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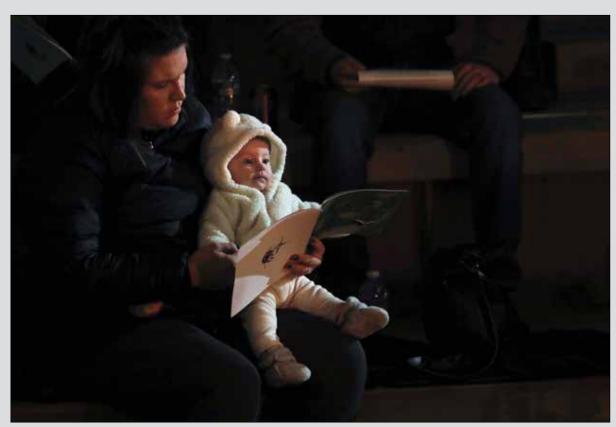
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Tribal member Cheyanne Heidt holds her four-month-old daughter, Lexi Heidt, as she follows along while "Coyote ties up Skunk" is read aloud during the Chinuk Wawa Education Program's ikanum pulakhli (Winter Stories Night) at achaf-hammi (Tribal plankhouse) on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Winter stories

Tribal Language
Preservation Specialist
Zoey Holsclaw reads
"Coyote ties up Skunk"
during the Chinuk
Wawa Education
Program's ikanum
pulakhli at achafhammi.







Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribe changing health benefits administrator



Photo by Tim Trainor/Redmond Spokesman

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, an announcement was made that the Tribe is transitioning away from Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services as the third-party administrator for its employee and Tribal member health plans. The Tribe will instead utilize the services of Wisconsin-based Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department for its third-party administrator.

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

he Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is transitioning away from Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services as the third-party administrator for its employee and Tribal member health plans.

Tribal Human Resources Director Sarah Harvey sent out an all-employee email on Wednesday, Feb. 21, regarding the change.

"Over the last year or so there have been issues with Shasta's ability to timely process claims resulting in customer complaints and loss of revenue," Harvey said. "In 2023, we heard from several members and employees that their medical claims were not being processed. This was the result of a problematic software conversion Shasta made which caused them to fall behind. As a result, some of our employees and members report they have lost their doctors or (were) sent to collections. In the end, we feel this decision is one that is in everyone's best interest."

The Tribe will instead utilize the services of Wisconsin-based Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department as its third-party administrator. Harvey said that transition is expected to be complete by mid-summer.

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Agency Creek Round Dance set for March 8-9

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

he 19th annual Agency Creek Round Dance will be held Friday and Saturday, March 8-9, in the Tribal gym.

Friday's events will start with a pipe ceremony at 5 p.m. and a traditional dinner served at 6. Round dancing will begin at 7. On Saturday, the schedule is the same except there will be no pipe ceremony.

Head staff for this year's Round Dance will be Tribal member and Cultural Resource's Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier as pipeman, Garnett Whitecalf and Anthony Ironchild as stickmen and Devon Bellrose as master of ceremonies. Eighteen guest singers have been invited.

The event is hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and its Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program.

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Smoke Signals file photo

Attendees dance in a circle around drummers during the 18th annual Agency Creek Round Dance held in the Tribal gym last March. This year's Round Dance is Friday and Saturday, March 8-9.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, March 3

Tribal Council Chambers

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

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

Health & Wellness Center offering vaccines

The new COVID-19 vaccine, Spikevax, is available at the Health & Wellness Center for adults 18 and older. It is recommended for those with chronic health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, kidney failure and heart failure, regardless if they have received older vaccines. Spikevax is not a booster.

Another vaccine that is recommended is RSV, which is available for babies eight months and younger, for expectant mothers who are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant and in limited amounts for those 60 and older.

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IN THE FUTURE



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- Sunday, March 3 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 6 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304
- Wednesday, March 6 Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.
- Friday, March 8 Native Youth Wellness Day, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1471.
- Friday-Saturday, March 8-9 Agency Creek Round Dance, Tribal gym.
- Wednesday, March 20 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304
- Wednesday, March 20 Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.
- Wednesday, March 27 Facebook Live, 11 a.m., "Get to know the new general manager." Visit the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Facebook page to attend.

lakit-mun (April)

- Wednesday, April 3 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, April 7 General Council meeting, Lane Community College Longhouse, Eugene, 11 a.m., and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 17 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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Book signing



hotos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder and former Tribal Historian David G. Lewis autographs a copy of his book "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" for Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry during his author visit at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Feb. 22. Approximately 50 people attended the event that was hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Library. It included a book raffle and take-home meal. The book was released last November and it takes a deep dive into the stories of the numerous Tribes that eventually ended up at the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation in the mid-1850s.



Tribal Elder David G. Lewis speaks about his book "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" during an author visit at the Tribal gym.

NWIHA offers youth scholarships

The Northwest Indian Housing Association is offering youth scholarship opportunities.

Applications can be obtained by visiting www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program tab.

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by email to info@nwiha.org by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

All applicants, selected or not, will be notified of the NWIHA executive committee decisions. Successful applicants will be recognized at a banquet held on Tuesday, May 7.

Complete instructions are contained in the application form. For more information, contact info@nwiha.org or 360-220-9212. ■



Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkhmək 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 March 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 email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer.

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- Ceremonial Hunting Board meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- Culture Committee meets as needed at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkhmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 15 via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- 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 first and third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: 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 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- Powwow Special Event Board meets as needed at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair:
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second 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. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

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





2019 – A 4.5-ounce sliver of the sacred meteorite Tomanowos was returned to the Grand Ronde Tribe. The meteorite slice was repatriated by Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville during a ceremony at the museum's theater. Those gathered watched in respectful silence as Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy accepted



2019 File photo

the piece in a red cloth-lined box from Evergreen Museum Collections Manager Lydia Heins.

2014 – Tribal Council voted to purchase a 17.5-acre island in the Clackamas River. Apsug Itcalxum, "the area of Eagle Creek" in the Clackamas Chinook language, is located west of Eagle Creek and near Bonnie Lure State Park within the Tribe's ceded lands. "The history of the area is very important to the Tribe," Tribal Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach said. "In addition to being a summer fishing place for the Clackamas Chinook people, this was near the birthplace of John Wacheno, son of Chief Wacheno, who signed the Willamette Valley Treaty for the Tribe."

2009 – Ten-year-old Tribal member Brayden Langley won the Daisy/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Youth Video Contest. His gun safety video featured quick cuts and bright photos interspersed with his commentary on the importance of gun safety. Brayden's prize was a paid trip to attend the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Camp & Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo in Fort Worth, Texas. He also received a Daisy Ryder BB gun and gift card from Cabela's.

2004 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund was awarded the Regional Cooperative Project Award by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments at the COG Annual Awards meeting. The award honored "a project or initiative that has best exemplified regional, intergovernmental cooperation."

1999 – A committee was formed to help set up a food bank in Grand Ronde. The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center committee had elected officers and written a mission statement.

1994 – Several Tribal members attended the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Visitation Day at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The day's activities included touring the campus and visiting the offices of various Indian programs.

1989 – The Tribe's Social Services Department sponsored a Positive Indian Parenting class. Frank Peterson, parent trainer, traveled to Grand Ronde to teach ways in which to better parent children. Participants included single parents, soon-to-be-parents and longtime parents. Tribal Council members Russ Leno and Ray McKnight were among those who attended the workshop.

1984 – The interim Tribal Council was sworn in at the Saint Michael Catholic Church cafeteria by Bureau of Indian Affairs official John Weddel. Kathryn Harrison, Dean Mercier, Candy Robertson, Frank Harrison, Darrel Mercier, Mark Mercier, Russ Leno, Merle Leno and Henry Petite were sworn in. Thirty-five people attended the event.

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



Tribal Council approves Department of Justice grant application

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a \$390,000 grant application to the Department of Justice for a Tribal community policing grant at its Wednesday, Feb. 21, meeting.

The Community Oriented Policing Services Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation three-year grant will be used to purchase one new patrol vehicle, a utility terrain vehicle, necessary equipment for the vehicles, officer training and outreach materials.

"This is a competitive grant that we successfully received \$217,000 in 2023 for two police vehicles," Grants Management Assistant Dana Morfin said during a Tuesday, Feb. 20, Legislative Action Committee meeting. "This opportunity allows us to prevent or reduce drug crime and use, increase patrolling capacity and allows us to enhance our domestic violence (prevention) program, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People efforts, sex trafficking and stalking efforts, and to help with outreach about our available programs."

In other action, Tribal Council:

 Added new General Manager Angie Blackwell as an authorized signer on Tribal accounts and authorized her use of a Tribal credit

line at 541-921-2927.

you back when they have time."

card;

- Approved amending a contract with Northwest Professional Consortium Inc.;
- Approved final drafts of the Tribal Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan;
- Approved an application to the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration for a four-year Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program grant totaling \$2.8 million;
- Approved entering into an agreement with the city of Salem to assist the Tribal Police Department in providing administrative support services on evenings and weekends;
- And enrolled one infant into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Tribal Council also set the agenda for the next General Council meeting. It will be in a hybrid format at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 3, on Zoom and in Tribal Council Chambers, with a report about capital improvement projects.

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

Shelter in place

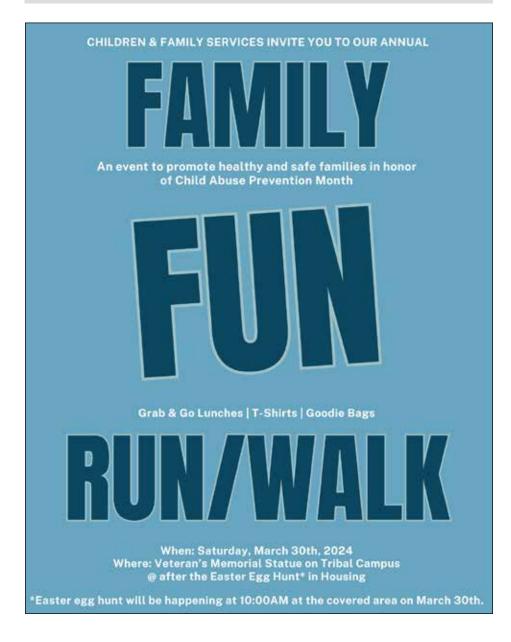


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CG Contractors LLC employees Dylan Larson, left, Buddy Gleason, back, Juan Esparza, right, and Mike Sylvia, driving the skid-steer, guide a bus shelter as it's placed on the concrete pad during installation in Tribal housing on Thursday, Feb. 22. The bus shelters were used at Spirit Mountain Casino when shuttle service was in place transporting people to the casino. Many years ago those shuttles were stopped and the shelters were no longer needed by the casino. They have been repurposed with one bus shelter being installed in front of the Community Center on the Tribal campus, one at Creekside Elder Housing, and three in Tribal housing. Six bus shelters were supposed to be installed, however one of them suffered some storm damage and was not safe to reuse, so only three were installed in Tribal housing.



CG Contractors LLC employee Todd Fitzgerald secures a bus shelter to a concrete pad while installing it in Tribal housing on Thursday, Feb. 22.

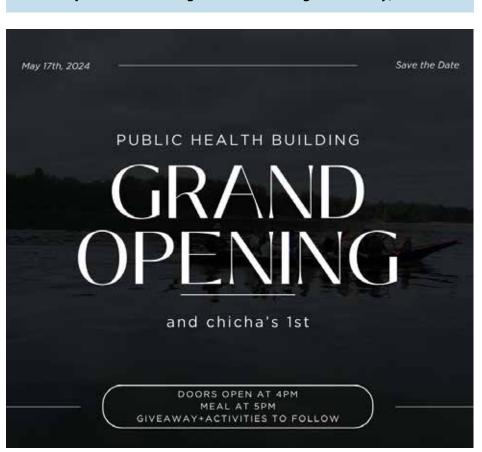


Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text

"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

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



Denise Harvey attends international gaming convention

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

LONDON — Tribal Council member and Indian Gaming Association Tribal delegate Denise Harvey recently attended the International Casino Exhibition in London.

The global gaming event brings together industry and other professionals from across the gaming industry to share their latest products, information and technology.

This year's event was held from Feb. 6-8 at ExCel London. It was Harvey's first time attending.

"I was invited in 2020 but with all of the COVID stuff happening, we cancelled attending that," she said. "This was the first opportunity that I could make it but I've known about it for years. There were probably about 30 Tribal representatives there."

Harvey has served on the IGA 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. She's served on Tribal Council since 2013.

Harvey said that the highlight of the convention was the amount of respect and appreciation the Tribal representatives received from others in attendance.

"It was full of people from all over the world and the symposium we did was packed," she said. "They're just so appreciative and respectful of Tribal people, they treated us like celebrities. It was that way through the whole conference. It was almost overwhelming and surprising that so many wanted to learn who we were and what we do, and the difference between commercial and Tribal gaming."



Indian Gaming Association Deputy Executive Director Danielle Her Many Horses, left, and Tribal Council member and IGA delegate Denise Harvey were presented with the Indian Gaming Association 2024 Chairman's Leadership Award during the International Casino Exhibition in London in early February. The award recognizes efforts made by gaming industry leaders that assist in rebuilding communities through Indian self-reliance. On the right is IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr.



During the Tribal symposium Feb. 6, attendees learned more about the differences and similarities between Tribal gaming regulations and other jurisdictions in the United States, and why gaming is vital to those Tribes.

She continued, "We're a \$49 billion dollar industry, so we're no longer the little fish in a big pond. And they're (gaming vendors) really recognizing that they need to have good relationships with the Tribes

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and understand the differences between each Tribe and each state and it's complicated. But we're very

desirable to them to have business with us."

Another highlight for Harvey was unexpectedly being presented with the Indian Gaming Association 2024 Chairman's Leadership Award with IGA Deputy Executive Director Danielle Her Many Horses and Raving CEO Deana Scott.

Raving is a Native-owned gaming and hospitality business.

The award recognizes efforts made by gaming industry leaders that assist in rebuilding communities through Indian self-reli-

"I wasn't expecting that at all," Harvey said. "I think for Indian gaming and most of the Tribes I get to work with nationally, they respect the fact that I show up and participate. I know when to ask questions and usually am somewhat educated on the questions that I might be asking. So, I think it's just continuous support and being willing to step up. You just do what you do in a professional way and it seems to be resonating."

When asked why it is important to have Tribal representation at these events, Harvey said that it's always

important to have gaming manufacturing companies understand the types of relationships they need to have with different Tribes.

"They recognize that they can't just come in and bombard us and we're as powerful as they are," Harvey said. "What I saw is now they're rethinking their process and know they need to build a relationship. ... It was an honor to be there and represent all of Indian Country and who we are, and help build those relationships." ■

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Tribal community support helps locate missing person

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

After an outpouring of support from the Grand Ronde community, Tribal member and missing person Tenatia Jackson-Crain was found on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Jackson-Crain, 33, was first reported as a potential missing person in July 2023 after a meeting between the Tribe's Social Services Department and Tribal Police.

A flyer created by Tribal member Amanda Freeman and the Tribal Police's missing person flyer were circulated online the second week of February, igniting the community's efforts to find Jackson-Crain.

"It's a work in progress but as long as the community works together toward the same goal, we can fix a lot of things," Freeman said.

According to Freeman, the flyers reached northern California where locals reached out with leads to locations where she had been seen.

Jackson-Crain's step-sister, Tribal member Amber Eastman, felt they could not wait to take action.

Freeman and Eastman decided to create a raffle to raise the funds



Tenatia Jackson-Crain

for Eastman to go search for Jackson-Crain.

Again, the community stepped up.

Freeman donated a certificate for a photo shoot to the raffle, while other Tribal members donated ribbon skirts, dentalium earrings, necklaces and beading supplies. Tribal Council member Matthew Haller donated a certificate for a breakfast for two at the Wildwood Inn restaurant in Willamina, which he owns.

The Tribal community bid on these items and together raised \$225

"My husband and I loaded up the Subaru with the gas money we could gather and drove down," Eastman said.

For her safety and at the request of the family, Smoke Signals is not detailing Jackson-Crain's location.

They stopped at two locations Jackson-Crain was reportedly at, and she was found on their second stop.

"We left yesterday morning (Feb. 14) and found her within an hour of being there," Eastman said.

According to Eastman, Jackson-Crain was surprised to see her.

"She had not realized how much time had gone by and didn't mean to make people worry," Eastman said.

They gave Jackson-Crain a phone to call her grandmother.

"I told her, 'send a smoke signal and we will come," Eastman said. "I brought her grandmother's prayers and reminded her she is loved. We all go through things and we're never not deserving of love, compassion and kindness. I hope she felt the love I brought down to her."

Jackson-Crain did not return to Grand Ronde with the Eastman family.

Freeman, who has been raising awareness within the Grand Ronde

community concerning Missing and Murdered Indigenous People issues, said they are, "meeting her where she is at."

"The first goal is to make sure she is okay and not in danger, and bring her home when she is ready," Freeman said.

The area Jackson-Crain was found was the same stretch of California where Tribal member Heather Cameron-Haller went missing in 2012.

"Driving home all we could do was pray for the Haller family," Eastman said. "It resurfaced a lot of empathy for their pain."

According to Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight, Jackson-Crain remained a missing person in the Law Enforcement Data System until police made contact with her.

Tribal Police announced it had made contact with Jackson-Crain on Monday, Feb. 26, via its Facebook page

"Update! Found safe!" it said. "Thank you Detective Tehama and Corporal Brown for driving down to California in order to find Tenatia Jackson-Crain."

Tribe has been considering new third-party administrator since 2022

SHASTA continued from front page

According to its website, Forest County Potawatomi specializes in benefits administration services for Tribal nations, focusing on utilizing federal resources available to Tribes and thus minimizing Tribal dollars spent. The benefits administration includes claim processing for medical, dental, vision, optical and prescription plans.

When asked if employees and Tribal members could expect timely claims processing with the new administrator, Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe said yes.

"They have very high rates of claims processing and are good at what they do," she said. "We're hoping the transition will be as seamless as possible."

Tribal Finance Officer Chris Leno, who serves as a trustee of the employee health plan, said the Tribe has been considering a different third-party administrator since late 2022.

"We want good customer service on the employee side and the Tribal member side, and efficient, timely claims processing," he said.

Harvey added that with 7,000 people covered on both the employee and Tribal member plans, the Tribe will remain involved with Shasta during the transition.

"The Tribe is interested in the successful administration of claims under our plans and will be involved until we have transitioned to a new TPA," she said. "They (Shasta) have caught up on claims for the most part and most of their software issues have been resolved. However, the company has lost clients and is in financial hardship. They have largely relied on loans from (Tribally-owned business) Upqwena to fund operational expenses it cannot cover."

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On the business side, the Tribe still owns 51% of Shasta, purchased in November 2012 with Hawaii-Western Management Group, which owns 49%. The pur-

chase price was not disclosed.

Then-Tribal Economic Development Director Titu Asghar said the purchase made sense in the Tribe's pursuit of diversifying its non-gaming businesses because the company was already processing claims for the Tribe's self-funded health plans.

"Since that time, Shasta has achieved steady growth and maintained our reputation of integrity, quality, value and service at a competitive price," the company states on its website.

The Tribe has made several loans to Shasta through Upqwena since 2022 to help the company with ongoing operational expenses and alleviating backlogged claims. To date, it has provided nearly \$1.6 million. Shasta is required to pay back the loans in full.

In Oct. 2023, then-Tribal Economic Development Director Bruce Thomas said that the Tribe was seeking to sell Shasta.

"We're exploring that," he said. "It's an industry where efficiency and economies of scale are critical. And what's happening is that industry is consolidating with bigger and bigger operators. It's hard for us with the

number of clients that we have with that organization to really generate the profit we were hoping for."

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said Shasta has not yet been sold.

"There was a prospective buyer last fall but it withdrew after completing its due diligence," she said. "Others have expressed interest in acquiring Shasta but no formal offer has been received from them."

Employees are asked to contact Tribal Benefit & Risk Manager Tammy Gould at 503-879-2031 for more information.

Tribal members with questions about Skookum coverage should call Tribal Health Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere at 503-879-2487 or Tribal Business Office Manager Melody Baker at 503-879-2011.

Additionally, a Shasta update meeting was held in executive session for Tribal members only on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

All questions about claims can be directed to Shasta at 1-800-880-5877. Updated insurance cards will be sent out when the Tribe completes its transition to the new third-party administrator. ■



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. ■

First Agency Creek Round Dance was held in April 2003

ROUND DANCE continued from front page

Youth Empowerment & Prevention has been preparing for the event by sponsoring several gift making workshops in order to create giveaways for guests.

Additionally, Children & Family Services hosted three ribbon skirt and shirt making workshops. Fabric, ribbon and supplies were provided.

The first Agency Creek Round Dance was held in April 2003 and subsequently held annually until the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the event in 2020, '21 and '22.

The event is an opportunity for Tribal members to dance with their ancestors as they join hands and circle around drummers throughout the evening and early into the next morning, and also is a celebration of sobriety and community health and wellness, regularly attracting 400 to 500 attendees.

"It's a whole ceremony in itself, it's not just a bunch of people coming together and singing," Mercier said in a 2016 Smoke Signals article about the Round Dance. "For us here, we want to do it right. It also ties back to other ceremonies like the Ghost Dance; that's how powerful that Round Dance is."

Mercier was responsible for starting the Round Dance tradition in Grand Ronde because of the healing nature of the ceremony and what it can do for a Tribal community.

"All of Friday until midnight and all of Saturday until midnight is the time that we are dancing with our ancestors, we're dancing with those spirits and it is to bring that healing and teaching back. That's why people get up and dance — it's a healing dance." Mercier said.

To hear Mercier discuss more about Round Dance, visit www. spreaker.com/show/smokesignal-spodcast and search for Episode 8. ■

A first for the Tribe: Whale harvested from Sunset Beach



Courtesy photo by Greg Archuleta

Tribal members Nakoa Mercier, left, and Cristina Lara harvest a fin whale on Friday, Feb. 16. The whale washed up on Sunset Beach near Warrenton earlier that month and the Grand Ronde Tribe is the only tribe harvesting the whale.

By Katherine Warren

Smoke Signals staff

After a dead male fin whale washed up at Sunset Beach near Warrenton last month, Tribal Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards and Tribal Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier recognized an important potential cultural opportunity.

Edwards contacted the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which worked with the other agencies such as Oregon State Police, Oregon Parks and Recreation, and local agencies at Sunset Beach to receive permission to harvest the whale. It's a first for the Grand Ronde Tribe.

NOAA issued a harvest permit for the whale and while Edwards was coordinating that aspect, Mercier contacted Chinook Tribal Chairman Tony Johnson to ask permission to enter their traditional homelands.

"We were there within a week to harvest it and we are working with not only NOAA, but Camp Riley and Oregon Parks and Recreation, as it is still open to the public," Mercier said.

Added Edwards, "NOAA saw this as a timely matter for harvesting this gift and we want to thank all the agencies that helped make this possible. It's nice to see this practice coming back to our Tribe."

Grand Ronde is the only tribe harvesting the 46-foot long whale, removing a fin and lower jaw bone. There are also plans to harvest the baleen and more bones. The bones will be carved to replicate work from Tribal ancestors and there will be carving classes as well. The baleen will be used for weaving small baskets and more.

Health & Wellness Center entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces. ■

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Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole hands a book to Avalyn Anderson, 6, during the Blind Date with a Book event that took place outside of the Tribal Library on Wednesday, Feb. 14. The library sponsored the drive-thru event where wrapped books are given to adults and children, which were selected based on their age. Tribal **Library Aide Crystal Bigelow** helped Cole with the event and they gave away about 50 books.





Book date

Worthy Amouak, 5, opens the book she received during the Blind Date with a Book event outside of the Tribal Library on Wednesday, Feb. 14.





Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Attention All Artisans New asserting bids for our Senior Miss grown

Now accepting bids for our Senior Miss crown.

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Watchlist: 'An expression of love'

(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

A Smarthistory YouTube video pans to a 19th century cradleboard with bright red wool and colorful beads on display in the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Choctaw Nation Tribal member Dr. Chelsea Herr provides a voiceover in the video with curators Jack and Maxine Zarrow, and art historian Dr. Lauren Kilroy-Ewbank, explaining the materials in a cradleboard, how it is properly used and the potential origins of the 19th century version on display in the museum.

"In this singular object, we can learn so much about daily life of the Koiwe in the 19th century and the knowledge shared among community members," a video narrator said.

Cradleboards, traditionally and currently, are used to hold and transport babies and young children.

According to the video, cradleboards were not specific to one area and the techniques used to make them changed as trade became more common among Tribes. Products such as wool, patterned fabrics, glass beads and silver were popular cradleboard materials.

Cradleboards were intended to securely hold a child, entertain them with elements hanging in front of them and transport a child on their parents back.

"When propped up vertically, this would allow the child to experience the world much like an adult while standing," one of the video narrators said.

The duration it took to create a cradleboard was about the same time as a pregnancy. Cradleboards were created to be used for years and often passed down through families.

"Once a woman found out she was pregnant, then other women in her kinship network would create a cradleboard like this in community with one another," a narrator said.

Cradleboards can be used for newborns and toddlers, with room for the child to grow inside the cradleboard.

Specific Tribal groups would bead the exterior of the cradleboard and the shapes and color of glass beads used made the cradleboard identifiable as belonging a member to that Tribe.

The cradleboard at the Gilcrease Museum that is referenced in the video was created with the intention of being used but was sold and now sits on display in a museum.

"This is representative of how harsh life on the reservation – and in this case on the Kiowe, Comanche and Apache reservations in the late 19th century – would have been," the video narrator said. "This piece was sold at some point and it's possible that it was to deal with those harsh conditions on reservations and to be able to feed your family."

You can watch more on cradleboards in full Smarthistory video on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkab-MPUFic. ■

Construction zone

Now through Dec. 31, 2024, construction is occurring for the new child development center. During this time, there will be construction traffic using the loop road around the old powwow grounds across the street from the Governance Center.

The road surrounding the old powwow grounds will have restricted access to allow the contractor adequate space to access the site, as well as store materials and equipment.

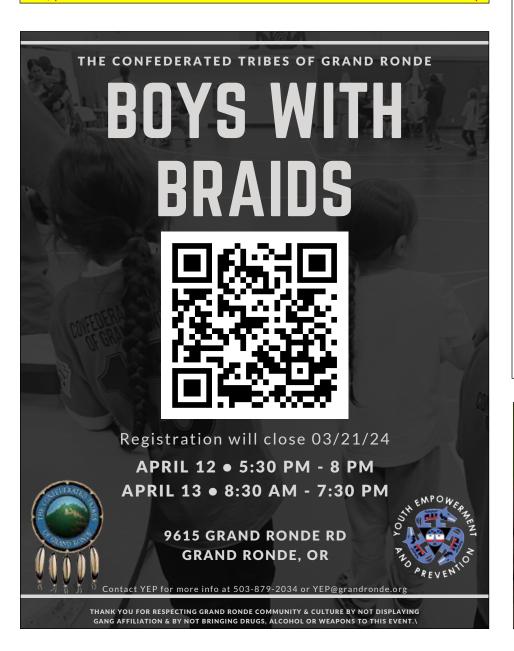
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Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.



Tribal trust lands have increased by 884 acres

The Tribal Lands Department completed the transfer of 884 acres of Tribal land into trust in February.

According to the Lands Department, this is the largest single trust conversion for the Tribe, bringing the Tribe's total trust lands to 12,546.47 acres (including the Reservation). Known as the Tillamook Forestlands, Tribal members can now participate in hunting, fishing, gathering, hiking and biking within this area located just outside of Tillamook.

This is the second property from Tillamook County moved into trust on behalf of the Tribe. Trust lands provide the Tribe with the right and authority to license and regulate activities occurring on Tribal lands. It is also a way to bring ceded homelands back into the Tribe and out of the state's jurisdiction.

The fee-to-trust conversion includes several steps and there are strict requirements from the federal government. The Tribe has developed and maintained positive relationships with the federal, state and local levels of government, according to Tribal Lands Department Manager Jan Reibach.

"CTGR has been proactive over the years in developing these (relationships)...this makes the Tribe better equipped to have successful fee-to-trust conversions."

The Tribe's Natural Resources Department is responsible for managing trust properties on behalf of the Tribe, including the Tillamook Forestlands. To review the Tribe's policies regarding fishing and hunting or for more information on accessing this property, contact Natural Resources at 503-879-4868 or nrdaccess@grandronde.org.

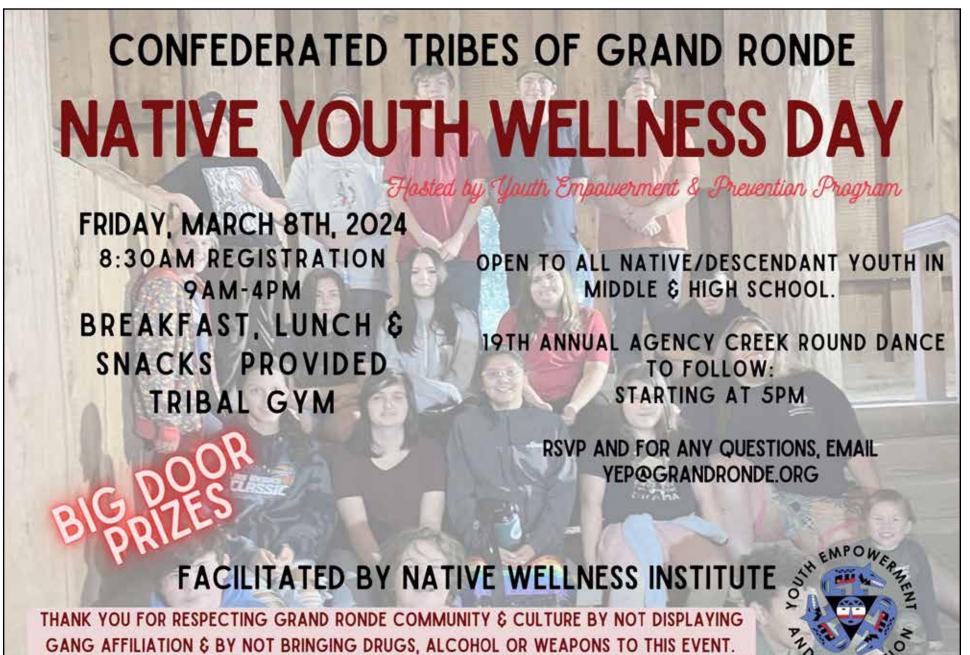
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Grand Ronde Royalty

Participating in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol and public speaking. Participants represent the Tribe by attending powwows, events, parades, fundraisers and various community events.

Serving on the royalty court requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents/guardians and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent/guardian/sponsor) must attend all required events and activities.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2024:

Tiny Tot (Honorary): 4-6 years of age Little Miss Grand Ronde: 7-10 years of age Junior Miss Grand Ronde: 11-13 years of age Senior Miss Grand Ronde: 14-18 years of age General Requirements:

- 1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
- 2. Must be drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free
- 3. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
- 4. Must be single with no dependents
- 5. Sign and comply with royalty guidelines and agreement

For questions or for an application contact:
Shannon A. Simi, CTGR & Veterans Royalty Coordinator
Phone: 503-879-1358
Email: Shannon.simi@grandronde.org

DEADLINE: 5 p.m. Friday, March 29 Late applications will not be accepted.

Veterans Royalty

GRAND RONDE VETERANS ROYALTY

Participating in Veterans Royalty is an excellent opportunity for Tribal youth to learn our traditions, powwow protocol, public speaking and work with veterans. Participants represent the veterans and the Tribe by attending powwows, events, parades, fundraisers and various community events.

Serving on Veterans Royalty requires a considerable commitment from the participant and their parents and/or sponsor. Royalty participants (including parent or sponsor) must attend all required events and activities.

Participants must be within the following age categories by Saturday, July 1, 2024:

Tiny Tot Warriors: 4-6 years of age Warriors: 7 -18 years of age Tiny Tot Princess: 4-6 years of age Little Miss Queen: 7 -10 years of age Junior Miss Queen: 11-13 years of age Senior Miss Queen: 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

- 1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
- 2. Must be alcohol and drug free
- 3. Never married, no children
- 4. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
- 5. Sign and comply with Veterans Royalty guidelines & agreement

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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.

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 applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors. Two board seats expired 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.

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, OR. 97347 Phone: 503-879-2304

Email: stacia.martin@grandronde.org

Submission deadline: Friday, March 8, 2024

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Walking On...

Michael Leonard Rife

Nov. 16, 1951 - Feb. 21, 2024

Tribal Elder Michael Leonard Rife of Pleasant Hill, Oregon, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2024, at the age of 72.

He was born in Mapleton, Oregon, to William and Betty (Carpenter) Rife. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1969 and served a total of six years in the military.

In 1970, he met Katherine June Rose. They were married on Dec. 18, 1970, and spent 52 wonderful years together in which they had two sons, William and Joshua Rife.



Michael was a devoted family man who put his wife and children first. He was also a loving grandfather. Michael enjoyed hunting, fishing and loved the outdoors. His other passion was woodworking. He was a natural handyman who fixed everything.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine; sons, William and Joshua; daughter-in-law, Amy Rife; and grandchildren, Isaac, Allison, Kaleb and Madeline.

Funeral services will be held at $1\ \mathrm{p.m.}$ Saturday, March 2, at the Tribal Cemetery.

West Valley Funeral Home in Sheridan is assisting the family.

Community Fund seeking Hatfield Fellow applicants

Applications for the 2024-25 Hatfield Fellowship program funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund are being accepted through Tuesday, April 30. Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.

Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a monthlong orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members of Pacific Northwest Tribes. Preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2024, and be 21 or older.

For more information, visit the community fund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.

The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. \blacksquare

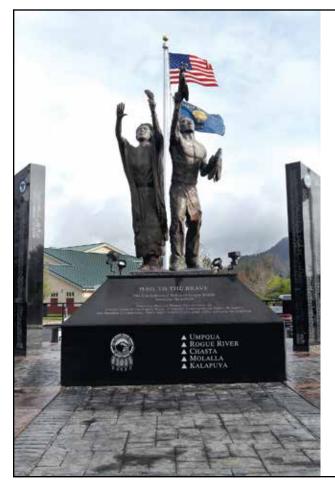
TERO board



Photo contributed by Grand Ronde TERC

The Tribal Employment Rights Office has installed a 12-by-48 foot billboard on southwest Highway 99 near McMinnville to help in its recruiting efforts. Staff, from left, are TERO Director Harris Reibach, Training and Development Coordinator Jacob Boekhoff, Compliance Officer Duke Kimsey and Administrative Assistant Kristy Summers. Not pictured is TERO Senior Administrative Assistant Caden Leno. The billboard was installed in February in addition to a 10-by-30 foot billboard on Interstate 5 in Salem. "The billboards will be up for approximately eight weeks," Reibach said. "At this point, with the positive feedback and interest we have gotten, I will likely extend that time."





West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Deadline is March 15, 2024

DOB: Name: Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Gender: Male/Female (Circle) Rank: Branch: Honorable: Yes/No (Circle) DOE: Place of entry: DOS: Place of seperation: Deceased: Yes/No (Circle) Place of burial: CTGR Tribal: Yes/No (Circle) If Tribal, Roll#

*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy of a bill/record with your name and address showing you had lived or now reside in Grand Ronde, Willamina or Sheridan. Please send application and all documents to Grand Ronde Veterans SEB, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347. If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Clark at 503-879-1418 or e-mail: publicaffairs@grandronde.org

Any applications received after March 15, 2024, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2025.



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Monday, Jan. 1

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment was reported in the 9500 block of Tillixam Circle.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 24.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- An animal complaint was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Sheridan Road and Bridge Street.
- Suspicious activity occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

- Warrant service occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, Jan. 4

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 8 in an attempt to locate a suspect vehicle.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the area of Blue Jay Court.
- Officers responded to a medical call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Jan. 5

- A welfare check occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Fire Hall Road
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Polk Street in Willamina.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.

Saturday, Jan. 6

- Officers responded to a trespass call in the area of Hebo and Sourgrass roads.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road on a trespass call.

Sunday, Jan. 7

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle stop near Wildwood Restaurant in Willamina.
- Officers responded to a prowler call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Jan. 8

- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- A traffic assist occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road.
- A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near Fire Hall Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 14.
- Vehicle prowlers were reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A DUII investigation occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Shots were reported in the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred in the area of Hebo Road near milepost 24.

Thursday, Jan. 11

- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9500 block of Hebo Road
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Jan. 12

- · Warrant service occurred in the area of South Street.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 9500 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Willamina Drive.
- A traffic assist occurred in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- A traffic assist occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, Jan. 13

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Willamina Drive.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 500 block of Main Street in Willamina.

Sunday, Jan. 14

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle stop on Highway 22 near Sawtell Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Blacktail Drive.

Monday, Jan. 15

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 120 block of Hill Drive in Willamina on a shots call.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 500 block of "C" Street.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 18.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- A driving complaint was reported in the area of the Highway 18 and Highway 22 interchange.
- A 911 hang-up call occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Blue Jay Court.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property 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 Grand Ronde Road.

See POLICE LOG continued on page 15



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



POLICE LOG continued from page 14

Thursday, Jan. 18

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 54000 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Friday, Jan. 19

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a vehicle crash on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Hebo Road near milepost 24.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Blacktail Drive.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Jan. 21

- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist occurred in the 25000 block of Blue Jay Court.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An intoxicated person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Domestic harassment was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, Jan. 22

- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- A traffic assist occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and North Street.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road
- A traffic assist occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Creekside Drive.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

- A missing person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic assist occurred on Highway 22 near Sawtell Road.
- A traffic assist occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

- A traffic assist occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 1100 block of Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 9600

block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, Jan. 25

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a stolen vehicle recovery on Highway 18 near milepost 12.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- An animal complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 20.
- A welfare check occurred in the 25000 block of Beaver Court.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, Jan. 26

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a vehicle crash on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant service occurred in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on a domestic disturbance call in the 300 block of Yamhill Street.

Saturday, Jan. 27

- A driving complaint was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, Jan. 28

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant service occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and South Street.
- Officers responded to assist another agency on a reported domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Fourth Street.

Monday, Jan. 29

- Trespass was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A welfare check occurred in the area of Fire Hall Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- Officers assisted an outside agency with an uncooperative subject in the 25000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Warrant service occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant service occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant service occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Angel Arenas.

Massage at Health & Wellness

Hi, my name is Shawna Ray. I have been a licensed massage therapist in the Yamhill and Polk county area for eight years. I will be at the Health & Wellness Center on Mondays providing massage therapy as an on-site contractor and I am contracted with Shasta.

Contact 971-241-4323 by text or voice message to schedule appointments. Co-pay still may apply. I'm looking forward to working with those in the community to deliver a holistic approach to pain management, relaxation and overall wellness.

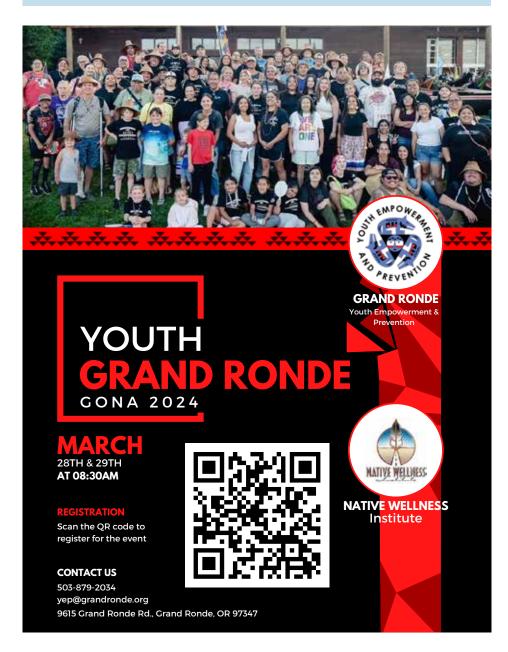
CTGRWellness Warrior Logo Design Challenge DESIGN WHATEVER YOU THINK REPRESENTS WHAT A "WELLNESS WARRIOR" IS. WINNING DESIGN WILL BE PRINTED ON HOODIES THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT AS PRIZES THROUGH THE YEAR, ARTIST WILL RECEIVE \$100 AND A HOODIE WITH THEIR DESIGN ON IT. WINNERS @ MENTAL more info call 503.879.4533 Email submissions to: Angey.Rideout@grandronde.org



The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elder 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. ■



Attention All Artisans

Now accepting bids for our Junior Miss crown.

Submit full design that includes:

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo including feathers.
- Court Year 2024–25.
- Title: Junior Miss Grand Ronde.
- Crowns must be completed and delivered by July 19, 2024.

Must submit photos of progress when requested.

Bid deadline is Friday, March 29, 2024. (deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to: CTGR Royalty c/o Shannon Simi 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Shannon at 503-879-1358 or email shannon.simi@grandronde.org

*Bids and designs can be sent to the above email address.





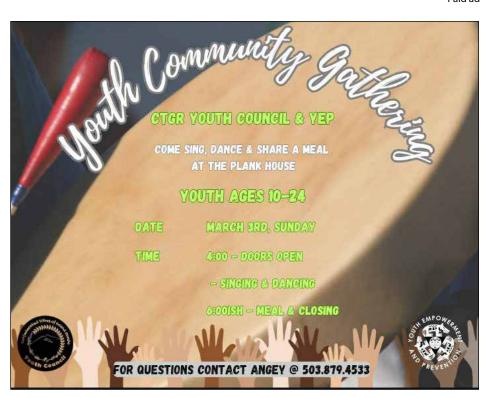
or scan the QR code to apply.

Contact Andrew Puerini at 503-879-1696 or Jim Pinder at 503-879-2332





Paid ad



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, sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org or follow the Tribe's primary page on Facebook. ■

Car Seat Check-Up Event



When:

Wednesday March 6th, 2 pm - 4 pm

Where:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community Center 9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Are you seeking car seat resources?

Have questions or concerns about installing your child's car seat?

Schedule an appointment TODAY to meet with Child Passenger Safety Technicians!

Contact **Stephanie** to schedule your appointment, at **503-879-2016**





Paid Internships in Habitat Restoration

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is recruiting interns for its Habitat Restoration Internships for Spring and Summer 2024. This paid opportunity integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge with local conservation practices and is supported by multiple collaborative partners.

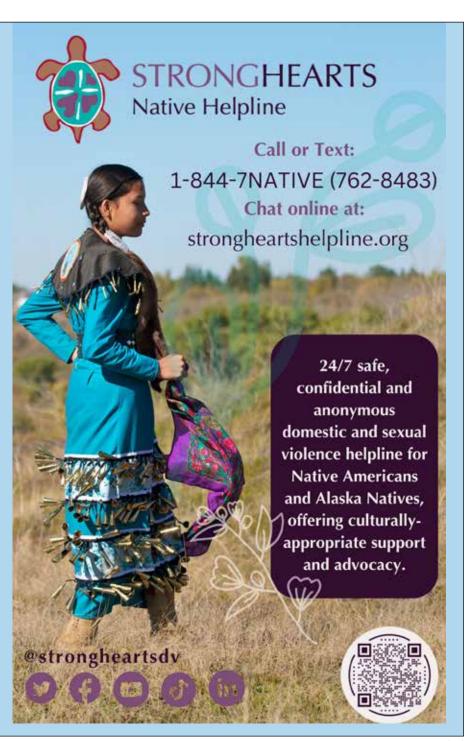
- \$3000 stipend
- · 9 week training, 3 days a week
- Both classroom education and experiential service learning activities
- Choose:
 - o Spring: April 1 to May 31, 2024
 - Summer: July 8 to August 30, 2024

Apply now:

elderberrywisdom.org/joinourteam



Elderberry Wisdom Farm





Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1946	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
1991	Mental Health Counselor – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
1999	Tribal Planner	15	\$97,858.44/yr.	\$97,858.44/yr. \$127,796.59/yr.	
2006	Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2014	Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2030	Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2035	Enrichment Coordinator Aide - Part Time	5	\$18.86/hr. \$24.07/hr.		Until Filled
2036	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time	7	7 \$22.36/hr. \$29.00/hr.		Until Filled
2040	Police Officer Trainee	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2041	Budget Coordinator	14	\$90,630.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
2042	Applications Specialist	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2047	Elder Justice Coordinator – Community Health	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
2050	Academic Coach – Youth Education	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2052	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
2053	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
2056	Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2058	Driver	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	02/26/24
2060	Milieu Safety Technician – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2062	Licensed Practical Nurse – Great Circle Recovery - Salem	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr. Until Filled	
2063	Cultural Wellness Specialist – Public Health	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled Until Filled
2064	Peer Support Specialist	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	
2065	Community Transition Case Manager	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$94,104.26/yr.	Until Filled
2033	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open
Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
2068	Arts Administrator	11	\$69,091.85/yr.	\$87,692.49/yr.	Until Filled
2069	Advocate – Social Services	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2070	Forestry Technician (Entry Level – Fire Suppress/Prevention) Seasonal	4	\$17.15/hr.	\$21.95/hr. Until Filled	
2071	Forestry Technician (Intermediate Level – Fire Suppression/Prevention) Seasonal	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2072	Forestry Technician (Engine Boss, Crew Boss, EMT – Fire Suppression/Prevention) Seasonal	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2074	Cultural Center Specialist	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	02/26/24
2075	Health and Physical Education Coach	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	02/26/24
2076	Community Health Aide IV	15	\$97,858.44/yr.	\$127,796.59/yr.	03/04/24
2077	Staff Writer - Smoke Signals	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	03/04/24
2078	Counselor In Training Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	03/04/24



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY	
Dealer School Student	3/21/2024		
Bartender	2/29/2024	\$16.50/hr. + Tips	
Cleaning Attendant	2/29/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE	
Dish Machine Operator	2/29/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE	
Cage Cashier (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE	
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE	
Count Operations Attendant I	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE	
Database Marketing Manager	Until Filled	\$76,484.51/yr. DOE	
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE	
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE	
Guest Services Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE	
IT Database Administrator	Until Filled	\$76,484.51/yr. DOE	
Prep Cook (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE	
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + Tips	

\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus All Positions

\$500 Referral Bonus SMC & CTGR Employees

*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

- 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 nositions: 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

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

DIABETES

Are you frustrated with your diabetes control? Do you have questions about diabetes? Do you need help managing your diabetes? If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002 To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

Skookum help?

Do you have questions about your Skookum Health Assistance Program or do you need to send in information to the team in Grand Ronde? We have you covered! Send an email to skookum@grandronde.org and one of our helpful team members will be happy to assist you. ■

Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool

Apply starting: April 01, 2024

Applications due by : June 7, 2024

Head Start nurtures the growth of you and your child. Join our supportive community and give your child a strong head start.



For Kids:

- Safe, quality early education
- Qualified teachers
- Healthy meals
- Transportation may be available

For Parents:

- Connection to housing resources
- Employment assistance
- Parent training & support
- Enrollment opportunities for pregnant women
- Enrollment opportunities for all income levels

Eligibility: Grand Ronde Tribal Member/Descendant; Federally Recognized Tribal Member/Descendant; community member living in

WAYS TO APPLY:

ONLINE at: https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/early-childhood-education/

Email dawn.doar@grandronde.org for an application

Or Scan QR Code:



Enrolling Prenatal to 4 years old



To Learn More: dawn.doar@grandronde.org 503-879-1434





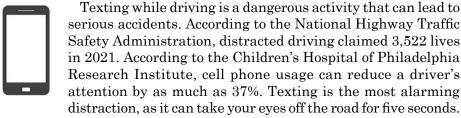
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HEALTH&WELLNESS NEWS

Staying safe on the road



At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed. The average driver is two to nine times more likely to be in an accident if they are texting while driving. Handheld cell phone use (including texting) tends to be highest among 16- to 24-year-old drivers. Furthermore, if you're caught texting and driving, you risk getting a ticket and potentially raising your car insurance rates.

To ensure traffic safety, it is important to avoid texting while driving. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing. If you need to send a text message or make a call, pull over to a safe location and park your car before doing so. You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention.

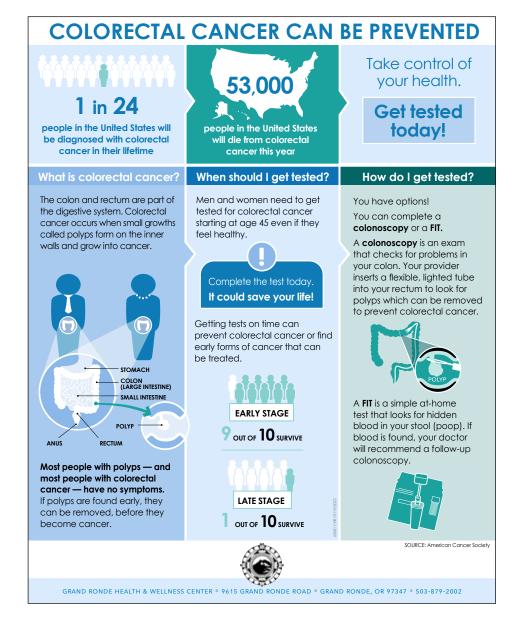
Sources: "Understanding the Problem" and "Distracted Driving" by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute. "Cell phone usage reduces a driver's attention by as much as 37%." ■

March is colorectal cancer awareness month

The colon and rectum are part of the digestive system. Colorectal cancer occurs when small growths called polyps form on the inner walls and grow into cancer. Men and women need to get tested for colorectal cancer starting at age 45 even if they feel healthy. Most people with polyps — and most people with colorectal cancer — have no symptoms. If polyps are found early then they can be removed before they become cancer.

Screening can find signs of potential colorectal cancer before symptoms appear and the cancer develops into a life-threatening situation. Testing is recommended because according to the American Cancer Society American Indians and Alaska Natives have some of the highest disease and death rates in the United States. If it has been longer than 10 years since your last colonoscopy or one year from your last rapid fecal test (FIT) it is time to do another screening test. Nine out of 10 people survive colorectal cancer when testing happens early and treatment can begin. Only 1 in 10 people survive if CRC is identified and treated in the late stage.

Early detection and treatment for colorectal cancer is highly effective! Ask your doctor about getting a screening test. ■



Social media changing brain function

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

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

Some scientists believe social media may change how our brain compartmentalizes and stores information. Since we think we know where we can find the digital information our brains don't seem to keep as many details about the event stored in our own memory.

Attention capacity — With heavy use of social media our brains



are constantly being stimulated. Our brains multi-task. This can create changes in the neurological architecture of our brain. Social media offers the constant promise of new information. This new content is regularly competing for our attention. The current belief is that with this stimuli we are less able to ignore distraction. Therefore, we have poor mental performance. Heavy social media use has even been shown to shrink parts of the

brain that help us concentrate.

Social and emotional response — Social media is made to be addictive. Our brains get a hit of dopamine with each like or positive comment. The little feel-good rewards rewires our brain to do whatever it takes to get another dopamine release so we post more. This can lead to social media addiction.

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

Social media users tend to compare their lives to those they see online, leading to questions of their self-worth. They repeatedly question their importance to their "friends". Do they measure up? Are they valuable in their friends' eyes? Due to the nature of social media, comparisons can happen much faster than they would occur in real-life social interactions.

Understanding strokes and how they happen

A stroke happens when blood flow to a part of your brain is cut off. Strokes are classified as "ischemic" where a blood vessel that takes blood to your brain gets blocked and "hemorrhagic." Blood vessels can get blocked when fatty deposits in your arteries break off and travel to the brain. Sometimes poor blood flow, due to an irregular heartbeat, can form a blood clot which travels to the brain. Hemor-



rhagic strokes occur when a blood vessel in your brain bursts or leaks. High blood pressure and certain blood-thinning medicines can lead to this kind of stroke.

What can you do to lower your chance of getting a stroke?

High blood pressure is the biggest cause of strokes. If you have been prescribed medicine for this, be sure to take it regularly. Even though you may feel fine, uncontrolled blood pressure is not your friend. Smoking or chewing tobacco raises your odds of a stroke. Nicotine makes your blood pressure increase and cigarette smoke causes fatty buildup in your neck artery. Heart disease, including defective heart valves or an irregular heartbeat (atrial fibrillation), can lead to strokes. High blood pressure, chronic high blood sugar, and being overweight are common in people with diabetes and raises the chance of a stroke. High cholesterol also creates higher risk.

Identify stroke symptoms and act FAST:

Face: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of their face droop?

Arms: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? Speech: Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

Time: If you notice any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Other common stroke symptoms include confusion, sudden vision or walking problems or severe headaches. \blacksquare



Happy birthday! Look who turns 55 on March 11 and will be a "baby Elder."

Veronica Eileen (Pichette) Gaston

Happy birthday!

Happy 8th birthday, **Anderson!**

> Love, Your family.



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.

INDIAN TACO FUNDRAISER: SUPPORT TRIBAL ROYALTY! Delicious Food for a Good Cause

Join us Friday, March 15th from 11:30-1:30pm at the Community Center



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER RESOURCES



CHECK FOR JOB OPENING:

Grand Ronde Head Start seeks individuals interested in pursuing Early Childhood Education careers. All positions are advertised on the Tribal website pathway into ECE professions. If you are interested in substituting, please check for an available Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor-On-Call position. We encourage our former students and parents of students enrolled in our program to apply.



CENTRAL BACKGROUND REGISTRY

you are interested in a career with us, please enroll as soon as possible in the Central Background Registry at:

<u> https://www.oregon.gov/delc/providers/pages/cbr.aspx</u>



Facility Name: Grand Ronde Head Start

Address: 9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

License Number: Exemp

Facility Phone Number: (503)879-1430

Food Handler's training is free with IHS. You can complete the course online at: http://www.ihs.gov/foodhandler/



CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

ECE employees must be certified in CPR and First Aid. Childcare Resource &Referral of Marion, Polk & Yamhill provides this training. You can make an account at https://mwvcaa.org/programs/child-care-resource-and-referral/training/ to riew upcoming training opportunities, or call (503)585-2491 for information



OREGON REGISTRY ONLINE (ORO)



Early Childhood Education professionals use Oregon Registry Online to track professional levelopment. Please visit https://my.oregonregistryonline.org/ and click the Log In My Account > Create Account link. You will provide some basic information about yourself and ORO staff will email you a link to log in once your account has been created or found. Please upload any training certificates you have that apply to the ORO Core Knowledge Categories. You should also upload your college transcripts.



Question. Persuade. Refer. for Youth & Families

QPR+ is a suicide awareness training with a simple framework! Discover how youth & the adults in their lives experience stress, identify "bite size" self-care activities that can help before stress becomes too much, and learn the QPR best practice skills about how to recognize warning signs of suicide and connect someone to help!

These are tools every family can use! QPR is supported throughout Oregon & this training has been customized for youth (ages 12 and older) and families to COME TOGETHER, **LEARN TOGETHER, and STAY SAFE TOGETHER!**



FREE Training

Sponsored by:

March 18th 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm **Dinner Included**

CLICK OR SCAN TO

REGISTER

WHAT YOU'LL GET:

- **Skills** to recognize stress in your life Bite-sized **self-care** & tools to use before stress feels like too much
- Skills to recognize & support individuals with thoughts of suicide
- Conversation starter activity & form for your home!
- Yummy snacks, fun fidgets, tons of resources & a QPR booklet
- **Connection** with those that matter in your life - PRICELESS!









This training team, Charlette Lumby, RN, CCRN & Michelle Bangen, MPH, CHES bring their energy, passion, and a combined three decades of experience to solving complex, interconnected social issues and building capacity for prevention.



