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Lineal descent amendment vote on the horizon this fall

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

mending the Grand Ronde Tribal Constitution to change enrollment requirements will once again be on the ballot. On Wednesday, Aug. 21, Tribal Council approved a resolution requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs conduct a constitutional amendment election, which will be sent to the BIA on Monday, Sept. 9, as not to overlap with the Tribal Council election on Saturday, Sept. 7.

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The Tribe decided to keep the definition of "Indian blood," as an enrollment requirement after it became aware of a few Tribal members who are

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Casino employee cited for Tribal ordinance violation

By Danielle Harrison

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Spirit Mountain Casino employee has been cited by Grand Ronde Tribal Police for violating a Tribal ordinance after using his work equipment for personal use.

The employee, Marketing Manager Chris Cherry, was cited under the Tribal Public Safety Ordinance for violating the campaign provision by using a casino graphics printer to print out sample proofs for his wife, Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry's, reelection signs. The signs themselves were printed by outside companies, not at the casino.

The citation is a civil matter, not criminal in nature.

Cherry is running for a second term on Tribal Council and told Tribal Police and Smoke Signals she was unaware her husband had used work equipment to print out anything related to her campaign. She was not cited in the matter. The potential violation was brought to the attention of the police after numerous people had commented on the matter on a social media page that is run anonymously. The site includes posts which criticize and mock certain Tribal Council members, including Cherry.

Graduation day!



She told Smoke Signals that she has recently filed a police report

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Jesica Lowe fixes her 5-year-old daughter Kylee Meckel's hair before the Grand Ronde Head Start Thursday, Aug. 15. Twenty Mawich class students graduated. They received diplomas, gift bags, beaded necklaces made by preschool parent committee members and a Walmart gift card from



LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals readers,

At the Tribal Council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, a Tribal member asked a question about a perceived lack of coverage by Smoke Signals on controversial issues being discussed on social media, including but not limited to, various Facebook accounts.

The Smoke Signals Editorial Board works with the Smoke Signals editor and staff to uphold the Independent Tribal Free Press Ordinance, address attempts to interfere with the ordinance (such as blocking access for reporters or censorship in the stories published) and helps create a path for staff to cover stories for the membership that are timely, factual and deemed newsworthy to Tribal members.

Please know that we are very intentional about touting the adoption of the Independent Tribal Free Press Ordinance because it is something we should be proud of. The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is only one of five Tribes in the United States that has an independent press. This is a laudable achievement in Indian Country and a significant benefit to the membership.

Developing a free press took significant collaboration between Smoke Signals staff, the current and prior editors, Tribal Council, the Tribal attorney and others to create an ordinance Tribal Council felt proud to support, knowing it would increase the quality of factual information being shared with the membership.

Our staff believes in reporting with integrity, discovering the truth, and most importantly, in government transparency and accountability.

The Independent Tribal Free Press Ordinance has garnered national attention and we all should be proud of that.

With that said, having a free press comes with a special responsibility, especially for Tribal nations. Facebook groups were created (with the very noble intention) of allowing us to share information with members who live outside of the area, or those who can't attend meetings as often and want to be informed. Social media, if used correctly, can be a fantastic way to enhance the flow of information. However, some sites are used to spread opinions, rumors and misinformation.

Smoke Signals has a responsibility to present all sides of a story, which means they must include and cite credible, verifiable sources, double-check all facts, and adhere to Human Resources standards of employee privacy and confidentiality. During the Aug. 21 meeting, Smoke Signals was rightfully described as a source of information that Tribal members can rely on and trust. We agree 100%. You can trust the information you read in Smoke Signals. As a board and as staff, we proudly uphold a code of ethics put forth by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Indigenous Journalists Association, as all professional journalists do.

One of the tenets of that code of ethics is to minimize harm whenever possible. This means not publishing information that is untrue or unprovable.

Many of the issues being discussed on Facebook involve employees, and in addition to being impartial and fair, Smoke Signals staff must respect the privacy of any member or employee being accused of improper behavior and allow for unfettered due process. If the employee wishes to discuss the matter or it rises to the level of a criminal offense that is being adjudicated through the court system, Smoke Signals may decide to cover it depending on verifiable facts and if the alleged offense presents a potential health, safety or financial threat.

Furthermore, it is irresponsible journalism to address comments from anonymous and uncorroborated sources and pseudonyms, which often are part of these online conversations.

Additionally, Smoke Signals is a small Tribal department, which provides award-winning journalism to the members and monitors several Tribal social media platforms. Smoke Signals will not address rumors or conversations happening online or other places simply because they are salacious. The membership has shared with us over the years what kinds of information they want to see in the publication, and that's what staff focuses on providing. Finally, we want to stress the importance of connecting with Smoke Signals staff or an Editorial Board member directly as a first step to addressing any concern or story idea you have. As a reminder, Tribal Council doesn't supervise, persuade or determine the stories that Smoke Signals investigates or publishes, so issues will not be resolved by them. Any issues or concerns are always welcome for discussion and discourse. If you want to talk to an Editorial Board member, the entire Editorial Board welcomes input from members, and the Smoke Signals editor does as well.

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Monday, Sept. 9	Sept. 15
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Oct. 1
Monday, Oct. 7	Oct. 15
Friday, Oct. 25	Nov. 1

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Our editorial policy is intended to encourage input from Tribal members and readers about stories printed in the Tribal newspaper. However, all letters received must be signed by the author, an address must be given and a phone number or email address must be included for verification purposes. Full addresses and phone numbers will not be published unless requested. Letters must be 400 words or less.

Smoke Signals reserves the right to edit letters and to refuse letters that are determined to contain libelous statements or personal attacks on individuals, staff. Tribal administration or Tribal Council. Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Letters to the editor are the opinions and views of the writer. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Smoke Signals.

2024 TRIBAL COUNCIL

To contact the Editorial Board, email Editorial.Board@grandronde.org. To contact Smoke Signals, email news@grandronde.org.

Sincerely,

Grand Ronde Editorial Board Mia Prickett, chair

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TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. Offices will also be closed on Friday, Sept. 27 in observance of National Native American Day.

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- Monday, Sept. 2 Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Saturday, Sept. 7 Tribal Election Day. 503-879-2271.
- Sunday, Sept. 8 General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 Tribal Council swearing in-ceremony, 11 a.m., Tribal Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 800-422-0232.
- Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 Spirit Mountain Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Friday, Sept. 27 Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.

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- Wednesday, Oct. 2 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 Grand Ronde Emergency Services fire station grand opening, 4-7 p.m., 28480 McPherson Road. Ribbon cutting ceremony followed by dinner and an open house.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 m
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- Sunday, Oct. 6 General Council meeting. Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Monday, Oct. 14 Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 Tribal plankhouse achaf hammi's 15th birthday celebration. Doors open at 4 p.m. and a meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Contact bobby.mercier@grandronde.org or 503-879-2076 for more information.

To stay informed of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.



1. Descendancy letter (no DNA testing)

2. Certificate of Descendancy (DNA testing required)

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Tribal Council Chambers

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

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings <u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u>

Wednesday,	Sept.	44	p.m.
Wednesday,	Sept.	184	p.m.

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

Missing your Tribal ballot?

The Tribal Council election is drawing near, so if you haven't received your ballot in the mail, contact the Election Board so a new ballot can be sent out.

Office hours are 9:30 to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday through Sept. 5. The phone number is 503-879-2271. In lieu of having a ballot mailed, adult Tribal members can vote in-person from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Tribal Community Center.

Ballots can also be dropped off at the Tribal Governance Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday at the ballot box inside the building through Friday, Sept. 6.

Ballots that will be mailed in must be received by the Election Board on or before Sept. 7. ■

Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to **smok signalz**.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer's name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period. Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the other writer by name, should refer to the date of the letter published. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner.

Letters deemed in poor taste will not be printed. Send letters via e-mail to news@grandronde.org, or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to **smok signəlz**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.

Election Board office open through Sept. 5

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

Enrollment staff:

Tristin Armstrong 503-879-1619, Tristin.armstrong@grandronde.org Nick Labonte 503-879-2490, Nick.labonte@grandronde.org

Please send completed applications to:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Attn: Enrollment Office 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 The Tribal Election Board office will be open through Thursday, Sept. 5. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. The phone number is 503-879-2271.

Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Election Board's office door. Complete signature verification forms, with a notarized signature or legible copy of identification including your signature, such as a driver's license, Tribal ID, passport, etc. need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of your ID to match signatures.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 24. Tribal members can submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day, which is Saturday, Sept. 7.

There will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and one in the Community Center on Election Day to drop ballots off.

Ballots will be available, as they have been in the past, for Tribal members who prefer to vote in person. It is the voter's responsibility to ensure their ballot is received by the Election Board on or before Election Day.

Remember, if using the Post Office all mail must go to Portland to be sorted before returning to Grand Ronde, so make sure your ballot is in the mail a few days early. ■

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 September 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 Friday, Sept. 27, due to Tribal offices being closed for National Native American Day.

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 211 info.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 makhmak haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, 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. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- 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: Revn 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: Harris Reibach.
- 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.



2019 – The Tribe closed on its purchase of the Blue Heron Paper Mill site from Washington developer George Heidgerken, returning the land to Indigenous ownership for the first time since it was ceded to the federal government in 1855. The Charcowah Village of the Clowewalla and the Kosh-huk-shix



File photo

Village of Clackamas were forcibly removed from the falls to the Grand Ronde Reservation in the 1850s.

2014 – The Tribe heard a report on the use of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant and remaining funds from a National Endowment for the Arts grant, to integrate Tribal basketry traditions and language, as one of the Tribe's cultural heritage preservation projects. The Tribe also published three children's books about how to weave cedar bark baskets.

2009 – Tribal members were hard at work finishing the new plankhouse near the uxyat Powwow Grounds at Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area. They hoped to finish the work in the fall.

2004 - The state's first Indian Housing Fair took place at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, highlighting housing opportunities for the state's Indigenous residents.

1999 - Tribal member Mark Grosser and his wife, Patti, expanded their Salem tattoo business to add a career school teaching the art of tattooing.

1994 – The Tribe was working closely with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Fish and Wildlife experts to preserve a population of Nelson's checker-mallow, a threatened species native to Oregon, that had been growing in the construction site for Spirit Mountain Casino. Existing plants were incorporated into a nature walk with educational materials on the area's native grasslands. Some plants were moved to establish a new population, and the Tribe began controlling bush and noxious weeds at a third site, to encourage expansion of another checker-mallow population.

1989 – The Tribe updated its burial fund regulations, placing the duties of administering the fund under the cemetery committee, and adding some additional rules.

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

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. ■

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN

• 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.

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.

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

MARKETPLACE

Celebrating Native American Heritage and Community Craftsmanship.

10am-6pm • September 13 & 14



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Tribal Council approves lineal descent constitutional amendment election request

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved sending a constitutional amendment election request to let Tribal voters decide the future of enrollment qualifications during its Wednesday, Aug. 21, meeting.

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Tribal Council member Kathleen George said during a Tuesday, Aug. 20, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the solution to the ongoing enrollment issues is a constitutional amendment.

"Tribal members can decide how they want our Tribal government to move forward and how they want us to enroll new Tribal members," she said. "I'm encouraging everyone to participate in the constitutional amendment election...and leave it in the hands of Tribal members to decide if we should continue the way we're doing it today or if we should change that and have a

brighter future for more families in our Tribe."

See a related story in this edition of Smoke Signals for more information.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a per capita payment date of Sept. 13, 2024, for the time period of June 1-Aug. 31;
- Approved an amendment to the Tribe's professional services agreement with Points Consulting of Moscow, Idaho, for services related to the 2024 housing study and needs assessment;
- Approved a professional services agreement with MIG Inc. for consulting services for the 2024 Tribal campus master plan;
- Approved the fifth amendment to the funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior for the purpose of receiving the Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment funding;
- Approved an application to the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care Birth through Five Literacy Grants for up to \$200,000;
- Approved an application to the National Park Service History of Equal Rights Grant Program for funding up to \$750,000;
- · Approved the Tribal Transportation Program funding agreement between the Tribe and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs;
- Approved a contingency fee agreement with Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP law firm of Portland for the recovery of contract support costs on third-party revenue;
- Approved a proposed settlement with Altria Group;
- Approved the first supplemental budget appropriation increase of up to \$7 million in funding for the Stratus Village housing project in McMinnville:
- · And approved enrolling one minor into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution

School health fair



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Elizabeth Ulestad, 8, selects a patch to iron on a fabric pencil case at the Public Health department's information table during the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's Back to School Health Fair at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building on Tuesday, Aug. 13. In the background Tribal member Tim Anderson decorates one for his kids. Community Health, Behavioral Health, Medical, Optometry and the Diabetes Prevention/Education are additional Tribal programs that participated in the fair.

Health & Wellness Center entrance

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



SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Veterans Garden

Garden beds have been placed and are in the back of the Community Programs Building. Veterans are welcome to come garden whenever they have a moment. Supplies are in the tote.

and Enrollment Ordinance.

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



Do you want to know more?

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

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



Contact the TVSO Office if you have any questions or for more event information.

CTGRTribalVSO@ GrandRonde.Org

503-879-1484

Veterans Golf

Veteran makes the arrangements. There are five golf vouchers remaining for the month of August. Come by and pick up a pre-paid card to take to Dallas Golf Club. Veteran will need to call them directly to make an appointment for "T" time.

Please note: Pick up times are between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Thursdays are the best day to pick up due to it being the normal walk-in day.

Save the Date for Upcoming Events:

Parfleche & Painting Classes ~ Sept. 11 and Sept. 18 at the Community Programs Building from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tentative September Events:

Veteran Guitar Music Classes - Due to popular demand, we are setting up another guitar class for veterans. Veteran Cooking Classes – Four cooking classes for veterans.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

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INDEPENDENT TRIBAL PRESS ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the July 24, 2024, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments would provide that no member of the Editorial Board be currently sitting on Tribal Council; allow for an Editorial Board member to retain their active voting seat while running for Tribal Council, provided that their seat shall become immediately vacant upon being sworn-in as a member of Tribal Council; amend all references to the Native American Journalists Association to read the Indigenous Journalists Association; and may include other minor and technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde. org. Comments must be received by Sept. 3, 2024. ■

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Social Security Disability Insurance Benefit Advocate Request for Proposal

The Request for Proposals is being conducted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Social Service Department for the purpose of obtaining a contractor who has experience in SSI/SSD advocacy/ benefit determination and the qualifications to advocate for Tribal members who are seeking assistance in the application process. Qualified applicants shall possess the ability to:

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- · Assist Tribal members in applying for SSI/SSD.
- Refer members to appropriate physical and/or mental health evaluations related to SSI/SSD application.
- Assist Tribal members with completing paperwork to file for appeals for denial of SSI/SSD.
- Refer Tribal members to Tribal member benefits to apply for the Tribal SSI/SSD program.
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Tammy.garrison@grandronde.org 503-879-2077

Social Services clothing program open

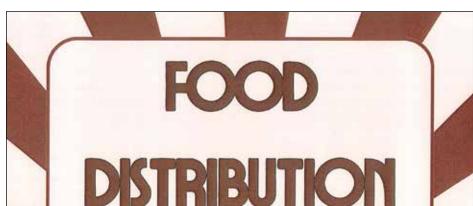
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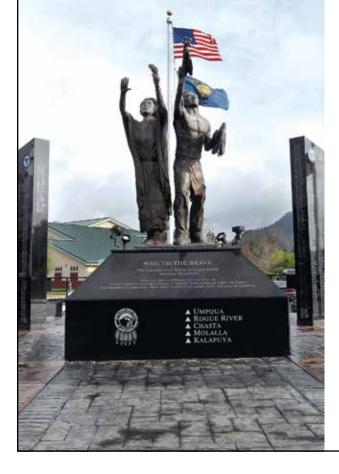
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Mellony Hensley, 5, gets her diploma from Mawich classroom Lead Teacher Josh Biery during the Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool Graduation at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 15.



With his hands sticking out of the collar of his graduation gown, Daenerys Eagle Staff, 5, carries his diploma back to his seat during the Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool Graduation at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, Aug. 15.

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

Any applications received after January 15, 2025, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2026.

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Matter was made public after several Tribal members spoke on issue

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because due to the actions of this individual, she no longer feels safe in the community.

"I have no idea what this person is capable of and I want it to come to light and on the record that I no longer feel safe or protected in our community due the harassing and bullying behavior that is only escalating with zero accountability," she said.

According to the police report, an employee requested that the matter be investigated but asked to remain anonymous due to concerns for their safety and job security.

"Due to that reason, and this only being an ordinance violation and not a criminal matter, the complainant was not recorded, nor will they be mentioned," the report said.

The report didn't specify if it was a casino or Tribal employee, but it was later stated at the Wednesday, Aug. 21, Tribal Council meeting that a Tribal Council member had been the one to initially contact police.

Non-criminal campaign ordinance violations used to be investigated by the Tribe's general manager. However, that was amended in recent years so that the general manager wouldn't be in a position of potentially having to issue a citation to one of their supervisors, as the general manager is a direct report to Tribal Council.

According to the police report and Smoke Signals interviews, Chris Cherry said he was using his computer to help troubleshoot a print quality issue that had come up with the signs.

He said in an Aug. 15 interview with Tribal Police that he had not printed the actual signs at the casino. Additionally, Michael Cherry provided Smoke Signals with invoices from the printing companies, Graphic Print Solutions of Lake Oswego, for a 6x12-foot billboard cover, three 60x30-inch signs and two 84x42-inch signs, and 1 Day Signs of Salem for 20, 14x16 inch brochures.

The police report included information that was not part of the ordinance violation. It stated that Cherry had a Tribal enrollment file on his work computer. The report also stated that the investigating officer was later made aware that the casino marketing department is authorized to have the information.

At the Aug. 21 Tribal Council meeting, the matter was made public after several Tribal members spoke on the issue. One accused Cherry of having her signs made by the casino, to which she replied that hadn't happened and that they needed to "be careful about spreading false information moving forward." Another Tribal member stated that if a council member had done something wrong then the council had an obligation to investigate and take appropriate action.

"This is an active investigation involving an employee at Spirit Mountain Casino and I was not cited for any violation," Cherry said. "I reminded the membership that we have an ethics ordinance that every Tribal member and council member has access to and should follow...Thank God we are a country with due process and there is a court hearing (on this matter) come November where the citation will be heard and responded to."

Chris Cherry will be appealing the citation in Tribal Court on Nov. 20 and has sought legal representation as the Cherrys believe it was a political tactic to undermine her campaign. They also stated that the only violation that occurred concerned the Tribe's policy regarding personal use of company equipment.

"All of that will come to light in Tribal Court," Michael Cherry said.

Chris Cherry told Smoke Signals he "fully acknowledged" that he used a company computer to work on the sign.

"I have fully acknowledged in all investigation interviews that I used the company computer to work on a design for a personal campaign sign, including printing a few sample

pieces for design and quality review purposes," he said. "I did this on my own accord, without direction or approval. The final production of the posted signs and brochures was outsourced to external companies, and I have receipts to confirm this. As this is an ongoing employee relations matter and there is a citation for which I have sought legal representation, I have been asked not to discuss it further at this time. Having served the casino and Tribe for 28 years, over half my life, I am dismayed by the unfortunate series of events that have escalated into what feels like an unjust pursuit. I remain hopeful that fairness and reason will ultimately prevail."

When contacted by Smoke Signals, Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson issued the following statement via email.

"Campaigning violations are investigated by the Tribal Police and citations are issued under the Public Safety Ordinance," she said. "Mr. Cherry has been cited under this ordinance. Spirit Mountain and the Gaming Commission are also looking into Mr. Cherry's actions. If the Tribe finds additional violations of Tribal law occurred, the Tribal Council will discuss what actions it may take to address the violations." ■







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Tribes set their own criteria for membership

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enrolled and do not have any Grand Ronde blood. They were adopted by Tribal members and enrolled as biological children, which occurred prior to DNA requirements. This provision will ensure their descendants will not be enrolled.

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said during a Tuesday, Aug. 20, Legislative Action Committee meeting that the solution to the ongoing enrollment issues is a constitutional amendment.

"Tribal members can decide how they want our Tribal government to move forward and how they want us to enroll new Tribal members," she said. "I'm encouraging everyone to participate in the constitutional amendment election...and leave it in the hands of Tribal members to decide if we should continue the way we're doing it today or if we should change that and have a brighter future for more families in our Tribe."

Constitutional amendment history

This will be the 8th time the issue of enrollment has been put to a vote, including the 1999 amendment. Additionally, there were two discontinued elections in 2007 and 2014.

In addition to the problematic 1999 amendment, Tribal members have only agreed in sufficient numbers on two other proposals -- in 2008 when they increased the relinquishment period from one to five years and in 2022 when they agreed to ban disenrollment actions unless fraud or dual enrollment can be proven.

The Grand Ronde Constitution requires two-thirds of those who register for and cast ballots in a "T'm encouraging everyone to participate in the constitutional amendment election...and leave it in the hands of Tribal members to decide if we should continue the way we're doing it today or if we should change that and have a brighter future for more families in our Tribe."

~ Tribal Council member Kathleen George

BIA-supervised election must approve any proposal for it to change the Tribe's governing document. An effort to remove the federal government from Tribal constitutional amendment elections was rejected by voters in 2014.

Of the 12 constitutional amendment proposals voted on since 1983's Restoration, three have received 66.7 percent or more of the votes.

During the 2023 Tribal Council election, Tribal members were asked five questions regarding enrollment.

The results found that more than 70 percent of Tribal members who voted -1,295 for a 29 percent turnout – favored changing current enrollment requirements and more than 65 percent supported moving toward lineal descendancy for enrollment.

Lineal descendancy also was the most favored enrollment option during the advisory votes, garnering 45 percent out of four options given.

Enrollment requirements were established post-Restoration

When the Grand Ronde Tribe's Constitution was adopted on Nov. 30, 1984, after Restoration occurred approximately a year earlier, membership requirements were relatively straightforward.

"The membership of the Confed-



erated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon shall consist of all persons who are not enrolled as members of another recognized Tribe, band or community," it stated, adding that the person's name had to appear on the official membership roll prepared under the Grand Ronde Restoration Act and that the person must possess 1/16th or more degree Indian blood quantum from a federally recognized Tribe or Tribes and be descended from a member of the Grand Ronde Tribe.

"For purposes of this section, descent from a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon shall include lineal descent from any person who was named on any roll or records of Grand Ronde members prepared by the Department of the Interior prior to the effective date of this Constitution."

Those membership requirements, including blood quantum, stayed in place for 15 years until 1999. In response to an increasing number of enrollment applications prompted by the financial success of Spirit Mountain Casino and the beginning of per capita payment distributions, Tribal members approved an amendment that restricted membership.

The biggest change was that the applicant had to be born to a parent who was a member of the Tribe at the time of their birth and who, unless they had passed away, was a member of the Tribe when the applicant filed an enrollment application.

The amendment is now viewed as the main cause of several contentious enrollment problems facing the Tribe, including split families in which siblings with the same heritage are and are not Tribal members. In 2019, Tribal voters favored resolving the split-family problem with 63.5 percent supporting an amendment, but the two-thirds majority required by the Tribal Constitution negated the effort. And, as Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and other Tribal Council members have cited numerous times in public meetings, Grand Ronde's enrollment problems predate Termination in 1954 and Restoration in 1983. Indian agents employed by the federal government assigned Tribal members blood quantum amounts at their whim with little to no scientific or genealogical data to support the numbers. The Tribe inherited those blood quantum numbers when it was restored and has since then been dealing with the multi-generational problems those have created.

Several other Tribes use lineal descendancy

In 2023, Smoke Signals surveyed the enrollment requirements of 48 federally recognized Tribes in the continental United States. Using the Department of the Interior's list of Tribes, staff searched for Tribal constitutions and enrollment ordinances on the respective Tribes' websites and found that a variety of membership requirements are used throughout Indian Country.

Since Tribes are sovereign nations, they set their own criteria for membership.

Other Tribes mostly use a combination of lineal descent and blood quantum in their enrollment requirements with most required blood quantum amounts ranging from 1/4th to 1/16th.

For instance, to become a member of Oklahoma's 17,000-member Comanche Nation, an applicant must trace their ancestry back to a Tribal member who received a land allotment in 1900 and possesses 1/8th quantum of Comanche blood.

Closer to home, the 5,700-member Klamath Tribes in southern Oregon require that applicants be named on or be descended from someone on the official 1954 final roll and possess 1/8th degree or more of Klamath, Modoc or Yahooskin Indian blood.

Examples of Tribes that use direct descendancy include the 10,000-member Delaware Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma, which requires an applicant link back to an ancestor on the 1904 Pratt Roll. "Your parents and grandparents do not have to be enrolled," the Delaware Tribes' enrollment requirements state.

In Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' Tribal code states that a person is eligible for membership if their name is on the Jan. 1, 1940, census roll or the person is a lineal descendant of a person listed on the roll. There is no blood quantum requirement. "Nor have we ever," said Enrollment Specialist Debbie Bossley about blood quantum.

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, which has approximately 223,000 members, has perhaps one of the most streamlined membership requirements in its constitution. "The Choctaw Nation ... shall consist of all Choctaw Indians by blood whose names appear on the final rolls of the Choctaw Nation approved April 26, 1906, and their lineal descendants." The Grand Ronde Tribe held five meetings in 2023 hoping to find consensus for a potential constitutional amendment and conducted surveys about going with a 4/4 proposal or lineal descent. The 4/4 blood guantum proposal was rejected by a majority of voters during the Sept. 9 election. The most recent meeting on the constitutional amendment was held Wednesday, Aug. 21. A survey will also be distributed to Tribal members. For more information, visit grandronde.org/media/3728/08072024-final-lineal-descendancy-faq.pdf. ■

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Education Summit draws substantial attendance

By Danielle Harrison &

Katherine Warren-Steffensmier Smoke Signals staff members

The Grand Ronde Education Summit returned to Spirit Mountain Casino's Events Center on Friday, Aug. 23, and saw continued strong attendance with approximately 250 educators participating.

The summit, now in its eighth year, seeks to educate educators about the history of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

The summit opened with a welcome and invocation from Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry followed by a welcome announcement from Curriculum Specialist Cheyanne Heidt.

"I'd like to ask that you keep an open mind and ask questions," she said. "We love questions, and everyone is here because they have committed themselves to bringing true collaboration between Oregon's educational systems and its nine Tribes."

Chinuk Wawa Education Program Manager Justine Flynn and Heidt gave an informational speech about decolonizing versus Indigenizing education and creating appropriate spaces for youth.

"Colonization was how the white settlers came in and put their way of life on Native people with assimilation, saying that you need to conform to what our ideas of right and wrong are," Heidt said. "All these ideas are colonization... When the assimilation piece didn't happen fast enough, they put together residential boarding schools based on Eurocentric values and Christian teaching (to hasten the process). For our youth, it wasn't normal. My grandpa ran away from Chemawa Indian School three times because he knew it wasn't safe for him and it was breaking down pieces of our culture. It's no surprise that Native youth struggle today with our educational system. It's a struggle to go to school every day. They struggle to sit there and relate to material. They struggle with authority. But after knowing that history, doesn't it make sense that they would? Even though they don't fully understand the trauma that happened in the past, it's ac-



Chinuk Wawa Education Program Manager Justine Flynn (left) and Curriculum Specialist Cheyanne Heidt give an informational speech about decolonizing versus Indigenizing education and creating appropriate spaces for youth at the Grand Ronde Education Summit, held at Spirit Mountain Casino's Events Center on Friday, Aug. 23. Approximately 250 educators from across the state attended the event, which included several breakout sessions throughout the day.

why it's like swimming upstream the whole time," she said. "We are constantly living in colonization so the act of decolonization is an uphill battle that never ends. We're constantly doing it. You constantly have to be intentional and keep it in mind."

The two also explained the key differences between decolonizing and Indigenizing.

Decolonizing includes recognizing and challenging Eurocentric narratives, evaluating school policies, disciplinary actions and educational practices, and advocating for the removal or revision of materials and symbols that glorify colonial history.

Indigenizing includes designing classroom environments and school spaces that visually and culturally reflect Indigenous communities, incorporating Indigenous ceremonies, storytelling and traditional practices into school routines and special events, and implementing Indigenous teaching methods such as oral traditions and community-based projects.

"You can always Indigenize and you should always decolonize," Heidt said. "The hope is that you're truly meeting the students when they're sitting in your classrooms and teaching to them, about them, for them." Program Specialist Stacy Parrish delivered the keynote address, talking about how the generational effects of colonialism have caused much of Native people's culture, knowledge, language and ancestral wisdom to remain dormant. She also discussed how educators of Native youth all have an obligation to awaken that by planning new classroom approaches.

Photo by Danielle Harrison

"What are you teaching these resilient survivors of genocide?" she said. "What does it mean to educate the descendants of people who have been here since time immemorial? All students should be learning accurate history every day. Be the educator who plans from the unkept promises of broken treaties."

After the opening introductions, educators were offered four groups of breakout sessions in the morning and 12 in the afternoon.

Morning sessions included an Indian education student panel, Chinuk Wawa 101, Office of Indian Education update on the "Tribal History, Shared History" curriculum, and the roles and challenges of Tribal natural resource managers.

Afternoon sessions included a paddle painting workshop, Indigenous place-based learning, curriculum resources for educators, literacy initiatives, collaboration agreements between the Tribe and educational institutions, necklace making, decolonizing and Indigenizing classrooms, a presentation by this year's American Museum of Natural History interns Laney De-Loe and Lauren Howerton, "Good Medicine" initiatives, storytelling in the classroom, the role of sports in Native communities and the accessibility of Native plants. Scheduled Grand Ronde presenters included Shawash Academic Teacher Adam Langley, Language Preservation Specialist Zoey Holsclaw, Natural Resources Forester Justin Fasana, Cultural Center Supervisor Crystal Starr Fullerton, Flynn, Literacy Specialist Glenna Berry, Education Department Manager Angela Fasana, DeLoe, Howerton, Lead Chinuk Wawa Early Learning teachers Jeff Mercier and Halona Butler, Native Plant

Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham, Cultural Protection Specialist Chris Bailey and more.

During her session, Berry told the approximately 50 people in attendance that she has worked for the Tribe for the past year and talked about her outreach with the Willamina and Sheridan school districts.

"I feel very open and lucky to work with the kids at Willamina," she said.

Berry has also been working with Justine and teachers at the Tribe's Chinuk Wawa school with literacy goals for each grade.

In his session, Mercier shared some personal history on how he grew up and the world's perception of what Indigenous people looked like, which typically wasn't factual.

"Not all Tribes have headdresses and live in teepees," he said. "For instance, in our

Tribe we lived in plankhouses and lived by water...I was 10 years old when the Tribe was restored (in 1983) and I have seen the changes that we have made as a Tribe and going back to our roots."

Butler shared her experience with the Chinuk language and how she knew in elementary school that she wanted to be a teacher in Grand Ronde.

"In 2020, I got my Native American teaching degree and have been a lead teacher for the past two years," she said.

Some of the questions that were asked were how to Indigenize a classroom.

"Start small, like with some books by Indigenous authors or some artwork, or even playing some music," Mercier said.

He shared that everyone could find Indigenous music, including the Chinuk Wawa classroom music, on YouTube or Apple Music.

Carrie Zimbrick, former superintendent of the nearby Willamina School District, said in 2022 that the annual Education Summit helps the district's teachers incorporate more Native American culture and history into their lessons and classrooms.

Zimbrick said that since the Education Summit started in 2017, the Willamina School District has created a Native American first foods garden and almost all the signage at the district has been translated into Chinuk Wawa and English. The Willamina School District has approximately 40 percent Native American students, with most of those students either being members or descendants of the Grand Ronde Tribe. Senate Bill 13, passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2017, requires the Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon. This includes Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events. The summit wrapped up around 4 p.m. with a question-and-answer session and closing remarks from Heidt.

tually built into them." the

Flynn asked the audience when they thought colonization had ended and most answered, correctly, that it is ongoing.

"It's still happening and that's

Klamath (Chocktoot Band of Snake Paiutes) Tribal member and Oregon Department of Education



Hudson named Lewis & Clark College's Native Artist-Scholar in Residence

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

PORTLAND — Being named Lewis & Clark College's Native Artist-Scholar in Residence is an honor for Tribal member Anthony Hudson, but it's also funny and ironic.

"I'm smart," Hudson said. "But I'm not a scholar."

As for Carla Rossi, Hudson's alternate personality and "Portland's premiere drag clown," who is sharing the honor, "Carla herself is far from a scholar, as she chooses to live in a dumpster," Hudson said. "But I'm sure she's looking forward to the green room treats and the honorary scholarship it affords her."

She may also be looking forward to raising the issue of the school's name.

"It's just so juicy to be doing it all at this little school called Lewis & Clark, because Carla is going to want to bring that up and make it very uncomfortable for people and get them thinking about which histories are the ones that we uplift and why." Hudson said.

For the college, those juxtapositions are exactly why Hudson was chosen.

"Lewis & Clark's students are passionate about embracing all of the arts to change the world, and we know Anthony's multidisciplinary approach — which balances deep vulnerability with absurdity and charm — will resonate with them," Professor Katherine Fitz-Gibbon said in an e-mail.

"We always want students to think deeply about the connec-



Contributed photo/Anthony Hudson

Tribal member Anthony Hudson was recently named Native Artist-Scholar in Residence at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. One of the activities he will participate in is a reading from the memoir of his show, 'Looking for Tiger Lily,' pictured here.

tions between place and community identities, and engage with the demands and responsibilities engendered by complex legacies of colonialism," FitzGibbon said. "Anthony's combination of love, humor, courage, and advocacy for one's community makes him an exceptionally great fit as Native Artist-Scholar in Residence. It's such an honor to have him and we're so excited to see what comes of his work with our students."

Hudson said he is looking forward to working with the students. "I'm excited for this because it offers the potential to share some of my work and recontextualize some of my work with these new students coming into Lewis & Clark," he said.

A press release from the college said that Hudson "will lead a series of creative, provocative, hilarious and historically resonant events



for students and for faculty, staff, and the public."

Lewis & Clark President Robin Holmes-Sullivan, the first person of color to lead the institution, created the Native Artist-Scholar in **Residence** initiative as part of an institutional commitment to build relationships with Indigenous communities grounded in honesty, respect and reparative action, according to the press release.

Hudson said he planned to start off with new student orientation in late August, in which the students were invited to a version of Hudson's show "Ask Dr. Carla."

In the press release, Hudson said, "Every new college student has anxieties about fitting in. If only they all had an over-the-top Indigiqueer drag clown to advise them."

In an interview, he described the show as "Like a talk show meets bad therapy by an unqualified clown," and jokingly said it might be considered a form of immersion therapy. "Because first, people are scared of a couple of things: Therapy, clowns, taxes, bills. This show is all of these things," Hudson said.

Like most of Hudson's work as a performer, there's both silliness and purpose.

"Carla is how I honor who I am as a Two-Spirit person, but also how I have the most fun," he said. "I hope to create a space where we forget the world for a while, while also pointing out its failings ... a safer place to play and have fun. I think students coming into this have some expectations about what happens when a Native scholar shows up, and I want to blow all those expectations out of the water as soon as possible and that's why I'm going to show up as a clown

I'm going to go back over and share something completely different: A reading from my memoir of my show 'Looking for Tiger Lily,' Hudson said. "I'll get to share some of the work with the students, read it with them, get some feedback and just have conversations on it."

"Looking for Tiger Lily," a cabaret show featuring both Hudson and Carla Rossi, uses a mix of song, dance, monologue, drag and video that the press release said explores, "Native identity and redface in pop culture."

In it, Hudson discusses growing up watching the 1960s production of Peter Pan, which featured a blond, blue-eyed "Indian princess," Tiger Lily.

Hudson also plans to take students and faculty on a field trip to Grand Ronde, where he will host "a special exhibition tour."

"So they'll see the drag, they'll see the writing, or hear it, then after winter break, we're going to take the students out to Chachalu to show them a queer indigenous art exhibition," Hudson said.

Hudson is co-curating the exhibit with Tribal member Felix Furby. According to the press release, it will be "a new exhibition of art from 10 queer Indigenous regional and international artists including Steph Littlebird (Grand Ronde), Lehuauakea (Hawai'ian), and Jeffrey Gibson (Choctaw and Cherokee), which will open at Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center in December."

Hudson said the exhibit provides "space to share what does being Indigenous and queer mean to you, how do you honor yourself and your community."

He said it serves as a kind of sequel to the 2023 Chachalu exhibit, "My Father's Father's sister: Our Ancestor Shimkhin," also curated by Hudson and Furby.

Shimkhin (Atfalati Kalapuya) was a healer and transgender woman in the Grand Ronde community in the 1800s.

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con artist offering them therapy," Hudson said.

He continued, "There's a common misunderstanding, like a common misplaced idea that we exist in the past. that we're very stoic — just a lot of clichés and stereotypes about us, you know, and I really want to make people understand that, no, we're really funny and we're really smart, and some of us like to do clown improvs. ... I hope that that helps people understand a little bit about Nativeness in the process. That it opens their eyes to the fact that we are living, breathing people here, that we aren't part of some tiresome, antiquated Native past that they can forget about and move on from. We're still here and they're still accountable to us."

Having first shown the students the silliest and most playful part of his expansive repertoire, Hudson will follow with other experiences. "After that, in about a month,

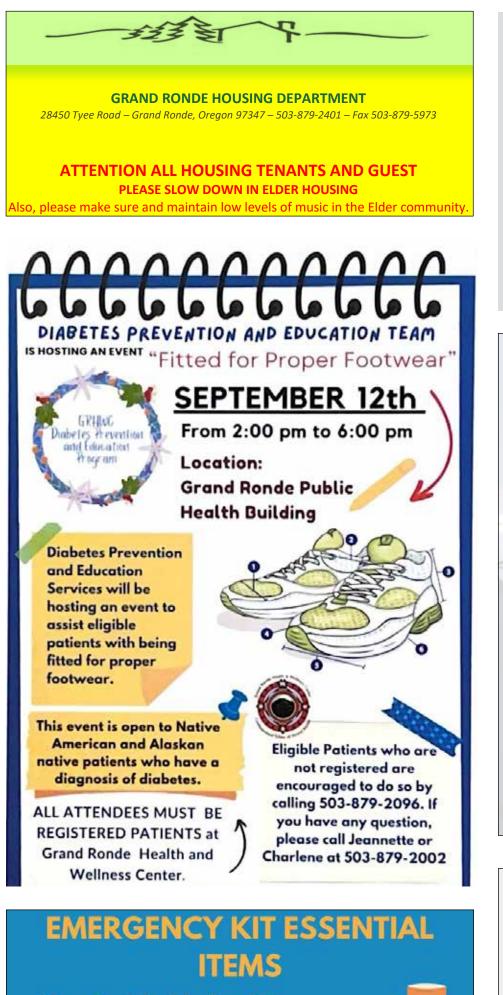
that proves at least in the Grand Ronde Tribe, and on the reservation, we had queer people that lived their lives openly and were loved," Hudson said.

The story of Shimkhin portrayed that evidence and included a written account from Hudson's great, great uncle.

"That story was rooted in the past; this next show is taking that idea and running with it all the way into the future," Hudson said.

Hudson said "gender enforcement" was a tool of colonization that has persisted into modern times. He said that he and Furby have been unable to find a traditional word for transgender people, indicating that "we were just taken for granted and accepted as part of the community."

After five months on exhibit at Chachalu, Hudson said the new exhibit will then tour throughout Tribal homelands for two years.



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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. ■



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Powwow time!



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Dancers enter the arena during grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Levi Liebelt competes in the senior mens traditional dance category during the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17. Liebelt placed fourth in the category.

Contest Powwow attracts thousands

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer espite a thunderstorm that parked itself over western Oregon on Saturday, Aug. 17, bringing buckets of rain to parts of Polk County and forcing the evening grand entry at the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow to be can-

might slip on the wet turf, it didn't deter thousands in attendance at the annual event.

Tribal people from across the Pacific Northwest packed the uyxat Powwow Grounds to enjoy a



here from Grand Ronde and outside the area," Tribal Council member Matthew Haller said.

So many dancers attended the 1 p.m. Saturday grand entry, it lasted some 40 minutes, filling the arena. They were led into the arbor by the Grand Ronde Honor Guard followed by veterans, past and current Tribal Council members and Grand

Ronde Royalty.

Tribal member Bobby Mercier gave the invocation.

All nine Tribal Council members were in attendance at the powwow. They are Haller, Jon A. George, Kathleen George, Secretary Michael Cherry, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Chairwoman Chervle A. Kennedy, Brenda Tuomi, Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno. The powwow attracted hundreds of registered dancers and six drum groups.

Men resplendent in bright regalia circled, bending and stamping, shaking their feathers and ribbons. They were followed by Elders stepping in time, while younger women lightly kicked and skipped, holding their shawls out like wings.

On Friday evening, many of the children accompanying their parents in grand entry walked, weary at the end of a long, warm day, but by Saturday afternoon, several were dancing.

"Powwow is going wonderfully," Tribal Council member Kathleen George said on Saturday. "It's such a special time for family and friends and all of us Tribal people to come together as family and celebrate our culture, and it just means so much." Littlehawk Crump, (Navajo/Sand Carlos Apache) follows the powwow circuit every year in California and said he has also attended powwows in Washington state and the southwest, but this was his first time attending the Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. "This powwow's always been on my bucket list," he said. "I've always seen, like, videos and photos, and the arbor is beautiful, so I wanted to come experience it in real life."



2024-25 Senior Miss **Veterans Queen Sophia** Grout, 16, dances in an InterTribal dance during the 2024 Grand **Ronde Contest Powwow** at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Crump, who has been dancing "since I could walk" favors the mens northern traditional dance.

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Aiyana Woodward, 5, participates in grand entry of the 2024 Grand

Ronde Contest Powwow on Friday, Aug. 16.

2024-25 Little Miss Veterans Princess Elizabeth Ulestad, 8, carries her three-month-old brother Sinamoxt-Tenas during the Tiny Tots "School is Cool" dance special during the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

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Loreen Seymour (TK'emlups te Secwepemc) was there to participate in the womens jingle dress dance competition because her significant other, Colin Stonechild, sings with Bad Eagle, one of the six drum groups performing.

"We powwow every weekend. ... wherever he goes, we go as a family, and we dance, he sings," Seymour said.

For Jayme Poitras, (Paul First Nation), the powwow, part of a twoweek journey down the west coast, was an opportunity to study other traditions.

"I want to see how their culture is compared to Canada," the teen said. She planned to enter the teen girls traditional dance.

Although the audience seating was so full that people were standing in the aisles, the grounds outside the arena were packed as well, with attendees perusing the vendor booths or standing in long lines for food.

Powwow food selections ranged from the always popular Indian tacos and fry bread to yakisoba noodles, street tacos, fruit smoothies, lemonade, pizza and French fries. Demand for fry bread was so high 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow host drum Northern Cree drum and sing during the powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.

on Saturday that would-be customers were turned away for an hour while a fresh batch was prepared.

Vendors lined the grounds offering an array of products.

After spending the past year fighting for her life, Tribal Elder Jackie Manyhides found peace and healing while making ribbon skirts. She said she isn't quite 100% in remission, but is, "taking it day by day."

Manyhides first started making ribbon skirts last year and then had to stop due to illness. Her focus shifted to getting better and beating cancer. Now, she is gaining her strength back and eating more.

"It was time to finish what I had started," she said. "People were asking for ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts and I knew I had to do it. This gave me a sense of purpose, another reason to get out of bed each day...



It brought healing and peace."

While drying out from dancing in the rainshowers that soaked the powwow grounds Saturday, Tribal member Marianne Blanchard said it was her first time being a vendor at the powwow.

"I'm happy to be doing it with my sister (Tribal member Michelle Blanchard)," she said. Marianne owns Indigenous Arts Tattoo Company and hosts one small business each month. This month's is Tribal member Nakoosa Jack, who specializes in bead work and weaving. All three artisans had several different types of earrings, necklaces, hair bows and more.

The grand entries took place as scheduled Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, along with a rescheduled one on Sunday at noon.

The outgoing royal court was honored on Friday evening, before the

incoming court was named.

See POWWOW continued on page 4



Vincent Mercier, 4, and Elizabeth Ulestad, 8, rest on the powwow grounds turf before grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.



Alder Krehbiel, 5, receives a book from Tribal member and Education Committee Board member Peter Grout after the Tiny Tots "School is Cool" dance special during the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17. It was the 10th anniversary of the dance special that is sponsored by the Education Committee.

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"This is like the Oscars; I'm handed an envelope and then have to open it," Tribal Council member Jon A. George joked, as the crowd waited to hear who had been chosen. The wait occasionally took a few moments as George wrestled with envelopes that had been thoroughly glued shut.

Kova Speer was crowned Tiny Tot Princess.

Ila Mercier was crowned Little Miss Grand Ronde.

Little Miss Princess went to Willow Squetimkin.

Desirae Hernandez was crowned Junior Miss Grand Ronde, while Senior Miss Grand Ronde went to Marie Quenelle.

George called the audience's attention to the royal crowns, noting the hours of labor it takes to produce the intricate beading, and asked audience members to consider volunteering to help with creating them for next year's court.

"We are just very honored to

know these girls are going to represent Grand Ronde for the year," George said.

In addition, invited drums Northern Cree, Bad Canyon, Ozuye, Battle Nation, Iron Star and Bad Eagle competed for \$30,000 in prize money. The \$10,000 prize winner was Bad Eagle.

More than \$22,000 in prize money was danced for and prizes ranged from \$25 to \$1,000.

Grand Ronde winners were Leloo Quenelle, second in the girls jingle; Marie Quenelle, fourth in teen girls traditional and Levi Liebelt, fourth in senior mens traditional.

Dance specials this year included a men's and women's fancy shawl special, with an overall championship prize of \$1,400 for the winner of a dance-off between the winners of the men's and women's categories; a luck of the draw for one men's and one women's category, with a \$500 prize for each; a best-dressed drum group, with a top prize of \$800, a teen girls traditional honoring outgoing Junior Miss Queen Marie Quenelle, and a



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Madison Aaron participates in the 1 p.m. grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 17.

second song traditional. New this year was the men's chicken category, for ages 18 to 54, with a top prize of \$1,000.

More information on the winners can be found on page 5.

Additionally, Recreation Coordinator Leo Ayala hosted a 3-on-3 Contest Powwow Basketball Tournament on Saturday, which had to be switched from Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area near the powwow grounds to the Tribal gym due to weather. Games were played between co-ed, middle and high school teams, as well as men's and women's teams, with prizes for first through third place.

There was also a three-point shooting contest with prizes for first through third place.

"We had a combined total of 43

teams in 7 different divisions ranging from hoopers as young as 10 years old to adults," Ayala said. "Originally, we started up at the Fort Yamhill Heritage Area where we had three outdoor courts until the weather moved our location indoors to the Grand Ronde gym. A lit $tle \ bad \ weather \ couldn't \ stop \ us \ and$ the transition was smooth as can be and (we) had games going indoors as soon as 40 minutes into the location change...The first games started at 8 a.m. and continued until the very end where the final game concluded at around 8:30 p.m."

The Contest Powwow concluded Sunday, Aug. 18, with the final grand entry. ■

Publications Secretary Katherine Warren contributed to this article





Tribal member Tasina Bluehorse participates in grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.

2024-25 Little Miss Veterans Princess Emmalynn Warren dances in an InterTribal dance during the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Tribal member Tynan George, left, participates in the 1 p.m. grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Saturday, Aug. 17.

2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow winners

Junior girls jingle: Ali Mae Jackson, first; Leloo Quenelle (Grand Ronde), second; Melody Waskahat, third; Lilyana Johnson, fourth, Nelly Pena, fifth.

Junior girls fancy: Leiliana Walsey, first; Emma Eagle Speaker; second; Kattera Jackson, third, Samora Leon, fourth, Chanan, fifth.

Junior girls traditional: Winter Cant See, first; Aria Irene Olney, second; Leona Norwest, third; Shirleen Norwest, fourth; Gabriella Calrillo, fifth.

Junior boys grass: Tyler Peters, first; Jonathon Casper, second; Kolton One Pennee, third, Attii Blackhorn, fourth; Marion Deschamps, fifth **Junior mens grass:** Joseph Baldwin, first, Xavier Bolton, second; Many Hawley, third; Dakota Madera, fourth; Trenton Calica, fifth.

Junior mens fancy: Dasan Scholfield, first; Nakeezaka Jack, second.

Junior mens traditional: Bryon Adams, first; Dwayne Redstart, second; Quindon Calica, third; Kiowa Dougherty, fourth; Skye J. Beesley, fifth.

Junior mens chicken: Coretz Osborne, first; Tyus Beebe, second; Brylen Scabbyrobe, third; Jordan Yazzie, fourth; Jeremy Barney, fifth.

Senior womens jingle: Bridget Eaglespeaker, first; LaCreda White Buffalo, second; Michelle Martinez, third, Loreena Seymour, fourth,

Junior boys fancy: Dakota Madera Jr., first; Andres Martin, second; Jacob Adams, third.

Junior boys traditional: Baylor Scabbyrobe, first; Opichee Day, second, Dravas Coin, third, Mathanyol Briseno, fourth; Kian Montgomery, fifth.

Teen girls jingle: Tessa Saenz, first; Junee Picard, second; Shakyla Jackson, third; Davianna Madera, fourth; and Janaya Primeaux, fifth.

Teen girls fancy: Valerie Scabbyrobe, first; Claudia Suarez, second; Keeala Walsey, third; Keaira Onepennee, fourth; Acozian Dion, fifth.

Teen girls traditional: Athena Reed, first; Jayme Poitras, second; Jodee Jackson, third; **Marie Quenelle (Grand Ronde), fourth**; Neima Sam, fifth.

Teen boys grass: SunHawk Barney, first; Ian Mitchell, second; Elijah Villa, third; Donavan Waskahat, fourth; Londell Duran, fifth.

Teen boys fancy: Kingsley Pasquayak, first; Jack Petty, second.

Teen boys traditional: Jayden Esquiro, first; Jayce Burnstick, second; Darnil Whiteplume, Jessi Redtail Soliz, fourth; Anton Arthur, fifth.

Junior womens jingle: Zariah Whiteplume, first; Roxane Gomez, second; Analynn Olney, third; Alayna Bevis, fourth, Sky Whiteman, fifth.

Junior womens fancy: Jovena Scabbyrobe, first; Oke-Twisha Roberts, second; Talia Reasoner, third, Keenas Limon, fourth; Amelia Henry, fifth.

Junior womens traditional: Verlina Whiteman, first; Sonnie Altana, second, Ida Adams, third; Shawna Waheneka, fourth; Leilonnie Wilson, fifth. Verdella Wright, fifth.

Senior womens fancy: Urseloria Walsey, first; Denelle Stanley, second; Carol Melting Tallow, third, Josette Scholfield, fourth, Irene Onepennee, fifth.

Senior womens traditional: Violet Olney, first; Marie Jackson, second; Stephanie Townsend, third, Birdie Scabbyrobe, fourth; Celeste Nunes, fifth.

Senior mens grass: Darryl Bolton, first; Cary Villa, second; Martin Montgomery, third; Charles Dick, fourth; Francis Dion, fifth.

Senior mens fancy: Jamie Ward, first; Gary Olney, second; Larry Buck, third.

Senior mens traditional: George Meninick Jr., first; Andrew Tewawina, second; Carlos Calica, third; Levi Liebelt (Grand Ronde/Modoc) fourth; Leonard Harmon, fifth.

Junior golden age women: Michelle Blackkettle, first, Jena Henry, second; Lillie Andy, third; Jackie Barkley, fourth; Tonia Hall, fifth.

Junior golden age men: Terry Brockie, first; Billy Herrera, second; Dwayne Cree Medicine, third.

Senior golden age women: Wilma Wahsise, first; Willma Buck, second; Rosie Tom, third; Elaine Fourhorns, fourth; Linda Meanus, fifth.

Senior golden age men: Stan Greene, first; Peter Jo Olney, second; Les Wahsise, third; Albert Summer Jr., fourth; Adrian Ibarra, fifth.

Drums: Bad Eagle, first; Iron Star, second; Ozuye, third; Battle Nation, fourth; Bad Canyon, fifth. ■



Tribal Elder Deitz Peters participates in the 1 p.m. grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Tribal member Harris Reibach participates in the 1 p.m. grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.



Brendyn Smallwood participates in grand entry of the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow on Friday, Aug. 16.



Kids gather prizes after the 6-12 grade "School is Cool" dance special during the 2024 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant



2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Senior Miss contestant Marie Quenelle, 13, dances during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium on Friday, Aug. 16.



2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Junior Miss contestant Desirae Hernandez, 12, dances during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium.



2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Little Miss contestant Willow Squetimkin, 8, dances during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium.



Veterans Royalty Coordinator Shannon Simi, left, introduces 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Tiny Tot Princess contestant Kova Speer, 4, during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium.





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2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Little Miss contestant IIa Mercier, 10, dances during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium.



2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Senior Miss contestant Marie Quenelle, 13, introduces herself during the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty Pageant in the Governance Center Atrium.





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2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty



Grand Ronde Royalty Senior Miss contestant Marie Quenelle, 13, is crowned 2024-25 Senior Miss Grand Ronde during the coronation ceremony for the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty court at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Friday, Aug. 16.



Grand Ronde Royalty Junior Miss contestant Desirae Hernandez, 12, is crowned 2024-25 Junior Miss Grand Ronde during the coronation ceremony for the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty court at uyxat Powwow Grounds.



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Grand Ronde Royalty Little Miss contestant Willow Squetimkin, 8, is crowned 2024-25 Little Miss Princess during the coronation ceremony.



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Grand Ronde Royalty Little Miss contestant lia Mercier, 10, is crowned 2024-25 Little Miss Grand Ronde during the coronation ceremony for the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty court at uyxat Powwow Grounds.



Grand Ronde Royalty Tiny Tot Princess contestant Kova Speer, 4, is crowned 2024-25 Tiny Tot Princess during the coronation ceremony for the 2024-25 Grand Ronde Royalty court.

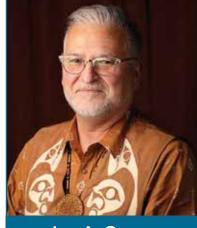
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Smoke Signals interviewed all seven Tribal Council candidates this election season for its podcast. Each candidate discussed their vision for the Tribe, lineal descendent and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's movement.

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For more information, contact Kamiah Koch at 503-879-1461 or kamiah.koch@grandronde.org



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Forest Route 312 will be closed for culvert replacement until further notice. The construction contractor is Elk Mountain Construction.

The road will be closed at the culvert area during construction, which is expected to be complete by September. There are other routes that will access the area. The construction crew has permission to camp near the project area for their ease of access.

For more information, see the Google maps link to the project area: www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=19ZBdnrqDlKyyAvX2466G-ByUE6hn10FM&usp=sharing

Contact Tribal Public Works Director John Mercier at john.mercier@ grandronde.org for more information. ■



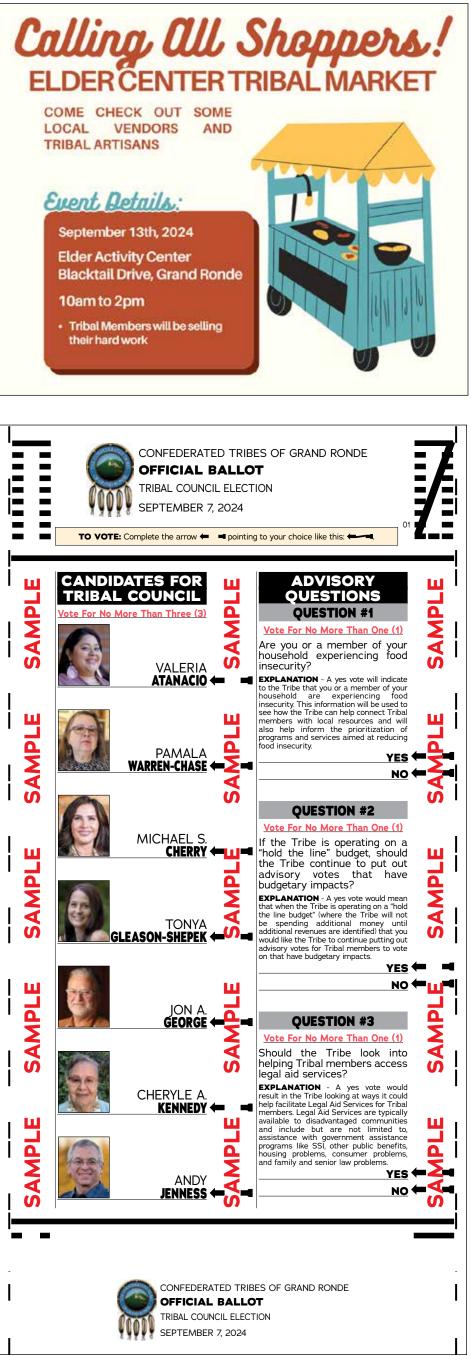
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Watchlist: 'Represents our heartbeat: Native American group discusses importance of drums'

(Editor's note: It is estimated that there are approximately 149 billion videos on YouTube, and the number continues to grow. Grand Ronde Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch sifts through those videos twice a month to recommend a worthwhile Indigenous video to watch. Follow her bimonthly recommendations and enjoy!)

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

Grand Ronde's three-day annual Contest Powwow at the uyxat Powwow Grounds concluded Sunday, Aug. 18, and my ears are still ringing from the thunderous sounds of the drums.

"The drum beat represents our heart beat and our connection with mother earth," Joaquin Rojas said in an 2023 ABC10 interview about the significance of Indigenous drumming.

Rojas, who has been singing and drumming since he was 5 years old, is a lead singer in a Native group called the Red Hoop Singers in Sacramento, California. Their mission is to teach drumming and singing, as well as ways to respect the drum itself.

An image of a powwow drum is shown wrapped in a blanket. The video explains that drums are treated as Elders are treated.

"We wouldn't leave our Elders out in the cold without a blanket, we wouldn't leave our Elders alone" Rojas says. "We carry our drum with us, we keep it warm."

As a Tribal member and reporter for Smoke Signals, I have often seen powwow drums at Grand Ronde events wrapped in a blanket when not being used. I have also seen drummers set their hand drums on a chair in the sun while singing at the achaf-hammi plankhouse. I remember them informing me the drum needed to warm up. At the time I assumed this to mean the hide would sound better when it was warmed, now I understand it was a sign of respect.

The ABC10 video explains that drums have been used for generations for ceremonies, celebrations and gatherings.

"We use our drum for everything in our community," Rojas said. "If we are able to sing for our community, we are there. Part of being a singer in our culture is a responsibility to show up when we are needed, to be there when we are needed and when we are called on, to always share our songs."

Rojas explained that by singing, they are lifting the prayers and positive thoughts to whomever needs it. He said that before Western medicine was introduced, music and dance is what was used to heal Native people.

Another Red Hoop Singers member, Stoney Dodson, said the drum is his connection to Native identity.

"It has been there for me in times when I needed to heal me; I

Clothes Closet open

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

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

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

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 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. \blacksquare



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needed something to turn to that was positive," Dodson said.

The video explained there are a variety of drums used for different occasions.

You can find out more about the various drums and their uses by watching the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=feMXRNIr8-4. ■



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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023-24. We wish you well on your Kindergarten journey.

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HEALTH

Please be sure to check in with your pediatrician to ensure your child is up to date on vaccines (Flu and COVID-19 at this time of year).

Reminder: handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of bacteria.



Walking On...

Juanita Elaine Schlappie

Sept. 4, 1948 – Aug. 14, 2024

Tribal Elder Juanita Elaine Schlappie passed away on Aug. 14, 2024. Mt. Scott Funeral Home in Portland, Oregon, is assisting the family. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Tribal

Cemetery, followed by a meal at the Elder Activity Center.



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1946	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/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
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
2134	Tribal Security Officer Grand Ronde – Grave	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2158	Lodge Caregiver – Part Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire- On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2161	Counselor in Training – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2164	Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2171	Inclusion Coordinator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2174	Cashier/Fueler Part-Time (Variable Shift)	3	\$16.04/hr.	\$16.04/hr.	09/03/24
2176	Chinuk Wawa Assistant Teacher	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	08/26/24
2179	Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
2183	Administrative Assistant – Education	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2184	High School Intern – Youth Enrichment	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
2188	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2189	Licensed Practical Nurse – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2190	Forester	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2191	Equipment Operator	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
2192	Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2194	Single Role Paramedic	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	09/03/24
2196	Front Desk Dental Assistant	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	08/26/24
2197	Driver/Wellness Assistant	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	08/26/24
2198	Public Health Coordinator	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	08/26/24
2199	Dentist	20	\$151,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	08/26/24
2200	Public Health Educator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	09/03/24
2201	Cultural Collections Technician	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	09/03/24
2202	Certified Medical Assistant	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	09/03/24
2033	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

NTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING

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- hire and the recruitment process will end)
 2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/
 - ernal candidates. Apply online at: www.grandronde



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Amore Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	8/29/2024	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Guest Services Cashier (*Part-Time)	8/29/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Sous Chef	8/29/2024	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/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	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Food Runner (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Kitchen Steward (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician I	Until Filled	\$19.39/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips

BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Details and Applicant Requirements

This program is for enrolled CTGR Tribal Member students entering into Kindergarten through 12th grade (enrolled in the 2024-2025 school year). Enrolled Tribal Member students may apply for a \$150 Wal-Mart gift card to be used towards school supplies or school clothing.

Registration Information

Registration will open on July 29th 2024 and it will be a rolling application open until September 30th 2024. Please allow up to three weeks after submission to process applications and distribute your gift card. <u>Applicants will not be</u> <u>required to provide receipts with the application, however all applicants are</u> <u>subject to audit and may be required to provide receipts at a later date.</u>



APPLY HERE HTTPS://BIT.LY/2024-2025BACKTOSCHOOL

Questions? Please reach out to us at youtheducation@grandronde.org

\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus All Positions **\$500** Referral Bonus SMC & CTGR Employees

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

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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

⊠employmentteam@spiritmtn.com

https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.



GRAND RONDE POLICE LO G

Monday, July 1

- Officers responded to a crash involving domestic violence in the 7400 block of Alvord Alley Road.
- Officers assisted a motorist in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- · A parking complaint was reported in the area of Forestry Lane and Hebo Road.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- · A camping complaint was filed near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Raven Loop and Tyee Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.

Tuesday, July 2

- Trespassing occurred near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A citizen contact occurred near milepost 5 on Agency Creek Road.
- A stolen vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A driving complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, July 3

- A drug complaint occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Trespassing was reported near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person near milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- · A dog was reported missing in the area of Ash Avenue and A R Ford Road.

Thursday, July 4

- Officers responded to a driving under the influence of intoxicants crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A trash dumping complaint was reported near milepost 1.5 on Agency Creek Road.
- Theft was reported in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · A missing person was reported in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers made an arrest on a warrant near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted with a lockout in the 9660 block of Tilixam Circle.

Friday, July 5

- · Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an illegal camp near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Conestoga Street in Willamina.
- · A subject was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants near milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- · Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, July 6

- Officers responded to a crash in the area of South Street in Grand Ronde.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road

- · An illegal burn was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Yamhill River and Fort Hill roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road. Monday, July 8
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9610 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers responded to a crash in the 9680 block of Tilixam Circle.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Tuesday, July 9
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A traffic complaint was reported near milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- An officer hold occurred in the area of Raven Loop and Tyee Road.
- Officers made an arrest on a warrant in the 8580 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, July 10

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An alarm call was reported in the 7470 block of Alvord Alley.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9680 block of Raven Loop.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Trespassing was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Fifth Street in Mc-Minnville.

Thursday, July 11

- Cover was requested in the 23400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway. Friday, July 12
- · A stolen vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9610 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers responded to an intoxicated subject in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A subject was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, July 13

- · Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a subject in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a subject in the area of Bear Creek Road in Otis.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 24 on Highway 18.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing was reported in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Fort Hill and Yamhill River roads.
- Officers responded to a drug complaint in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a crash in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
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- A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- · A suspicious person was reported in the area of Beaver Court. Sunday, July 7
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Criminal mischief was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · An animal complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Trespassing was reported in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.

- · Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a crash near milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- An alarm call occurred in the 9610 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers responded to a crash in the area of Hebo Road and Shadow Lane.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the area of Dragonfly Drive.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, July 14

- Officers gave a courtesy ride to the area of LaChance and Hebo roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9670 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to an assault call in the 9570 block of Raven Loop.
- A traffic complaint was reported near milepost 18 on Highway 18. Monday, July 15
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers responded to a civil service request in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 9660 block of Raven Loop.
- · A subject was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LO

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Tuesday, July 16

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 120 block of Bridge Street in Sheridan.
- Trespassing was reported in the area of Yoncalla Creek and 302-A roads.
- Civil service occurred in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Trespassing was reported in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- A 911 hang up call occurred in the area of Andy Riggs Road.
- Trespassing was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- · Officers arrested a subject for driving while suspended near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Officers arrested a subject on a warrant near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

Wednesday, July 17

- · Officers assisted with traffic in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highwav.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Thursday, July 18

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers responded to a crash near milepost 20 on Hebo Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 30700 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, July 19

- · Officers responded to a crash near milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- · Officers responded to a crash in the 9670 block of Raven Loop.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Yamhill River Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Yoncalla and 302-A roads.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Dragonfly Drive.
- · A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Blacktail Drive.
- Suspicious activity was reported near milepost 6 on Agency Creek. Saturday, July 20
- Officers arrested a subject on a warrant in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers arrested a subject for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving near milepost 28 on Highway 18.
- · Officers responded to a prowler call in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- A courtesy transport occurred to the 24000 block of Yamhill River Road.
- · A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, July 21

- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 14 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near Red Prairie Road

Officers assisted a motorist near milepost 5 on Highway 18B

Tuesday, July 23

- Trespassing was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 48800 block of Blacktail Drive.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Theft was reported in 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, July 24

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Sheridan Road in Sheridan.
- Theft was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Theft was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers assisted with a lockout in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, July 25

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 240 block of Lamson Street in Willamina.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 16 on Highway 18.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Sheridan Road in Sheridan.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Main Street in Sheridan. Friday, July 26
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- A civil service occurred in the 57300 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- · Officers arrest a subject for felony driving while suspended near mile
 - post 2 on Highway 18B.

Saturday, July 27

- · Officers responded to a stolen vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 320 block of Southwest Monroe Street in Sheridan.
- · Officers responded to suspicious activity in the area of 9570 Raven Loop.

Sunday, July 28

- · A traffic complaint was reported near milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Officers provided a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers attempted to locate a subject in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers assisted an outside agency in the 240 block of Northeast D Street in Willamina.
- · Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 6970 block of Gold Creek Road.
- · Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers responded to a disturbance in the 9400 block of Raven Loop.

Monday, July 29

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9340 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9390 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A traffic complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A traffic complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Tyee roads.

Monday, July 22

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- · Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 48700 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- · Officers responded to a traffic hazard in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Theft was reported in the 8720 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

- Officers assisted a motorist near milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted with traffic control near milepost 26 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48600 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Officers responded to an alarm call in the area of 8600 Fort Hill Road.
- · Officers responded to an assault call in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.

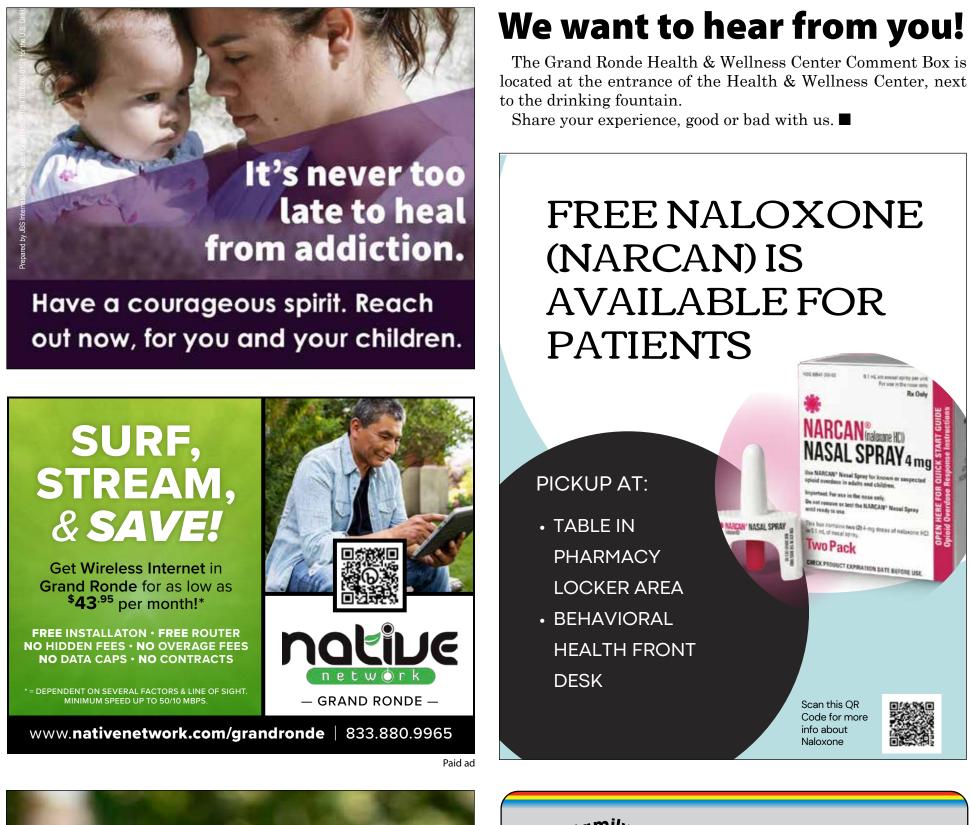
Tuesday, July 30

- A traffic complaint was reported near milepost 32 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- · Suspicious activity was reported in the 28800 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, July 31

- Trespassing was reported near milepost 6 on Agency Creek Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Andy Riggs Road.
- Officers responded to a crash in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · A stolen vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- · Officers arrested a subject for driving under the influence of intoxicants in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Austin Gomez



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GED Success Coach	\$25/hr
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Foster Care - Independent Living Program Coordinator	\$24/hr
Youth Housing Advocate	\$22-25/hr
Family Parenting Support Specialist	\$22/hr
Early Head Start Teacher's Aid	\$18/hr



All jobs are located in Portland or Vancouver.

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08/21/24



Happy birthday, Amaya Joy! Happiest of birthdays to Jeffers descendant Amaya Joy, daughter of Tribal member Larion Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always

be near to you. We love and miss you lots!

Happy birthday, Larion Lynch! Say "Big Block! Eagle feathers up!" Happy birthday to Jeffers descendant/Tribal member Larion Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always be near to you. WTD Big Brotha, we love you lots!





Happy birthday, Madison Lynch! Happy Birthday Jeffers descendant Madison Lynch, daughter of Tribal member Larion Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always be near to you. We love and miss you lots!

Welcome,

Declan Scott Gibbons!

Declan Scott Gibbons was born on Aug. 16, 2024, to mother Gina Marie Woolsey and Grand Ronde **Tribal member Dillon Scott** Gibbons at Salem Health Family Birth Center.



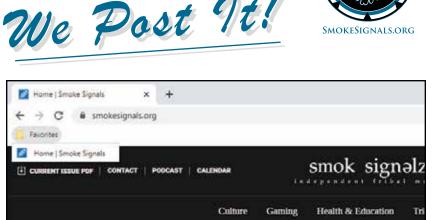
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HEALTH&WELLNESS NEWS

World Lung Day

World Lung Day is an annual campaign observed on Sept. 25 to raise awareness about lung health and promote better lung care around the world. There has been significant increase in lung diseases such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), lung cancer and infections like tuberculosis.



Breathing is essential to life, and lung health impacts every part of the body.

Lung cancer continues to be the number one cancer cause of death in the United States. Lung diseases such as COVID-19 and COPD are the leading causes of death nationwide.

Combined with 12.5 million individuals living with COPD, asthma affects 24.8 million Americans, including 4.2 million children, for a combined total of more than 34 million Americans impacted.

Habits that can reduce lung disease risk:

- Avoid smoking: One of the most important habits to reduce the risk of lung diseases is to avoid smoking. Smoking is a major cause of lung disease such as COPD and lung cancer. Quitting can significantly improve lunch health and reduce the risk of developing these diseases.
- Exercise regularly: Engaging in regular physical activity and exercise can help improve lung function and reduce the risk of lung diseases. Activities such as walking, jogging, swimming, and cycling can strengthen the respiratory muscles and improve overall lung capacity.
- Practice good hygiene: Washing hands regularly and avoiding close contact with people who have respiratory infections can help reduce the risk of respiratory diseases like pneumonia and bronchitis. These infections can often lead to more serious lung conditions if left untreated.
- Maintain a healthy diet: Eating a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins can help support overall health. Certain nutrients, such as antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids, have been shown to protect against lung damage caused by environmental pollutants and inflammation.
- Avoid exposure to pollutants: Minimizing exposure to indoor and outdoor air pollutants is crucial in reducing the risk of lung diseases. Avoiding areas with high levels of air pollution, using air purifiers indoors, and wearing masks when exposed to harmful particles or chemicals can help protect the lungs.

Steps to help reduce air pollution:

There are many sources of air pollution. Harmful emissions come from cars and trucks that burn gasoline and diesel; burning coal, natural gas, oil, wood and biomass and more. With our climate changing, air pollution remains a problem due to wildfire smoke and increased levels of ozone pollution, to longer and more intense allergy seasons.

There are steps that can be taken to help:

- Visit airnow.gov to check out the air quality where you live.
- Walk, bike or carpool when able.
- Reduce energy use where you can.
- Use hand-powered or electric lawn care equipment rather than gasoline-powered.

Online portal and temporary ID cards

The Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID) would like to welcome you aboard! We are excited for the partnership with Grand Ronde and want to thank you for your continued patience while we transition the Grand Ronde Health Plans over to FCPID.

We are excited to announce that you can now access our online portal to view your information, claims and to access an online temporary ID card.

How to register online:

Click: FCP Portal (hi-techhealth.com) Username: Member ID (ex: GRSXXXXXXX or GREXXXXXX) Password: Your date of birth (ex: mmddyyyy) *You will be prompted to change your password upon logging in.

Q: Why should I create an online account?

A: If you create an online account, you will be able to view your claims and online ID Card

Q: What if I have trouble logging into my account?

A: Contact FCP Insurance at 715-478-4610 via phone, text or email fcpinsurance@fcp-nsn.gov

Q: When will I receive my new ID cards in the mail? **A:** ID cards will be going out in the mail in September.

Massage at Health & Wellness

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

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

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A RECENT DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA OR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

INCREASED DIFFICULTY WITH TASKS LIKE DRIVING, FOLLOWING A RECIPE, OR USING THE PHONE

INCREASED FORGETFULNESS, CONFUSION, OR LOSING TRAIN OF THOUGHT

FEELING OVERWHELMED AS A CAREGIVER OF A LOVED ONE STRUGGLING WITH BRAIN HEALTH CONCERNS OR MEMORY LOSS

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Early in home cognitive screenings
- Biweekly or monthly check ins
- Assistance with navigating the complexities of dementia care resources
- Strategies for preserving independence for those in the early stages of cognitive impairment
- Caregiver support groups, check ins, and resources
- Personalized support to fit your individual situation

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH AT 503-879-2078



World Alzheimer's Month

Every September, people from all around the world unite to raise awareness and to challenge the stigma that is associated with Alzheimer's disease and all types of dementia.

Facts about Alzheimer 's disease:



Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. De-

mentia is a brain condition that affects part of the brain that control thought, memory and language.

- Alzheimer's disease and related dementias can seriously affect a person's ability to carry out daily activities.
- The risk of developing Alzheimer's disease increases with age, but Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging.
- Most people living with Alzheimer's disease are older than 65. People vounger than age 65 can develop Alzheimer's disease, but it is not common.
- Scientists do not know what causes Alzheimer's disease. However, like other chronic conditions, it is probably a result of multiple factors.
- Controlling high blood pressure, exercising regularly and quitting smoking may reduce your risk of Alzheimer's disease.

When is memory loss more than forgetfulness?

Although everyone's brain changes as they age, it is important to understand that Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Memory loss is typically one of the first warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, but occasionally forgetting words or names does not mean a person has Alzheimer's. There are other signs that someone in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease may experience in addition to memory problems. In the early stages of the disease, these can include:

- Getting lost in familiar places.
- Having trouble handling money and paying bills.
- Repeating questions.
- Taking longer to complete normal daily tasks.
- Displaying poor judgment.
- Losing things or misplacing them in odd places.
- Displaying mood and personality changes.

Risk Factors Associated with Alzheimer's disease:

- · Poor diabetes control.
- Excessive alcohol consumption.
- Poor blood pressure control.
- Obesity.
- Physical inactivity.

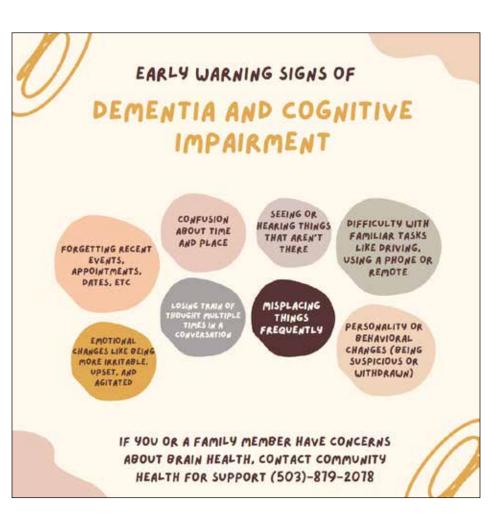
If you are experiencing any concerns regarding brain health, contact your health care provider for an evaluation. If you have additional questions contact Community Health and ask to speak with our dementia care specialist at 503-879-2078. ■

ELDERS LIVING WITH



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





LONELINESS

IN ADULT FOSTER CARE

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

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

> THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

Favorites

Drink: Milk! Food: Mac and Cheese Color: Purple Animal: Sea Turtle Place to Visit: The Beach Song: You've Got a Friend in Me (from Toy Story)

Fun Facts

- I have two pet water turtles and a dog
- I love all things Buzz Lightyear
- I have a crazy large shoe collection
- I use to bowl competitively





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