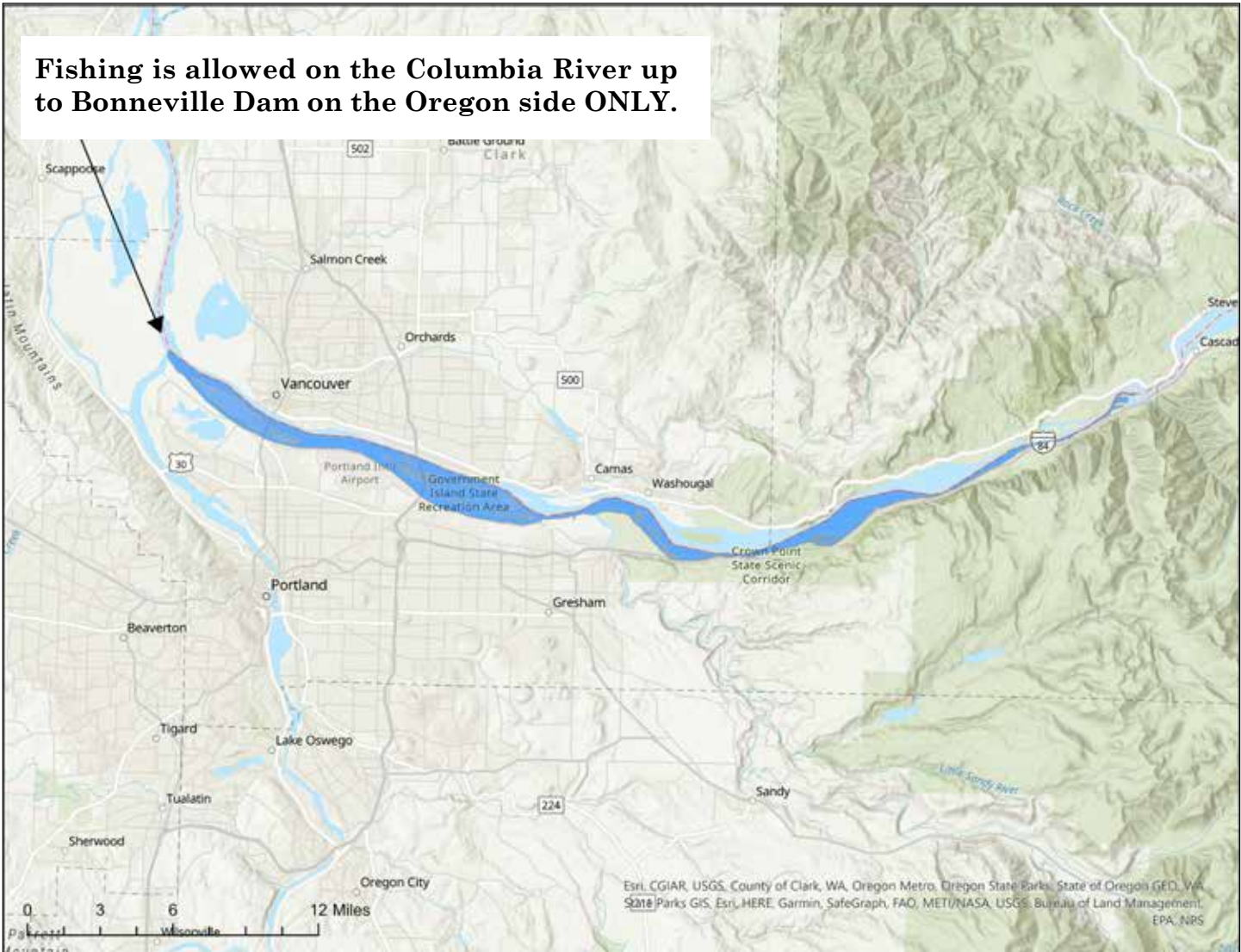
### Differences between available Tribal hunting tags in 2023

Common questions about differences in available hunting tags	Trask consent decree gags	Reservation only tags	MOA tags
Do I need a new license to hunt these tags in 2023?	No	No	Yes
Can I hunt outside of state seasons in 2023?	No	Yes	No
Can I hunt outside of the Trask unit?	No	No	Yes
General season tags required a draw in 2023?	Yes	Yes	No
Are tags transferable?	Yes	No	No
Are more hunting opportunities going to be added in future years?	No	Yes	Yes

# Where can you fish?

## What can you fish?

2023 MOA fishing



Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc.  
Board of Directors 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 applicants 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. Occasionally, 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 qualified Tribal members.

**Submission Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023.**

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, 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. ■

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YOUTH CENTER

6-12 grade students, join us After-School!



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](mailto:youthenrichment@grandronde.org)

Family fun

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Agency Anderson, 10, tosses a ring as he plays the ring toss game during the 16th annual Family Night Out held in the

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Tribal gym on Monday, Sept. 25. The event, which was moved into the gym due to inclement weather, had carnival games with prizes, a candy walk, inflatable bounce houses, Tribal department resource tables and free hot dogs. Hundreds of people attended the event that was sponsored by the Tribe’s Social Services Department.

Tribal member Angela Schlappie holds her 3-year-old grandson Bennett Schlappie-Guerrera as he plays a game during the 16th annual Family Night Out held in the Tribal gym.

# Harrelson named vice chair of Oregon Arts Commission

Cultural Resources Department Manager and Grand Ronde Tribal member David Harrelson has been named vice chair of the Oregon Arts Commission.

“Harrelson has championed the use of his people’s ancestral art forms for the purpose of public art,” a press release stated. “Recently, he led the effort to create the Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship. He has worked in the field of cultural resources for 13 years.”

It continued, “Besides supporting art in an administrative capacity, Harrelson currently approaches art as a hobby, believing that the process of creating art should be accessible to everyone. The primary areas of inspiration for his art include his Indigenous heritage and the landscape of Western Oregon. He is active in his community.”



David Harrelson

Harrelson has served as an Oregon Arts Commission member, on the State Advisory Committee for Historic Preservation, Chehalem Cultural Center Board and the *Smoke Signals* Editorial Board, which supports the free and independent newspaper covering the Grand Ronde Tribe.

“It is an honor to serve alongside qualified and diverse arts commissioners from across the state with a focus on increasing the availability of funding to support the arts,” Harrelson said.

The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, services and special initiatives. It is supported with general funds appropriated by the state Legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust. ■

Happy 80th birthday, Mom!  
**(Judy Olsen)**

To the greatest mom and grandmother. We all love you and appreciate all that you have done for us over the years.

Love,  
Larry, Jynchelle, Laura, Brody and all of our friends and the people you have made part of our family.



IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON  
CIVIL COURT

FILED  
SEP - 6 2023

In the Matter of: ) Case No. 23C0003 TRIBAL COURT CLERK  
CRISS-LAWSON, KRISTY JEAN )  
PETITIONER ) ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE NAME

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on August 8, 2023;

**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;  
☒ The Court ☒ has ☐ does not have jurisdiction over the Petitioner and ☒ subject matter of the Petition herein;  
☒ The Petitioner ☒ is ☐ is not over 18 years old;  
☒ The Petitioner ☒ is ☐ is not an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;  
☒ Petitioner ☐ has ☒ has not petitioned or been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;  
☒ The Petitioner ☐ does ☒ does not have creditors or a former spouse to whom an obligation is owed under a divorce decree.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**  
☒ 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 KRISTY JEAN CRISS-LAWSON to KRISTY JEAN LAWSON.  
☒ The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal 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 which Petitioner was born.

DATED THIS 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

/s/ Patrick S. Melendy  
Patrick S Melendy  
Chief Judge



Happy 18th birthday,  
**Rorie (Tulu) Stamps!**

High school graduate,  
class of May 2024  
at Rosehill Christian in Tomball, Texas.  
May God continue to bless  
you and keep you safe.  
Mommy loves you.  
Great-great-granddaughter to Chief  
of the Clackamas Tribe  
Great-granddaughter  
to William McKinney  
Granddaughter to Lynda Stamps  
Daughter of proud  
father Clinton Stamps.

## LET’S WORK TOGETHER!

### JOIN THE CTGR TEMPORARY SERVICE POOL

#### TEMP POOL BASICS:

- ✓ **AGE REQUIREMENT**  
Candidates must be at least 18 years in age.
- ✓ **TRIBAL PREFERENCE**  
Tribal Preference applies. However, nonTribal candidates will be considered based on business need, certifications and skills required.
- ✓ **AVAILABILITY**  
Most positions work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Part-time and full-time work is available. Specific schedules will be communicated upon job placement.
- ✓ **ANNUAL HOURS**  
Generally six (6) months or 999 hours (29.99 hours/week) in a calendar year

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Human Resources:  
(503) 879-2109

Toni Mercier  
[Toni.mercier@grandronde.org](mailto:Toni.mercier@grandronde.org)

**APPLY ONLINE:**  
<https://www.grandronde.org/employment/>

- FIND A JOB OR START YOUR CAREER**
- GAIN KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE**
- EXPLORE CAREER INTERESTS**
- HOW IT WORKS:**  
While we strive to assist and accommodate qualified candidates, it is essential to recognize that placement opportunities are subject to the organization's needs and staffing level gaps. The Temporary Service Pool offers an opportunity for individuals seeking temporary full-time & part-time positions at CTGR, but it's vital to understand that placement is not guaranteed.
1. Departments submit requests for temporary staff when they encounter staffing gaps or increased workload demands. These requests drive the creation of placement opportunities within the pool.
  2. The HR department compiles a list of qualified candidates who have indicated their availability to participate in the Temporary Service Pool. Qualifications are determined by factors such as skills, experience, and compatibility with the requested roles. This list serves as a resource for departments to select suitable candidates for their temporary staffing needs.
  3. The selection of individuals for specific positions is ultimately the responsibility of the requesting departments. These departments are best equipped to assess how a candidate's qualifications align with their unique needs.

## CTGR Education Open House & Mini Powwow

OCTOBER 5th, 4pm-6:30 pm

Come check out our programs:

Youth Education  
Youth Enrichment  
Preschool/Headstart  
Library  
Higher Education

Chinuk Wawa Education Program & their  
mini NEW building!

powwow to  
follow!  
4:30-6:30

Food Provided!

# Walking On...

## Eldon Buddy Farlow Sr.

**April 14, 1953 – Sept. 10, 2023**  
Tribal Elder Eldon Buddy Farlow Sr., 70, of Scappoose, Ore., passed away on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023.  
He was born in Portland, Ore., to Everett and Geraldine Farlow. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as his late spouse, Donna Farlow.  
He is remembered by many family members and friends as a kind spirit and lover of classic cars.  
Eldon and Donna will be interred at Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland in October 2023.  
Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.skylinememorialgardens.com](http://www.skylinememorialgardens.com) for the Farlow family.

## Ron Lee Martin

**Sept. 4, 1974 – Sept. 13, 2023**  
Tribal member Ron Lee Martin passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at the age of 49 at his home in Grand Ronde.  
A lover of sports and music, if he wasn't watching a game, you can bet his stereo was on loud. The love of sports was passed on from his dad and a few of his favorite teams were Notre Dame and the New York Jets.  
Music, specifically rock 'n' roll and metal, fueled him. Ronnie was a huge fan of Kiss, as well as Slayer and Static-X to name a few. He was a lover of dogs and had many over his life; he left behind his sweet dog Sugar. He had lots of jobs over the years, but the one he seemed to love the most was in the laundry room.  
Ronnie will be deeply missed by his longtime love and mother of his child, Jennifer Harper; his child, the pride and joy of his life, Kiara Marie Martin; his widowed mother, Kathy Martin; his brothers, Kenneth Martin, Myron "Junior" Martin and Chris Martin, and their respective families.  
The Martin family is large. There are many nieces, nephews, extended members and chosen family that will remember and tell stories of Ronnie for years to come.  
Everyone who speaks of Ronnie mentions two things: His massive heart that wanted to love and care for so many people, especially when they were struggling, and his "take no @\$%" attitude. He would take you into his home and fight off anyone when needed.  
Ronnie was most definitely greeted on the other side by his father, Myron Martin; his friend and beloved cousin, Elijah Jake; and his grandmother, Vivian Martin.  
A celebration of life was held at the Tribal gym on Friday, Sept. 22. Attendees were asked to wear their favorite Kiss shirt or concert shirt.  
Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas, Ore., was in charge of arrangements. Memories can be shared at [www.bollmantributecenter.com](http://www.bollmantributecenter.com) for the Martin family.

Minors'

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Do you want to know more?

What are my accounts?  
What are my options?  
How do I access my account?  
What about taxes?  
Where can I go for financial advice?

The answers to all of these questions and more can be found on the Tribal website / member services.  
<https://www.grandronde.org/services/member-services/>

YOUR MONEY YOUR FUTURE

School Supplies

ILAUNCH Back to School Program

The ILAUNCH program has backpacks filled with supplies and an Amazon Gift Card (\$30) available for Tribal Descendants, entering grades K-3. Supplies will be given on a first come, first served basis. Applications are available at the Behavioral Health front desk, or by emailing [ilaunch@grandronde.org](mailto:ilaunch@grandronde.org).

Tawna Jo Norwest  
Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator  
(503) 879-1396

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Mallory Harman, LAc

Alison Healy, LAc

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

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EMAIL: [info@yourdearbody.com](mailto:info@yourdearbody.com)

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Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1793	Tribal Court Volunteer – Court Appointed Special Advocate				Until Filled
1808	Millieu 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
1928	Housekeeper Swing	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	10/01/23
1941	General Manager	24	\$199,254.51/yr.	\$335,365.92/yr.	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.	Until Filled
1952	Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner – Behavioral Health	22	\$170,430.95/yr.	\$239,739.54/yr.	Until Filled
1958	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	10/01/23
1959	Lodge Caregiver – On-Call	7	\$21.60/hr.	\$28.02/hr.	10/01/23
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
1973	Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$64.06/hr.	\$86.69/hr.	Until Filled
1974	Tribal Security Officer - Grave	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1975	Senior Auditor	14	\$87,565.47/yr.	\$112,323.88/yr.	Until Filled
1976	Staff Writer – Smoke Signals	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	Until Filled
1977	Enrichment Coordinator Aide - Part Time	5	\$18.23/hr.	\$23.26/hr.	Until Filled
1978	Firefighter On-Call	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	09/25/23
1979	Firefighter – EMT or Paramedic Certification Required	9	\$54,374.27/yr.	\$70,246.61/yr.	09/25/23
1980	Nurse Practitioner	22	\$170,430.95/yr.	\$239,739.54/yr.	09/25/23
1981	Administrative Assistant – Social Services	8	\$23.76/hr.	\$30.76/hr.	09/25/23
1983	Education Program Manager	14	\$87,565.47/yr.	\$112,323.88/yr.	10/01/23
1984	Infant/Toddler Teacher	9	\$26.14/hr.	\$33.77/hr.	10/01/23
1831	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

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

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

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:  
1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.  
(Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)  
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.  
3. External candidates.  
[Apply online at: www.grandronde.org](#)



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Banquet Server ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	9/28/2023	\$14.58/hr. + Tips
Barista	9/28/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Hospitality Attendant ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	9/28/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier	9/28/2023	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent I	9/28/2023	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent II	9/28/2023	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	9/28/2023	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Assistant Banquet Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Assistant Food & Beverage Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Bar Porter ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender (Full-Time & <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Cook (Full-Time & <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Dish Machine Operator ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Executive Administrative Assistant (Full-Time or <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$23.24/hr. DOE
Lodge Front Desk Clerk/Night Auditor	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Marketing Director	Until Filled	DOE
Mountain View Waitstaff ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook ( <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Sportsbook Writer	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & <b>*Part-Time</b> )	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips

\$500 Referral Bonus

SMC & CTGR Employees

\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus

All Positions

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

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

✓ SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.

✓ Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.

✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.

✓ All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

✉employmentteam@spiritmtn.com

https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.

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.

# Watchlist: ‘Native Americans seek justice for murdered, missing’

*(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*

All across America, Tribal communities are looking for answers to their cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people. In southern Montana, one Tribal community’s efforts were featured in an Associated Press video published Wednesday, Sept. 20.

“My granddaughter is Kaysera Stops Pretty Places and she was murdered in August of 2019,” advocate Yolanda Fraser says, wearing a red t-shirt with her granddaughter’s picture on it. “We started advocating because there was no investigation going on. No proper communication or anything to help us. They didn’t even investigate for over a month.”

Fraser says her community experiences this response a lot, or more accurately, no response.

“There are so many similarities between all the stories of the murdered and missing people,” Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council member Melissa Lonebear says. “A lot of it has to do with jurisdiction, but in my opinion it’s the lack of compassion.”

So, the Tribal community started advocating for its lost members. They began a billboard campaign, most recently erecting their third called “Say Their Name,” which features Tribal artwork and a list of the missing and murdered Indigenous people under the caption, “Big Horn County missing and murdered Indigenous people are more than just a number.”

Fraser says they did so to humanize the statistics and bring the names of these people out into the open.

Tribal people purchasing billboard space to advocate for their missing communities has become more popular as increased attention is being brought to the MMIW movement.

In 2022, *Smoke Signals* covered another video in our Watchlist playlist from the “TODAY Show,” where an Indigenous advocacy group erected a billboard for their missing and murdered people.

“It’s become really apparent that if we don’t keep moving forward with our advocacy, keep being their voice, this is going to continue,” Fraser says.

You can watch the entire video for yourself at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=owUfTE2FecU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owUfTE2FecU). ■



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

# Understanding breast cancer

Cancer begins in the cells. These are the basic building blocks that make up tissue. Sometimes, the process of cell growth goes wrong and new cells form when the body doesn't need them and old or damaged cells do not die as they should. When this occurs, a build-up of cells often forms a mass of tissue called a lump, growth or tumor.

Breast cancer occurs when malignant (cancerous) tumors develop in the breast. These cells can spread by breaking away from the original tumor and entering blood vessels or lymph vessels, which branch into tissues throughout the body. When cancer cells travel to other parts of the body and begin damaging other tissues and organs, the process is called metastasis.

Generally speaking, the earlier the cancer is detected, the greater the likelihood of a successful outcome. Early detection and treatment methods have significantly increased breast cancer survival rates in recent years. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99 percent.

Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams, scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. ■



# Violence against women is not traditional

Domestic violence or intimate partner violence is a system of behaviors and tactics used to maintain power and control in a relationship. It means more than just beating someone up. It is a whole system of tactics and behaviors that reflects the privilege that many Native men, like their brothers of all races, have come to believe belongs to them simply because they are men (see the unnatural power and control triangle below).

The use of physical and sexual violence are the ultimate means of ensuring power and control over another person. The use of physical/sexual violence also reinforces the power of other nonphysical tactics of violence. As the threat of physical/sexual violence is always there, it may not need to be used to get the desired result – a look or a word could be enough.

While it is most common for domestic violence perpetrators to be men and victims to be women, it is not always so. In approximately 95 percent of intimate partner violence/battering, the victims are female and the offenders/abusers are male. However, violence against women is not a Native tradition. It was not tolerated and in the rare event that it occurred, it was taken seriously. Abuse wasn't considered a "private family matter."

Now we must deal with the reality that we are hurting each other. We must begin to responsibly address these issues. It is not our fault that we are where we are today. To blame each other is not productive. All people can choose to change their belief system, values and behaviors. We can choose to live according to the traditional non-violent natural belief system.

*-excerpt from "Violence Against Native Women Is Not Traditional"*

If you need to speak with someone about your situation, contact the Tribe's Warriors of Hope program at 503-879-2040 or 503-879-1487. Warriors of Hope offers support and advocacy for those experiencing domestic and sexual violence, sex trafficking and stalking. They primarily serve Grand Ronde Tribal members, other Natives, CTGR and Spirit Mountain Casino employees and local community members. If you are in immediate danger, call 911. If you are safe and in crisis, call the Warriors of Hope 24-hour crisis line at 971-241-3594. ■

# Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather.

Health & Wellness Center staff will make every attempt to call patients during closures. Also, please sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) or follow the Tribe's primary page on Facebook. ■

The GRHWC Diabetes Prevention and Education Program

# Warm Your Soul SOUP SHARE

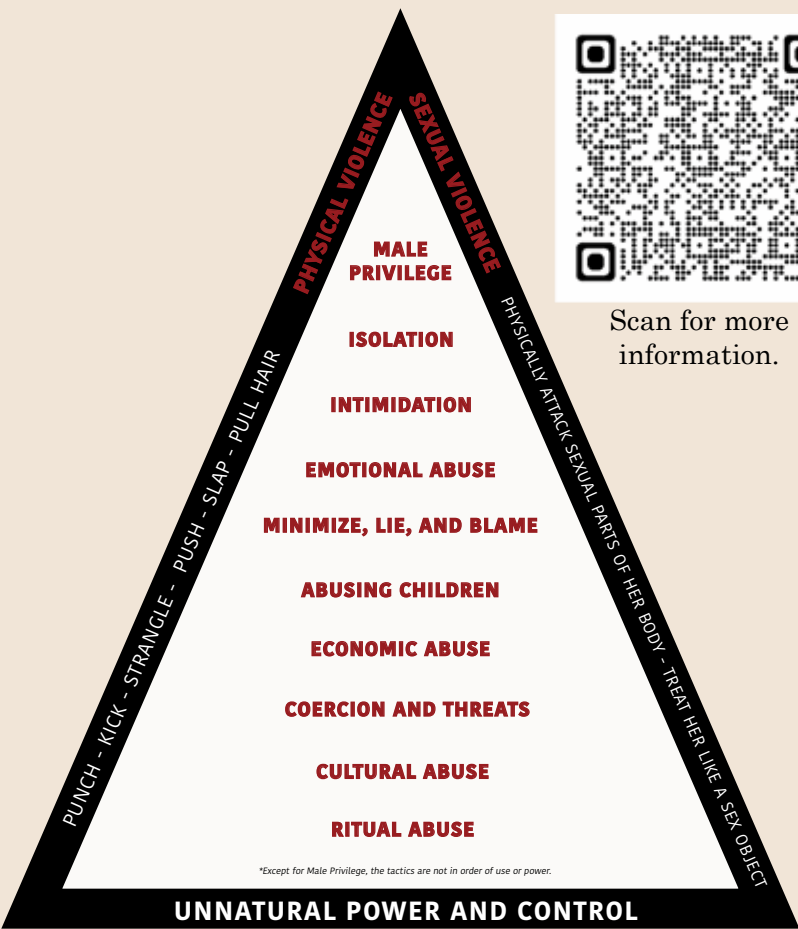
**THURSDAY, NOV. 9, STARTING AT 5 P.M.**  
**CTGR COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**COME AND EAT OR ENTER A SOUP INTO THE CONTEST**

Chefs: Each person who signs up to bring a soup will be given a \$30 gift certificate for use at Albertsons or Safeway. Choose your own recipe or request one. The categories are Chili, Vegetarian, Beef, Pork, Chicken. There will be prizes for each category. Please notify us by Nov. 3 if you plan to bring a soup.

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