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## Gov. Kotek visits Tribe, tours Grand Ronde

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson spent Friday, May 17, learning about Grand Ronde culture, Tribal programs, building and housing projects. The day was capped off with a private dinner with Tribal Council and staff at Spirit Mountain Casino.

It was the governor's first time in Grand Ronde beyond Spirit Moun-

tain Casino. During a post-visit interview with Smoke Signals, she said it definitely won't be her last.

"It was such a great visit and very jammed packed," Kotek said. "There are so many different services and wonderful buildings. It was a fantastic day. You realize that there's a lot you don't know and that's the purpose of these

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek, First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson and Tribal Historic Preservation Office Manager Briecce Edwards look at National Archive records while the governor toured the Research Center at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center on Friday, May 17. The governor spent the whole day in Grand Ronde learning about some of the Tribal programs while touring Tribal buildings and housing projects.

## Honoring those who served



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Tribal Veteran Coordinator Jon R. Taylor speaks during the Tribe's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 27.

### Six names added to West Valley Veterans Memorial

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The Memorial Day ceremony returned to Grand Ronde's

West Valley Veterans Memorial for the 21st time on Monday, May 27, and included the addition of six names to the six black granite pillars that represent the major branches of the U.S. military.

The six who were honored during the ceremony included Tribal member Robert E. Patterson, Scott B. LeClaire and Timothy R. Linn, whose names were added to the Navy pillar, Curtis J. Hubbell on the Army pillar, and Joseph E. Gaines and Megan A. Davis on the Air Force pillar.

Approximately 70 people attended the 1 p.m. ceremony, held under sunny skies with a light breeze. A boxed lunch, served to attendees at the Tribal Community Center by Veterans Royalty, preceded the event.

Veterans Special Event Board Secretary Molly Leno served as the master of ceremonies and welcomed attendees.

"What a beautiful day to honor our veterans," she said. "It's very special and I appreciate all of you."

Tribal member Anthony Quenelle drummed and sang a memorial song.

The Grand Ronde Honor Guard posted the colors and Tribal Council member Michael Cherry provided an invocation.

Other Tribal Council members in attendance were Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier and



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Lisa Leno. Past Tribal Council chair and Marine Corps veteran Reyn Leno also attended, along with past Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr.

After invocation, Tribal member JC Rogers sang the national anthem as she has for the past seven events. After she sang, Grand Ronde and Veterans Royalty members performed "The Lord's Prayer."

Veterans Special Event Board member Al Miller read the poem "Remember Me, America," by Memorial Day ceremony fixture Bud Abbott, who walked on in 2019.

The keynote speaker was Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Tribal Veteran Coordinator Jon R. Taylor.

"It is my sincere honor and privilege to be here today among so many fellow veterans, family, friends and Tribal Elders as we gather to honor the tremendous and unforgotten sacrifices of our nation's fallen heroes," he said. "As veterans and service members, we walk in the footsteps and stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. In my role as the Tribal Veteran Coordinator and as a proud Navy veteran, I'm keenly aware of how much we veterans and active duty

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# Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 30

Tribal Council Chambers

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

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, June 12.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 26.....	4 p.m.

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This announcement is to inform you of the upcoming election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk. The election deadline is Friday, June 21, 2024, and the investment period will be effective from Monday, July 1, 2024, until modified.

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Please email [deanne.norton@grandronde.org](mailto:deanne.norton@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2215 to receive your Investment Risk Assessment Recommendation Form. This is optional and open only to those who participate in the Rabbi and Minors' Custodial Trust Funds. ■

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



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- Enrollment Committee (1)
- Fish & Wildlife Committee (2)
- Housing Grievance Board (2)
- Powwow Special Event Board (1)
- Election Board alternates (2)

For questions email: [shannon.ham-texeira@grandronde.org](mailto:shannon.ham-texeira@grandronde.org)

Applications available online at: [www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-council/committees/](http://www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-council/committees/)

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# IN THE FUTURE



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**taxam-mun (June)**

- Saturday, June 8 – Youth paddle practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Devil’s Lake State Recreation Area. 503-879-2034.
- Wednesday, June 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, June 13 – Family Night Out, 4:30-8 p.m., Tribal gym and surrounding outdoor area. Call 503-879-2034 for more information.
- Wednesday, June 19 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
- Wednesday, June 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, June 29 – Youth paddle practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Devil’s Lake State Recreation Area. 503-879-2034.
- Sunday, June 30 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

**sinamakwst-mun (July)**

- Thursday-Friday, July 4-5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Monday, July 8 – Elder Honor Day, 12:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Wednesday, July 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, July 12-14 – Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. uyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries traditionally start at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Monday-Thursday, July 24-27 – Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., uyxat Powwow Grounds. [nativewellness.com/nywwc2024](http://nativewellness.com/nywwc2024).

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

## Multiple agencies respond to high-speed crash outside Grand Ronde



Photo contributed by Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department

**The Tribe’s Emergency Services Department and Tribal Police Department responded to a crash at exit 18B off Highway 18 in the early morning hours of Friday, May 24, along with other city, county and state law enforcement agencies. Both occupants of the vehicle were in critical condition following the crash.**

**By Kamiah Koch**

*Social media / digital journalist*

In the early hours of Friday, May 24, Grand Ronde Tribal Police attempted to catch up to a speeding car on Highway 18. The driver of the vehicle was allegedly traveling at speeds exceeding 120 miles per hour.

When the driver attempted to take exit 18B, they lost control and the vehicle rolled several times.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department posted on their Facebook page sharing information about the crash and the multiple agencies that responded.

“The car left the roadway, drove through a field, became airborne and began to roll in an adjacent field,” the Facebook post said. “Upon CTGR Emergency Services arrival, the driver was found outside the vehicle, the car was on fire and the passenger was unable to get out of the vehicle on their own. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and extricated the passenger.”

Lifelight was activated for one of the vehicle’s occupants and the other was taken to a nearby hospital

via ambulance. Drones were used to search the surrounding area to ensure no other people were thrown from the vehicle.

According to Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight, the vehicle occupants were not known to be Tribal members.

Road closures were reported by community Facebook groups but all lanes had reopened as of 6 a.m. Friday.

In the Facebook post, Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services thanked the multiple agencies that responded to the scene including Lifelight, Grand Ronde Tribal Police, Oregon State Police, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Sheridan Fire District, Spirit Mountain Casino staff, Yamhill Communications Agency and Willamette Valley Communications Center.

“The whole team did a great job, including OSP, Polk County [Sheriff’s Office] and Salem Police Department,” Chief McKnight said.

The vehicle’s occupants were in critical condition following the crash and there is no new update at this time. ■



### CTGR Member Services

#### Requests for Descendancy Options

1. Descendancy letter (no DNA testing)
2. Certificate of Descendancy (DNA testing required)

**Process:**

Submit completed application (digital signatures are not accepted) along with a copy of an original state certified birth certificate (we cannot accept copies) and proof of payment for the DNA from the Finance Department. Once application is received, Enrollment Office staff will process and setup the DNA appointment.

DNA at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center: Cost of DNA testing is \$35 and you must pre-register with the clinic prior to your appointment. To pre-register, contact Ashley Stonebrink at 503-879-1325 or Stacy Pond-Bissonette at 503-879-2096.

**To request an application or if you have any questions, contact the following:**  
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**Please send completed applications to:**  
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## 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 June 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. There will be no distribution on Wednesday, June 19, as the food bank will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

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](mailto: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, June 21 via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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](mailto:danielle.harrison@grandronde.org).

## 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 8 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. ■



**2019** – The 17th annual Memorial Day ceremony was held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. Fifteen names were added to the four black granite pillars that represent the major branches of the U.S. armed forces.

**2014** – A meeting was held to discuss the new 3,300-square-foot food bank under construction in Grand Ronde. With \$500,000 from a federal Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block grant and a \$167,000 Tribal Housing Authority match, the Tribe designed and was building a new, larger and more comprehensive food collection and distribution center for the community. The new facility replaced the location in the old house at the entrance of uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road.

**2009** – Three Grand Ronde Tribal buildings hosted an exhibit of historical panels. “Oregon Is Indian Country,” a traveling exhibit of the Oregon Historical Society, included three panels, each describing part of the Native experience in Oregon. The Historical Society created the project in cooperation with Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes.



2009

File photo

**2004** – The second annual Agency Creek Round Dance took place in the Tribal gym. The two-night dance was hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Youth Social Services Program. Drum groups from as far away as Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama and Saskatchewan, Canada, attended the dance. There were singers from well-known drum groups Black Lodge, Blackstone and Grand Ronde’s own Eagle Beak Singers.

**1999** – Oregon Native American Week was celebrated at the Oregon State Capitol building in Salem. For the third year in a row, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber proclaimed the third week in May to be Native American Week in Oregon. The signing of the proclamation coincided with Tribal Information Day at the capitol. Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Ali Holsclaw and Miss Tiny Tot Halona Butler represented the Tribe at the event.

**1994** – Tribal member Kathy Tom, who worked at the Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Facility in Keizer, hosted a Mother’s Day brunch for the Tribe’s Elder women at the facility. Tom said the meal was a way of honoring Elders as well as the Tribe’s women who have done so much. The mothers were joined by many of the Nanitch staff and clients.

**1989** – At the close of winter term 1989, the Tribal Education Program assisted a total of 23 students in the Higher Education Program; 16 in the Employment Assistance – Adult Vocational Training and 13 in Adult Education. The projected enrollment outlook for fall term 1989 indicated the Tribe would have approximately 30 students enrolled in Higher Education, with 20 participating in Adult Vocational Training Programs.

**1984** – Tribal Council members Kathryn Harrison, Merle Leno and Candy Robertson attended the “Presidents Commission on Indian Reservations Economies” workshop held in Spokane, Wash.

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

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# First fish caught



Courtesy photo by Brandon Weems

**Tribal Council member Kathleen George holds up a summer steelhead she caught at Willamette Falls in Oregon City on Friday, May 17. “I want to give thanks to everyone in our Natural Resources crew. I was very humbled and honored to be able to participate with our ceremonial fishers last Friday out at Willamette Falls. I was tremendously honored to get the first salmon, a beautiful steelhead for our first fish for our people. It was absolutely an amazing day and I cannot thank everyone enough,” George said. She is the first Grand Ronde Tribal woman to catch a fish at Willamette Falls since the Tribe resumed ceremonial fishing at the falls in 2016.**

## Tribal Council approves application for suicide prevention grant

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

With youth mental health concerns at an all-time high following the COVID-19 pandemic, Tribal Council approved a grant application for suicide prevention efforts at its Wednesday, May 15, meeting.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Prevention and Early Intervention grant would be for five years and total \$3.67 million.

“This grant through SAMHSA is specifically targeting suicide prevention and intervention in our community,” Grants Coordinator Dana Morfin said at a Tuesday, May 14, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “We haven’t received this grant before but we have received similar funding from this agency in the past...So, this grant would basically be serving as the next stepping stone and providing suicide prevention services in our community.”

Morfin added that the grant would provide funding for a mental health counselor to assist with a focused suicide intervention and provide for community training opportunities similar to GONA and trauma-informed trainings that have been provided in the past.

“I want to thank you and the whole team for bringing this forward,” Tribal Council member Kathleen George said. “It’s obviously a tremendous spending package and we know that the services are tremendously needed. We know coming out of COVID, many of our youth are really needing help and not finding easy ways to get it. Anything we can do to be that warm reception, we definitely want to do that.”

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved four lease applications with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, which allows Tribes to carry out federal functions under a self-determination contract or self-gov-

ernance compact to enter into a lease agreement for the Tribally owned or rented facility used to carry out those functions. The Department of Interior then negotiates with the Tribe or Tribal organization on eligible expenses for use of the facility and pays the Tribe for those expenses;

- Approved an agreement with Brightwheel Software that included limited waivers of sovereign immunity;
- Approved a \$199,997 grant application to the Oregon Department of Education’s Supporting Oregon Tribal Languages Grant;
- Approved a contract with Sculptured Construction Incorporated to perform landscaping services at Creekside Elder Housing;
- Approved a contract with Elk Mountain Construction to perform construction services for the Route 312 culvert replacement project;
- Authorized a Tribal credit card for up to \$5,000 for Division Chief of Training for Emergency Services Torey Wakeland;
- Authorized a Tribal credit card for up to \$5,000 for Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake;
- Authorized three loans from the Tribe’s line of credit to Spirit Mountain Casino for the remodel of its outdoor courtyard, hotel lobby/corridor and RV park clubhouse for a total of \$5.7 million;
- Approved a settlement agreement and release of claims, including a forgiveness of Tribal debt for a distressed property at Grand Meadows;
- Approved a secured loan of \$600,000 from Upqwen LLC to Shasta Administrative Services;
- And denied enrolling an infant into the Tribe because they didn’t 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](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Videos tab. ■

## Happy Dragon Restaurant closed



Contributed photo

**Happy Dragon Restaurant, located in Spirit Mountain Casino, closed its doors on April 7. It opened in June 2022.**

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

Less than two years after it opened, the Happy Dragon Restaurant has closed its doors.

The family owned and operated eatery, located in Spirit Mountain Casino, closed on April 7, after the casino terminated its working relationship with the business.

“Spirit Mountain has made the decision to transition to a new Asian food vendor,” Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier said. “This decision was carefully considered and ultimately it was decided that it was not in the best interest of Spirit Mountain to continue a working relationship with Happy Dragon.”

Mercier declined to elaborate on what led to the decision. She added that there is not a date for when a new vendor will open as casino management is still exploring options for the new venue.

“I appreciate the desire for more information and acknowledge it can be frustrating that it feels like there are elements of the decision that is not shared,” she said. “While we value transparency, certain details are bound by confidentiality. Rest assured, the decision was evaluated by management with expert guidance,

prioritizing the best interests of the casino.”

Mercier said that there was no truth to the rumors of an FBI investigation into the business.

“To address any concerns regarding the rumor of a FBI investigation, our gaming commission’s executive director has confirmed that there’s not a FBI investigation and the executive team at SMC can confirm that there has been no contact with the FBI on this issue.”

Happy Dragon was one of several new dining options at the casino that began in 2022, including Italian restaurant Amore, the 10 Barrel Brewing Hop Yard and the Mexican-style restaurant Jalapenos.

Owner and head chef LiNan Feng graduated from Taishan Culinary School in China and completed an internship as a master chef at Nan Hai Yu Cun Restaurant and Hotel in Guangzhou in Canton, China. He also has worked at Saigon Chinese Restaurant and Foshan Restaurant in Canton, as well.

He opened the first Happy Dragon location in 2013 in Portland, managed by his daughter, Emily. The second location at Spirit Mountain Casino was managed by his sons, Chris and Ben. The Portland location is still open. ■

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# West Valley Veterans Memorial dedicated in May 2003

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service members owe to our World War II generation, who with the support and help of our World War I veterans, returned home from the battlefields of Europe and the South Pacific to fight and advocate for the establishment of a comprehensive system of veteran benefits and resources that we enjoy today.”

Taylor also acknowledged the 80th anniversary of D-Day on June 6. D-Day marked the beginning of the liberation of France and the rest of Western Europe from German occupation, resulting in the unconditional surrender of Germany and the end of World War II in Europe less than a year later.

“We humbly and gratefully acknowledge all of the courageous souls who fought and died on that terrible day,” Taylor said. “We remember their sacrifice, their valor and their grace, for while we stand amid these beautiful granite monuments which were dedicated in 2003, we must never forget that the names forever etched represent a precious life.”

Molly Leno read aloud the names being added to the memorial and Reyn Leno made an impromptu speech to close the ceremony.

“I always want to acknowledge Steve Bobb Sr.,” he said. “He de-



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal member Anthony Quenelle sings a memorial song during the Tribe's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus on Monday, May 27.**

signed this memorial and did most of the work... We served together in the Marines in Vietnam less than a mile away from each other.”

Bobb was the longtime Memorial Day event organizer and Tribal Elder who walked on in August 2022.

He also designed the memorial, which features a man and woman dressed in traditional Native clothing standing side by side while reaching for the sky.

held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in May 2003, because the 2020 event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ■

The six pillars at the West Valley Veterans Memorial feature the names of Tribal and community members from Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan who served in the four major branches of the military – Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The addition of six names this year increased the number of those honored on all six pillars to 2,388.

The memorial had four pillars until 2023, when the Tribe received a \$33,000 grant from Oregon State Parks to install two new black granite slab pillars at the memorial because the ones containing names of Army and Navy veterans were reaching capacity.

This was the 21st Memorial Day celebration

## Road 690 gates closed

The Natural Resources Department will be conducting commercial thinning operations through its logging contractor along Road 690 in the Reservation forest. For protection of public safety, Tribal resources and contractor equipment, the gates at the upper and lower ends of the Road 690 crossover route will be temporarily closed and locked for the duration of operations. Vehicular access will be limited to administrative and operational use.

The roads will remain open to non-motorized uses, although visitors are advised to stay safely away from commercial thinning units and equipment.

Operations along Road 690 are expected to be complete this summer and the Natural Resources Department will announce when the road is reopened to motorized vehicles. ■

## Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

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

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

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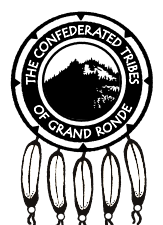
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## 2024 Elders Honor Day

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# Kotek gained insights on Tribal sovereignty

VISIT continued from front page

visits, to really get an opportunity to spend quality time to see things and listen to people and to just hear their stories. I feel very thankful, as does the First Lady, to be able to do this. Everyone put a lot of effort into making sure we got good conversations so I'm just very appreciative."

Gov. Kotek toured the Research Center at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center, Native Plant Nursery at the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, the Tribe's new homeownership project Tip-su-ili'i, the new Creekside Elders Housing Phase III development, chinuk wawa skul and the grand opening of the new public health building, which was named the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic in honor of longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman Kennedy and her dedication to healthcare.

Kotek said her two favorite aspects of the visit were visiting the Chinuk Wawa Immersion Program at the chinuk wawa skul and a stop at the Grand Ronde Cemetery, where Kennedy reflected on the difficult years before the Tribe was restored and the work that went into rebuilding a nation after Restoration.

"Those were moments throughout the day that just stay with me," Kotek said. "The sheer joy of watching the students at Chinuk Wawa dancing for us and listening to the drumming, you just



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek listens as then-Tribal Timber Resource Program Manager Michael Karnosh talks about the Native Plant Nursery at the Tribe's Natural Resources Department on Friday, May 17.**



**Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek looks at the Tribe's hunting and fishing licenses and tags during her visit to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department.**

can't help but be inspired and just love the moment."

The cemetery stop was unplanned but one of those moments Kotek

off the cemetery early on because culturally, that was a difficult place to be. Just listening to the pain and the hope of that moment that she was sharing was a particularly impactful moment for us," she said.

Kotek added that by the end of the day, she had gained additional insights on Tribal sovereignty and the Grand Ronde Tribe in particular.

"It's always a reaffirmation in these visits to be reminded of the comprehensive nature of Tribal governments, the importance of self-governance and local leadership that you see being exhibited," she said. "The Grand Ronde do such amazing work in a variety of ways... You really do get a deeper sense that this is a sovereign nation and as governor, it's a good reminder that we have to be strong partners with our sovereign nations. They are doing incredible work."

During a Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 21, Tribal Council member Lisa Leno reflected on the visit.

"It was an amazing day," she said. "We started at Chachalu and then we were able to have a great

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won't soon forget.

"For her to share what it was like when termination happened and when the land that the cemetery was on was the only land and how hard it was having it be that only space to try and bring people together, and what it was like to be among the ancestors and whether that was the right place to be... She shared how she did a lot of her work

presentation on Tumwata Village and ended at the health clinic and it was a great day. We had a lot of opportunity to get to share the amazing work that is happening here and all the important legislation and work we are looking forward to in the next few years. I think she left here feeling really good about her visit as we did with her." ■

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## 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. ■

CTGR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### 2024 Honor and Recognition Event Graduation Celebration

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# 'History was made today'

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Getting the keys to your first home is typically a memorable event, but it was even more so for Tribal members Bryanna Rue and Jordyn McKnight, when they and their spouses became the first homeowners in the Tribe's new development, Tipsu-ili'i on Thursday, May 9.

A ribbon cutting was held to mark the occasion, attended by Tribal Housing Department staff, General Manager Angie Blackwell, Tribal Council staff and council members Kathleen George, Jon A. George, Brenda Tuomi, Denise Harvey, Secretary Michael Cherry and Vice Chair Chris Mercier.

Kathleen George offered an invocation, and Mercier and Tuomi cut the ribbon.

"History was made today," Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell said.

Three years ago, the development at McPherson Road was just another field on the Grand Ronde Reservation. Despite some unexpected setbacks, the 20 homes have now been complete and are quickly garnering interested buyers. As of June 1, 16 of the homes are under contract, seven have closed and two of the remaining four have applicants. The price range for the majority of the homes is \$275,000 to \$310,000.

There are two larger homes priced higher than that range at \$350,000 and \$370,000.

Bryanna and her husband, Zach, began searching for their own home two years ago. Like many young buyers, they found it challenging to find something within their budget that was a good fit. The Tribe does help first-time homebuyers with a down payment assistance grant of up to \$20,000, but given rising home costs and interest rates, homeown-



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal member Jordyn McKnight, holding his 1-year-old daughter Romie, and his wife Rebecca McKnight receive the key to their home, located in the Tribe's homeownership project Tipsu-ili'i, from Tribal Housing Department Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer, right, on Thursday, May 9.**



**Tribal member Bryanna Rue and her husband Zach Rue receive the key to their home, located in the Tribe's homeownership project Tipsu-ili'i, from Tribal Housing Department Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer.**

if you've never bought a house before, a lot of the lingo was hard to understand."

"We've had good guidance the whole time," Zach said.

Both Bryanna and Zach are looking forward to living closer to the community and to work.

"We both work out here and I'm excited to be able to customize this home," Zach said. "Grand Ronde is a beautiful place to be in."

Added Bryanna, "I'm so excited to decorate the house."

Their advice for other young Tribal members who want to buy a home is not to give up.

"Stick with the process and ask for help from the Housing Department or people you know who can give you good advice," Bryanna said. "We're really thankful for this opportunity and excited to be here."

McKnight and his wife, Rebecca, are thrilled to be in their first home after nearly five years of sometimes frustrating searching.

"I feel like I can breathe again," she said.

"A lot of hard work and dedication has paid off and it's really nice," Jordyn said. "Just seeing the kiddos play and enjoying themselves is so nice to see."

The couple and their two daughters, Sutton, 2, and Romie, 1, are excited to make the new three-bedroom home their own.

"I would definitely say the lenien-

cy in doing what you want with the place and making it your own rather than renting is what I'm most looking forward to doing," Jordyn said. "Having the kids being raised here in the community is a plus."

"Having more room for the girls is a huge plus and also being able to make things feel more like us, in our own space and we're able to give our girls security in the future and possibly their kids," Rebecca said.

Later that day, after seeing the two families explore their new homes, Blackwell sent out an email thanking everyone who helped in the process.

"What a beautiful morning to hold the ribbon cutting and blessing for Tipsu-ili'i," she said. "I know it was a long time in the making. Lands, Legal, Housing and Engineering and Planning collaborated closely to bring this project to fruition. I want to especially thank Michele (Plummer) in Housing for coordinating our internal departments, title company and lenders to facilitate the sale of the homes. This was uncharted territory but you all took on the challenge and brought a decades old dream true at last."

Tribal Engineering & Community Development Department Manager Ryan Webb has been involved in the process since the beginning three years ago, when the new homes were little more than an empty field.

"It is a struggle to put into words the significance of handing over keys to the first couple of Tribal members," he said. "I stood in that field three years ago and there was nothing, it was just another agricultural field in a rural community. I stood there during the ribbon cutting ceremony and looked at all the beautiful homes and I know I had a significant part in that transformation. I always knew when I entered into the engineering field that I wanted to be a public servant and help shape communities and neighborhoods, and in my career I have managed a lot of projects to help create livable communities, but none of them come close to the impact this development will have on the Grand Ronde community...I am truly grateful to the Tribe for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this project and create a great neighborhood for generations to come."

It's been 26 years since Grand Meadows, located on Tribal property at McPherson and Grand Ronde roads, opened a 36-lot manufactured home subdivision to Tribal families. Housing Department officials have repeatedly said a second development is long overdue.

In 2020, Reece and Associates of Albany was selected to conduct a property development plan for the new site. The first phase includes 20 single-family homes on 10,000-square-foot lots.

The Tribe's current housing options typically have occupation rates of 94 percent or higher, and lack of available market-rate homes has been a sticking point in Tribal members moving to Grand Ronde and working in the community. ■



Map created by Samuel Briggs III





**Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy speaks after the announcement of the Tribe's new public health building being named the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic in her honor during the building's grand opening on Friday, May 17. Next to her is Tribal Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe.**

**Tribal Community Transitions Manager David Fullerton, left, and Tribal member Andrew Freeman cook salmon for the meal that was served.**

# Grand opening of public health building

The grand opening of the public health building, the newest building on the Tribal campus, was held on Friday, May 17. The building was named the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic in honor of longtime Tribal Council Chairwoman Kennedy and her dedication to healthcare. Before being elected to Tribal Council, Kennedy had a 30-year career as a health administrator working with Tribes, including serving as the Grand Ronde Tribe's Health Director for nearly 15 years. The event also celebrated Wellness Canoe chicha's first birthday.



**Photos by Michelle Alaimo**



**Tribal Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe, right, gives Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek, left, and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson, second from left, a tour of the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic during the building's grand opening.**



**Jason Rutherford, 9, tests the sensor on a faucet in the medical lab in the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic during the building's grand opening on Friday, May 17.**



# Art stuff

At right, Zach/Naomi Haller, 14, uses a tool to apply a nose to a polymer clay cat during the Adventures in Art creative workshop held in the Youth Education Building.



Timothy Murphy, 13, looks at the polymer clay figurine he sculpted on Wednesday, May 22.

Marie Quenelle, 13, shows off a piece of her polymer clay to friends at the Adventures in Art creative workshop held in the Youth Education Building on Wednesday, May 22. The three-day event hosted by Polk County 4-H and Grand Ronde Youth Enrichment Program offers youth a chance to explore painting and sculpting.



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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. ■

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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. ■

**Preschool Highlights**  
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 June 6th  
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**JUNE 2024 EVENTS**

**Mugwort Gathering**  
**11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4**  
**Mission State Park, Salem, OR**  
 Veterans & Families welcome. Lunch provided.

**Mental Health Awareness Walk**  
**4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13**  
**CTGR Tribal Gym, Grand Ronde, OR**  
 Veterans – Sign up to walk 2.2 miles and receive a T-shirt.  
 Mental Health Awareness Walk – For the rest of 2024. Veterans can stop by the Community Programs Building to pick up a T-shirt in exchange for signing up for the Veteran Mental Health Awareness Walk. Walk 2.2 miles at any point during the year to bring awareness to veteran suicide, PTSD, and mental health.

Contact the TVSO Office if you have any questions or for more event information.  
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## Study finds evidence edible camas bulbs intentionally harvested

CORVALLIS — An Oregon State University study found evidence that Indigenous groups in the Pacific Northwest were intentionally harvesting edible camas bulbs at optimal stages of the plant's maturation as far back as 3,500 years ago.

The findings contribute to the growing body of research around traditional ecological knowledge and practices, demonstrating the care and specificity with which Indigenous groups have been stewarding and cultivating natural resources for millennia.

"If you think about salmon as being a charismatic species that people are very familiar with, camas is kind of the plant equivalent," Molly Carney, an assistant professor of anthropology in OSU's College of Liberal Arts and lead author on the study, said. "It is one of those species that really holds up greater ecosystems, a fundamental species which everything is related to."

Camas, a blue flower that grows throughout the Northwest, is referred to in Indigenous calendars across the region with the plant's growth stages used as a seasonal benchmark.

It is often included in traditional First Food ceremonies, in which Tribal communities mark the coming of spring with the first salmon run or the first edible roots after a long winter, Carney said.

Camas bulbs must be baked for two to three days to render them edible. Once soft, the bulbs taste a bit like sweet potato, Carney said. Traditional baking was done in underground ovens using heated rocks.

The archaeological record Carney researched included the remains of these large pit ovens. After cooking the bulbs, Indigenous peoples processed the camas and could store it for months at a time.

In the recent study, published in the *Holocene*, Carney examined camas bulbs from the Willamette Valley dating back 8,000 years to determine when harvesting was done. Similar to how tree rings help determine age, counting the interior leaf scales of a camas bulb does the same.

Thomas Connolly from the Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon was a study co-author, and the project was approved by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Historic Preservation Office. ■

## Casino seeking vendors for Spirit Mountain Marketplace

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

The event times are all set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dates are Friday and Saturday, June 14-15, Wednesday and Thursday, July 24-25; Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14; and Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12.

The Marketplace is seeking Native American and community members who create handmade products that are at least 80 percent crafted by hand or produced locally.

To secure a spot, vendors should contact Rob Henly at 503-879-3721 to obtain details and confirm a spot as a vendor.

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

The vendor fee will be \$30 and provides access to one table, one Flex linen, two chairs and a black linen to cover the table overnight.

The Marketplace will be located in the Events Center hallway with space for 35 vendor tables. Table placement will be determined through a lottery process at 9 a.m. Friday before the event. Additional space up to 5 feet beside and in front of tables will be available for clothing racks.

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

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

Vendors are asked to contact Henly with any Marketplace-related questions instead of approaching casino staff during the event. ■

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<p><b>APRIL 22ND 5:30PM GYM</b></p> <p><b>Steph Littlebird</b> Discuss her soon to be released book <i>Coyote &amp; Meadowlark</i> Make Willamette Falls</p>	<p><b>JULY 11TH (TIME TBD) GYM</b></p> <p><b>Pueblo Aspen Song Kids</b> Cultural sharing, come learn about Taos Pueblo language, culture, heritage and tradition</p>
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# Grand Ronde artist's work featured in Newport gallery

NEWPORT – Grand Ronde Tribal member Leland Butler is a featured artist at an exhibition, “Where Waters Meet,” which celebrates the next generation of Indigenous creators. It will be on display from Saturday, June 1 to Sunday, July 28 at the Newport Visual Arts Center and in the Olive Street Gallery Newport Performing Arts Center.

The exhibition features Butler and four other artists from diverse backgrounds and Tribes who will present their work throughout four galleries and two separate buildings, showcasing photography, videography, installation, painting, sculpture and basketry.

In the VAC Runyan Gallery, Leonard D. Harmon (Lenape/Nanticoke) and Butler will present their collaborative contemporary exhibit, “Walking on Eggshells.” The show will feature photography, film, sculpture and installation components.

Curiosity about self, land and people led Butler to photography a decade ago, according to a press release from the arts council.

“His sophisticated and often mysterious compositions explore the duality of light and shadow,” the release said.

Exhibits at the arts center are free to the public and can typically be viewed from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, at 777 N.W. Beach Drive.

Exhibits at the Olive Street Gallery can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, and starting one hour before ticketed events, at 777 West Olive St.

To learn more about “Where Waters Meet”, and each of the individual exhibits, visit [www.coastarts.org/wwm](http://www.coastarts.org/wwm). ■

# Cpl. Tyler Brown completes leadership training

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Cpl. Tyler Brown was one of 19 public safety professionals from throughout Oregon who completed the International Public Safety Leadership and Ethics Institute at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem.



Cpl. Tyler Brown

IPSLEI is described as an intensive leadership program that involves a variety of learning methodologies, including written case studies, video case analysis and interactive learning processes.

Students explored a number of films, books and articles that regarding ethical decision-making principles and their application to the students’ own leadership journeys.

The 160-hour training program takes place over the course of four months and includes developing a personal philosophy of leadership and ethics, leading others ethically, ethical leadership in organizations, and ethics and the challenge of leadership. More than 350 public safety professionals from the police, fire, corrections and community corrections disciplines have completed the program since it began in 2008.

“Cpl. Tyler Brown, thank you for pursuing leadership training in your effort to provide the best possible service to our community,” Grand Ronde Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell said. “This was a very extensive training and we appreciate your work.” ■

## We want to hear from you!

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. ■

**MUSIC ON THE LAND**  
 SATURDAY JUNE 22 04:00 PM  
 OUTER ORBIT DJW Street Band  
 Bald Hill Farm  
 Walk, hike or ride the shuttle from the fairgrounds  
 \$20 advance \$25 at the door  
[greenbeltlandtrust.org/events](http://greenbeltlandtrust.org/events)

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**MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS WALK**  
 Saturday, June 1st, 2024  
 Riverfront Park, Salem, OR  
 9am-12pm  
 #MMIP  
 This is an educational event for awareness only. Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde community and culture by not displaying gang affiliations and by not bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to the event.  
 GREAT CIRCLE RECOVERY

## 2024 CONTEST POWWOW

**SAVE THE DATE AUG. 16-18**

**Friday, August 16**  
 11 a.m. – Royalty pageant  
 5 p.m. – Royalty outgoing  
 5 p.m. – Crowning ceremonies  
 7 p.m. – Grand entry

**Saturday, August 17**  
 1 p.m. – Grand entry  
 7 p.m. – Grand entry

**Sunday, August 18**  
 11 a.m. – Indian auction  
 1 p.m. – Grand entry

**Emcee:** Howie Thompson  
**Arena director:** Anthony Quenelle  
**Head drum judge:** Opie Day  
**Head dance judge:** Doug Schofield  
**Camping available:** \$5 with parking – open on Wednesday

**Host drum:** Northern Cree  
**Invited drums only:** Cree Confederation, Ozuye, Battle Nation, Ho-Chunk Station and Bad Eagle

**Vendors**  
 503-879-4533 or  
 503-879-2037  
**Spirit Mountain Casino**  
 800-760-7977  
[www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

## Paid Internships in Habitat Restoration

The Native American nonprofit, **Elderberry Wisdom Farm** is recruiting Native Americans and other people of color for its Fall Habitat Restoration Internship. This paid opportunity integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge with local environmental 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
- September 30 - December 6, 2024

**Apply now:**  
[elderberrywisdom.org/internships](http://elderberrywisdom.org/internships)

**Elderberry Wisdom Farm**

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# MOA 2024-25 hunting and fishing information



## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

### MOA hunting information for 2024

- All MOA tags and Tribal licenses are only valid during **state season hunt dates** and in the **Wilson, Trask, Stott Mountain, Willamette and Santiam** units. Please note the Santiam unit has a different eastern boundary as part of this MOA. Maps of MOA boundaries for Avenza or onX are available at the website linked in the QR code. Print copies are available at NRD.
- All hunts follow state rules and regulations. This includes hunt dates, weapon restrictions and bag limits.
- MOA tags are non-transferable; Transfers can still be made with Trask Consent Decree tags.
- After one MOA general deer tag is filled and hunt is reported, members can request one additional tag to hunt.
- Limit of one MOA general elk tag per member.
- If you were issued a new license in 2023, tags can be mailed to you this year. Requests need to be made by the license holder and verification of possession of valid Tribal hunting license will be required. If you did not get a new license in 2023 you will need to come to NRD during business hours to receive a new license and get your tags issued in person.
- Tribal Conservation Properties: Ashney, Chahalpam, Chankal, Chankawan, Enchanted Oaks, Noble Oaks, Rattlesnake Butte and Takilth are closed for hunting in 2024 in accordance to the access policy.



### What will be available in 2024:

#### MOA General Season Buck and MOA General Season Elk tags

- Enrolled CTGR Tribal members with these tags will be eligible to hunt within the MOA wildlife management units, Stott Mountain, Trask, Wilson, Willamette and Santiam.
- Tag is valid for one animal with bag limit and date restrictions that are dependent on the unit. General Bow and Any Legal Weapon seasons can be hunted with the same tag.
- Tag notes will specify the allowable weapon, season dates and bag limit for the unit.

**It is the hunter's responsibility to know the unit boundaries, dates of hunts and bag limit in the unit they are hunting**

#### Upland game birds

- Tribal harvest licenses will be valid to hunt upland game birds.
- Partridge, quail, grouse and pheasant may be hunted within state seasons and bag limits in the ODFW upland game bird regulations within MOA area.
- To hunt this opportunity you will not need to update your harvest license
- This does not include migratory birds

#### Small game and unprotected mammals

- Tribal harvest licenses will be valid to hunt small game and unprotected mammals within the MOA area. This follows ODFW rules, regulations, bag limits, possession limits and season dates.
- **This is not inclusive of furbearers!**

# Trask Management Tag and Reservation Only Tag drawing application rules

## NRD license updates

Due to the overwhelming support for hunting and fishing electronic applications, all applications are electronic in 2024-25. Those who need a paper application are asked to contact 503-879-2424 or email [huntingandfishing@grandronde.org](mailto:huntingandfishing@grandronde.org).

The Natural Resources Department began issuing and rebranding the Grand Ronde issued hunting and fishing license in August 2023.

To take advantage of the extended memorandum of agreement harvesting areas in the Wilson, Trask, Stott Mountain, Willamette and Santiam unit (as modified by the MOA) a new harvest license is required. If your license does not have a hologram, license holders are asked to visit NRD. In order to pick up any tag in 2024 — regardless of Reservation only, Trask only or MOA — you must have a new license. This includes requested transferees.

To ensure as many Grand Ronde Tribal members have the opportunity to hunt and tags are distributed in a fair and consistent manner, the Tribe utilizes a random draw and has developed application rules. Failure to follow the rules outlined below, will result in applications being denied for all hunts applied.

To enter the random draw you must:

1. Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member.
2. Have a Hunting and Fishing License issued by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
3. Apply by the application deadline.  
If an applicant fails to fill out the applications in its entirety, does not have an issued license, or files duplicates applications, all applications will be ineligible for hunts applied.

#### How to apply:

To apply online, go to [www.grandronde.org/TraskUnitTagApplications](http://www.grandronde.org/TraskUnitTagApplications). Paper applications are available by contacting Natural Resources.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal Enrollment Cards and Hunter's Safety Certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing.

If you have any questions, you may reach us at:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Attn: Natural Resources  
Physical: 47010 S.W. Hebo Road  
Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Office: 503-879-2424  
Fax: 503-879-562  
Email: [NRD@grandronde.org](mailto:NRD@grandronde.org)

**Trask and Reservation Only tag  
APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
5 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

Staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone/email on Monday, July 22, 2024 and no later than Wednesday, July 31, 2024. Tags will be available for issue on Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

**Application rules and general guidelines:**

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are required before submitting applications, this includes Youth 11 and older.
- **Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the hunter's responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.**
- Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without a Tribal issued hunting and fishing license.
- **If picking up for others, please notify Natural Resources prior to pick up. The Tribal issued Hunting and Fishing License AND Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID card of the person requesting to have their tag picked up will be required when picking up the tag. NO exceptions.**
- To apply for the Reservation Only hunt, Tribal members must successfully complete a **one-time mandatory educational tutorial** discussing tag rules, regulations, applications and reporting as well as receive associated tutorial materials before awarded tag can be picked up. **Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having completed the tutorial. This can be completed online at time of application.**

**Youth tags**

- Any licensed Tribal member between the ages of 11-17 may apply. Youth 13 and under, **MUST BE ACCOMPANIED** by a licensed adult at least 21 years of age unless hunting on property owned by the parents or guardian.
- Youth hunters 11 years of age may apply. However, they must turn 12 by the "Last Day to PICK UP TAG" deadline and possess a CTGR issued license. All youth must have completed their Hunter's Safety Certificate before a tag will be issued.
- Youth may also apply for all adult tags as described above in addition to the youth only hunts. All rules apply.
- Youth **MAY NOT** hunt with youth hunt tags when they turn 18 years of age. Example, applies for Youth Upper Tualatin Trask tag (Hunt dates 12/9-12/31), is awarded tag when 17, receives tag, turns 18 Sunday, Dec. 15. This tag could no longer be hunted by that youth after Sunday, Dec. 15.

**Tag return deadlines**

In accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (Kill or No kill and lost tags) are required **TO BE REPORTED within 30 days of the last day of hunt.** Tags may be reported:

- Online – A form will be emailed to the hunters on the last day of the hunt. Telephone – 503-879-2424 or email - NRD@grandronde.org
  - Mail – 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347
  - In person – 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde OR 97347. Secured drop box available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- As a reminder, cards not returned within the established deadlines are subject to suspension. ■

**2024-25 Trask Management Unit hunt categories and seasons**

Applicants may choose one in each category to apply. The category is defined as **BEAR, MALE ELK\*, CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK, DEER TAGS** (Bow or Muzzleloader Deer) and **CONTROL DAMAGE DOE** season.

**Hunt categories and seasons:**

Categories are as follows:

- **BEAR** (Black Bear)
- **MALE ELK\*** (BOW, 1ST Season, 2ND Season)
  - ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply:  
Bow Elk                      1st Season                      2nd Season
  - Applications submitted for multiple Male Elk seasons will result in all 2024 applications being ineligible.
- **CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK:**
  - ELK HUNTERS you must choose one season to apply:  
S.E. Trask                      Trask                      Central Trask #1  
West Trask #1                      N.E. Trask Muzzleloader                      Central Trask #2  
West Trask #2                      N.E. Trask #1  
Panther Creek,                      N.W. Trask #2
  - Applications submitted for multiple Control/Damage Elk seasons will result in **all** 2024 applications being ineligible.
- **DEER TAGS** (Bow/Muzzleloader):
  - You must choose one season to apply:  
Bow                      Muzzleloader
  - Applications submitted for both seasons will result in **all** 2024 applications being ineligible.
- **COAST BUCK** – no application needed. First come, first serve.
- **CONTROL DAMAGE DOE:** Any Grand Ronde licensed Tribal member may apply.

*\*Male elk hunters – you may choose to hunt the MOA Elk Tag **OR** Grand Ronde's Trask Management Tag. You may not hunt both.*



**Trask Management  
QR applications**

2024-2025 Trask Management Unit Hunting Seasons			DEADLINES	
<small>*If allowed weapon is not listed in season description, hunt allows Any Legal Weapon*</small>				
	Open Day	Last Day	Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
<b>Category - Deer</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
COAST BUCK: NO APPLICATION	10/5/2024	11/8/2024	N/A	12/8/2024
CONTROL DAMAGE DOE	10/5/2024	11/8/2024	9/26/2024	12/8/2024
MUZZLELOADER DEER	11/9/2024	11/22/2024	11/1/2024	12/22/2024
BOW DEER ( <b>Buck Only</b> )	8/31/2024	9/29/2024	8/22/2024	10/29/2024
<b>Category - Male Elk</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
BOW ELK - ( <b>Bull Only</b> )	8/31/2024	9/29/2024	8/22/2024	10/29/2024
1ST SEASON ( <b>Bull Only</b> )	11/16/2024	11/19/2024	11/8/2024	12/19/2024
2ND SEASON ( <b>Spike Only</b> )	11/23/2024	11/29/2024	11/14/2024	12/29/2024
<b>Category - Control Damage Elk</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
NE TRASK MUZZLELOADER ELK ( <b>Any</b> )	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	12/6/2024	1/30/2025
TRASK UNIT	12/1/2024	3/31/2025	11/15/2024	4/30/2025
WEST TRASK #1	12/1/2024	1/31/2025	11/15/2024	3/2/2025
WEST TRASK #2	2/1/2025	3/31/2025	1/24/2025	4/30/2025
CENTRAL TRASK #1	1/1/2025	2/14/2025	12/13/2024	3/16/2025
CENTRAL TRASK #2	2/15/2025	3/31/2025	2/7/2025	4/30/2025
SE TRASK	12/1/2024	3/31/2025	11/15/2024	4/30/2025
NE TRASK #1	12/1/2024	3/31/2025	11/15/2024	4/30/2025
NE TRASK #2	1/1/2025	3/31/2025	12/13/2024	4/30/2025
PANTHER CREEK	1/1/2025	3/31/2025	12/13/2024	4/30/2025
<b>Category - Bear</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
BEAR	8/1/2024	12/31/2024	7/25/2024	1/30/2025
<b>Category - Youth Hunts</b>				
YOUTH ANTLERLESS ELK	8/15/2024	12/31/2024	8/8/2024	1/30/2025
YOUTH BOW ELK	8/31/2024	9/29/2024	8/23/2024	10/29/2024
YOUTH C/D DEER	10/5/2024	11/10/2024	9/26/2024	12/10/2024
YOUTH - UPPER TUALATIN - TRASK ( <b>WEEKENDS ONLY</b> )	12/7/2024	12/29/2024	11/15/2024	1/28/2025

## 2024 Reservation Only Tags

Reservation Only hunt categories and seasons  
 Hunters can apply for one deer and one elk hunt tag and should follow instructions in red below.  
 Hunt categories are as follows:

- DEER**  
**DEER HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow Buck, Any Legal Weapon Coastal Buck or Muzzleloader.**
- o Bow Buck: Aug. 27-30.
  - o Any Legal Weapon, Coast Buck: Oct. 1-4.
  - o Muzzleloader Rifle Season, Any Deer: Dec. 7-13.

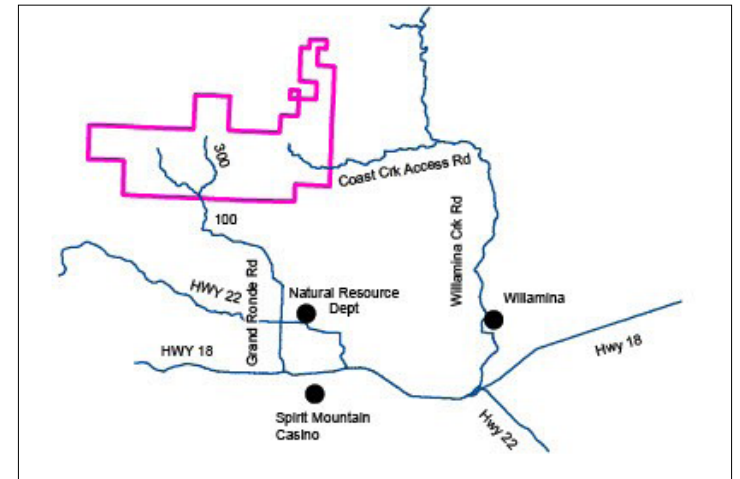
- ELK**  
**ELK HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow, First Season, Second Season or Muzzleloader.**
- o Bow Bull: Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.
  - o First Season, Any Legal Weapon Bull: Nov. 13-15.
  - o Second Season, Any Legal Weapon Any Elk: Nov. 20-22.
  - o Muzzleloader Rifle Season, Any Elk: Dec. 14-27.

- New in 2024: COUGAR**
- o Cougar season: Aug. 27 to Dec. 27.
  - o Rules for hunt will follow ODFW Big Game Regulations for 2024.
  - o Successful hunters will need to check in the hide of any cougar taken with skull and proof of sex attached and submit the reproductive tract of any female taken within 10 days of the kill to an ODFW field office.

**The 2024 Reservation Only Tags and seasons are ONLY VALID ONLY ON THE RESERVATION.**



**Reservation Only tag QR applications**



*Reservation Only Hunt area is outlined in pink.*

2024 RESERVATION ONLY TRIBAL TAGS			DEADLINES	
	OPEN DAY	LAST DAY	Last Day to PICK UP TAG (if Drawn)	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill or not)
<b>Category - Deer</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
<b>BOW DEER (Buck)</b>	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
<b>COAST BUCK</b>	10/1/2024	10/4/2024	9/24/2024	11/3/2024
<b>MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)</b>	12/7/2024	12/13/2024	12/2/2024	1/12/2025
<b>Category - Elk</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
<b>BOW ELK (Bull Only)</b>	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
<b>1<sup>st</sup> SEASON (Bull Only)</b>	11/13/2024	11/15/2024	11/6/2024	12/15/2024
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SEASON (Any Elk)</b>	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	11/13/2024	12/22/2024
<b>MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)</b>	12/14/2024	12/27/2024	12/6/2024	1/26/2025
<b>Category - Cougar</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
<b>Reservation Only Cougar Season</b>	8/27/2024	12/27/2024	8/20/2024	1/26/2025
<b>Category - Youth Hunts</b>				
<b>Season</b>				
<b>BOW DEER (Buck)</b>	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
<b>COAST BUCK</b>	10/1/2024	10/6/2024	9/24/2024	11/5/2024
<b>MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)</b>	12/7/2024	12/13/2024	12/2/2024	1/12/2025
<b>BOW ELK (Bull Only)</b>	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
<b>1<sup>st</sup> SEASON (Bull Only)</b>	11/13/2024	11/15/2024	11/6/2024	12/15/2024
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SEASON (Any Elk)</b>	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	11/13/2024	12/22/2024
<b>MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)</b>	12/14/2024	12/27/2024	12/6/2024	1/26/2025
<b>Reservation Only Cougar Season</b>	8/27/2024	12/27/2024	8/20/2024	1/26/2025



MOA General Season Deer				
	Hunt	Allowable Weapon	Dates	Eligible Units
A single MOA General Season Deer Tag is valid for both bow and general season hunts in this table	General Archery Season Western Oregon Deer	Bow	Aug 31 - Sept 29; Nov 23 - Dec 15	Willamette Santiam
			Aug 31 - Sept 29; Nov 23 - Dec 15	Stott Mountain
			Aug 31- Sept 29	Trask Wilson
	Western General Season Coast Buck	Any Legal Weapon	Oct 5-Nov 8	Wilson Willamette Stott Mountain Trask Santiam

MOA General Season Elk				
	Hunt	Allowable Weapon	Dates	Eligible Units
A single MOA General Season Elk tag is valid for all elk hunts listed in this table	General Archery Season Elk	Bow	Aug 31 - Sept 29	Santiam
				Willamette
				Wilson Stott Mountain Trask
	General West Cascade Elk	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 9-Nov 15	Santiam
	General Western Oregon Coast 1st Season Elk	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 16- Nov 19	Wilson Willamette Stott Mountain Trask
General Western Oregon Coast 2nd Season Elk	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 23- Nov 29	Wilson Trask	
			Stott Mountain Willamette	

MOA General Upland Game Bird Seasons				
	Upland Game Bird	Open Season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Valid with Tribal Harvest License; no special validation required	Ruffed and Blue Grouse	Sept 1- Jan 31, 2025	3 each species	9 each species
	Chukar and Hungarian Partridge	Oct 14 - Jan 31, 2025	8	24
	Rooster Pheasant (does not include special fee hunts)	Oct 14 - Dec 31	2	8
	Quail (California and Mountain)	Sept 1- Jan 31, 2025	10	30
	MOA General Small Game and Uprotected Mammals			
	Western gray squirrel	Sept 1 - Nov 15	5	15
	Unprotected mammals; commonly hunted unprotected mammals include; coyote, cottontail rabbits, black-tailed rabbits, opossum, nutria, California ground squirrel and Belding's ground squirrel	Jan. 1-Dec. 31	No limit	No limit

# 2024 fishing information

## Where can you fish?

With a “NEW” Tribal harvest license, you can now fish in five different wildlife management units as well as the marine zone (50mi) adjacent to those units. “See fig.1”

These five units are:

- Willamette
- Trask
- Stott Mountain
- Wilson
- Santiam “modified boundary”
- CTGR MOA Marine Zone

Fishing on the Columbia River fishing within the MOA approved areas is **limited to Oregon waters only!** (See fig. 2) Chart plotters are recommended! Downloadable maps are available from the Natural Resources Department.

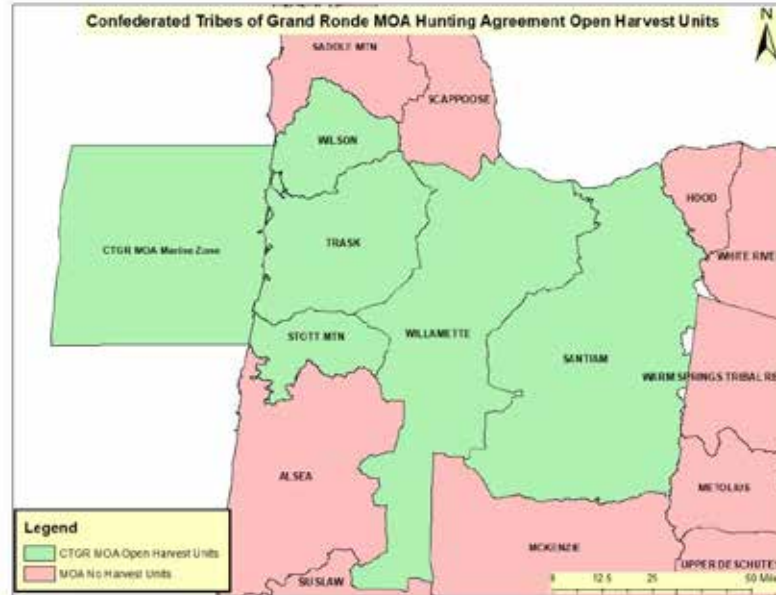


Fig. 1 MOA open harvest areas

## What can you fish?

With a “NEW” Tribal harvest license, you can now fish for all species that do not require a special ODFW fishing tag. You are still restricted to all ODFW rules, including daily bag limits, gear restrictions, zone restrictions and seasons. No commercial fishing allowed. Expanded shellfishing coming in 2024, stay tuned for more information!

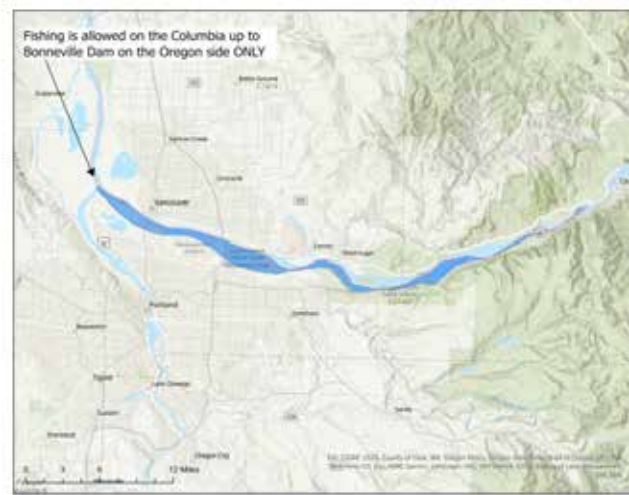


Fig. 2 Oregon Waters on Columbia River

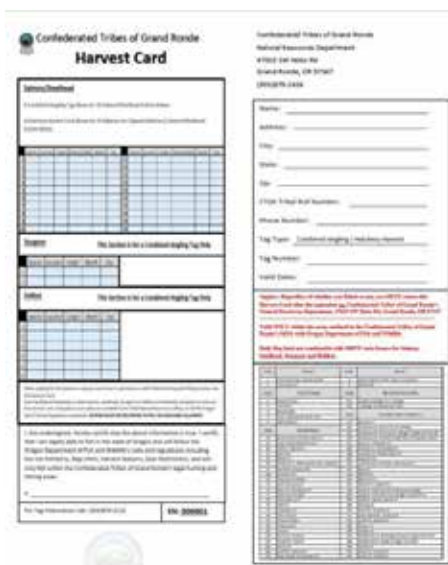


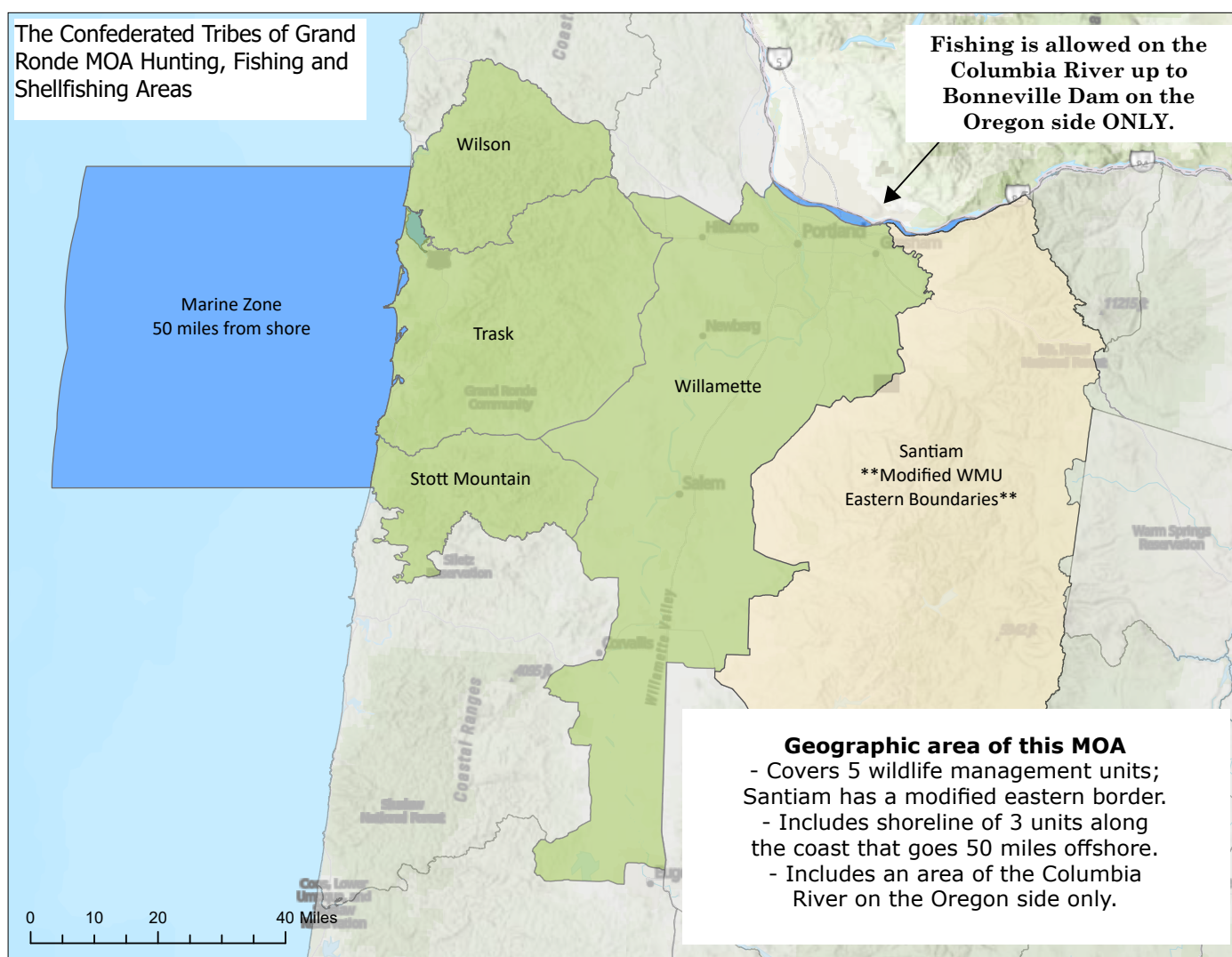
Fig. 3 Combined angling tag

For species that do require a special fishing tag (salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and halibut), you can come to the Natural Resources Department to acquire a “combined angling tag or hatchery harvest card” (See fig. 3). Tags **MUST** be reported to NRD within 30 days after tag expiration.

For in-season ODFW regulation changes go to; <https://myodfw.com/articles/oregon-fishing-hunting-regulations-and-updates>



For more information contact Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems [Brandon.weems@grandronde.org](mailto:Brandon.weems@grandronde.org) or 503-879-2192



**Geographic area of this MOA**  
 - Covers 5 wildlife management units;  
 - Santiam has a modified eastern border.  
 - Includes shoreline of 3 units along the coast that goes 50 miles offshore.  
 - Includes an area of the Columbia River on the Oregon side only.

**2024 MOA shellfishing information**

Tribal members can update their harvest license in 2024 to include a shellfishing validation that is valid for the MOA area. A shellfishing validation is **REQUIRED** to shellfishing the MOA area.

All Rules and regulations including bag limits follow state regulations.

**Marine Reserves are closed for harvest.** Please refer to [oregonmarinereserves.com/rules](https://oregonmarinereserves.com/rules) for more information.

**Shellfishing outside of the MOA?**

Outside of these areas require a state license.

**Regulation changes!**

It is important to check current state regulations before you head out as regulations can change within the season and from year to year.

For in season changes:

<https://myodfw.com/articles/oregon-fishing-hunting-regulations-and-updates>

For more information, contact Brandon Weems, Aquatic Biologist, 503-879-2192 or [Brandon.weems@grandronde.org](mailto:Brandon.weems@grandronde.org).



*Valid MOA shellfishing area. Please be aware of marine reserves within the MOA area that are closed for harvest.*

# Photo submissions wanted

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



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

CTGR 2024 Bag Limit Quick Guide			
MOA (CTGR) License		MOA (CTGR) License & State (ODFW) License	
Species/Zone	Daily Bag Limit	Species/Zone	Daily Bag Limit
<b><u>Willamette Zone</u></b>		<b><u>Willamette Zone</u></b>	
Trout	5	Trout	10
Salmon & Steelhead Below Willamette Falls	2	Salmon & Steelhead Below Willamette Falls	2
Salmon & Steelhead Above Willamette Falls	3	Salmon & Steelhead Above Willamette Falls	3
Sturgeon	Catch and Release	Sturgeon	Catch and Release
Bass	5	Bass	10
Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and shad	No Limit	Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and shad	No Limit
Smelt	Closed	Smelt	Closed
<b><u>Columbia River Zone</u></b>		<b><u>Columbia River Zone</u></b>	
Trout	2	Trout	4
Salmon & Steelhead	2	Salmon & Steelhead	2
Sturgeon	Catch and Release	Sturgeon	Catch and Release
Bass, Striped Bass, Bluegil, Catfish, Crappie, Other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Northern Pikeminnow, Carp, Sucker, Chub, Sculpin, Whitefish, and other Non-Game Fish.	No Limit	Bass, Striped Bass, Bluegil, Catfish, Crappie, Other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Northern Pikeminnow, Carp, Sucker, Chub, Sculpin, Whitefish, and other Non-Game Fish.	No Limit
Shad	No Limit	Shad	No Limit
Smelt	Closed	Smelt	Closed
<b><u>Northwest Zone</u></b>		<b><u>Northwest Zone</u></b>	
Trout	5	Trout	10
Salmon & Steelhead	2	Salmon & Steelhead	2
Sturgeon	Catch and Release	Sturgeon	Catch and Release
Bass	5	Bass	10
Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and shad	No limit	Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and shad	No limit
Smelt	Closed	Smelt	Closed
<b><u>Marine Zone</u></b>		<b><u>Marine Zone</u></b>	
Lingcod	2	Lingcod	2
General Marine Species: Rockfish ("Sea Bass", "Snapper"), Greenling ("Sea Trout"), Sablefish, Pacific Cod, Cabezon, Skates, Spiny Dogfish, Leopard Shark, Soupfin Shark, and other marine species not listed	5	General Marine Species: Rockfish ("Sea Bass", "Snapper"), Greenling ("Sea Trout"), Sablefish, Pacific Cod, Cabezon, Skates, Spiny Dogfish, Leopard Shark, Soupfin Shark, and other marine species not listed	5
Flatfish (Flounders, Soles, Sanddabs, turbot and Halibuts except Pacific halibut	25 fish in aggregate	Flatfish (Flounders, Soles, Sanddabs, turbot and Halibuts except Pacific halibut	25 fish in aggregate
Surfperch	15 fish in aggregate	Surfperch	15 fish in aggregate
Herring, Anchovy, Sardine, Topsmelt, Jacksmelt and truesmelts	25 lbs in aggregate	Herring, Anchovy, Sardine, Topsmelt, Jacksmelt and truesmelts	25 lbs in aggregate
Offshore Pelagic Species: Includes all Tuna and Mackerel Species, Swordfish, Billfish, Jacks (family Carangidae) Opah, Dorado, Pomfret, and all Sharks, except Leopard Shark, Spiny dogfish and Soupfin Shark	25 fish in aggregate (Basking Shark, White Shark, Mega-Mouth Shark, and Oceanic Whitetip Shark are all prohibited and must be released unharmed	Offshore Pelagic Species: Includes all Tuna and Mackerel Species, Swordfish, Billfish, Jacks (family Carangidae) Opah, Dorado, Pomfret, and all Sharks, except Leopard Shark, Spiny dogfish and Soupfin Shark	25 fish in aggregate (Basking Shark, White Shark, Mega-Mouth Shark, and Oceanic Whitetip Shark are all prohibited and must be released unharmed
Striped Bass and Hybrid Bass	No Limit	Striped Bass and Hybrid Bass	No Limit
Sturgeon	Catch and Release	Sturgeon	Catch and Release
Salmon & Steelhead	2	Salmon & Steelhead	2
Pacific Halibut - Central Oregon Coast Subarea	2	Pacific Halibut - Central Oregon Coast Subarea	2

All Bag Limits are subject to exceptions to general zone regulations. Zone exceptions may change bag limits, among other regulations for some or all species listed. Please check the ODFW zone regulations & exceptions for where you are fishing before you go!! All exceptions can be found in the ODFW Sport Fishing Regulations or at [https://www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/guides/24ORFW\\_LR.pdf](https://www.eregulations.com/assets/docs/guides/24ORFW_LR.pdf)

## Walking On...

### Myrna L. Dickey (George)

Jan. 18, 1940 – May 14, 2024

Tribal spouse Myrna L. Dickey (George) passed away on May 14, 2024. She was 84.

Mom was raised in Willamina and spent her childhood on the family farm on Fort Hill Road.

She married Lloyd Allen "Wolf" George Jr. They were married for 33 years and had five children, Jerry, Tammy, Jon, Tim and Rick. Tammy passed in 1990.

Mom has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mom was a mom, auntie and friend to many people in the community. She was a great example of motherhood, unconditional love and taught us how important family was, no matter what circumstances bring.

Mom will greatly be missed by us of all, only because this small hole of sadness in our hearts will take a long time to refill.

Our family would like to express to all those who have surrounded us with your love, prayers and support during our sudden loss of our dear sweet mother.

hayu masi nsayka tilixum pi shiksh, the George family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at the Tribal gymnasium with a meal to follow at achaf-hammi plankhouse.



### Lola Magdeline Foster

Sept. 27, 1952 – March 29, 2024

It is with heavy hearts and sadness that we announce Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Lola Magdeline Foster walked on March 29, 2024, in Reno, Nevada, at the age of 71.

She was born Lola Magdeline Croy in Dallas, Oregon on Sept. 27, 1952, to parents Delmore and Margery Croy.

She was preceded in death by husband David Foster of Willamina; brothers, Donald, Delmore and Glen Croy; and sister, Rita Weaver. She is survived by her daughters, Misty Weippert of Reno and Melinda Bonson of Tucson, Arizona; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She loved spending time with all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as game night with friends, cooking and crafts.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



### Kimberly Ann Grenz

August 25, 1967 – April 18, 2024

Tribal Elder Kimberly Ann Grenz passed away on April 18, 2024, at the age of 56.

Musgrove Family Mortuary in Eugene is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available at presstime.

### Michelle Rose Stamos

March 31, 1969 – May 13, 2024

Tribal Elder Michelle Rose Stamos passed away on May 13, 2024, at the age of 55.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 24, at the Tribal Cemetery and a meal followed at the Tribal Community Center.

Macy & Son Funeral Home and Cremation Services in McMinnville assisted the family.

## TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

<b>Scheduled Appointments Only</b>	<b>Walk-In Day</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	

**To schedule an appointment:**

**Call (503) 879-1424 or**

**CTGR Tribal VSO @ GrandRonde.Org**

## Pacific Power hosting wildfire mitigation meetings

Pacific Power is hosting a series of meetings for communities in its Washington and Oregon service areas for residents to learn more about the company's efforts to increase safety and reliability during wildfire season.

The meeting closest to Grand Ronde will be held in Lincoln City at Chinook Winds Casino, 1501 N.W. 40th Place, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, and will include a free dinner.

"Pacific Power is going to be traveling to communities in our service areas in May and June for a series of customer forums on Pacific Power's wildfire mitigation plan," Pacific Power Tribal Liason Representative and Grand Ronde Tribal member Tracy Moreland said. "Emergency Management staff will be available and a meal will be provided to attendees. There is also a live stream option."

To register for the in-person or livestream option, visit [pacificpower.net/community/workshops-events.html](http://pacificpower.net/community/workshops-events.html). The website also contains a list of other meeting locations for Tribal members who live outside the Grand Ronde area. ■

### EULA PETITE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Eula Petite competitive scholarship was established and dedicated to long time Tribal Member educator Eula Petite. This is a "one-time" scholarship award where one undergraduate and one graduate student will receive a laptop computer.

**Deadline to Apply:**  
**June 30, 2024**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Enrolled CTGR Tribal Member
- Minimum 3.0GPA
- Enrolled as a Full-time student
- See application for other requirements

**Email Higher Education for the application!**

[highereducation@grandronde.org](mailto:highereducation@grandronde.org)

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Contact Pamala Warren-Chase @ [warren31@yahoo.com](mailto:warren31@yahoo.com)

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## TERO small business startup grant



### TERO grant eligibility:

- Must be an established Oregon business with state registry.
- Business must be less than 3 years old.
- Must be a Grand Ronde Tribal member.
- Must prepare a detailed allocation of how you plan to utilize the funding and how it will benefit your business.
- Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, June 7.
- All applicants that have been deemed eligible for the program will be given an interview for the grant funding.
- Concluding the interview process, the chosen applicant will be awarded the \$8,000 grant.

**For grant applications or questions please contact TERO.**

503-879-2146 • 503-879-2188 • TERO@grandronde.org  
9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

## Peace and Dignity Journeys to stop in Grand Ronde

The 2024 Peace and Dignity Journeys will visit Grand Ronde on Tuesday, June 18 and leave Wednesday, June 19.

Peace & Dignity Journeys have held Native American spiritual runs across North and South America every four years since 1992, with the exception of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2024 Peace and Dignity Journeys began on May 1 in Alaska and Argentina, when participants embarked on a seven month prayer run, which will end on Nov. 29 at El Cuaca, Colombia.

When participants reach their destination for the day, they will have a circle ceremony with the local community.

The run in Oregon will stop in Portland, Grand Ronde, Corvallis, Eugene, Reedsport, Coos Bay and Gold Beach before moving south to California.

This year's run is dedicated to the concept of Tlahtoā, which encompasses introspection, speaking from the heart, truth and breath of life.

Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Carol Logan is leading the preparations for the stay locally.

For more information or to participate in the run during the Oregon stops, visit pdjrun.com or contact Mel Huey at 541-255-2741. ■

## 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.

**Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.**

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

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



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**ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST**  
**PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING**  
 Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.



**NATIVE AMERICAN WATCHLIST**

## Watchlist: ‘Farmington High School graduate told to remove Native American beaded graduation cap’

*(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*

An Indigenous high school graduate’s story was picked up by news channels all over the country after school staff removed her graduation cap adorned with traditional Native beading and a feather instead of a tassel.

According to KRQE, a local New Mexico news channel, the Farmington High School staff deemed the cap broke the ceremony dress code, which did not allow personalization of cap and gowns.

A viral video of the incident shows staff asking the teen, Genesis White Bull, to remove her beaded cap during the national anthem and handing her a plain cap to wear.

Photos from the ceremony are included in the video showing other students with decorated caps who were not asked to remove them.

“We are not going to ask anymore how to be Hunkpapa Lakota,” White Bull’s mother Brenda White Bull said. “They don’t have the right to tell me or my daughter how to dress, how to adorn ourselves. All that was put into that beadwork, everything that symbolizes, was done with prayer from my family to give to her.”

KRQE reports that the school put out a statement justifying the removal of the cap due to the school policy that cap and gowns can’t be altered.

However, the school did acknowledge the situation could have been handled better.

“White Bull says the law supersedes school policy and says in taking the cap away the staffers violated New Mexico law which is similar to the Federal Crown Act but also includes headdresses,” KRQE reported.

New Mexico Senator Harold Pope Jr. sponsored the legislations and was interviewed by KRQE.

“The intent was to make sure something like this didn’t happen,” Pope said. “I understand there are rules, there are things that happen at schools, but we also have New Mexico law and we want to protect folks from being discriminated and being harmed on their cultural and religious beliefs.”


Farmington High School sits at the border of the Navajo Nation Reservation and is surrounded by several other reservations in New Mexico.

Bordering the Grand Ronde reservation is Willamina School District, where most Tribal students living on the reservation attend school.




Smoke Signals reached out the Willamina High School Principal Jami Fluke to ask what their policy is for graduation caps.

“One of the things I really love about graduation is it is a very formal ceremony, yet each student is allowed to decorate their caps to make it very personal.” Fluke said in an email. “Some students wear other decorations (weaves, flowers, sashes, etc.) that reflect their heritage or represent something that their family gave them for the ceremony. Our Native students (especially) start coming in early to see if they can get their caps so they can have them beaded, which takes extra time.”

You can watch the entire video “Farmington High School graduate told to remove Native American beaded graduation cap” from KRQE at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNqDtsZCK3A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNqDtsZCK3A). ■



**CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE FAMILY FISHING DAY**

**The Hebo Ranger District invites You for the Family Fishing Day in the Forest**

**When:** June 17, 2024, from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm.

**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.**

**FLU/COVID PRECAUTIONS**

- Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms or are positive for FLU/COVID
- Keep your social distance, 6 Feet apart.
- Clean your hands frequently.
- Face mask use is optional and for your own safety.

**Thanks!!!**



# CLEAR Clinic

All services are free\*



**Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2~6pm**

**Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12~4pm**

**Services Provided:**

- Criminal record expungements
- Eviction expungements and tenant advocacy letters
- Court fines and fee waiver petitions
- Legal name and gender marker changes
- Referrals for other legal services

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\*There is an Oregon State police charge of \$33 for finger printing for all criminal expungements





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## Monday, April 1

- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 100 block of West Main Street in Sheridan.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

## Tuesday, April 2

- Death investigation in the 2500 block of S.W. Beaver Court.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 6000 block of Alvord Alley Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 30.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

## Wednesday, April 3

- Trespassing follow-up was reported near Savage Road in Sheridan.
- An alarm was reported near Arrowhead Drive.
- Found property was reported in the 24000 block of McPherson Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.

## Thursday, April 4

- An alarm was reported in the area of Forestry Lane.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Warrant Service occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, April 5

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9300 block of Hebo Road.
- An open door was reported in the 28000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A traffic accident occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Saturday, April 6

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Sunday, April 7

- Trespassing occurred in the 26000 block of Highway 18.
- Police assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 17.
- Traffic assistance occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Trespassing occurred in the 45000 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 900 block of S.E. Sheridan Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Monday, April 8

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Florence and Sherman streets in Sheridan.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property was reported in the 24000 block of McPherson Road.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Tuesday, April 9

- An alarm was reported in the area of Forestry Lane.

- A domestic disturbance occurred in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A warrant was served in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An ordinance violation occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- An ordinance violation occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- A disturbance was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.

## Wednesday, April 10

- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Thursday, April 11

- A sexual offense occurred in the area of Highway 22 and Mill Creek Road.
- Officers assisted in the 500 block of N.E. C Street in Willamina.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 30.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18B near milepost 1.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 28000 block of Highway 18B.

## Friday, April 12

- Officers assisted in the 49000 block of Hebo Road.
- A domestic disturbance occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Driving under the influence of intoxicants was reported in the area of Highway 18B and Yamhill River Road.
- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Saturday, April 13

- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Theft occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A domestic disturbance occurred in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Sunday, April 14

- Officers assisted in the area of Grand Ronde and Ackerson roads.
- A vehicle crash occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Burglary occurred in the 1300 block of West Main Street in Sheridan.

## Monday, April 15

- A driving complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Bridge and Main streets in Sheridan.
- Officers assisted with a lockout in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road

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and Salmon River Highway.

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28500 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near milepost 21.
- Citizen contact occurred on Salmon River Highway near Fire Hall Road.

## **Tuesday, April 16**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Wednesday, April 17**

- Officers assisted in the 1100 block of Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.

## **Thursday, April 18**

- A hit-and-run occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 4.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Fifth Street in McMinnville.

## **Friday, April 19**

- Officers assisted on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- Fraud occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- An alarm was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Saturday, April 20**

- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 25.
- Fraud occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief occurred in the area of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of 48000 Eagle Loop.
- An alarm was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A disturbance occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A fight occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Sunday, April 21**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 22700 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Eagle Loop.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 2.

## **Monday, April 22**

- Vehicle crash occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near Jahn Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 6.

- A disturbance occurred in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A runaway was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.

## **Tuesday, April 23**

- Officers assisted in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28500 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Fire Hall Road.
- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 21.

## **Wednesday, April 24**

- A sexual offense occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint occurred in the area of 27100 Salmon River Highway.
- A civil complaint occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Thursday, April 25**

- Officers assisted with a lockout on Highway 18 near milepost 20.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- An illegal camp was reported on Forestry Road 302.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Walnut Street in Willamina.

## **Friday, April 26**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 500 block of Sheridan Road in Sheridan.
- A welfare check occurred in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft occurred in the 48000 block of Blacktail Drive.
- A driving complaint occurred in the 27100 Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 15.
- Suspicious activity occurred in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.

## **Saturday, April 27**

- A welfare check occurred in the 25000 block of Beaver Court.
- A welfare check occurred in the area of Blue Jay Court.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 15.

## **Sunday, April 28**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 8700 block of North Street.
- An alarm was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A vehicle crash occurred in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Hebo Road near milepost 24.

## **Monday, April 29**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Highway 18 and Highway 22.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Highway 18B and Highway 18.

## **Tuesday, April 30**

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Little Hebo Highway near milepost 1.

*Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal  
Police Department Officer Austin Gomez*

# 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. ■



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 - UPDATED	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
1999	Tribal Planner	15	\$97,858.44/yr.	\$127,796.59/yr.	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
2056	Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2058	Driver – Nutrition	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/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
2078	Counselor In Training - Great Circle Recovery - Portland	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2089	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
2099	High School Intern – Library	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
2116	Milieu Safety Technician – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2118	Youth Crew Leader Limited Duration – Natural Resources		\$20.00/hr.	\$20.00/hr.	Until Filled
2123	Enrichment Coordinator Aide (Seasonal- Summer)	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2127	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2128	Senior Auditor	14	\$90,630.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
2130	Driver/Wellness Assistant	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2131	CFS Investigator	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2135	Client Registration Specialist – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2136	Help Desk Technician	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2137	Lead Barista - TERO	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2138	Academic Coach (6-12)	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2139	Housekeeper – Swing	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	05/27/24
2140	Youth Intern – Public Health – Tribal Members Only	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	05/27/24
2144	Licensed Practical Nurse – Part Time - Portland – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	06/27/24
2142	Cultural Center Specialist	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	05/27/24
2143	Police Officer Trainee	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	05/27/24
2144	Physician Assistant	20	\$164,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	05/27/24
2145	Assistant General Manager	22	\$176,396.03/yr.	\$248,130.43/yr.	06/03/24
2146	Chinuk Wawa Program Aide	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	06/03/24
2147	K-6 Math and Science Teacher	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	06/03/24
2148	Secretary – Housing	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	06/03/24
2033	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

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

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

## June 2024

Elder Center Front Desk 503-879-2233  
Kitchen 503-879-4625

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2	Healthy Lifestyle Luncheon noon	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Craft day at the elder center 11am to 1pm	Grocery Shopping Trip leave at 9am	Crafts for Elder Honor Day noon to 2pm McMinnville Farmers Market leave at 11:30	Tribal Vendor Fair @ EAC 10am to 2pm		
9	Healthy Lifestyle Luncheon noon	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Art Therapy 1pm Elder Trip to Movies	Horse Barn leave at 9am	Crafts for Elder Honor Day noon to 2pm Family Night Out Massage @ EAC		Elder Abuse Walk and Resource Fair 10am to 2pm	
16	Healthy Lifestyle Luncheon noon	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day		Craft day at the elder center 11am to 1pm Father's Day Luncheon	Closed Holiday	Bingo 1pm	Elder Garage Sale 10am to 3pm EAC Parking Lot Cedar Demonstration 11am @ EAC		
23	Healthy Lifestyle Luncheon noon	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Craft day at the elder center 11am to 1pm	Horse Barn Leave at 9am	Crafts for Elder Honor Day noon to 2pm Canoe Day @ Pond Massage @ EAC	Elder Trip leave at 10am		

• Need to sign up for events or concerts please call the 503-879-2233 to put your name on lists.



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

**Journey 2024 Youth Canoe Practice**

In partnership with the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center, The YEP Program will be providing transportation to paddle practice, for youth 13-24.

We are hoping to use these practices to get the youth more comfortable on the water for the upcoming Youth Canoe Journey, Paddle to Puyallup.

Please contact [yep@grandronde.org](mailto:yep@grandronde.org) for more information on how to sign up. Or call 503-879-2034

Saturday, June 8th & 29th from 9am-12pm  
 Location: East Devils Lake State Recreation Area



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	5/30/2024	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant	5/30/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Count Operations Attendant I	5/30/2024	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Hospitality Attendant (*Part-Time)	5/30/2024	\$18.02/hr.
Marketing Communications Specialist	5/30/2024	\$25.45/hr. DOE
Player Services Representative I	5/30/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Attendant (*Part-Time)	5/30/2024	\$14.58/hr. + TIPS
Sr. Graphic Designer	5/30/2024	\$58,998.29/yr. DOE
Amore Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Baker	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bar Porter (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Cage Cashier	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Executive Casino Host I	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Hotel Front Desk Clerk	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Hotel Room Attendant (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + 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**

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

✉ [employmentteam@spiritmtn.com](mailto:employmentteam@spiritmtn.com) <https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.

**POWER PADDLE TO PUYALLUP YOUTH CANOE JOURNEY 2024**

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 5**  
 \*Dates are subject to change

Youth ages 13-24 that are interested in 2024 Youth Canoe Journey please scan the QR code and fill out the form. Feel free to contact us for more info

503-879-2034 [YEP@grandronde.org](mailto:YEP@grandronde.org)



# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Migraines and headaches

June is a crucial time to highlight the challenges faced by those living with headaches and migraines. The symptoms of migraines often cause people living with them to withdraw from their daily lives. Others may refrain from identifying themselves as a migraine patient due to the stigma surrounding the disease and the lack of compassion surrounding its symptoms.

	Symptoms	Frequency	Triggers
<b>Tension-type headache</b>	Band of intense pressure around the head	Chronic: 15 or more days per month Episodic: Fewer than 15 days per month	Stress, jaw clenching, hunger, depression, lack of sleep, sleep apnea, arthritis, poor posture
<b>Cluster headaches</b>	Severe pain on one side of the head, including behind the eye	Daily headaches lasting weeks or months before remission lasting months or years	Smoking, alcohol, certain smells, physical activity
<b>Hemi crania</b>	Persistent headaches, usually on one side of the head, that fluctuate in severity	Chronic: 3-5 headaches every day Remitting: Daily headaches for up to 6 months, then a pain-free period for weeks or months	Alcohol, physical exertion
<b>Migraine</b>	Intense, throbbing headaches, usually on one side of the head	Up to several times a week, for a few hours or days	Stress, tiredness, anxiety, depression, caffeine, skipping meals, not getting enough physical activity

### Migraines and diagnosis:

Migraines are the primary headache disorder, which are accompanied by nausea, vomiting and/or photophobia. It is sometimes started with a short lasting aura of unilateral, reversible visual, sensory or other symptoms. Migraines most often begin at puberty and generally affects those ages between 35 and 45 years, although childhood migraines are not uncommon. They are more common in women. The exact cause of migraines is currently unknown but it is thought to result from the release of pain producing inflammatory substances around the nerves and blood vessels of the head.



If you have migraines or a family history of migraines, a specialist trained in treating headaches, known as a neurologist will likely diagnose based on your medical history, symptoms, and physical and neurological examination. If they are unusual, complex, or suddenly get worse, there are tests to rule out other causes such as an MRI or CT scan.

### Migraine and headache hygiene:

Migraines and headaches are not predictable, but simple things like changes to a normal routine can lead to a severely disabling migraine attack. It is unrealistic to expect anyone to completely change a certain lifestyle. However, certain things are easy to do to maintain and assist with long-term prevention:

- Maintain regular sleep patterns. Go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day.
- Exercise regularly.
- Eat regular meals, do not skip meals and eat a good, healthy breakfast.
- Reduce stress. Limit stress by avoiding conflicts and resolving disputes calmly.
- Avoiding known triggers.

### Men's Health Month

June is National Men's Health Month. This is a time to remind men of the health issues they face and what they can do to take charge of their health. Men are significantly less likely than women to see a doctor or report symptoms to a health care provider.

### Did you know?

Did you know that only 60% of men go to the doctor for a yearly, routine checkup, and 40% will not go until something is seriously wrong? Despite these statistics, only 20% of those who do see a doctor report that they only made an appointment so that their loved one or significant other will stop "nagging them."



### Facts and statistics:

- The overall mortality rate is 41% higher for men than women, and it's higher for men for eight out of 10 leading causes of death – including heart disease, cancer, stroke and diabetes.
- 31% of men suffer depression in their lifetime and 9% of men have daily feelings of depression or anxiety. However, only a quarter of these men talk to a mental health professional and only a third take medication. Pay attention to signs of depression and don't be afraid to seek help.
- Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths for men in the United States. A man is 2 to 3 times more likely to get prostate cancer if his father, brother or son had it. Talk to your doctor about having a PSA and DRE levels checked.
- Erectile dysfunction affects nearly 30 million men of all ages across the United States. If you're having problems, see a urologist and make sure it's not an early warning sign for something more serious like heart disease, high blood pressure or high blood sugar.

### Recommended screenings by age:

Ages 18-39	Ages 40-49	Ages 50+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General health screening</li> <li>• Every 2-3 years: Blood and urine tests, blood pressure checks</li> <li>• EKG at 30 years old to establish a baseline</li> <li>• Discuss STD testing with your provider</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General health screening</li> <li>• Every 2 years: Blood tests, and blood pressure checks</li> <li>• Colorectal cancer screening for age 45+</li> <li>• Discuss STD testing</li> <li>• Discuss prostate and testicular screenings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General health screen</li> <li>• Every year: Blood tests, blood pressure checks, colon cancer screening</li> <li>• Every 5-10 years: Colonoscopy</li> <li>• Discuss STD testing</li> <li>• Discuss prostate and testicular screenings</li> </ul>

## Three reasons to get an oral cancer screening:

- It's easy. The dentist and hygienist will do this type of screening during your exams. The most common places for oral cancer is your tongue, the floor of your mouth and insides of your lip.
- It can save your life. Early detection is important. Oral cancer has an 85% survival rate when caught early.
- It will give you peace of mind. Many times we may find "lumps and bumps" in our mouths and it's better to be sure. Please make sure to stay on top of your exams so we can get you screened.

■ Information provided by Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Dental Department

ELDERS LIVING WITH

# LONELINESS

IN ADULT FOSTER CARE

WHEN ELDERS MOVE INTO ADULT FOSTER CARE, WE ASSUME THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE SOCIAL LIFE THEY HAD WHEN THEY WERE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY. THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEE THEIR FAMILY & FRIENDS, PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS, VISIT....

NEARLY 40% OF ELDERS LIVING IN ADULT FOSTER CARE SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION AND LONELINESS.

THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR A FRIEND IN ADULT FOSTER CARE, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO SEE THEM. OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT!

## 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](mailto:skookum@grandronde.org) and one of our helpful team members will be happy to assist you. ■

## 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. ■

### Holmes family reunion is July 20

The fifth annual Holmes family reunion will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at the day-use park on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, as well as their own beverages. No alcohol is allowed. For more information, contact Sue or Dave Clark at 541-921-3100.

### Congratulations Joseph Trammell!

Tribal descendent Joseph Trammell is heading to Fargo, North Dakota, to wrestle in the 2024 U.S. Marine Corps Junior & 16U Nationals in July. Trammell is a junior at Sheridan High school and has only been wrestling for three years. He qualified for the national tournament earlier this year when he took second place in freestyle and third in Greco wrestling at a Newberg tournament. Entry into the tournament doesn't include travel, entry fees, lodging or associated costs. His family has launched a fundraising effort to defray costs at GoFundMe under "Get Big Joe to Fargo Nationals," and appreciates any donations. At last check, \$700 of the needed \$4,000 had been raised. Trammell's parents are Tribal member Jeramy Trammell and Chantae Fechtner.



## Simmons family graduation celebration

The Simmons family is inviting the community to celebrate three graduations at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. A meal will be provided, there will be invited speakers and a Father's Day honoring. To RSVP, contact Kevin Simmons at 707-502-5894.

### The Tribal Library is hosting The Oregon Coast Aquarium

Join us on Thursday, June 13th 11am-12pm Tribal Gym

Join the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a tidepool themed dance party! Learn how your favorite invertebrate move with the rhythm of the tides. Look and touch shells, skeletons, and models representing different tidepool animals!

Join Us!

# UNITY

2024 National UNITY Conference

**SCAN ME!**

**Sign Up Now!**  
\*Limited Paid Spots Available

- Youth Led
- Stay at PSU
- Leadership Development
- Cultural Sharing

Overnight in Portland | June 28 - July 3

375 NE Holladay St, Portland, OR 97232 | 503-879-2034 YEP@grandronde.org

Grand Ronde Youth Education

AGES 10-18 YRS

**STRONG LEGS HEALTHY LUNGS**

**YOUTH WALKING CHALLENGE**

Sign-ups open May 20th  
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND, THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP IS MAY 30TH

**Friday May 31st please come to the community center to pick up your FITBIT with instructions.**

Youth participants will need to commit to registering in the Fitbit app under our private group so we all can keep track and encourage you all/and each other to be active.

Contact Shannon Lafferty if you have any questions cell # 971-901-1946 or Email: shannon.stanton@grandronde.org

**10-WEEK WALKING CHALLENGE**

**START JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 8TH 2024**

**WEEKLY CHECKINS, MONTHLY RAFFLES, 5 TOP PRIZES AT THE END OF 10 WEEKS, AT THE END OF THE SUMMER BBQ BASH**

**FREE FITBIT**

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

**Save the date**

**Youth Empowerment & Prevention invites you to join us...**

**12th Annual End of the Summer Community BBQ Bash & Outside Movie Night**

**August 23rd 2024**

**6:30pm dinner**

**Movie starts at dusk**

**In Tribal housing, watch for the signs and on our facebook page for location & movie title**

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