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Facebook Live event features new GM Angie Blackwell

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

The Tribe held another Facebook Live event on Wednesday, March 27, to introduce the membership to new General Manager Angie Blackwell.

“Today, we have a new element in our Tribal government,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A.



Angie Blackwell

Kennedy said. “We were advertising for a general manager for quite a while and there were many qualified people that we looked

at. Today, I’m here to introduce our new general manager. Welcome aboard and welcome to your first Facebook Live.”

Blackwell, 56, began her new role in February. Prior to becoming general manager, she worked as the Tribe’s Early Childhood Education Program Manager, a position she held for several years.

She has also served as a Tribal Council Vice Chair and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director. Additionally, Blackwell has worked as a family life educator through her business Blackwell

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Spring break fun



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Satara Blanchard, 14, works a cookie to her mouth while competing in a challenge game during hayu-munk skukum Spring Break Camp 2024 at B’nai B’rith Camp in Otis on Tuesday, March 26. On the left, Aven Cox, 15, also participates in the challenge where the youth start with the cookie on their forehead and can only use facial movements to get the cookie to their mouth. Twenty-six sixth-through 12th-grade youth attended the annual camp that ran Monday to Wednesday, March 25-27. See more photos on page 8.

Years of Service awards honor 72 employees



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

By Danielle Harrison
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First-quarter employees hired in either January, February or March, with at least five years of service to the Tribe, were honored during a Years of Service breakfast event at the Tribal gym on Thursday, March 21.

The employees represented a combined total of 959 years of service.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George gave the invocation and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed employees.

“I’m pleased to be here and to celebrate all of you,” she said. “You are the builders of our nation and our people. You do excellent work

to make sure our services to the membership are carried out. I really appreciate every one of you.”

Other Tribal Council members in attendance included Secretary Michael Cherry and Denise Harvey.

New General Manager Angie Blackwell introduced herself to the employees in attendance and served as event emcee.

“I am launching into a phase of learning who you are and what you all do,” she said. “My only goal is to advance the mission that the visionaries set out when the Tribe was restored. Every single one of you is a part of that mission.”

Blackwell handed out service

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Tribal Council member Jon A. George hugs Tribal Records Administrator Kim Mueller as she is recognized during the first-quarter Years of Service event held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, March 21. Mueller has worked for the Tribe for 29 years.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, April 7

Lane Community College Longhouse,
4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene.

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, April 3.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17.....	4 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. In-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom.	

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals,

I am sending in this letter to let you know that there is yet another positive addition to Tribal Housing on Tyee Road.

Something I've been pushing for has been installed to let drivers know just how fast they are going: The new traffic signs are a positive addition because too many people are speeding up and down that road. I watched as many were registering an average of 35 mph in a 25 mph zone.

I've been pushing to have the speed lowered to 10 or 15 mph as no one needs to be going over that limit with so many kids running around and not looking both ways.

Kids on bikes are racing around, many without helmets and not looking both ways before crossing the road. I have already personally seen two dogs get hit. One needed surgery and the other, unfortunately, was killed.

I hate to be blunt, but what will it take before they (housing, Tribal Council) do something to lower the speed limit? Will it take a Tribal Elder, member or child getting hit and seriously injured or killed before something is done?

Veronica Gaston
Roll No. 2332

Dear Smoke Signals,

I'd like to thank everyone who kept an eye out for "Cash" aka Cooper, sharing photos of his whereabouts. Thanks to the Great Spirit, he has found his forever home.

P.S. Thanks CTGR Council. I thank you every time I drive up Grand Ronde Road.

Richard Fenwick
Roll No. 2486

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IN THE FUTURE



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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.
- Wednesday, April 3 – Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.
- Sunday, April 7 – General Council meeting, Lane Community College Longhouse, Eugene, 11 a.m., and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
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qwinem-mun (May)

- Wednesday, May 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, May 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, May 27 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Meal served at noon in the Tribal Community Center.
- Wednesday, May 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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Spring open house



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Tribal Natural Resources Department Senior Administrative Assistant Michele Volz, left, shows Tribal Elder Marcella Wilkes a map of the Tribe's hunting and fishing areas during the Swing into Spring open house at the Tribe's Portland office on Wednesday, March 20. In addition to NRD, staff from Member Services, Tribal Employment Rights Office and the Higher Education Program were there to assist Tribal members with their respective program offerings.

Seeking two Elders for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at New York's American Museum of Natural History

Elder Lottery drawing will be conducted by Tribal Council staff and/or Executive Office staff via Google Wheel of Names.

New York facts:

- Prepare for ample amounts of walking: The average New Yorker walks 6,000 to 10,000 steps per day – or 2.5 to 4.5 miles per day.
- There are five boroughs: Manhattan, The Bronx, Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn.
- Top three specialties to try: Pizza, pretzels and pastrami.
- Free activities include: Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, visit Grand Central Station and ride the Staten Island Ferry.
- New Yorkers speak more than 800 languages.
- The original people of New York were the Lenape.

Screening criteria for signing up:

- Minimum age is 55 years old.
- No health conditions that may prevent walking. (Should a companion be needed to assist with medical/mobility reasons, they must pay for their airfare and per diem. Elder and companion are responsible for making arrangements).
- Must have an operational cell phone.
- Must provide drop-off and pick-up contact information, if different from emergency contact information.
- Must be willing to tip any and all service staff – dining/bellhop/taxi/Uber.
- Must sign an agreement outlining representative duties and expectations.

◊ What is covered / provided?	◊ What is NOT covered / provided?
a. Round-trip, direct flight b. Lodging c. Per diem d. Mileage to/from airport	e. Souvenirs f. Mobility needs g. Parking* h. Baggage fees* i. Uber/taxi/subway* <small>*possible reimbursement</small>

Screening criteria determined by Tribal Council and Staff Chaperones.

Tentative schedule:

- January through April 12: Enter name for lottery drawing.
- Late April: Tribal Council staff and/or Executive Office staff to select participants via Google Wheel of Names.
- Criteria meeting participants report to Chelsea Baranski in Tribal Council to complete important travel information – current license/ID, valid vehicle insurance, emergency contact(s), primary care physician, list of medications and any dietary restrictions.
- May: Dinner with interns and delegation.
- June: Pick up travel packets.
Delegation travels to New York for CTGR Tomanowos Meteorite Ceremony.
- July: Submit receipts – lodging/baggage; parking/taxi/Uber if any.

Elders can sign up for the lottery at the Elder Activity Center or chelsea.clark@grandronde.org.

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 April 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, April 19 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: Dana Ainam.
- **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.

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. ■



2019 – Tribal Elder and World War II veteran Herman Hudson received a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Hudson was nominated to receive the honorary quilt by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran who previously received one and then was asked to nominate a worthy veteran to receive one.

2014 – The Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, inched closer to the \$62 million mark in giving during its quarterly check presentation held in the Tribal Governance Center. Community Fund Executive Director Kathleen George welcomed grant recipients and thanked them for creating solutions that make western Oregon a healthier, more resilient place to live.

2009 – A get-together was held at the Facilities Department to honor and celebrate Tribal Elder Russell Leno’s retirement. He retired from his position as senior groundskeeper at the Tribal Cemetery after working for the Tribe almost 22 years.



2009 File photo

2004 – The Tribe switched the Spirit Mountain Casino complex from the community water system to treated water from the South Yamhill River. The rollover affected the casino, lodge and convenience store. More than 4 years of work went into development of the system that finally allowed expansion at the casino complex without jeopardizing growth in the rest of the Grand Ronde community.

1999 – The Tribe co-sponsored a dinner at the Portland Hilton in honor of retired Rep. Elizabeth Furse. Furse and her husband were given blankets with the Tribe’s logo. Before she was elected to Congress, Furse advocated for the federal restoration of Oregon Tribes and served as Restoration Coordinator for Grand Ronde.

1994 – Community Health Representative Bonnie Martin-Tom won recognition with the National Association of Community Health Representatives for her commitment and service to the Tribe. During the National Triennial Education Conference in Spokane, Bonnie was given a shoulder sash and special seating at the banquet dinner.

1989 – Agenda items for the General Council meeting included a review of the Tribe’s Master Plan and acquiring the Depot facility for office space. Coopers Consultants had been preparing a master plan for the Tribe to look at the housing and facility needs of the Tribe and its membership. The plan was in draft form and Tribal Council invited input from the membership.

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 community housing study

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a housing study that will help determine Grand Ronde and wider community needs for the next several years at its Wednesday, March 20 meeting.

“The purpose of this assessment is to fulfill a housing capacity analysis, develop a housing production strategy and prepare a housing implementation plan,” Tribal Engineering & Planning Manager Ryan Webb said during a Tuesday, March 19, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “This work will identify existing and future housing stock within the community by identifying opportunities for improvement and expansion of a variety of housing options.”

The \$73,500 study will be done by Points Consulting of Moscow, Idaho, and the goal is to not only examine the current housing situation within Grand Ronde but also to identify opportunities for improvement and expansion of a variety of housing options, according to Webb.

“The final report and presentation of the project will serve a foundation to develop community specific housing, priorities that inform strategy, policy decisions, the allocation of resources and the cost to complete the work,” Webb said. “This really is a look at it from across the realm, everything from low-income to market rate to homeownership to homestead. We’re truly trying to take a holistic vision...and look at every different opportunity that we could provide to the membership with this.”

The assessment is expected to be complete by the end of August.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an amended letter of agreement with the state of Oregon regarding the Willamette Cove project area to update contact information for all entities

- involved;
 - Authorized the sale of homes in phase 1 of Tipsu-ili’i, the Tribe’s homeownership community located at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads;
 - Approved a \$138,550 funding agreement with Bonneville Power Administration for fiscal year 2024 for the Tribe’s participation in the Northwest Power and Conservation Council’s Fish and Wildlife Program;
 - Approved the first reading of an amendment to the Freedom of Information Ordinance reducing the time certain documents can be declassified from 15 years to 3 years;
 - Approved an application to the Oregon State Fire Marshall for a wildfire season staffing grant for \$35,000;
 - Approved a Tribal credit card for Construction Supervisor Bart Bryant for up to \$2,500 for emergency incident management needs;
 - Approved consolidating five construction loans to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. into one permanent loan of \$27.8 million;
 - Authorized the Tribe’s Fire Management and Protection Program to finalize the Portland Metro Prescribed Fire Agreement;
 - Approved a \$30,000 grant application to Bonneville Power Association for the restoration of 41 acres of oak habitat at the Tribe’s Rattlesnake Butte property in Junction City;
 - And approved one emergency non-infant and four non-infant enrollments, and two infant enrollments into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.
- To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Videos tab. ■

Prayer walk



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Clockwise from left, Tribal Council members Matthew Haller and Jon A. George, Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry and Tribal member Miranda Ellis participate in a prayer walk from the Governance Center to the Atudship rock mound at the Tribal Cemetery on Monday, March 25, to honor ancestors of the Rogue River Tribe of Indians arriving at the Grand Ronde Reservation on that date in 1856. The journey, known as the Rogue River Trail of Tears, started from the Table Rock Reservation homelands in Southern Oregon, lasted 33 days and covered 263 miles on foot.

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

For more information, call the Health & Wellness Center at 503-879-2002. ■

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

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



ELECTION BOARD VACANCY

IMMEDIATE OPENING

- Must be a CTGR Tribal member.
- Must be able to work at least one day per week in the election office, mid-July through early September.
- Apply by Friday, April 19.



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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
OFFSITE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

11 A.M. Sunday, April 7, 2024

Lane Community College Longhouse
4000 E. 30th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97405

Followed by community input meeting.

www.grandronde.org

Tribal Council secretary attends Elected Tribal Official Academy Training



Photo courtesy of The Evergreen State College

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry, second from left, attended the second annual Elected Tribal Official Academy Training that was held in February at ilani Casino Resort in Ridgefield, Wash. A few of her fellow attendees included The Evergreen State College Tribal Liaison Lyn Dennis, left, Tulalip Tribes Chairwoman Teri Gobin, second from right, and Cowlitz Tribal Council member Suzanne Donaldson.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash. – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry attended the second annual Elected Tribal Official Academy Training in February at ilani Casino Resort.

Cherry was one of 48 Tribal officials who participated in the training according to a press release from The Evergreen State College, which developed curriculum for the training.

Tribes represented included Squaxin Island, Nisqually, Lummi Nation, Confederated Tribes of Colville, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, Spokane, Hoh, Port Gamble S’Klallam; Tulalip Tribes; Jamestown S’Klallam; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Skokomish and the Cowlitz Tribe.

Cowlitz Tribal Chairwoman Patty Kinswa-Gaiser welcomed attendees to the event and The Evergreen State College President John Carmichael gave opening remarks.

Resilient Tribal governance was highlighted throughout the training, including topics such as the federal Supreme Court, congressional updates, an overview of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, communication and political protocols, Tribal budgets and fiscal policy, climate change, legislative

processes at the state and federal level, and gaming and sustainable Tribal economies.

Grand Ronde Tribal member and Northwest Regional BIA Director Bryan Mercier was one of the featured speakers.

The training is a result of a consultation that previously took place at The Evergreen State College, in which Tribes requested a training for newly elected Tribal officials and Tribal liaisons.

“Attending the Elected Tribal Official Academy Training was a transformative experience that provided invaluable insights and opportunities to collaborate with other elected officials,” Cherry said. “The training offered a unique opportunity for both new and seasoned elected Tribal leaders to gain a deeper understanding of Tribal governance and Tribal sovereignty essential to our communities. I cannot emphasize enough how effective this training was, I only wish I attended sooner.”

For a more in-depth story about Cherry’s experience, listen to the Smoke Signals podcast by visiting smokesignals.org and clicking on the “podcast” link under the drop-down menu. ■

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. ■

Photo collection



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Leland Butler discusses his photographs during an artist talk and opening reception for his exhibit, “Connected to the Land,” in the art gallery at Linfield University in McMinnville on Wednesday, March 20. “Over the course of making photos, I’ve become attached to the duality of light and shadow and the beauty it creates in an image,” Butler said in his artist statement. “With that same idea, there is an internal exploration that takes place throughout life and similarly, one can find the beauty in the duality of our own internal light and shadow through expression and exploration (internally and externally). This collection of photos explores that concept through landscape photos of the Pacific Northwest that were created while also exploring the internal light and shadow. The spiritual journeys we embark on to find life’s answers about self often brings us back to nature and that’s what connects us to the land.” The exhibit is co-curated with Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center and Linfield Art Gallery. Butler was selected as the 2024 Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellow, receiving \$20,000 to advance his artistic work. The fellowship is administered by the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department. It will run through Friday, May 3.

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April 12th, 2024

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May 17th, 2024

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Procurement Assistant Kelly Leno reached 34 years of service

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awards to employees after they were served a breakfast of scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, fruit and a selection of juice, soda and sparkling water. Kennedy, Cherry, George and Harvey gave handshakes and occasional hugs to the honored employees.

Honorees were led by Procurement Assistant Kelly Leno, who reached 34 years of service to the Tribe.

Records Administrator Kim Mueller and Gaming Commission Licensing Manager Julia Papen were honored for 29 and 28 years of employment, respectively. Rounding out the quarter century or longer mark were Billing Supervisor Sunni Ulestad with 26 years and Clinic Business Office Manager Melody Baker, 25 years.

Other employees notching 20 or more years of employment with the Tribe included Employee Relations Manager David DeHart and Compensation/HRIS Specialist Becky Mode, 24 years each; Spirit Mountain Community Fund Executive Director Angela Sears, 23 years; Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight, Information Systems Web Administrator William Mercier and Tribal Attorney's Office Manager/Paralegal Kerrina Mishler, 22 years each; Post-Secondary Education Coordinator Joshua Clift, 21 years; and Early Head Start Family Educator Shawn Bobb and Portland Area Office Tribal Services Representative Lisa Archuleta, 20 years.

Other Tribal employees honored included:

18 years: Staff Accountant Debra Nolen and Employment Specialist Toni Mercier.

17 years: Employment Specialist Jessie Powley.

16 years: Health Information Supervisor Desiree Allen, Natural Resources Construction Supervisor Bart Bryant, Senior Dental Assistant Rachel Clark, Enrollment Officer Nick LaBonte, Day Shift Housekeeper Rosie Saldivas, Gaming Commission Compliance Analyst Tyrell Soderberg and Natural Resources Senior Administrative Assistant Michele Volz.

15 years: Health Care Payment Specialist Kayla Leno, Groundskeeper Joseph Grammer and Hydrosystem Compliance Specialist Lawrence Schwabe.

14 years: Lead Shipping and Receiving Clerk Seth Mercier and Rental Housing Program Manager Leon Ramos.

13 years: Employee Relations Specialist Sean Barton, Chinuk Wawa Preschool Teacher Halona Butler, Employment Program Manager Michael Herrin and Dental Hygienist Erin Muchmore.

12 years: Gaming Inspector Dalton Robertson, Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards and Family Support Services Specialist Alexandria Warren-Masters.

11 years: Employment Caseworker Tiny Gibbons, Child Family Services Investigator Shauna Hastings, Adult Foster Care Caregiver Brianna Leno, Risk Analyst Patricia Mercier, Employment Caseworker Angella Schultz and Groundkeeper Sean Sell.

10 years: Tribal Police Corporal Tyler Brown, Groundskeeper Joseph Kelley, Chinuk Wawa K-5 Teacher Jade Colton, AV Techni-

cian/Web Specialist Jordan Smith and Dental Assistant Whitney VanArsdel.

9 years: Tribal Police Sgt. Rod McAllister, Health Promotion Specialist Stephanie King, Post Elementary Chinuk Wawa Outreach Teacher Zoey Holsclaw and Housing Services Coordinator Lacy Leno.

8 years: Staff Accountant Sher-eena Bates, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandy Bishop, Lead Licensed Practical Nurse Jeannette Cavan, Senior Help Desk Technician Mark Donahoo and Chinuk Wawa Assistant Teacher Washie Squetimkin-Anquoe.

7 years: Early Head Start Teacher Joshua Biery, Training Coordinator Jeri St. Onge, Health & Wellness Clinic Doctor Randy Blome, Tribal Police Officer Kalim Mercier, Infant/Toddler Teacher Shawna Freeman, Human Resources Administrative Assistant Jessie Storm and Firefighter Anthony Simmons.

6 years: Senior Mental Health Counselor Denise Fellows, Police Officer James Flynn, EHS Family Educator Tracy Haas, Compensation/HRIS Analyst Jonathan George, Member Benefits Administrator Kalene Contreras, Laboratory Manager Teresa Larson and Tribal Realty Specialist Amanda Wilson.

5 years: Employment Coordinator Holly Snodgrass and Staff Accountant Benito Rodriguez.

After breakfast concluded, there was a raffle, which included cash prizes of \$50 and \$100 and additional administrative leave. ■



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Friday June 21st @ 12~4pm

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Thursday, April 4th, 2024
From 4pm to 6:30 pm
Come join us at the Tribal gym for some family fun!

There will be a Cake Walk, Ring Toss, and other fun activities.

Boxed dinners and drinks will be provided.

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Albee Gulledge, 17, lines up an arrow while practicing archery at hayu-munk skukum Spring Break Camp at B’nai B’rith Camp in Otis on Tuesday, March 26.

Eat, fun, sleep, repeat



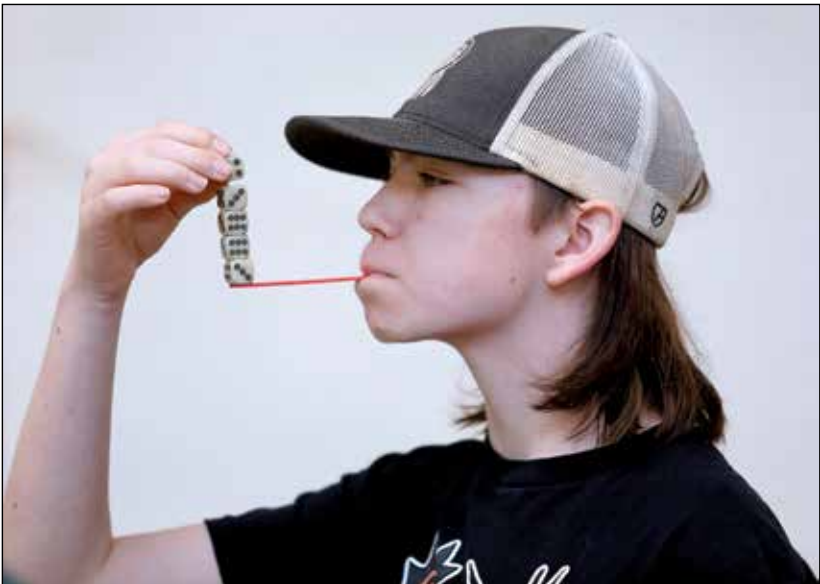
Tribal Elder Deitz Peters helps Ezri Bailey, 15, as she makes a medicine bag during hayu-munk skukum Spring Break Camp. Peters led the workshop in which he educated the youth on how to make and use the bags.



Tribal member Brian Krehbiel tells Leloo Quenelle, 11, to sit against the side of the canoe as she and Aubrey Campbell, 11, are the first in as their clan loads for a paddle on Devil’s Lake.



The Umpqua clan returns from a paddle on Devil’s Lake during hayu-munk skukum Spring Break.



Owen Campbell, 14, adds a fifth die as he stacks dice on the end of a Popsicle stick he’s holding in his mouth. Campers had to balance five dice on the stick in order for their clan to be able to move to the next challenge game.



TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO



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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Blackwell spoke to members who logged on, answered questions

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Family Resources LLC.

“I am so happy to be here and I welcome this opportunity to re-introduce myself to the membership,” Blackwell said. “Many of you already know me and some of you will remember me from other capacities that I’ve served within the Tribe. For those of you who may not know me, I’m a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe and I come from the Riggs and Norwest families... My mother is Candy Robertson and she served on Tribal Council for the first 10 years post-Restoration, so she contributed to some of that work as far as restoring us to federal recognition.”

Blackwell shared that after moving to Grand Ronde as a child, she and her sisters would make copies of the original Smoke Signals newsletter and help with distribution, along with washing dishes after potluck meetings at St. Michael’s Church and other activities to help with the Restoration effort in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

“Even as children, we were engaged in this effort,” she said. “I remember lots of meetings with Sen. (Mark) Hatfield and Rep. (Les) AuCoin and Elizabeth Furse. I really value those memories.”

Attending the Facebook Live event were Kennedy and Tribal Council members Jon A. George and Denise Harvey, with Communications Director Sara Thompson fielding questions asked on Facebook.

Blackwell said that she didn’t always aspire to be a general manager and when it was suggested years ago, she didn’t take it seriously

because at the time she was a high school dropout with a young child.

“But I worked really hard all of those years and with the Tribe’s support and my family’s support, I was able to get my education, earn a degree and be able to work here contributing to the Tribe,” she said. “I’m really grateful for this opportunity to be in the role as general manager.”

After Blackwell spoke to the 110 Tribal members who logged on to Facebook to attend, she answered five questions from the audience.

“As a council person, I think we’re all honored to have somebody with such a rich historical background and foundation of not only being a resident here in our community but also who has been working on our different programs and services within the Tribe,” Harvey said. “I’ve never gotten to work directly with Angie but I have definitely worked with her in her different capacities here and I will say one of the things I most admire is she’s an amazing problem solver, which is great as a general manager. Her communication is amazing and she has a good understanding of our organization and community. It’s an honor to have somebody with her knowledge and experience in this role.”

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.

To contact Blackwell, call 503-879-2036 or email angie.blackwell@grandronde.org.

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 month-long 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 thecommunityfund.com/other-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to Youtube 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. ■

Rec center funding approved

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Andrea Salinas announced that she successfully advanced more than \$14 million in community project funding for Oregon’s 6th District, including \$500,000 for a new resident and recreation center in Grand Ronde.

The project funding was included in the first of the 2024 government appropriations packages passed by the House of Representatives. The legislation is expected to be signed into law by President Joe Biden later this month.

“I am incredibly pleased to vote for the first government funding package today and advance over \$14 million for important community projects in Oregon’s 6th District,” Salinas said. “From making needed improvements to our roads and water infrastructure, to expanding access to rural broadband and public transportation, these projects will tangibly improve the lives of everyone in our communities.” ■

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Community night



Photos by Kamiah Koch

Azaela Anderson, 9, shows her mom a book at the Youth Education Community Night at the Tribal gym on Wednesday, March 13. The event sponsored by Youth Education offered a table of free books, T-shirts and raffle prizes.



Paisley Smith, 6, jumps into her friend's arms at the Youth Education Community Night at the Tribal gym on Wednesday, March 13.

Pacific University hosing Reconciliation Powwow

Pacific University's Indigenous Student Alliance is hosting a Reconciliation Powwow. It will be held to honor Forest Grove Indian Training School students who attended and lost their lives at the school, Indigenous Student Alliance Advisor Nikol Roubidoux said.

"The May 4 event will not be a competition powwow given the meaning behind it," she said. "We welcome dancers, drummers and artisan vendors to come and celebrate our culture and our future."

She added that the intent is to celebrate the Kalapuya people and to establish a meaningful relationship with the Grand Ronde community.

"The students and I thank you and hope you will join us on May 4," Roubidoux said.

Grand Entry will be held at 1 and 7 p.m. and admission is free. Pacific University is located at 2043 College Way, Forest Grove.

For more information, contact kata@pacificu.edu or vene3117@pacificu.edu. ■

Willamina School District names new superintendent

The Willamina School District School Board has selected a new superintendent, Mike Gass.

Gass currently serves as interim superintendent at the Clear Creek School District in Idaho Springs, Colorado. Previously, he was an elementary principal for 3 years in the Lincoln County School District in Newport, Oregon; and the Superintendent for 5 years in the Telluride School District in Telluride, Colorado.

Additionally, he has held numerous other administrative and teaching positions in Colorado. He owns a home in Otter Rock, Oregon.

There were 20 applicants for the position to replace longtime Willamina Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, who is retiring at the end of this school year.

The board interviewed three finalists for the position during the week of March 11. Gass will begin as superintendent starting Monday, July 1.

McPherson & Jacobson LLC of Omaha, Nebraska, served as consultants in the search process and will continue working with the School Board and the new superintendent in helping to establish performance goals. ■



Mike Gass

Women's Healing Circle

A safe space to come together and support one another through community healing.

Monday April 22nd
From 10am-12pm

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Watchlist: ‘Salmon Wars’ podcast

(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 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

One of Oregon Public Radio’s most popular podcasts, “Timber Wars,” recently published its sequel in collaboration with ProPublica called “Salmon Wars.”

Reporter Tony Schick narrates the podcast and shares the voices of a Yakama Nation family who has been fighting for salmon and fishing rights for generations.

“As a white kid growing up in the Pacific Northwest, I’d look out the window during drives along the Columbia River,” Schick said in the podcast’s 2-minute trailer. “I’d see signs about the Lewis and Clark expedition and dams being national historic sites. I never knew about the Native communities that were right there ... the history lessons I was taught were not the whole story.”

Schick begins the story by introducing Randy Settler, a Tribal fisherman who provides salmon for his family and hundreds of Yakama Tribal members.

“Our survival is dependent upon the salmon, and our existence is linked to this area and has been linked to the salmon,” Settler said. “We need to be able to gather in our usual and accustomed areas.”

The conflict in this story is not who can fish for salmon or where they can practice their traditions, it’s about whether the fish will still be around for Tribal people to harvest and what that means for the Yamaka Nation’s way of life.

Schick explains there are several reasons the salmon are decreasing. One of the main reasons is due to the construction of hydroelectric dams along the rivers.

“At other fishing grounds that still exist the salmon are simply gone, vanished behind dams that have no way for fish to swim past them,” Schick said.

Tribes have been suffering alongside the salmon.

The second episode of “Salmon Wars” focuses on the treaties Tribes were forced to sign. Schick notes sometimes these treaties were signed at gunpoint.

After the treaties came the dams.

“Some of these agencies – federal agencies that were involved – they promoted the dams by saying, ‘Look, if we build these dams we can get rid of the Indian populations that currently live along the Columbia above the Bonneville dam,’” Settler said.

OPB and ProPublica’s research found records from government meetings reflected the same messages of intentional extermination of Native populations.

The episode ends with a twist. George said the Tribal communities were hired to build the dams that would ultimately cause the salmon population to decline.

“They did it for survival purposes,” Settler said. “Even though they knew it was not going to be beneficial to their other existence, they regarded it as work.”

You can listen to the first two episodes of the Salmon Wars podcasts, plus the soon to be release episodes at www.opb.org/salmonwars/?_ga=2.64639014.843381340.1710528630-2132075784.1571781204. ■

Open house appreciation



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Grand Ronde Emergency Services Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician Cody Cox, Firefighter Daniel Koffler and Lt. Brandon Trombla look at a fire riser room at Spirit Mountain Casino during a First Responder Appreciation Open House at the casino on Thursday, March 21. The event gave casino staff an opportunity to express their gratitude in person and strengthen the bond with local first responders, emergency response personnel and public safety professionals. First responders were offered lunch and a property tour, including back of the house locations and areas they typically may not see in hopes of bettering their knowledge of the property in case of emergency.

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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. ■

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, April 20th

Earth Day Rez Clean Up!

CTGR Youth Council



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Elders Activity Center happenings in April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1 Healthy Lifestyle Group Noon	2 Easter Luncheon Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.	3 Grocery Shopping leave at 9 a.m. Committee Meeting 10 a.m.	4 Craft Day noon to 2 p.m. to help with Honor Day Massage 10-2:45 p.m.
8 Healthy Lifestyle Group Noon	9 Craft Day 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	10 Horse Barn Trip	11 Craft day noon to 2 p.m. to help with Honor Day
15 Healthy lifestyle Group Noon	16 Art Therapy 1 p.m.	17 Grocery Shopping leave at 9 a.m. Committee Meeting 10 a.m.	18 Bingo 1 p.m. Massage 10-2:45 p.m.
22 Healthy lifestyle Group Noon EARTH DAY!	23 Craft day 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bucket Gardens 1 p.m.	24 Horse Barn Trip	25 Craft day noon to 2 p.m. to help with Honor Day
29 Healthy lifestyle Group Noon	30 Elder trip leave at 9 a.m.		

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Senate passes resolution honoring Native women

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a bi-partisan resolution led by Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Brian Schatz, who serve as vice chairman and chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, honoring the achievements of Alaska Native, American Indian and Native Hawaiian women.

“It is during Women’s History Month that we reflect on the many contributions women have made that pushed our country forward,” Murkowski said. “Native women have helped shape our country in areas of military service, arts, science, culture, language, human rights and sports, to name a few. Since 2018, I have had the honor to introduce a resolution recognizing the heritage, culture and contributions of many American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian women in the United States, including Mary Jane Fate, Katie John, Elizabeth Peratrovich and Laura Beltz Wright from Alaska. I am proud that my colleagues in the Senate supported this resolution as we celebrate all women.”

“Every day, American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian women make countless contributions to our communities and country, and it’s critical that we recognize their impacts on American history,” Schatz said. “As we celebrate Women’s History Month, I’m proud to partner with Vice Chairman Murkowski on this resolution to honor the achievements and legacies of Native women.” ■



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CTGR Community Center
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NRD hosting Hunters Education Field Day

The Natural Resources Department Parks and Recreation program is coordinating a Hunters Education Field Day on Saturday, April 13 at the Natural Resources office, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road.

Registration for the class is at myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-field-days.

There is a \$10 per student fee for the class. It will be open to both Tribal and community members ages 12 to 17. The class is only the field day and all students must have attended either a conventional course or an online course prior to the field day. There will be limited spots for the field day.

In Oregon, all youth hunters age 17 years and younger must pass a certified hunter education class prior to hunting, unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter Program.

The minimum age to hunt big game is 12 at the time of the hunt and hunters age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older when hunting unless on land owned by a parent or legal guardian.

Hunter education can be completed with a conventional classroom course or online course with a hands-on field day. Students must attend all sessions of the course they sign up for.

For a full list of youth hunter regulations, visit myodfw.com/articles/hunting-opportunities-youth. ■



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Tribal nonemergency text line

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

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



Join us at our upcoming Tribal Library events

APRIL EVENTS!



APRIL 3RD-30TH LIBRARY
Native Innovations Exhibit
presents a celebration and recognition of many science and engineering innovations developed and used by Oregon's Indigenous peoples.



APRIL 22ND 5:30PM GYM
Steph Littlebird
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JUNE EVENTS!



JUNE 13TH TIAM GYM
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JULY EVENTS!



JULY 9TH TIAM GYM
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May Zoom:

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Zoom, 9am-5pm, Saturday, May 18

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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE FAMILY FISHING DAY



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Where: Hebo Lake in Hebo, OR.

Fishing Contest and Prizes for Children (4-15 years old)

We will have fishing poles and reels, bait, and free fishing lessons available. Parking is free, and kids under 12 years old won't need a Fishing License. For people 12 years and up, a Fishing License is required for this event.

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The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain.

Share your experience, good or bad with us. ■

Tribal member art exhibit featured at Linfield Gallery

Tribal member Leland Butler’s art exhibit, “Connected to the Land,” will be featured at The Linfield Art Gallery in McMinnville through Friday, May 3.

The gallery is located at Linfield University, 900 S.E. Baker St., McMinnville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit linfield.edu/art/gallery.html. ■

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Freedom of Information Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments would reduce the number of years in which certain documents would be declassified from 15 years to 3 years, and may include minor technical (i.e., formatting and typographical) modifications.

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

Comments must be received by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. ■

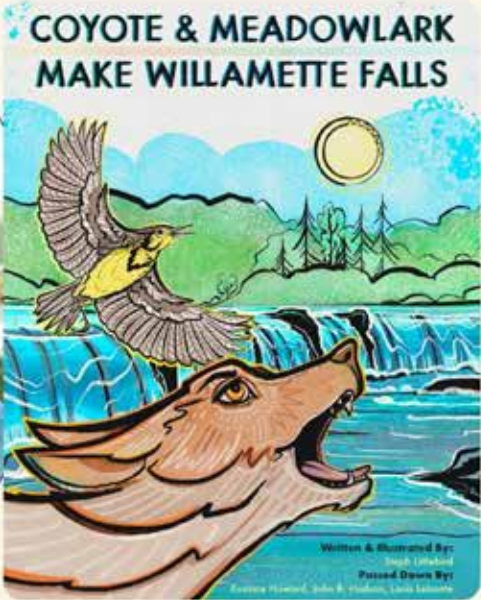

Join the Tribal Library in welcoming

Steph Littlebird

Monday, April 22nd · 5:30 pm · Tribal Gym

Artist, author, illustrator, and an enrolled member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She currently lives and works in Las Vegas, NV.

Join us as Steph discusses her soon to be released book Coyote & Meadowlark Make Willamette Falls. Questions, and discussion to follow.



A take home meal while supplies last!

GRAND RONDE GAMING COMMISSION POSITIONS

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is accepting applications for a commission member position for a 3-year term. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming related activities associated with Spirit Mountain Casino.

The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires this position to be filled by a Tribal member.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance.

Commissioners are paid independent contractors and spend approximately 30 to 40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The commission generally meets on the second and third Thursday of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation.

Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393 or email at kathy.doane@grandronde.org.

The closing date is 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. ■



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER RESOURCES

CHECK FOR JOB OPENINGS


Grand Ronde Head Start seeks individuals interested in pursuing Early Childhood Education careers. All positions are advertised on the Tribal website at <https://grandronde.acquiretm.com/home.aspx>. Substituting is often a 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


If you are interested in a career with us, please enroll as soon as possible in the Central Background Registry at: <https://www.oregon.gov/delc/providers/pages/cbr.aspx>

Facility Name: Grand Ronde Head Start
Address: 9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
License Number: Exempt
Facility Phone Number: (503)879-1430




FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

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 view 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 development. 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.



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IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In The Matter of:) Case No.: 246004

Jessica Valdivia) **NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

Petitioner.) **[ADULT]**

NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on

the 26 day of March, 2024, requesting that Petitioner's name be

changed from Jessica Valdivia to

Jessica Ann Liebelt.

The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause

why the name change should or should not be granted. Any person objecting to the purposed

name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of

publication of this Notice, as to why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed

change of name.

DATED this 26 day of March, 2024.

Jessica Valdivia
Petitioner
Jessica Liebelt [Print Name]
Valdivia

Clothes Closet open

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. ■

CHINUK-WAWA EARLY CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE NEST PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-25

What: Meet and Greet

This is a Meet and Greet session for interested families to learn about the Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest. This is the time to meet the staff, learn about our philosophy, goals and curriculum. This session is mandatory for enrollment consideration.

WHO:

POTENTIAL INCOMING 3-5 YEAR OLDS FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEN/WHERE:

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APRIL 17TH AT 12PM UPSTAIRS OF ADULT ED
APRIL 18TH AT 5PM ON ZOOM

JOIN ZOOM MEETING
MEETING ID: 848 4003 6264
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*CHOOSE ONE OF THESE MANDATORY SESSIONS IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR.

TO SIGN-UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT KAYLA GRIJALVA (503) 879-1856 OR KAYLA.GRIJALVA@GRANDRONDE.ORG.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Stress and your health

April is recognized as National Stress Awareness Month to bring attention to the impact of stress on your health. Managing stress is an essential component of a healthy lifestyle. Knowing how to manage stress can improve mental and physical well-being, as well as minimize the effects of health-related issues.



What is stress?
To de-bunk a myth, stress isn't always a bad thing. Without the ability feel stress, humankind wouldn't have survived. Stress is the physical response that we feel when our body thinks it is under attack. Have you heard of "fight or flight?" That is stress. When something happens our bodies release a mix of hormones and chemicals such as adrenaline, cortisol and norepinephrine to prepare the body for physical actions.

What do you feel when stressed?
When you are stressed you may experience your heart pounding, fast breathing sensations and maybe even a boost of energy. All of this allows us to focus our attention so we can quickly respond to the situation. Sometimes stressful events can play a role in our day-to-day life as well. These events could include disbelief; feelings of fear, shock, anger, sadness; changes in appetite, difficulty sleeping or concentrating; or physical reactions such as headaches, body pains, stomach problems, worsening of chronic health problems, worsening of mental health conditions, and increased use of tobacco, alcohol and other substances.

While stress is not necessarily a bad thing, all of these symptoms can contribute to your overall health, which is why it is important to understand how to manage your stress.

- Tips for coping with stress**
- Take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories.
 - Take care of yourself: Eat healthy, exercise, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break.
 - Take care of your body: Deep breathing or meditation, try to eat healthy and well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, avoid excessive alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse.
 - Continue with routine preventive measures as recommended by your healthcare provider.
 - Make time to unwind: Do an activity that you enjoy.
 - Talk to others.
 - Connect with your community.

When to see a doctor
When the symptoms don't go away, it is important to know that you have the support of your provider. If any of the symptoms continue despite removing the stressors, you should contact your primary care provider or mental health provider.



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It's never too late to heal from addiction.

Have a courageous spirit. Reach out now, for you and your children.



World Health Day — April 7

April 7 of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day. From the first health assembly in 1948, and since taking effect in 1950, this celebration aims to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a prior area of concern for the World Health Organization.

Throughout the years, this has brought forward important health issues such as mental health, maternal and child care, and climate change.

What is this year's theme?
This year's theme brings forward an important topic: 'My health, my right.' Around the world, the right to health of millions is threatened. Diseases and disasters are large causes of death and disability. Conflicts are creating damaged lives, and causing death, pain, hunger and psychological distress. At least 140 countries recognize health as a human right in their constitution, yet countries are not passing and putting into practice laws to ensure their populations are entitled to access health services.

Why was this theme chosen?
This year's theme was chosen to champion the right of every person, everywhere, to have access to quality health services, education and information, as well as safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition, quality housing, decent working and environmental conditions, and freedom from discrimination.

- What are your rights as a patient?**
- Respectful interactions: You should be treated with respect at all times.
 - Privacy: As required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, you have the right to have your personal health information kept private. You also have the right to obtain your own medical records.
 - Autonomy: You should have the final say in decision-making and choosing the treatment that seems best for you.
 - Informed consent: You are entitled to information from healthcare providers related to treatments, including the risks.
 - Self-advocacy: Understanding your rights as a patient is one method of self-advocacy.

Choosing your healthcare professional
It is essential that you find the right healthcare provider for you and establishing care. Ensuring a good fit may help you feel more confident about the care you are receiving. It's important to find a provider who treats you with respect, listens to you, and adequately addresses your concerns. It might matter to you that a provider collaborates and seeks to understand you from a holistic perspective (as a complete person) and how your challenges are impacting your life.

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. ■



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