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Youth play Super Smash Bros. at The Gate Youth Association in Independence on Friday, June 7. The nonprofit received a \$46,410 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

Community Fund closing in on \$98 million giving mark

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

pirit Mountain Community Fund awarded more than \$656,000 in grants on Tuesday, June 11, during a check presentation held in the Governance Center Atrium.

The Community Fund receives 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and awards that money to nonprofits in 11

Kristen Perry, director of Abby's **House at Western Oregon** University, smiles for a picture after being presented with a check during Spirit Mountain **Community Fund's second** quarter check presentation held in the Governance Center Atrium on Tuesday, June 11. Western **Oregon University Development** Foundation received a \$50,000 grant. Behind her are Tribal **Council member and SMCF Board of Trustees Chair Brenda Tuomi, left, and SMCF Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie.** northwest Oregon counties to fund efforts in the areas of arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon under the fund's Tribal Grants program.

As of the second quarter of 2024, the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving is nearly at \$98 million with 3,330 grants awarded since 1997.

The Community Fund was created as part of the Tribe's gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by an eight-mem-

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Tribal Council clashes over SMGI Board appointment process

By Danielle Harrison

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ne Tribal Council member voted no and two abstained on two Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors appointments at a Wednesday, May 29, Tribal Council meeting after a nearly 90-minute discussion.

A 5-3 decision was made to approve the appointments to the board, with Matthew Haller casting a "no" vote, and Jon A. George and Lisa Leno abstaining due to what they said were inconsistencies and unfairness with the selection process.

Several of the council members who voted in favor said that all applicants were interviewed and scored, and that there was precedent for the actions that had been taken in extending the appointment process.

They also agreed that the process – which originally began in September – had taken too long and needed more consistency moving forward.

After an agenda item was introduced at a Tuesday, May 28, Legislative Action Committee meeting recommending that council reappoint Lisa Watson and appoint Justin Martin to two open board spots during its Wednesday, May 29 meeting, council member Matthew Haller said he would not be voting in favor of the appointments.

"I completely oppose this process," he said. "It has been unethical and unfair for many reasons... What I will say is that as council members, we have one way to say what's right and what's wrong and that's our vote. You cannot sit in the middle. You have to go with your voice so I'm going to oppose this process publicly."

Council member Kathleen George said none of the 11 applicants who applied for the SMGI Board were excluded from consideration.

"If Tribal members are interested, I do suggest you look into the facts and the timeline as they unrolled," she said. "I just wanted to clarify it has always been Tribal Council policy since taking over the interview process back in 2017, that all

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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.

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For questions email:

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Applications available online at:

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Applications also available in the Tribal Governance building: Located at the Tribal Council office near the security desk.

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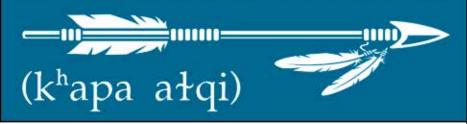
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IN THE FUTURE



taxam-mun (June)

- Wednesday, June 19 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
- Monday-Thursday, June 24-27

 Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., uyxat Powwow Grounds. nativewellness. com/nywwc2024.
- Wednesday, June 26 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, June 30 Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

sinəmakwst-mun (July)

- Wednesday, July 3 Tribal offices close at noon in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Thursday-Friday, July 4-5 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Monday, July 8 Elders 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.

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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.

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

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





CTGR Member Services

Requests for Descendancy Options

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- 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:

Memberservices@grandronde.org

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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 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 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.

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.



 $2019-{\rm Tribal}$ Council members and staff gathered in a somber farewell ceremony for the 16 Summers Collection artifacts before those began a 5,000-mile journey back to England. Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center received the artifacts on loan from the British Museum in May 2018. The 16 artifacts were featured in "The Rise of the Collectors" exhibit at Chachalu.

2014 – Spirit Mountain Casino's Grand Floral Parade float, "Sweet Prayers for a Big World," received the President's Award for most effective overall floral presentation. The float was designed by Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr.

2009 – For the third time in six years, the Tribal Natural Resources Youth Crew Program won the Frank Roberts Oregon



File photo

Youth Conservation Corps Project of the Year Award as best in the state for 2008. High school students were hired to the crew for the summer to build trails through reservation lands, participate in challenge courses where they climbed ropes and balanced on high wires for physical experience, visited colleges and acquired job skills.

2004 – More than 60 Tribal members, staffers and guests, including at least six Tribal Council members, attended each of the year's three community meetings. Enrollment issues remained of top importance to members, followed by increased health coverage for nonmember spouses and children. Long-term health care for Elders and questions about how to improve communications with Tribal Council for members living outside of the Grand Ronde area also were important to those in attendance. Other priorities included legal services for members, more Tribal member employment and a recreation center in Grand Ronde.

1999 – The Tribal Education Honor and Recognition Dinner was a big success. Thirty-five Tribal member graduates were in attendance, and more than 200 friends and family attended the event celebrating the student's achievements.

1994 – An open house was held at the Pioneer Museum in Tillamook. The museum was featuring Native American artifacts and crafts from several Oregon Tribes. Grand Ronde's display case included photos, game pieces, baskets and beadwork. These were from the personal collections of many different Tribal families. Tribal member Tammy Cook helped organize the open house.

1989 – Twelve members were nominated for Tribal Council at the May General Council meeting: Larry Brandon, Valarene Grout, Kathryn Harrison, Cecile Kneeland, Eugene R. LaBonte, Merle Leno, Russ Leno, Tom Leno, Patricia Martin, Darrel Mercier, Robert Mercier and Gary Reibach were nominated. Three seats were up for re-election held by Grout, Harrison and Russ Leno.

1984 – Tribal Council Chairperson Kathryn Harrison attended an "Understanding Tribal Governments" workshop held in Warm Springs and sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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



Outstanding award



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Kathleen George accepts the Outstanding Service to Oregon award given by the University of Oregon School of Planning, Public Policy and Management in Eugene on Thursday, May 30. The award recognizes members of the general public who have given extraordinary service over an extended period of time in the state of Oregon. According to the school, George received the award due to her commitment and work as a Tribal government advocate and partner. "Her work is a reflection of her deep commitment to ensuring that Tribes have a seat at the table when decisions are being made that affect Tribal people and resources." While receiving the award, George said it was an amazing and humbling experience.



University of Oregon Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Renée A. Irvin, left, hands the Outstanding Service to Oregon award to Tribal Council member Kathleen George during the university's School of Planning, Public Policy and Management awards ceremony in Eugene.

2024 Elders Honor Day Monday, July 8th Spirit Mountain Casino & Event Center, Grand Ronde, Oregon We welcome our relatives to join us for our 2024 elders honor day activitie will include: bingo, light lunch, photo booth, games raffles, prizes dinner and entertainment doors will open at 12:30 please rsvp by June 15th

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Casino receives top grade on recent audit

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Casino was awarded an A+ grade for a recent external audit conducted by Las Vegas-based REDW LLC. The company performs audits for approximately 170 casinos nationwide, both Tribal and commercial.

"Their comprehensive evaluation was presented to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors and the Tribal Council, and I am delighted to report that the audit was exemplary with no material or significant findings," Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier said.

SMGI Board Chair Andy Jenness gave credit to the casino's executive team and staff for their efforts.

"This report is a testament to the executive team and all of our staff at the casino," he said. "Their professionalism and business acumen continue to serve our Tribal members well with a clean, tight ship in Spirit Mountain Casino. I applaud them."

REDW Principal for Audit and Assurance Adam Smith said that in general terms, a casino audit includes examining and reviewing various documents and processes, and is governed by multiple regulatory and professional authorities.

"Specifically, for Spirit Mountain Casino, we began by reviewing written policies and procedures followed by observing personnel to confirm adherence with specific procedures to gauge the casinos compliance with best practices for the gaming industry," he said.

That work began in October 2023. During February through April 2024, the company confirmed that the casino's financial statements fairly represented its financial status during 2023.

"This included reviewing cash activity, purchases, amounts owed at year-end, win/hold percentages of gaming machines and table games,



Camille Mercier

employee and insurance costs," Smith said.

The firm performed the casino's 2022 audit as well, and also conducts the audits for

other Tribal casinos in Oregon and throughout the United States, he

To receive an A+ rating, a casino must be compliant with policies and procedures, show a commitment to best practices and make a concerted effort to comply with various regulations.

"This regulatory adherence culture is really a reflection on both the Tribal Gaming Commission and casino management working together to promote a safe gaming environment, safeguarding Tribal investments and striving to provide the best foundation for growth," Smith said.

He noted that most casinos the size of Spirit Mountain are generally in the B range for audit grades based on his experience performing casino audits in nearly every state in the country.

"The difference between those facilities we consider top tier to average, is the adherence to best practices, a culture among team members that promotes opportunities, and a general best effort to advance the Tribe's investments to benefit future generations," Smith said. "These efforts just don't materialize overnight and take continual effort from management, gaming commissions, board members and Tribal officials."

Mercier said that audit reflects the casino's commitment to excellance

"This A+ rating not only validates our rigorous internal controls but also positions us as a leading example in the industry," she said. ■

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. ■

Pacific Lamprey Harvest season starts

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has set the season for lamprey harvesting. It began Saturday, June 1 and will run through Wednesday, July 31. Hours will be 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday to Monday. Harvesting is not allowed Tuesday to Thursday.

Harvesting is confined to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the horseshoe area at the peak of the falls. Harvesters should avoid the areas with lamprey ramps.

Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only. A permit is required but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state issued permit.

In addition, Tribal members may harvest for distribution to other Tribal members but this must be done without charge. Commercial sale of lamprey and the use of lamprey as bait in fisheries is prohibited

The catch must be recorded daily on the ODFW harvest card, available from the Tribal Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW office at 971-673-6000.

All harvest cards must be returned by Aug. 31, 2024. ■

Community Fund has given out 3,330 total grants to date

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ber Board of Trustees that includes Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Brenda Tuomi and Michael Cherry, who is also a former Community Fund director. Tuomi serves as board chair.

Tribal Council members who attended the check presentation included Tuomi and Jon A. George.

Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie welcomed the approximately 30 attendees to the event and thanked them for making the drive out to Grand Ronde.

"Thank you taking the time to be here," she said. "It's a chance for us to connect with grantees and the amazing work that you do."

The check presentation opened with a prayer and drum song by George.

Schlappie introduced Community Fund employees: Administrative Assistant Pamala Warren-Chase and Grants Coordinator Jesse Knight.

The attendees then watched a video on the history of the Tribe. After the video, representatives from School Garden Project of Lane County and Future Generations Collaborative gave brief descriptions about what their organizations seek to do in the community.

This quarter, Smoke Signals interviewed The Gate Youth Association Executive Director Ben Bobeda to learn more about the organization.

The Gate Youth Association is a faith-based nonprofit with a focus on meeting out-of-school time needs of Monmouth and Independence sixth-through 12th grade students since 2005. The youth center was opened in 2020.

"The Gate not only provides a safe place for the teens to hang out during the hours between school and when their parents are home, we provide recreational activities, mentoring, food and tutoring, Bobeda said. "Youth have the op-

portunity to have their real needs met, catch up on school work and connect with safe, caring adults. Providing the teens with a safe place to be with a positive environment gives them the opportunity to be mentally refreshed and be ready to re-engage at school the next day."

Three programming goals are substance abuse prevention and health and wellness in partnership with Salem Health and Polk County, career exploration in collaboration with the Community Service Consortium and Central School District, and socialemotional learning in collaboration with Central School District.

Programming takes place yearround from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Gate partners with Central School District, Polk County, Salem Health, Community Services Consortium, Acres of Hope, Liberty House and other community organizations to provide relevant youth development programming and essential resources.

According to Central School District Director of Student Growth and Achievement Brian Flannery, chronic absenteeism among low-income students is 54.31%. He also reported Central High School's chronic absenteeism was 48.73% while the middle school is 36.86%.

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing more that 10% of school days, leading to learning loss and challenges with staying current with academic work, which may lead to mental health issues and dropping out of school.

The \$46,410 Community Fund grant will help the nonprofit with youth support services and activities throughout the year. These include social skills and friendship building through sports, clubs, games, music, activity centers, sharing a meal, and relationship-building with young adult mentors, as well as student-initiated learning mentoring clubs that meet weekly and one-on-one youth mentoring.

"Receiving the Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant means The Gate will be able to serve the teens of Monmouth and Independence with afterschool programing, mentoring and activities, by staff that are trained and equipped," Bobeda said. "The administrative program director serves behind the scenes so that all the programs and staff scheduling run smoothly and that the offerings are based on student input and meeting real needs."

During the check distribution portion, the Community Fund awarded eight small grants worth \$56,000 and 13 large grants worth \$600,488. Warren-Chase announced the small grant recipients and Knight announced the large grant recipients.

Small grant recipients were:

- A Village for One of Oregon City, \$6,000, for outpatient mental health group sessions;
- · ALS Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington, \$5,000, for the ALS Independence Program;
- Friends of Tryon Creek of Portland, \$7,500, for its Indigenous Culture Day;
- · Wonderfolk of Portland, \$7,500, for its leadership and mentor program for underserved BIPOC Portland youth:
- · Keizer Community Library Inc., \$7,500, for its bilingual community outreach;
- · School Garden Project of Lane County, \$7,500, for its science in the garden project;
- · South Lane Mental Health Services Inc. of Cottage Grove, \$7,500, for providing culturally specific food for Latinx and Guatemalan clients;
- Wordcrafters in Eugene, \$7,500, for its writers' residencies.

Large grant recipients were:

- Arts Action Alliance Foundation of Oregon City, \$50,000, for cultural representation through public art;
- · Community Outreach Through Radical Empowerment of Eu-

- gene, \$50,000, for its Zephyr House Programs;
- Future Generations Collaborative of Portland, \$\$50,000, for Barbie's Village;
- · The Gate Youth Association of Independence, \$46,410, for nurturing resilience and school success in at-risk youth;
- · Juliette's House of McMinnville, \$49,998, for a circuit therapist;
- · Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon Inc., \$50,000, for rush wishes for children with critical illnesses;
- · Our United Villages The Rebuilding Center of Portland, \$15,000, for youth tool and trades education;
- Parenting With Intent of Portland, \$50,000, for its Next Level program;
- Transformative Justice Community, \$50,000, for its program for the formerly incarcerated;
- · Western Oregon University Development Foundation of Monmouth, \$50,000, for Abby's House;
- Wisdom of the Elders Inc. of Portland, \$49,080, for its Tribal relationships and agreement systems for the archives initiative;
- Yamhill Enrichment Society of McMinnville, \$50,000, for Imagine the Possibilities When We Empower Children with Music & Books program;
- Youth Villages Inc. of Portland, \$40,000, for comprehensive transitional services for youth aging out of foster care.

Two beaded necklaces were raffled off after the grant recipients were announced. An Ikanum saddle blanket designed by Tribal member Travis Stewart went to Yamhill Enrichment Society.

Tuomi closed the event by thanking all of the nonprofits for their

"Serving on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board is my favorite thing to do," she said. "There are no bad days. The Community Fund has given out 3,330 total grants. That's a big number." ■



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Tribe begins next round of demolition at Tumwata Village

OREGON CITY – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde began its fourth and most visible phase of demolition at its 23-acre Tumwata Village property near Willamette Falls in Oregon City.

The latest round of demolition began the first week of June and includes removing the old administration building. Once completed, the Tribe hopes to begin the first phase of infrastructure work on the site.

"We could not be more grateful or excited to see our continued progress at Willamette Falls," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "We've already come so far and removing the administration building will bring us even closer to our vision. This important step gives us healing and hope for the future of our ancestral lands."

The property will include a mix of open space, retail, shopping, residential, office, restaurants, and a hotel and event space. It will include access to the river's edge, views of the restored native basalt riverbank and space for public and Tribal gatherings.

The Tribe is working to minimize any disruption to residents during the five to six weeks of demolition, according to a press release.

"The Tribe recognizes the former administration building is a highly visible part of Oregon City history and some residents may feel a connection to it," the release stated. "The Tribe is looking forward to welcoming the public to the new village and restored falls."

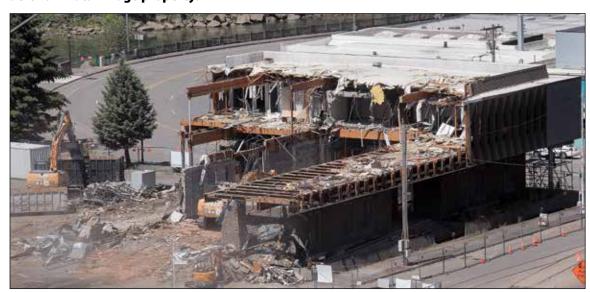
The property – part of Grand Ronde's ancestral homelands – was purchased by the Tribe in 2019 for \$15.25 million. Since then, it has made steady progress on its redevelopment by unveiling its new name of Tumwata Village, and demolishing approximately 40% of the site during three different phases.

Phase one of demolition took place in 2021, with a second round following in 2022 and a third in 2023. This phase of demolition will not be the last, as the Tribe



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Debris is picked up to be moved to a dumpster during demolition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill's administration building in Oregon City on Wednesday, June 5. It is the fourth phase of demolition at the Tribe's 23-acre Tumwata Village property.



Once demolition of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill's administration building is complete, the Tribe hopes to begin the first phase of the infrastructure work for Tumwata Village in Oregon City.

anticipates additional demolition will be necessary to achieve Grand Ronde's vision for the site, which includes environmental and cultural restoration, new development, renewed economic opportunities and the Tribe continuing its role as stewards of the falls.

For more information on the project, visit tumwatavillage.org. ■







2024 Honor and Recognition Event Graduation Celebration

Are you a CTGR Tribal member promoting from 8th grade, High School/GED graduate, or College graduate? We invite you and your family to join us on June 27th at 5:30pm at Spirit Mountain Casino to our Honor and Recognition event to celebrate with us!



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Tribal Council took responsibility in 2018 for appointment process to provide more transparency

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applicants be interviewed so that every applicant is considered...I'll be happy to make a memo I'm preparing that includes the dates for which actions were taken available to anyone who's interested."

During Wednesday's meeting, which lasted more than two hours, all council members gave statements about whether they opposed or supported the appointments. Those who didn't vote "yes" said it wasn't due to the appointees' qualifications but the process itself.

According to information shared during both meetings, boards for Oregon Tribal casinos typically do the recruitment, appointing and replacing for their board members. The Grand Ronde Tribal Council took on the responsibility officially in 2018 from the SMGI Board in order to provide more transparency in the process.

The two open board spots were first advertised in the Sept. 15 and Oct. 1, 2023, editions of Smoke Signals and received two applications. After those had been received, SMGI Board members were informed another position would likely need to be filled due to the potential resignation of a board member, so they asked council to extend the deadline in order to receive more applications.

The two open board positions were again advertised, this time in the Feb. 15 and March 1 editions of Smoke Signals, resulting in multiple applicants.

"My concern from the very beginning in terms of the board of directors' positions, is that I felt we had two candidates that applied and met the deadline of Sept. 30," Leno said. "It is my continued belief that we should have interviewed those candidates (before extending the deadline) to determine whether or not they were appropriate for the board. Instead, there was a majority that decided to go ahead and open the process back up. I don't oppose the two people moving forward because I believe they will do an amazing job. For me, it goes back to the very beginning of the process."

Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry said that she had noticed inconsistent practices and had documented those.

"I voted to move forward with

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extending that deadline because we did so in the past," she said. "(I thought) we had three positions to fill and what I understood was only one applicant at the time, knowing that we needed to fill more positions and we didn't have enough applicants...Moving forward, I did state on Tuesday at LAC that this process could be better and we could move forward in a better way...This process moved from the SMGI Board to Tribal Council in 2018. Council has had it since then. I would like to see this process go back to the SMGI Board."

Cherry put forward an authorization to proceed on May 15, moving the selection process back to the SMGI Board. That will be presented at a future Legislative Action Committee meeting and then to the council for potential approval.

"I really have a lot of faith and trust in our SMGI Board," she said. "Those recommendations come from the board and they come to Tribal Council. We're still appointing and still involved in the process. We have three Tribal Council members on the board who will participate in that process, too."

Vice Chair Chris Mercier said while he wasn't as emotionally invested in the process as some of his co-workers, he was in agreement that the appointment process should not have taken more than six months to complete.

"This process has not been consistent and we can all recognize that," he said. "I didn't like the fact that we interviewed 11 people and we could only pick two of them...I knew that only picking two of those people would be upsetting. I don't want this to turn into an ugly backand-forth...I think we need to be consistent and I don't think anyone is entitled to these positions. We should always look for the strongest possible candidates because we're talking about our casino board."

Tuomi said she agreed with Chris that the process was inconsistent.

'It's embarrassing and I'm embarrassed that Tribal Council, all nine of us, couldn't sit back there and have a conversation and that it has to be out here on camera... We could have addressed this early on during the process and we could have done better."

Jon A. George said as a Tribal leader, he doesn't make decisions based on whether he likes someone or they like him.

"I'm here to make decisions professionally and ethically about who would be the best fit for these things," he said. "I have no qualms about anyone that we interviewed, I just thought the process was very confusing... There were two applications, two openings and how simple it would be to fill those positions from that. It's the process that needs to be addressed in this situation."

Kathleen George re-iterated that it was unfortunate that things had dragged on for so long.

"It's really unfortunate that things have gone the way that they have and it's interesting to see the one thing we can all agree on is that this process was not consistent and it could have gone a lot better," she said.

Harvey said that when hiring for a position with only one applicant, it makes for a tough decision.

"If you've got position with one applicant, you don't know if that's the best or worst person for the job," she said. "You have to make a decision based on that one person. I am not comfortable in that situation and always like an applicant pool of at least three for any open position and especially for high-level positions."

Haller re-iterated his stance that the process had been unfair to the two original applicants who had applied by the Sept. 30 deadline.

"I will say some of the undeniable facts are there were only two applicants that met the requirements to apply and only two applicants deserved an initial interview," he said. "These qualified applicants that initially met all the right criteria to receive an interview were strung along and forced into an unfair interview pool many months after the application was closed... Many of the 11 applicants were openly solicited to apply for these positions...Why were the (original) two denied a fair interview process initially, when they were the only qualified candidates?"

SMGI Board Chair Andy Jenness said that the board had no idea who the original applicants were, only that they had two applications, and that when the third position was going to be opened up, he sent a letter to council on behalf of the board, asking that they extend the deadline in order to have a larger pool of candidates.

"The casino is our primary economic engine and we need to make sure that we have the finest talent on that board to ensure that there is excellent oversight and that it continues to perform and provide for our members," he said. "I also wanted to touch on one thing Matthew Haller said, that we went out and solicited people. I have to say yes, we did. I called several people that I knew had excellent background and great professional experiences that could add to the success of the board and casino. If that's wrong, I want council to let me know...I can't believe that would be the case that we're not supposed to go out and try to find qualified candidates for our board."

Kennedy thanked everyone for their input.

"We've heard a lot of differences of opinion and that's what Tribal Council is about...listening to each other, making a decision, voting from your heart and your conscience, and putting forth the best effort that you have. I know that in my 20 years here, there have been a lot of drastic changes."

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved appointing Daniel Stroebel to the Election Board with a term ending on March 31, 2025;
- Approved the harvest and sale of the Mawich Logging Unit to Round Valley LLC with all excess value, less the costs of logging and fees paid, be returned to the Tribe;
- Approved the harvest and sale of the Lilu Thin Logging Unit to Round Valley LLC with all excess value, less the costs of logging and fees paid, be returned to the Tribe;
- Approved an application to the Coalitions & Collaborations Inc. Community Navigator Program Catalyst Fund for a \$147,000 grant:
- Approved an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime Tribal Victims Services Set Aside Formula Program grant for \$212,422 for 2024 and \$212,422 each year for the following four years;
- Approved an application for the ODHS Resiliency Hubs and Networks Grant for \$222,222;
- And approved a \$100,000 application to Spirit Mountain Community Fund for a Tribal grant for the design and construction of the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center's arbor project.

Council also approved three authorizations to proceed. The first was for adoption of the kindergarten enrollment and eligibility policy for the Tribally-operated school. The second was to increase the medical adaptation grant to \$15,000 for the remainder of 2024 and up to \$20,000 in 2025. The third is to purchase a \$46,000 passenger van for the Procurement Department to replace the 2010 van with a failing motor.

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

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. \blacksquare

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Mikayla Mercier, 16, gets help from her mother Tiffany, left, and Nan MacDonald (Métis), right, as she tries on the maple bark skirt she made during the maple bark workshop held at the Tribe's Youth Education Department on Saturday, June 1. The workshop taught maple bark processing and skirt making. Tribal member and Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout and MacDonald were co-teachers. The workshop was sponsored by YEP and also took place on Sunday, June 2.

Maple bark workshop



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At right, Samara Perez-Martin, 13, ties a section of maple bark to the skirt she is making during the maple bark workshop held at the Tribe's Youth **Education Department on Saturday, June 1.**

At left, front to back, Tiffany Mercier, Lyliana Rideout, 16, and Cathy Fogg (Métis), pound maple bark as they prepare it to be used to make skirts during the maple bark workshop held at the Tribe's Youth **Education Department on Saturday, June 1.**

> At right, Mikayla Mercier, 16, pins a section of maple bark to the skirt she is making during the maple bark workshop held at the Tribe's Youth Education.







Nan MacDonald (Métis) separates layers of maple bark while preparing it to be used to make skirts.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Facebook Live event features new healthcare administrator

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

The Tribe held a Facebook Live event on Wednesday, June 12, to introduce Tribal members and employees to the Tribe's new third-party health care administrator, Forest County Potawatomi.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been transitioning away from Redmond-based Shasta Administrative Services as the third-party administrator for its employee and Tribal member health care, and has selected Wisconsin-based Forest County Potawatomi as the new vendor. The change will be effective July 1.

The process has been going on for nearly two years, dating back to when Shasta began having backlogged claims, some of which were going to collections for nonpayment.

"It's been a long haul and I'm very pleased we're at this point now," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "All of the accommodations demonstrated by (Forest County Potawatomi) in bringing their team here is a good first step I think and I want to thank them for coming."

A letter will be sent to Tribal members and employees informing them of the change. New insurance cards will be also be sent out. Health coverage itself is not changing as the Tribe is still using First Choice Health as its network, only the claims administrator is different.

During the Facebook Live, approximately 70 people logged in.

Attending the Facebook Live event were Kennedy and Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry, and Tribal Council members Jon A. George, Matthew Haller and 'As the transition happens and we move forward, we've been working fast and furious and so has Forest County to try to get everything up and running, and they've done an exceptional job of trying to put together a very complex plan for us.'

~ Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe

Brenda Tuomi, Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell, Executive Director of Health Services Kelly Rowe and Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Director Natalyn Gardner, with Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson fielding questions asked on Facebook.

"As the transition happens and we move forward, we've been working fast and furious and so has Forest County to try to get everything up and running, and they've done an exceptional job of trying to put together a very complex plan for us," Rowe said.

She added that more information can be found on the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Facebook page as well as the Tribe's website at grandronde. org/press-media/, then by clicking on "April 2024 Shasta Update for Members and Employees" tab.

Tribal members who need help with claims until July 1 should call the Health & Wellness Business Office at 503-879-2011. Employees are asked to call Benefits & Risk Manager Tammy Gould at 503-879-2031. Shasta's voicemail is full and no one is onsite to field calls regarding coverage.

Gardner, who has been onsite in Grand Ronde for the past few days, said she's enjoyed the opportunity to meet Tribal members and employees.

"It's been a good week," she said. "We pride ourselves on our service levels, and that's answering the phones, responding via email, text and if you call afterhours and have to leave a message, there's a ticket system and those tickets are worked on the next business day. We have worked closely with the vendors from Shasta so those claims will start coming to us no later than June 20 even though we won't start to process until July 1."

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

"We try to do a good job helping other Tribes" Gardner said. "We've been providing these services for 20 years and are excited to partner with Grand Ronde."

On the business side, the Tribe still owns 51% of Shasta, purchased in November 2012 with Hawaii-Western Management Group, which owns 49%. Shasta has sent notice to all clients that they are closing operations. If the company is liquidated, the Tribe's 51% ownership will end.

The Tribe has made several loans to Shasta through Upqwena LLC since 2022 to help the company with ongoing operational expenses and alleviating backlogged claims. To date, it has provided more than \$2 million. Upqwena is owned by the Tribe for the purpose of funding small business enterprises. It is unlikely the Tribe will get all of its money back.

The Facebook Live event closed with questions from the online audience and beaded necklaces gifted to Forest County Potawatomi Insurance employees who have been onsite this week.

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

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.

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

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- Four weeks to complete.
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Contact Jacob Boekhoff at 503-879-2146 or e-mail Jacob.Boekhoff@grandronde.org





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Hip-hop concert



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Sten Joddi performs a concert at the Tribal gym to celebrate high school graduates on Saturday, June 1. Joddi, a Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal member, is an award-winning hip-hop artist who has been featured in an episode of "Reservation Dogs." Earlier in the day, Joddi participated in the Tribe's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Walk at Riverfront Park in Salem. The concert was sponsored by Great Circle Recovery and is a †ush lamatsin (Good Medicine) event.



Tribal member Kale Sohappy, left, gifts Sten Joddi an eagle feather after his concert at the Tribal gym on Saturday, June 1.



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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. Remaining dates are 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. ■

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. ■



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 <u>not</u> 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.

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, please scan the QR applications codes on pages 13 or 14 for your desired tags.

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

Office: 503-879-2424 Fax: 503-879-562

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Email: 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. \blacksquare

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)

o <u>ELK HUNTERS</u> you must choose one season to apply; Bow Elk 1st Season 2nd Season

o Applications submitted for multiple Male Elk seasons will result in all 2024 applications being ineligible.

· CONTROL/DAMAGE ELK:

o $\underline{ELK\ HUNTERS}$ 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

o Applications submitted for multiple Control/Damage Elk seasons will result in <u>all</u> 2024 applications being ineligible.

- **DEER TAGS** (Bow/Muzzleloader):
 - o You must choose one season to apply:

Bow Muzzleloader

- o Applications submitted for both seasons will result in <u>all</u> 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			DEAD	LINES
Hunting Seasons				
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			Last Day to	REPORT
	O D	Last Davi	PICK UP TAG	
Cotomony Dog	Open Day	Last Day	(if drawn)	(kill or not)
Category - Dee	er 			
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	12/0/2024
BOW DEER (Buck Only)	8/31/2024	9/29/2024	8/22/2024	10/29/2024
			0/22/2024	10/29/2024
Season	egory - Male	EIK		
BOW ELK - (Bull Only)	8/31/2024	9/29/2024	8/22/2024	10/29/2024
1ST SEASON (Bull Only)	11/16/2024	11/19/2024	11/8/2024	12/19/2024
2ND SEASON (Spike Only)	11/23/2024	11/29/2024	11/14/2024	12/29/2024
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NE TRASK MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any)	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
С	ategory - Be	ar		
Season				
BEAR	8/1/2024	12/31/2024	7/25/2024	1/30/2025
Cate	gory - Youth I			
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
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(WEEKENDS ONLY)	12/7/2024	12/29/2024	11/15/2024	1/28/2025

2024-25 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.

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ELK HUNTERS <u>should not</u> 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

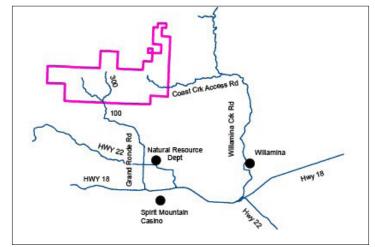
- o Cougar season: Aug. 27 to Dec. 27.
- o Rules for hunt will follow ODFW Big Game Regulations for 2024.
- o Successful hunters will need to check in the hide of any cougar taken with skull and proof of sex attached and submit the reproductive tract of any female taken within 10 days of the kill to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

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



Reservation Only tag

QR applications



Reservation Only Hunt area is outlined in pink.

2024 RESERVATION (ONLY TRIBA	L TAGS	DEA	DLINES
			Last Day to PICK UP TAG	Last Day to REPORT ACTIVITIES (kill
	OPEN DAY	LAST DAY	(if Drawn)	or not)
	Category - Dee	r	,	,
Season	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 			
BOW DEER (Buck)	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
COAST BUCK	10/1/2024	10/4/2024	9/24/2024	11/3/2024
MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)	12/7/2024	12/13/2024	12/2/2024	1/12/2025
	Category - Elk			
Season	_			
BOW ELK (Bull Only)	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
1 st SEASON (Bull Only)	11/13/2024	11/15/2024	11/6/2024	12/15/2024
2 nd SEASON (Any Elk)	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	11/13/2024	12/22/2024
MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)	12/14/2024	12/27/2024	12/6/2024	1/26/2025
	Category - Couga	ar		
Season				
Reservation Only Cougar Season	8/27/2024	12/27/2024	8/20/2024	1/26/2025
	Category - Youth H	lunts		
Season				
BOW DEER (Buck)	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
COAST BUCK	10/1/2024	10/6/2024	9/24/2024	11/5/2024
MUZZLELOADER DEER (Any Deer)	12/7/2024	12/13/2024	12/2/2024	1/12/2025
BOW ELK (Bull Only)	8/27/2024	8/30/2024	8/20/2024	9/29/2024
1 st SEASON (Bull Only)	11/13/2024	11/15/2024	11/6/2024	12/15/2024
2 nd SEASON (Any Elk)	11/20/2024	11/22/2024	11/13/2024	12/22/2024
MUZZLELOADER ELK (Any Elk)	12/14/2024	12/27/2024	12/6/2024	1/26/2025
Reservation Only Cougar Season	8/27/2024	12/27/2024	8/20/2024	1/26/2025

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

		MOA Gen	eral Season Elk	
	Hunt	Allowable Weapon	Dates	Eligible Units
				Santiam
	General Archery Season Elk	Bow	Aug 31 - Sept 29	Willamette
				Wilson
A single MOA				Stott Mountain
General				Trask
Season Elk tag	General West Cascade Elk	Any Legal Weapon	Nov 9-Nov 15	Santiam
is valid for all elk hunts listed in this table	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
	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
Valid with Tribal Harvest	Quail (California and Mountain)	Sept 1- Jan 31, 2025	10	30
License; no	MOA Gene	ral Small Game and Up	rotected Mammals	5
special	Western gray squirrel	Sept 1 - Nov 15	5	15
validation required	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 <u>limited to Oregon waters only!</u> (See fig. 2) Chart plotters are recommended! Downloadable maps are available from the Natural Resources Department.

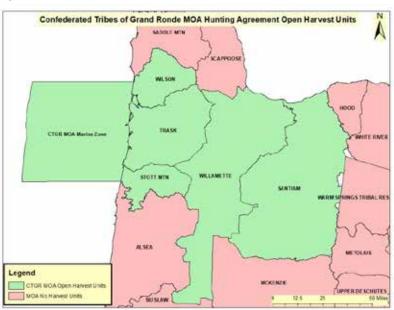


Fig. 1 MOA open harvest areas

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!

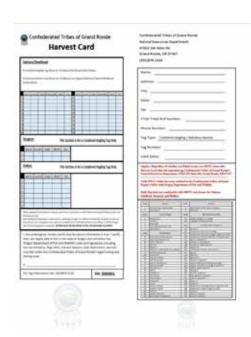


Fig. 3 Combined angling tag

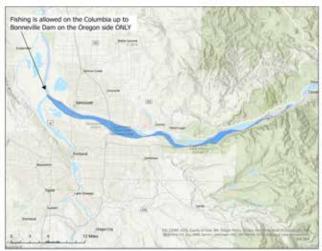


Fig. 2 Oregon Waters on Columbia River

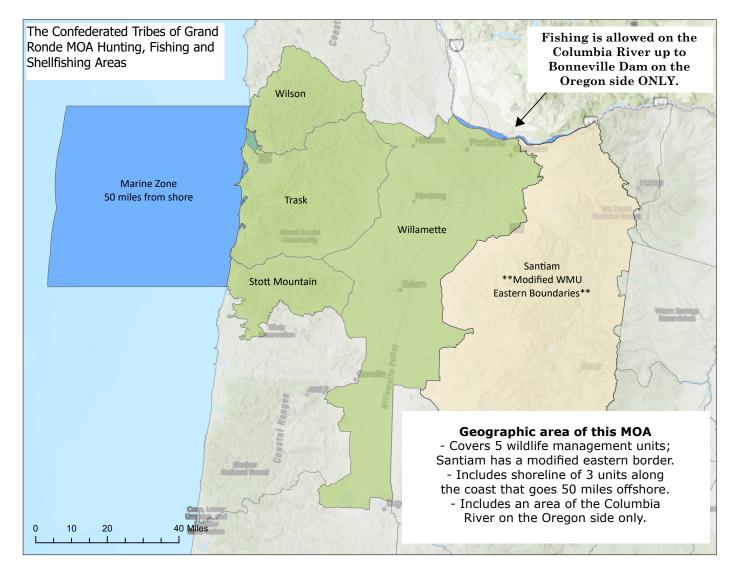
For species that do require a special fishing tag (salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and halibut), you can come to the Natural Resources Department to acquire a "combined angling tag or hatchery harvest card" (See fig. 3). Tags <u>MUST</u> be reported to NRD within 30 days after tag expiration.



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 <u>Brandon.weems@grandronde.org</u> or 503-879-2192



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 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

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Photo submissions wanted

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



- Photos submitted to 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	g Lim	nit Quick Guide	
MOA (CTGR) License			MOA (CTGR) License & State (ODF)	V) License
Species/Zone	Daily Bag Limit		Species/Zone	Daily Bag Limit
Trout Willamette Zone	5		<u>Willamette Zone</u> 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
<u>Columbia River Zone</u>			<u>Columbia River Zone</u>	
Trout	2		Trout	4
Salmon & Steelhead	Catch and Poloaco		Salmon & Steelhead	Catch and Poleage
Sturgeon Bass, Striped Bass, Bluegil, Catfish, Crappie,	Catch and Release		Sturgeon Bass, Striped Bass, Bluegil, Catfish, Crappie,	Catch and Release
Other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Northern Pikeminnow, Carp, Sucker, Chub, Sculpin, Whitefish, and other Non-Game Fish.	No Limit		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
Northwest Zone			<u>Northwest Zone</u>	
Trout	5		Trout	10
Salmon & Steelhead	2		Salmon & Steelhead	2
Sturgeon	Catch and Release		Sturgeon	Catch and Release
Bass Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and shad	5 No limit		Bass Bluegill, Catfish, Crappie, other Sunfish, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Striped Bass, Sucker, Northern Pikeminnow, Whitefish, Carp, Chub, Sculpin and other Nongame fish and	No limit
Smelt			shad	
	Closed		shad Smelt	Closed
<u>Marine Zone</u>	Closed			Closed
Marine Zone Lingcod 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	2		Smelt	2
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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

Paddle practice



Photos by Michelle Alaime

Grace Macon, 11, gets a paddle handed to her as the canoe is loaded during youth canoe practice at Vern Huddleston Memorial Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina on Tuesday, June 11. They were pulling in ulxayu (seal) to prepare for the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024 in July. The practice is a partnership with the Tribe's Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program, Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center and the Cultural Resources Department. The next practices are scheduled at the pond in Willamina from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, June 21, and at Devil's Lake State Recreation Area near Lincoln City from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 29.



Youth pull during youth canoe practice at Vern Huddleston Memorial Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina on Tuesday, June 11.

Oregon celebrated 100th anniversary of Indian Citizenship Act on June 2

SALEM — On Sunday, June 2, Oregon Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade recognized the 100-year anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act.

On June 2, 1924, President Calvin Coolidge signed into law the Indian Citizenship Act, which granted United States citizenship to all Indigenous people living in the U.S., granting them the right to vote in local, state and federal elections.

"We tend to think of progress as a steady forward march, but the reality involves quite a bit of stumbling," Secretary Griffin-Valade said. "The Indian Citizenship Act was important legislation with many benefits, but it's not without complications. The best way for us to truly honor this landmark legislation is by recognizing all of the complexity — the good and the bad."

Before 1924, approximately 175,000 Native Americans had already been granted citizenship through a number of avenues, including marrying U.S. citizens, military service or those who opted to "assimilate" under the 1887 Dawes Act.

The Indian Citizenship Act granted U.S. citizenship to the remaining Indigenous people. This also granted all Native people the right to vote in U.S. elections. However, voting rights for Native Americans remained contested in many areas until the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In Oregon, some elections had been open to local Indigenous people well before the federal act: Newspaper accounts from as early as 1896 document a controversy over voting irregularities on the Siletz Reservation and a 1906 newspaper references an opinion by Oregon Attorney General Andrew Crawford for the Indian agent on the Klamath Reservation, stating that individuals with allotments would be considered eligible to vote.

"In recognizing this anniversary, I want to encourage Oregonians to check their voter registration to make sure they are able to get a ballot in November," Secretary Griffin-Valade said. "It's easy to take democracy for granted, but I believe civic engagement through voting is a core part of our national identity."



Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services Defensible Space Program



We are excited to announce our new Defensible Space Program!

This program is aimed to help our community reduce potential impacts of wildfire. We will be educating the community on actions that help prepare their homes and properties from the threat of fire. We will also be offering free defensible space home assessments and mitigation services to qualifying properties! Evaluations and recommendations are available to assist property owners in strengthening their defensible spaces.

As the threat of wildfire increases each year, so does the importance of spreading information on how to protect and enhance the resilience of yourself, your home, and property. Reach out today for more information.

For more information please reach out to:

Grand Ronde Emergency Services - 503-879-3473 Kaylene Barry - kaylene.barry@grandronde.org

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



Walking On...

Dyretha L. Shelbourn

June 2, 1954 – June 3, 2024

Tribal Elder Dyretha L. Shelbourn passed away on June 3, 2024, at the age of 70.

Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available at presstime.

James Riley Porter

Oct. 18, 1947 - June 11, 2024

Tribal Elder James Riley Porter passed away on June 11, 2024, at the age of 76.

Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available at presstime. The family will be holding a celebration of life at a later time.

Matt's Backflow Service

Call/Text 720-499-8306 to schedule

Paid ad



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Peace and Dignity Journeys to stop in Grand Ronde

The 2024 Peace and Dignity Journeys will visit Grand Ronde on Wednesday, June 19 and leave Thursday, June 20.

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.

"This journey emphasizes the commitment to prayer, underlining the obligation to strengthen spiritual connections among Indigenous peoples across Abya Yala (Western Hemisphere)," stated the pdjrun.com website.

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 Tlahtoa, which encompasses introspection, speaking from the heart, truth and breath of life.

Peace and Dignity Journeys were inspired by an ancient prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor coming together, representing the unification of Indigenous people from North and South America after centuries of colonization.

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. ■



Summer Meal Program

NEW THIS YEAR!

We are excited to announce that we have been approved to operate "Rural Non-Congregate" Summer Meals!

What does this mean?

Rural Non- Congregate feeding allows us to operate meal pick up options for families:

- Participants are not required to consume meals on-site
- Meal pick-up: Breakfast and lunch for children to eat at a later time
- Parents/ Guardians are allowed to pick up meals without their child being present

To protect program integrity, we must ensure duplicate meals are no distributed. We'll achieve this by maintaining a roster with each participating child. Their name will be checked when they receive a meal at any site.

- Your child will be allowed to visit only 1 site each day the program operates
- No day care providers or in-home daycare pick up allowed
- Meals must be picked up by the child or the child's parent or legal guardian
- Some meal items may require heating at home prior to eating

Where and when are the meals distributed??

Monday- Thursday June 17- Aug 1 (except June 19 and July 4)

Lunch and breakfast for the next day distributed

Tina Miller Park @ City Hall 11:30~11:45 Raven Loop @ the basketball court 12:00-12:15

Hybrid site

June 17- Aug. 1 (except June 19 & July 4) and Aug.12-15:

<u>Breakfast eaten at the cafeteria and lunch for the same day sent home</u> **Breakfast:** 8:15-8:45 must be eaten at the school **Lunch:** 11:00-11:15 must be taken home

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

TERO Worker of the Month May 2024

Name: Trenton Keele Employer: K&E Excavating Position: Apprentice laborer

Trent Keele first signed up with the TERO program in February of 2024. He immediately joined the Northwest College of Construction nonunion apprenticeship program. Soon after his apprenticeship orientation he was dispatched to K&E Excavating on one of TERO's Oregon Department of Transportation heavy highway construction projects.



Trenton Keele

Since being dispatched, Trent has had the opportunity to learn new skills such as concrete finishing, pipe laying, roadway construction and heavy machinery operation; all within four months. Trent's dependability, perseverance and willingness to learn new skills has earned him the May TERO Worker

of the Month award.

We asked Trent how TERO has helped him and he stated that TERO found him a great place to work, supports him with additional trainings that are helpful for future work, and always keeps him updated with news and new opportunities.

Trent went on to say that he is truly blessed to have heard about TERO and be given this opportunity to support his wife, Ashley, and daughter, Madison. Trent also wanted to say "thank you" to the TERO staff as they have been wonderful to work with and very supportive.

TERO wants to thank Trent for representing our program in a good way. Great job Trent, you'll go a long way in the industry!

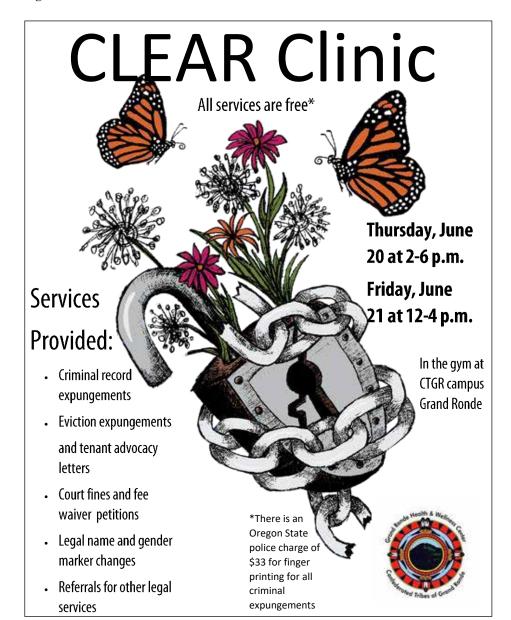
For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.
TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or tero@grandronde.org

Construction zone

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

The road surrounding the old powwow grounds will have restricted access to allow the contractor adequate space to access the site, as well as store materials and equipment. The western half of the loop around the grounds will be closed through Monday, April 1, due to construction.

For more information, contact 503-879-2404 or Ryan. Webb@grandronde. org. \blacksquare



Elders gifts



Photo by Kamiah Koch

Tribal Court Programs Coordinator Janelle Justen, left, and Tribal Court Operations Supervisor Julie Boekhoff receive painted pots from the Tribe's preschoolers on Thursday, June 6. Tribal Court staff will fill the hand-painted pots with plants and artificial butterflies before being presented to Tribal Elders for Elders Honor Day on Monday, July 8.







NEW SIGN AT THE HWC

THE DESIGNATED AREA IN FRONT OF THE CLINIC IS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING ONLY.



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
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
2082	Enrichment Cook/Aide Coordinator – PT	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2116	Milieu Safety Technician – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/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
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
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
2143	Police Officer Trainee	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2144	Physician Assistant	20	\$151,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	Until Filled
2145	Assistant General Manager	22	\$176,396.03/yr.	\$248,130.43/yr.	Until Filled
2150	Environmental Policy Analyst Coded Lands	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$105,817.37/yr.	06/10/24
2151	Procurement Supervisor	11	\$08,091.85/yr.	\$87,092.49/yr.	00/10/24
2153	Curriculum Coach	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	06/17/24
2154	Licensed Practical Nurse Supervisor – Portland - Great Circle Recovery	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$105,817.37/yr.	06/17/24
2033	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Guest Safety Specialist I	6/13/2024	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	6/13/2024	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	6/13/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	6/13/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Room Attendant	6/13/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Bar Porter (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
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
Mountain View Waitstaff	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Slot Attendant (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. + TIPS
Slot Technician I	Until Filled	\$19.39/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
- Grand Ronde Community of Oregon. Please reference the Job Description for job duties,
- 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
- qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.

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

Big winner



*Casey, of Vancouver, Wash., won just over \$1.7 million on the NFL Super Bowl Jackpots slot machine at Spirit Mountain Casino on Monday, May 20. This win is the first NFL slots jackpot over \$1 million and largest wide area progressive jackpot awarded by Aristocrat Gaming in the state of Oregon.

On Monday, May 20, *Casey of Vancouver, Wash., hit a jackpot for \$1.7 million on the NFL-themed slot game, Super Bowl Jackpots at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Casey, who was celebrating his birthday weekend, had placed a \$3 bet on the Atlanta Falcons theme and initially thought he had won \$1,700. He was shocked to learn it was a \$1.7 million jackpot.

This win marks the first jackpot of more than \$1 million on an NFLthemed slot machine and is the largest wide area progressive jackpot awarded by Aristocrat Gaming in the state of Oregon. ■

*First name only used due to privacy reasons



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





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

Skookum help?

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

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. ■

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+
 General health screening Every 2-3 years: Blood and urine tests, blood pressure checks EKG at 30 years old to establish a baseline Discuss STD testing with 	General health screening Every 2 years: Blood tests, and blood pressure checks Colorectal cancer screening for age 45+ Discuss STD testing Discuss prostate and	General health screen Every year: Blood tests, blood pressure checks, colon cancer screening Every 5-10 years: Colonoscopy Discuss STD testing Discuss prostate and testicular
your provider	testicular screenings	screenings

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 commons 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.

SUPPORT YOUR LGE TOOS CHILD. THEY NEED FAMILY LOVE AND SUPPORT MORE THAN ANYTHING.



LGBTQ2S: LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, AND TWO-SPIRIT

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.

Happy 4th birthday, **Buggy!**

łush t'łap-san beni. Happy 4th birthday, Buggy. We love you to the stars and back! -mayka tilixam







Education for the application!

highereducation@grandronde.org



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



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.

Gaston fundraising for travel to Honolulu Marathon

Tribal Elder Veronica Gaston is planning to race walk the Honolulu Marathon on Dec. 8, 2024. She is raising funds for travel expenses through GoFundMe. The link to donate to her fundraiser is https://gofund.me/33b87c1a. "Thank you...all who donate will be entered in my special raffle to be held when I get home from the marathon," she said. "I have 20 prizes so far."

USDA Forest Service awards Tribal grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service is investing more than \$1.2 million in five projects across the Pacific Northwest to restore Tribal, state and private forestlands, according to a press release from the agency.

"(The) Landscape Scale Restoration Program investments directly support the agency's efforts to confront the ongoing wildfire crisis, while providing critical support to landowners across management jurisdictions as they work to promote healthy, productive forests that are resilient to the effects of climate change," the release stated.

Five of these projects, totaling \$1.5 million in grant funding, will support federally recognized Tribes, including more than \$298,495 for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ecocultural oak forest fire management plan. This project aims to reintroduce Indigenous fire usage to 330 acres of Tribally-managed oak woodland and oak savanna. The Tribe wants to create additional opportunities for interested Tribal members to engage with cultural fire through the project.

"These are great projects that were developed collaboratively with local partners who have critical local knowledge of these landscapes," Pacific Northwest Regional Forester for the USDA Forest Service Jacque Buchanan said. "Forest health issues like fire, disease, and insects are not bound by land ownerships, management boundaries or political jurisdictions. We're working with communities on science-based, locally guided projects aligned with our shared goal to conserve and protect America's state, Tribal, private and federal forest lands."

Nationally, the Forest Service announced it will invest \$13 million in competitive grants through the Landscape Scale Restoration Program. ■

