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Tribe cancels Tomanowos delegation visit

By Danielle Harrison Smoke Signals editor

he Grand Ronde Tribe cancelled the yearly delegation visit to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to see the meteorite Tomanowos, due to concerns about security in the wake of the U.S. bombing of nuclear sites in Iran Saturday, June 21, which also resulted in increased security in NYC and at airports across the country.

The Tribe informed the Grand Ronde delegation via email Sunday, June 22. A majority of the participants were scheduled to fly out from Portland to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport Wednesday, June 25.

The Tribal member interns and chaperones who were already in New York City made arrangements to come home Sunday, June 22.

"The annual delegation to Tomanowos is something that we look forward to as a Tribe every year," Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said. "Unfortunately, with the increased security risks that have developed because of the situation in Iran, increases in security around New York, as well as the history of New York being targeted, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's trip. We will continue to hold Tomanowos in our hearts until we return."

This year will mark the fourth time an in-person visit has been cancelled since 2000, when the Grand Ronde Tribe first began the annual visit for a private ceremony with the meteorite. Visits were suspended in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tara Reynon, right, a senior program director for the National Indian Child Welfare Association, shakes hands with Tribal Council member and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees Chair Brenda Tuomi as she accepts a check during the SMCF's second quarter check presentation in the Governance Center Atrium Wednesday, June 18.

\$101 million in giving surpassed

By Nicole Montesano

was able to fund only 15% of them, lately, it has become incredibly

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Smoke Signals staff writer

o many organizations applied for large grant funding from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund for its second quarter awards that the Tribe Community Fund Executive Director Angie Sears told the recipients gathered in the governance center Wednesday, June 18.

"Our large grant program has always been competitive, but competitive," Sears said. "So, if you're here with us today, that means that the work you do is so

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Veterans Powwow begins Friday, July 11



Smoke Signals file photo

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

he Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow will return to Grand Ronde's uyxat Powwow Grounds Friday, July 11, and include a Veteran's Summit, Veterans Royalty coronation, food and lots of dancing.

The powwow will begin at uyxat Powwow Grounds

Tribal Elder and Air Force veteran Jerry George is gifted a blanket by Senior Miss Veterans Queen Sophia Grout during the 2024 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds last July. This year's powwow is July 11-13. off Hebo Road with a Veterans Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, and conclude with a grand entry at noon Sunday, July 13.

Veterans Special Event Board Chair Molly Leno is organizing the event, as she has done for the past few years.

"I feel like the Veterans Powwow is more family-oriented and it's very near and dear to my heart," Leno said. "Everyone is there to have fun and a lot of people are first-time dancers. Organizing this is a huge honor and we have a great board that works

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NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, July 9	4 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23	

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals,

This is a good time to remind Tribal Council that there are many Tribal members that you don't know personally. You can rest assured that we are watching meetings on Zoom, reading this paper and reading the comments of other Tribal members to keep us updated on Tribal activities.

We see how you behave and how you treat each other. I detect a lack of kindness and fairness in the way many people are treated.

Some people appear to be trying to make their own rules, yet they wonder why we want to keep the protection of the BIA. Be assured that we are watching and we will vote.

Judy G. Williams Roll # 2888

RE: RABBI TRUST FUND AND MINORS' CUSTODIAL TRUST FUND

This announcement is to inform you of the upcoming election opportunity to recommend an investment option that best suits your tolerance for investment risk. The election deadline is Friday, July 18, and the investment period will be effective from Friday, Aug. 1, until modified.

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

Email deanne.norton@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2215 to receive your Investment Risk Assessment Recommendation Form. This form can also be found at www.grandronde.org/services/finance/ minors-trust-funds/ and click on the Rabbi Minor Investment Change Form link. This form is optional and open only to those who participate in the Rabbi and Minors' Custodial Trust Funds.

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

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

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

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Wednesday, July 2	July 15
Wednesday, July 23	Aug. 1
Wednesday, Aug. 6	Aug. 15
Wednesday, Aug. 20	Sept. 1

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2025 TRIBAL COUNCIL

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

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sinəmakwst-mun (July)

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- Thursday-Friday, July 3-4 Tribal offices close at noon July 3 and remain closed July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Monday, July 7 Elder Honor Day, 10 a.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 SW Salmon River Highway. Doors open at 9 a.m. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. and bingo will begin at 1:30 p.m. Prizes will be raffled throughout the day. RSVP was needed by Friday, June 13, to melanie.monson@grandronde.org.
- Wednesday, July 9 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, July 11-13 Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 SW Hebo Road. Grand entries traditionally start at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.
- Wednesday, July 23 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

stuxtkin-mun (August)

- Wednesday, Aug. 6 Grand Ronde Education Summit, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 SW Salmon River Highway.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, Aug. 15-17 Grand Ronde Contest Powwow, uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 SW Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20 Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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

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Police arrest suspect in tumwata village fire

OREGON CITY — Oregon City Police Department announced Thursday, June 12, that they arrested Christian Gannon Dukes, 21, of Oregon City for arson in the second degree.

He was arrested for allegedly starting a fire at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill, the Tribe's tumwata village property in Oregon City, in January.

The 3-alarm fire started in the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 30, and closed the highway in both directions from Tumwater Drive to South End Road. All train service was paused as well. It was declared contained later that morning but smoldered for days.

Clackamas Fire District fire investigators were able to determine the location where the fire was started and turned over the criminal investigation to OCPD detectives. Police detectives were able to identify several people who were living at the site and located them for interviews, that ultimately led them to Dukes. Police said that Dukes is accused of starting the fire deliberately.

He was lodged at the Clackamas County Jail in Oregon City and the case has been sent to the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the Oregon City Police Tip Line at 503-905-3505 or Clackamas County Dispatch Non-Emergency at 503-823-3333, and reference OCPD case number 25-002122. ■

Crash kills Tribal member

A traffic crash on Highway 18 Sunday, June 15, took the life of Tribal member Joseph Nicholas Grammer, 50.

According to a press release from the Oregon State Police, Grammer was riding a Kawasaki ZX-18 motorcycle westbound on the highway when an eastbound Freightliner semi-truck and trailer turned left into a gravel lot in front of him. Grammer's motorcycle struck the side of the truck, and he was declared dead at the scene.

The truck driver, 19-year-old Nikita P. Sukhodolov of Salem, was not injured. Deputies from the Polk County and Yamhill County Sheriffs' offices responded to assist the state police for the three-hour crash scene investigation.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation, according to the press release. \blacksquare



TRIBAL COMMITTEE / BOARD & COMMISSION

Now accepting new applications

- Do you want to be more involved with the Tribe?
- Do you have a desire to be a part of a group to plan

and be involved in Iribal activities and events?

• Are you intersted in making positive changes for future generations?

Current vacancies:

- Ceremonial Hunting Board Must be a ceremonial hunter (2)
- Election Board (1) Election Board alternates (2)
- Fish & Wildlife Committee (1) Culture Committee (1)
- Powwow Special Event Board (2) Health Committee (1)
- Timber Committee (2)

For questions email: shannon.ham-texeira@grandronde.org

Applications available online at: www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-council/committees/

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

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Food Bank news

JULY 1, 2025

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 July 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.

The Food Bank will be closed Friday, July 4, for the holiday.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 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 Veterans House. Chair: Molly Leno.
- · Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17, via Zoom. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact 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.
- Elder Board meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- · Enrollment Committee meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- Fish & Wildlife Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Reyn Leno.
- · Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building. 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 Com-



2020 — After hearing objections from members, Tribal Council reversed a decision to hold the Tribal Council election by absentee ballot, as a safety precaution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It determined that walk-in voting and same-day registration would be allowed for the Sept. 12 election.

2015 — The Tribe was preparing for the first powwow to be held under the newly-built arbor at uyxat Powwow Grounds. The arbor was intended to provide shade and relief from the hot sun for both dancers and spectators.



2010 — The Tribe opened its new fire station at the corner of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads. The new station,

File photo

operated and managed by the West Valley Fire Department, was expected to cut response times by at least 10 minutes for emergency medical or fire calls.

2005 — The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Siletz Tribe broke ground on Chemawa Station, a 110,000-square-foot development for retail, restaurant, office space and light industrial uses in Keizer.

2000 — The Tribe signed an agreement with the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, to ensure Tribal access to the Willamette Meteorite in perpetuity. The agreement settled a legal fight over Tomanowos, displayed at the museum since 1906. It included a stipulation that Tomanowos would be physically returned to the Tribe if the museum ceased to display it or ceased to exist.

1995 — The Tribe selected its first Gaming Commission to regulate gaming on the reservation, develop regulations and internal control standards, select employees and monitor operations to ensure compliance with Tribal and federal laws.

1990 — Smoke Signals celebrated the graduation of Tribal member Kelly Jeanne Nelson from the University of Sacramento, with a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry.

1985 — The Tribal Council noted that the Reservation Plan it had been working on putting together with the Bureau of Indian Affairs was taking longer than hoped for but was expected to be completed soon.

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



munity Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.

- TERO Commission meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- Timber Committee meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Jon R. George.
- Veterans Special Event Board meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Molly Leno.

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

GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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- Tribal Member or Tribal Descendants
- No referral needed
- Sign-up period: Prenatal-3 months of age (please reachout for exceptions).
- Service length: Prenatal-age five*
- · First home visit will mark the official enrollment of family.
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About Cedar Circle **Home Visiting**

Cedar Circle is a home visiting program that will support parents, caregivers, and babies prenatally through 5 years of age. In this program you will be connected with a Family Support Specialist that will share information about child development and parenting, promote healthy and nurturing parent-child relationships, and provide information and referrals to strengthen families. Our Family Support Specialists have access to supplies for their families to help them meet their needs.

Interested in enrollment? Jenn Clark Cedar Circle Home Visiting Family Support Specialist 503-879-6713



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Fish show



Contributed photo

John Harrelson, 4, looks at a bag of fish he caught as he asks his father, Tribal member David Harrelson, to show it to other people during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Family Fishing Day at Hebo Lake in Hebo Friday, June 20. The Hebo Ranger District hosted the day and provided fishing poles, reels, bait and free fishing lessons were available.





Tribal Council approves school violence prevention grant application

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor Tribal Council approved an application for a U.S. Department of Justice School Violence Prevention Program grant at its Wednesday, June 11, meeting.

"We are hoping to secure up to \$500,000 over three years to fund the 0.6 of an existing (position) that is currently grant funded," Tribal Grants Program Manager Wendy Sparks said during a Tuesday, June 3, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

If approved, the federal grant would be a joint venture between the Tribal Police Department and the Tribal Emergency Services Department. In addition to helping fund the current fulltime position, funds would also be used for trainings, supplies and security system upgrades.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- · Approved amendments to implement provisions of the CARES Act of 2020 which affect the Tribe's retirement plan;
- Approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All for up to \$1 million;
- Approved a grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program for up to \$200,000;
- Approved reappointing Angela Sears and Mia Prickett to the Editorial Board with terms ending March 31, 2028;
- Approved a lease agreement amendment for the Tribe's homeownership development Tip-

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- · Approved final adoption of amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance that will place a mandatory reporting requirement on Tribal employees to report instances of Elder and vulnerable adult abuse, create a system for the Tribal Court to issue emergency protective orders over Elders and vulnerable adults who are experiencing abuse and place civil penalties on those who commit or fail to report abuse against Elders or vulnerable adults;
- Approved an application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for Community Policing Microgrants for up to \$175,000;
- Approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Management Agency for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response for up to \$600,000;
- Approved a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for enhancing law enforcement accreditation entities for up to \$300,000;
- And approved the enrollment of six infants and an emergency enrollment of two non-infant minors into the Tribe because they meet the requirements under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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

Gas discount

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD | MUSIC | BINGO JULY 7, 2025 RSVP by June 13 with melanie.monson@grandronde.org AGENDA 9am | 10am Doors Open | Welcome Ceremony Registration 12:30pm Lunch Light Breakfast 1:30pm Bingo

raffle prizes throughout the day



Individual rooms use code 5259

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VOTER REGISTRATION FINALIZED: THURSDAY, JUNE 5

ELECTION DAY / RESULTS: WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

More information available at: WWW.GRANDRONDE.ORG



Tribe requests consultation on Willamette Falls Trust funding

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Grand Ronde Tribe has asked Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek to hold off on approving a funding request by Willamette Falls Trust, pending "a more rigorous review" and Tribal consultation.

The request is the latest move in an ongoing struggle between Grand Ronde, Siletz, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes in Oregon, and the Yakama Nation of Washington over fishing rights at Willamette Falls.

Willamette Falls Trust is a nonprofit organization which includes Yakama, Siletz, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes, along with government representatives from Oregon City, Metro and the state. It was established in 2015, with Grand Ronde as a member and stated its mission was to re-open the falls to the public and provide more Tribal input to management of the area. However, relations soon became rocky.

A year or two after the Trust was established, Grand Ronde began negotiating with Portland General Electric to place a fish-

Cheryle A. ing platform Kennedy at Willamette

Falls. Although negotiations initially went well, in 2018, PGE abruptly notified the Tribe it was ending the discussion because of objections from the Warm Springs and other Tribes. PGE operates the Pelton Round Butte hydroelectric complex on the Deschutes River, in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Grand Ronde then sought and received authorization from the state to install its fishing platform. That authorization was opposed by PGE and all four of the other Willamette Falls Trust Tribes, who filed an

Tribal Council approves first reading of general welfare assistance programs ordinance

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a first reading of its general welfare assistance and supplemental general welfare assistance programs ordinance at its Wednesday, June 25, meeting.

The ordinance will establish assistance payment programs to provide for the needs of Tribal members in maintaining their health, well-being, independence and quality of life, and make these payments not subject to federal income tax.

"This also has a provision for supplemental security payments, similar to the Elder payments, to make it so that the income is also not included as income in determining benefits under the SSI programs, so Tribal members should not receive a reduction in SSI payments when they receive this payment," Tribal Senior Staff Attorney Deneen Auberlin Keller said during a Tuesday, June 24, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

deferrals from a year to three months, providing that participant elective deferrals may not exceed 85% of a participant's income and allow for inplan Roth IRA transfers; and also approved amendments to the Baird investment policy statements regarding investment management structure, domestic and international diversification guidelines and benchmark identification:

- · Approved a Tribal credit card Wildland Fire Engine Boss Steve Ashby with a credit limit of \$5,000;
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Klamath Tribes for police training;
- · Approved appointing Marianne Blanchard and Nikki Grefsrud to the Veterans Special Event Board with te

unsuccessful appeal of the decision.

In 2019, Grand Ronde purchased the former Blue Heron Paper Mill and announced plans to demolish the mill structures and restore the property, including public access to the falls.

In 2021, Grand Ronde withdrew from the Willamette Falls Trust. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy accused the Trust of undermining the Tribe's sovereignty, and complained of "micro-aggressions" from staff and board members. The withdrawal left the Trust without property on which to carry out its mission.

The same year, Grand Ronde commissioned a report by Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham, a professor emeritus of history at Lewis & Clark College, to analyze a document that had been produced by the Umatilla Tribe. The document was sent to then Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and it claimed to provide evidence of the Umatilla Tribe's historical connections to Willamette Falls.

Beckham called it "intellectually dishonest," and in a 205-page analysis, said the Umatilla had not previously identified any traditional Tribal fishing sites west of Celilo Falls, some 100 miles to the east. A historically vital fishing site for the Tribes of the Columbia Plateau, which include the Warm Springs, Umatilla and Yakama peoples, Celilo Falls was submerged by The Dalles Dam in 1957.

Brown is now the Executive Director of the Willamette Falls Trust. PGE is partnering with the Trust.

In 2022, PGE sued the state of Oregon, seeking to seize ownership of the falls. It was supported by the Tribes involved in the trust. The Siletz participated as a friend of the court, siding with PGE. Grand Ronde contended that PGE is misusing the federal condemnation process to intervene on behalf of the Tribes with whom it has business dealings.

The case went to trial in federal court this past April in Portland. The judge is expected to issue his decision this summer.

Grand Ronde has repeatedly asserted that, while it welcomes other lagers who occupied the falls were moved to Grand Ronde after signing the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1865. After their removal, Tribal members continued traveling to the falls to fish.

Grand Ronde acknowledges that other Tribes historically fished the falls, but notes that they lived elsewhere, and says they fished as guests of the Clowewalla and Clackamas villages along the Willamette River.

Grand Ronde has said the other Tribes are essentially trying to rewrite history, in order to lay claim to the falls, while the other four Tribes have accused Grand Ronde of trying to assert dominance over a shared historical resource.

In May, the Willamette Falls Trust asked the Oregon Legislature for \$75 million in state funds to purchase Moore's Island and surrounding uplands at the falls. It wants to use the land to move forward with its intertribal public access project.

In a letter to Kotek dated Monday, June 9, Kennedy wrote that "Proponents are representing this project as returning land to Oregon's Tribal nations, however the (Willamette Falls Trust) excludes CTGR, the Tribe of record in the area, and includes an out-of-state Tribe. Consultation with CTGR has not occurred, or even been initiated by the state as it contemplates the disposition of Moore's Island."

It continued, "The contractors hired by WFT have misrepresented Tribal history at Willamette Falls and there has not been adequate time or resources committed to the healing required to address this misrepresentation. This project is misguided, disingenuous and comes at a time when our own Tribe is in litigation with the state's largest utility over our ability to practice our culture. Economic uncertainty nationwide and continuous threats to Tribal governments' ability to achieve self-sufficiency are compounding our concerns. CTGR encourages further evaluation of the request, and engagement by Tribes with documented treaty rights and whose aboriginal lands encompass the Willamette Falls waterway."

Tribal Attorney Rob Greene said that this would be an extension of the Tribe's general welfare ordinance.

"The council staff have worked on this for a lot of years in terms of general welfare related issues...multiple years of comments about how it impacts Tribal members here," he said. "There was engagement by Youth Council, by staff and others working on issues and bringing this about...These things don't just happen overnight."

In other action, Tribal Council:

• Approved amendments to the Tribal retirement plan that include changing eligibility

ending March 31, 2027;

- · Approved two proposed temporary easements with the city of Portland for a road improvement project at 82nd Avenue, where the Tribe's Portland Great Circle Recovery facility is located;
- Approved appointing Angella Schultz to the Health Committee with a term ending March 31, 2027;
- And approved the enrollment of six infants and an emergency enrollment of one non-infant minor into the Tribe because they meet the requirements under the Tribal **Constitution and Enrollment** Ordinance.

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

Tribes' fishing activities at the falls, it remains the only Tribe with documented treaty rights there, as the Clowewalla and Clackamas vil-

A spokesperson for the governor said the letter is under review.



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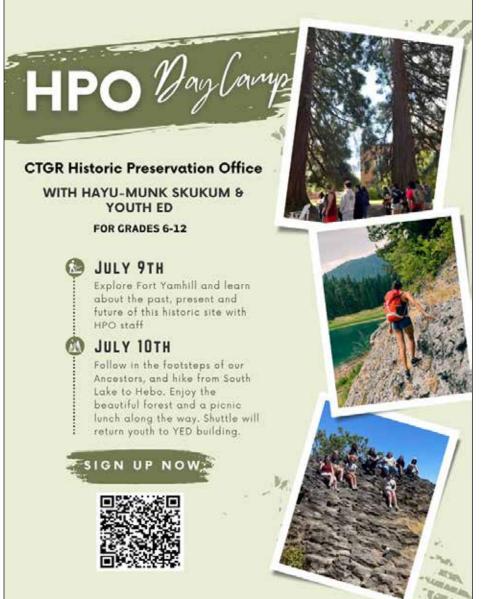
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The Grand Ronde Tribe cancelled this year's delegation visit to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to see the meteorite Tomanowos, due to concerns about security in the wake of the U.S. bombing of nuclear sites in Iran Saturday, June 21, which also resulted in increased security in NYC and at airports across the country.

Tribe plans to return to the museum in 2026

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to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 1999, the Grand Ronde Tribe submitted a claim to the museum seeking the return of Tomanowos under the provisions of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. The museum countersued and eventually the two parties reached an agreement

that Tomanowos would remain in New York City provided that Tribal members had annual access for religious ceremonies and the museum sponsored an internship program for Tribal youth to spend two to three weeks working at the museum every summer.

The Tribe plans to return to the museum in 2026 and take the Elders who were selected to go this year. 🗖







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The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

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Tribe holds Facebook Live on Cultural Resources

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Tribe held a Facebook Live event Wednesday, June 11, to discuss the work of the Cultural Resources Department.

The department maintains Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center, holds classes on cultural practices, works with federal and state agencies on protecting cultural resources and offers research assistance, among other activities. It also has recently taken over the internship program for the New York American Museum of Natural History.

Chachalu Manager Travis Stewart and Cultural Education Specialist Cristina Lara joined Interim General Manager Bryan Langley for the discussion. Stewart reminded viewers that the Tribe offers the Indigenous Place Keeping Artists Fellowship to help enable the work of Indigenous artists of Western Oregon. This year's recipients are Tribal member Douglas Burgess, a glassmaker, and Chantele Rilatos, (Siletz), a weaver. Stewart noted that Chachalu is currently hosting a photography exhibit by former IPKA Fellowship recipient Tribal member Leland Butler, titled "My Ancestors Are Here."

Lara noted that the department holds weekly drop-in classes at Chachalu every Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. for Tribal and community members.

Stewart said the department has "also been working on a number of staff blogs that will be published shortly, that will give a lot of information related to the work that we're doing down there," including cultural practices and information about how donations are accepted and processed.

Tribal member Sharrah Mckenzie, who recently completed her PhD in Spain, is working part-time on the project.

Stewart also noted that the Tribe is always looking to take on interns, or provide other opportunities for summer work, and encourages Tribal members who have an interest to come out and start to work with their team to learn more and see if it's an interest worth pursuing.

"We've had a number of students over the years who have kind of grown into their roles and established lifelong careers out of it," he said.

The department also offers field trips, Stewart said, but they are sometimes short-notice due to weather and field conditions.



Marcellus Norwest

Chattin' it up



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Police Chief Jake McKnight, right, serves Chris Edwards, a gaming IT analyst at Spirit Mountain Casino, an elk burger during Chat with the Chief at the police department Wednesday, June 11. Approximately 100 people attended the kickoff to the 2025 Chat with the Chief.

Tribe offering support to incarcerated members

Grand Ronde Tribal members who are incarcerated, have been recently released from prison or are involved in addiction treatment programs don't have to face challenges alone.

The Tribe has a post-prison/post-treatment peer support specialist, Tribal member Joe Ulestad, who is also a certified recovery mentor.

"I want our members who are incarcerated or need help to know we haven't forgotten about them and we're here to help," he said. "They can call me, email or text."

Ulestad can be reached at joe.ulestad@grandronde.org, by text/call at 971-237-5262 or on his office line, 503-879-1389. ■



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Veterans Summit to be held Friday, July 11

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well together."

This year will not have a host drum. Drums are day pay only and first come, first serve with \$200 per session. Drums must have five singers minimum and sign up by 5 p.m. Friday.

Powwow vendor check-in is at noon Thursday, July 10, at the powwow grounds.

The master of ceremonies for this year's powwow is Nick Sixkiller (Cherokee) with Carlos Calica (Wasco, Paiute and Yakama) as arena director.

There will be various dance specials including a transitional special in honor of Kalea Liebelt moving into the teen category, contemporary vs. old style jingle teen girls, an outgoing queens special sponsored by the Quenelle family and a Cook family special.

The Veterans Summit will be held Friday, July 11, at the powwow grounds. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the opening ceremony

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Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow

When: Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, July 11; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12; and noon Sunday, July 13. Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday with coronation at 5 p.m. Where: uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road Cost: Free

is at 10 a.m.

The event will include presentations by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, a debut of the human library video project, community resources for veterans and various veterans affairs departments.

Navy Veteran Ramona Quenelle (Pit River), who serves as the Tribe's Veterans Service Officer, is organizing the event, which is co-sponsored by the Office of Tribal Government Relations and the Native Wellness Institute.

Hotel room rates increase

As of January 2025, the Spirit Mountain Hotel at Spirit Mountain Casino has implemented a revised pricing structure for the Elders discount, which has remained unchanged since the hotel's opening in 1997. The new discounted rates are \$99 for mid-week stays, \$109 for weekends and \$129 for holidays.

This adjustment is necessary to better align room rates with the actual cost of room upkeep, while still offering competitive pricing, according to Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier.

The Tribal member discount will reflect a 10% discount on standard room rates. The RV park will offer Elders and Tribal members a \$10 discount off the standard rate at the RV lot.

"The changes ensure that we continue to provide valuable services while maintaining financial sustainability," Mercier said. ■

Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Pow-wow 2025

Helping habitat



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Natural Resources Department Native Plant Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham pulls velvet grass as he weeds a field during Champoeg Volunteer Days at Champoeg



State Heritage Area in St. Paul Saturday, June 14. Volunteer Days is a collaboration between the Tribe and the Institute for Applied Ecology to help restore prairie habitat at a First Foods harvest area in the park. The Marion Soil and Water Conservation District funded the project. Additional Volunteer Days opportunities are scheduled to take place from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 12 and Aug. 16.

Summer lunch programs and assistance offered in the area

A summer EBT program is available for anyone who currently receives SNAP benefits, TANF cash assistance, Medicaid, resides in foster care, or is attending a school with a free lunch program.

Benefits began being issued for families who were automatically eligible on Thursday, May 22. The online application opened Friday, May 30.

For more information, visit sebt.oregon.gov or call 503-945-5600.

The Willamina School District will be offering a free summer meals program in two different locations every Thursday in July.

Youth 18 and younger may pick up five meals at Tina Miller Park in Willamina from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. and at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center in Grand Ronde from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.

The Willamina School District will also be offering free breakfast and lunch for youth at the Willamina Elementary School cafeteria Monday through Thursday, June 16 to July 24. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Meals must be eaten in the cafeteria.

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Wawa retreat



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Shawash-ili?i Skul Lead Teacher Kate Thomas holds up a card for the children to say the word for raccoon in chinuk wawa while playing a game of Jeopardy! during the 2025 Chinuk Wawa Language Retreat held at the Oregon Outdoor Education Center in Salem Tuesday, June 10. The retreat was hosted by Shawash-ili?i Skul and offered engaging and culture-based activities to support chinuk wawa language learning for the entire family. The retreat took place Monday to Wednesday, June 9-11.



Opal Hunt, 4, makes a beaded bracelet for her mother during the 2025 Chinuk Wawa Language Retreat held at the Oregon Outdoor Education Center in Salem Tuesday, June 10.

Smoke Signals wins five Indigenous Journalists Association awards

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Smoke Signals has won five awards for journalism excellence in the 2025 Indigenous Media Awards given out by the Indigenous Journalists Association.

This year, IJA received 870 entries, a record number according to contest organizers.

Smoke Signals is in the circulation category of between 5,000 to 10,000 copies printed per edition.

"It's so great to see the quality journalism that the Smoke Signals publishes be rewarded and recognized in Indian Country," Grand Ronde Editorial Board Chair Mia Prickett said. "I couldn't be prouder of the work we're doing to bring timely information to our people."

Tribal member and Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch won three awards in the professional division television category.

This included a first-place award for Best Two-Spirit Coverage for her video, "Transgresssors' exhibit opens at Chachalu Tribal Museum," a second-place award for Best Newscast for "PNW Tribes convene for 2024 Youth Canoe Journey," and a third-place award for Best Feature Story for "Tribe turns out for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's Awareness Walk."

Smoke Signals Photojournalist/Assistant Editor Michelle Alaimo won two awards in the Best Coverage of Indigenous Communities Category. She earned a first-place award for photos of Restoration Day and a second-place award for Native Youth Wellness Day.

The awards, for work published in 2024, were announced Thursday, June 12, and will be given out during the annual IJA convention, which is being held this year in August in Albuquerque.

Smoke Signals has now won 139 state and national journalism awards since 2007. ■

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Tribe honors 113 employees for Years of Service

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

Employees gathered at uyxat Powwow Grounds Thursday, June 12, to socialize, enjoy lunch and games, and to celebrate the years of service for 113 employees who have served the Tribe from five years up to 37 years.

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George gave the invocation. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and council members Tonya Gleason-Shepek and Kathleen George also attended.

Kennedy welcomed employees, saying she is grateful for their contributions to the Tribe's sovereignty.

"Sovereignty is not just a concept," Kennedy said. "It's the right to govern. It's the right to take care of our land and our people. It's the right to teach our children. ... I raise my hands to you, because these things would not happen without you. Without you caring for our people or you helping to teach our children, helping them to grow up healthy, to make sure their bodies are strong. For our students, to encourage them, to provide them with what they need to be successful. For our adults, who have needs that are very different, but you all are the ones who help them walk through those difficulties and don't give up on them. You also care for our Elders, so lovingly, so carefully; I'm thankful for that. I'm thankful for the strength that sits here around this circle today."

Employees enjoyed a lunch of pulled pork or chicken with buns, macaroni salad, coleslaw and watermelon, with gluten-free options available, then participated in games, with \$100 prizes awarded to the winners and \$50 to those who lost.

Interim General Manager Bryan Langley told employees that he, too, appreciates their contributions, saying that the number of long-serving employees "obviously shows you how good a place Grand Ronde is to work."

Langley himself, he said, has worked for the Tribe "over half my life, which is a crazy thing to think...We just appreciate you guys



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Housing Maintenance Supervisor Lonnie Leno hugs Tribal Council member Kathleen George as he is recognized during the second quarter Years of Service awards at the uyxat Powwow Grounds Thursday, June 12. Leno has worked for the Tribe for 35 years.



Tribal Senior Children & Family Services Intake Specialist Donna Johnson hugs Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek as she is recognized during the second quarter Years of Service awards. Johnson has worked for the Tribe for 21 years.

prizes, eight \$500 prizes, 13 \$250 prizes, and eight awards of a full day's administrative leave. After the event, employees were given the rest of the day off with pay.

The following employees were honored:

37 years: Groundskeeping Supervisor Greg Leno.

35 years: Housing Maintenance Supervisor Lonnie Leno.

31 years: Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno.

29 years: Fish & Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen and 27 years: Children & Family Services Manager Kristi Petite, Gaming Commission Executive Assistant Kathy Doane and Senior Staff Attorney Deneen Aubertin Keller.

26 years: Senior Network Administrator Jack Dobiash and Production Specialist Justin Phillips.

24 years: Tribal Lands Project Administrator Brandy Humphreys, Rental Housing Coordinator Tara Leno and Community Transitions Program Manager David Fullerton.

23 years: Tribal Navigator Christopher Martin and

Teacher Aide-Bus Monitor Roxanne Moniz.

22 years: Gaming Inspector Kary Turner, Cultural Education Specialist Cristina Lara and Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake.

21 years: Children & Family Services Foster Care Coordinator Audra Sherwood, Senior Children & Family Services Intake Specialist Donna Johnson, Peer Support Specialist Supervisor Sydney Clark and Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson.

20 years: Incentive & Events Specialist Tisha Pellett, Secretary Tina Leno and Early Head Start Teacher Jessica Cruikshank.

19 years: Lead Maintenance Technician Randy Bean, Native Plant Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua, Health Coordinator Shelley Clift and Lodge Caregiver Anna Huston.

18 years: Lodge Caregiver Carmen Parren, Biologist Matthew Zimbrick and Fire Management and Protection Program Manager Andrew Puerini.

17 years: Gaming Commission Background Investigator Nicholas Bailey, Chinuk Wawa K-5 Teacher Ali Holsclaw, Gaming Commission Executive Director Michael Boyce, Academic Coach George Neujahr and Internal Auditor Kailey Compton. Timothy Barry, Tribal Council Coordinator Chelsea Baranski, Administrative Assistant Kristina Summers, Family Partnership Specialist Denaeé Towner, Restoration Technician Equipment Operator Brady Bruckner and Treasury Department Manager DeAnne Norton.

12 years: Historic Preservation Technician Nicolas Atanacio, Maintenance Technician FAC James Byars Jr. and Recreation Specialist Leonardo Ayala-Guillen.

11 years: Senior Records Clerk Emma Leno, Senior Staff Attorney Holly Partridge, Police Lt. Timothy Hernandez, Academic Advisor Hannah Sabey, Pharmacy Technician Randi Keyser-Crocker, Housing Program Accountant Michael Hubbard and Public Health Administrative Assistant Tawna Norwest.

10 years: Lead Groundskeeper Youvani Ring, Early Childhood Education Program Manager Dawn Doar, Clinical Nurse Manager Christa Hosley, Forestry Technician Lukas Soderberg, Bus Driver Heidi Whittington, Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems, Cultural Protection Specialist Dustin Hawks, Preschool Teacher Holly Marler and Housekeeper Sabrina Labonte.

9 years: GIS Coordinator-Drone Pilot Alex Drake, Early Head Start Family Educator Tammy Fisher, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Shannon Ham-Texeira, Infant-Toddler Teacher Griselda Perez-Bravo, Emergency Services Chief Steven Warden, Accounting Clerk Aaron Merrill and TERO Director Harris Reibach.

8 years: Human Resources Director Sarah Harvey, Housekeeper Aaron Anderson, Senior Administrator Tajia Ulestad, Cook Joshua Baker, Grant Coordinator Dana Morfin, Cultural Protection Coordinator Cheryl Pouley, Field Biologist Kyle McLaughlin, Silviculture & Fire Protection Technician Waylon Rich and Groundskeeper Brandon Bastin.

7 years: Elder Enrichment Coordinator Virginia Kimsey-Roof, Training and Development Coordinator Jacob Boekhoff, Communications Director Sara Thompson. Billing and Auditing Specialist Aisha Anderson, Shipping and Receiving Clerk Samuel Thornsberry, Assistant Teacher Mary Lopez and Pharmacy Technician Lindsey Petersen. 6 years: Housing Resource Navigator Diana Robertson, Central Telephone Receptionist Lisa Schmid. Senior Health Administration Administrative Assistant Alexis Alvarado, Gaming Inspector Jon Kuchta, Domestic Violence Manager Cassie Dandy, Police Officer Clint Cardwell, Natural **Resources Specialist Annaliese** Ramthun, Native Plant Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham, Applications Administrator Adam Jordan, Member Services Administrator Shayla Myrick-Meyer, Staff Accountant Casey Case and Social Emotional Learning SEL Specialist Jeffrey Versaw.

and the work that you do."

After pulling ticket numbers for employees to participate in games, Langley drew names for cash prizes and administrative leave. The Tribe gave away three \$1,000 Benefits and Safety Specialist Cindy Mitchell.

28 years: Education Department Manager Angela Fasana and Tribal Council Executive Assistant Lauri Smith.



16 years: Audit Manager Michael Langley and Fire Management and Protection Operation Coordinator James Pinder.

15 years: Health Promotion Specialist Tammy Leno, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Shannon Stanton, Restoration Ecologist/Fish & Wildlife Policy Analyst Lindsay McClary, Dentist Erin Lange, Tribal Realty Program Manager Teresa Brocksen and Senior TERO Compliance Officer Marvin Kimsey Jr.

14 years: Maintenance Technician FAC Robert Wiggs, ERSEA Data Coordinator Amber Wright, Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer and Parks and Recreation Specialist Daniel Schramm.

13 years: Shawash-ili?i Skul Administrator Justine Flynn, Youth Enrichment Program Manager

5 years: Copywriter Elaine La-Bonte-Robertson. ■

Community Fund has given out 3,427 grants

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important to us and we thank you for that work that you do."

The Tribe created the Community Fund as part of its gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by an eight-member board of trustees that includes Tribal Council members Brenda Tuomi, serving as chair; Denise Harvey, serving as secretary/treasurer and Kathleen George. It receives 6% of the proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and awards the money to nonprofits in 11 northwest Oregon counties in the following categories: Arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety. Grants also go to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon under the fund's Tribal Grants program.

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George gave the invocation and performed a drum song.

Tuomi told attendees that since its inception, the Community Fund has given out 3,427 grants totaling \$101.1 million.

"Serving on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund is a blessing," Tuomi said, adding that giving out grants is one of her favorite duties.

In honor of reaching \$100 million in grants last year, the Tribe designed a new commemorative blanket, which was presented to representatives for the American Military Encouragement Network

after a drawing. The Tribe also held drawings for three beaded necklaces, which were presented to representatives for Family Building Blocks, the National Indian Child Welfare Association and Raphael House of Portland.

Cheryl Bickle, Executive Director and Principal of the Community Transitional School in Portland, and Lynn Gaffney, Lead Care Coordinator of The Father's Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City, spoke briefly about what it means for their organizations to receive the grants.

The elementary school was founded in 1990, for children whose families are homeless or in transition and it was the second grant the school has received from the Community Fund, Bickle said.

"I do remember the first time we got a significant grant and it was from Spirit Mountain," she said. "They had faith in us and in the beginning, hardly anyone had faith in us. There were times I wondered mvself."

Today, the school has been in operation for 35 years. It provides transportation to ensure the children are able to attend, even if they are moving frequently among shelters, motels, friends' homes and even family cars. The school also provides a clothes closet and personal hygiene items.

"What I think our kids need is to be told over and over is that they are important and they can succeed," Bickle said. "I just want all of our students, to, when they leave our school after eighth grade, to go to high school. It is the biggest challenge they face. ... and then, I tell them the next thing we want them to do after they leave us, is to find something you want to do in life."

Gaffney, who runs the medical care program for The Father's Heart, said the grant will enable the program to pay for items such as medicine, medical co-pays and similar assistance.

"The homeless population have the same needs we do; they need band aids and cough syrup," Gaffney said. But even relatively minor expenses can put badly needed items out of reach of an indigent population, she said.

In total, five small grants worth \$34,500 and 12 large grants worth \$543,876 were given to the following organizations:

Small grant recipients:

- · Camp Rosenbaum, \$7,500 for Youth Citizenship Camp;
- Community Transitional School, \$7,000 for its transportation program:
- Every Child Lane County, \$7,500 for support for Lane County foster youth;
- Inside Out Network Inc., \$5,000 for Transforming Oregon Reentry;
- · Yamhill Carlton Together Cares, \$7,500 for expanding services to community children.

Large grant recipients:

· American Military Encouragement Network, \$50,000 for food box support for military, veterans, Tribes and families in need;

- Family Building Blocks, \$100,000 for Doris's New Place, a permanent relief nursery for the Santiam Canyon;
- Impact NW, \$50,000 for Early Childhood Services: Healthy parent-child development;
- · Kinship House, \$50,000 for mental health therapy for children in foster care;
- Life Strategies Counseling, DBA Life Counseling, \$44,876 for expanding free mental health support for immigrant and at-risk youth;
- · Looking Glass Youth and Family Services Inc., \$30,000 for Riverfront School and Career Center's skilled trades program;
- National Indian Child Welfare Association, \$50,000 for Oregon Native Family Resources Project;
- Portland Gay Men's Chorus, \$30,000 for creating safe space for 2SLGBTQ+ for 45 years;
- Raphael House of Portland, \$20,000 for family housing services for Portland's three domestic violence shelters;
- · Springfield Education Foundation, \$24,000 for Chifin Native Youth Center Programs: Retaining a Sense of Belonging;
- · Strengthening Rural Families, \$45,000 for coordination, alignment and engagement for prevention in rural areas;
- The Father's Heart Street Ministry, \$50,000 for cost assistance program.

The Father's Heart provides hope and help

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

The cost for the man's blood pressure medicine prescription was only \$11. But that was \$11 more than he had and he was desperate.

"He was screaming and crying; he didn't know what he was going to do," Stephanie Hollingshead, Day Center Program Manager for The Father's Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City, recalled.

Fortunately, he had come to the right place for help. The ministry exists for exactly such moment and staff rushed to purchase the prescription for him.



But many of their clients are unable to work or don't earn enough to live on. And insurance often leaves wide gaps between what it will cover and what people can afford.

In the case of one man, Hollingshead said, staff were able to pay the pet deposit for a motel room, so that he could recuperate from a wound indoors and keep his dog with him.

long wait times, such as shower grab bars for people at risk of falling in their homes, providing transportation to medical appointments, and more," Gaffney wrote in her grant application.

She continued, "In just one year, our care team has successfully navigated over 80 new patient appointments, 14 new dental appointments and facilitated two open-heart surgeries, showcasing the demand for our services and the critical role we play in the community. Access to these flex funds would enable us to purchase essential items as soon as a need is identified, eliminating delays and providing immediate support to those in crisis." With the award, she wrote, within the first year, the program plans to provide immediate access to over thethe-counter medications for at least 300 clients; provide durable medical equipment for at least 100 clients; assist at least 100 clients with co-pays for prescriptions, establish a fund for the costs of specialized counseling services, work with local healthcare providers and organizations to create a referral network and implement a transportation assistance program to provide reliable transportation for at least 100 clients. "This is such a great honor; we're so excited," Gaffney said. "It will be hundreds and hundreds of people - in a year's time, 1,000," that the grant will enable the ministry to assist.

"You could just watch that stress level drop," she said.

The ministry offers a day shelter and inclement weather shelter, meals, transitional housing, showers, a clothing closet, basic over-the-counter medications and supplies, and assistance in applying for insurance, making medical appointments and more.

It has established its own small pharmacy, providing band-aids, sunscreen and other items. Hollingshead said it has also partnered with hospice, to accept items such as unused medications after a loved one dies.

A year ago, the ministry brought on Hollingshead's mother, Lynn Gaffney, who has a background in skilled nursing care coordination, to run its medical care program for both housed and unhoused clients.

Until recently, most of the ex-

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Kathy Champion, a volunteer with The Father's Heart Street Ministry, checks a shoe as she labels it for a size at the Oregon City nonprofit Tuesday, June 17. The organization, dedicated to serving homeless adults in Oregon City and surrounding areas, received a \$50,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund.

penses were coming out of staff pockets, as they could not bear to leave people in desperate straits, Gaffney said. Even relatively small costs can be insurmountable for people struggling with poverty, she said, such as parents faced with deciding whether it's more urgent to purchase a bottle of cough syrup for a sick child or a loaf of bread to feed the family.

"It's hard to know that for them, the barrier is so low," Hollingshead said.

"Eleven dollars – it's a cup of coffee," for people earning a living wage, Gaffney said in frustration.

"He was willing to stay outside and

let the wound get worse," she said, rather than leave his beloved dog. because the program that provides temporary motel rooms for care doesn't cover pet deposits.

A few months ago, Gaffney applied for a grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, and to much surprise and relief, the ministry's medical care program was awarded \$50,000.

The money will go for a variety of needs: Ensuring people can obtain their prescriptions or pay their co-pays for medical care; buying durable medical equipment that insurance won't cover or that have

Clothes Closet open

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. every Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders 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. ■

ELECTION BOARD VACANCIES

One permanent full time board member position open.

Two alternate board member positions open.

Qualifications: Basic computer skills / file search / email / phone inquiries / flexible hours.

Election Board Chair: Kalene Contreras

For information contact: Shannon Ham-Texeira • 503–879–2301 shannon.ham-texeira@grandronde.org



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PATHWAYS MEETING WITH CASINO LEADERSHIP DATE CHANGE

Tribal members are invited to an informal, in-person meeting with the Spirit Mountain Casino Executive C-suite team on **WEDNESDAY**, JULY 2

Reception held at **5PM** in the **SMC Courtyard**

(located outside between the Hotel and Event Center) Pathway Meeting held at 6PM in the SMC Event Center

We sincerely apologize for the change from a Sunday to a Wednesday. Due to scheduling conflicts, we are convening the meeting on **Wednesday, July 2nd**. With the 4th of July holiday the following weekend, we did not want to delay any further than necessary. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding. **We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 2**.

> All Tribal members are welcome – we look forward to seeing you there! Light refreshments will be provided. Open to Tribal Members only. *Meeting is in-person only. Zoom and recordings will not be available.



SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO

2025-26 CTGR tagged hunting and fishing opportunit

Hunting and fishing licenses/Harvest license

The Natural Resources Department began issuing and rebranding the Grand Ronde hunting and fishing license in August 2023. The new harvest license is required for all hunting tags for 2025. If your license does not have a hologram, come see us. <u>Additionally, see the Member Services</u> Department if you need to update the address on your harvest license before requesting a new license from NRD. To pick up any tag(s) in 2025, regardless of Reservation only, Trask only or MOA, you must have the new harvest license. This includes requested transferees. Grand Ronde Tribal enrollment cards and hunter safety certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing.

Applications

All applications are electronic in 2025. If you wish to complete a paper application, contact 503-879-2424, stop by our office or request an application by email at <u>huntingandfishing@grandronde.org</u>

New for 2025

- $\bullet \ \textbf{MOA fall bear} \textbf{Tag available first come, first serve over the counter.}$
- **MOA general cougar** Tag available first come, first serve over the counter.
- **MOA wild turkey** Harvest card available first come, first serve over the counter.

All **MOA** tags are valid in the Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain and Santiam (as modified) wildlife management units and follow state seasons and regulations.

First come, first serve over the counter tags will be available to pick up Monday, July 28. Refer to the hunt table for all available hunts and dates. **Fishing**

Double bag limits allowed on select species with your Grand Ronde issued harvest license and **not combinable with a state issued license**. Contact the Natural Resources Department or visit the MOA webpage for more information.

<u>2025-26 Trask management tag and</u> <u>Reservation only random lottery</u>

The Tribe uses a random selection for all draw tags. Failure to follow the rules outlined below will result in all applications being void for all hunts applied.

To enter the random lottery, you must:

- 1. Have a hunting and fishing license or harvest license issued by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
- 2. Not be ineligible for a tag for the year applying (generally due to not reporting).

3. Apply by the application deadline, 5 p.m. Friday, July 18.

Staff will begin notifying successful applicants by telephone/email Tuesday, July 22, and no later than Friday, July 25.

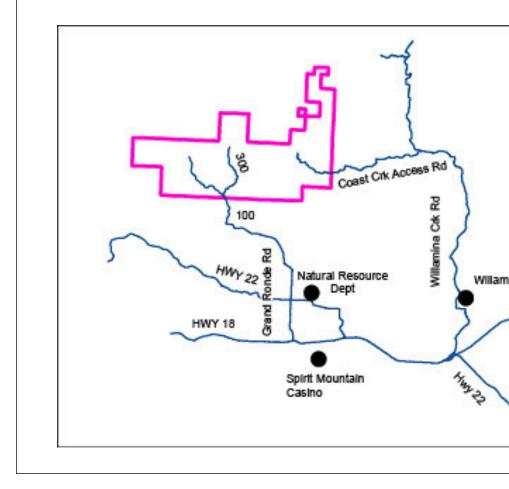
Tags will be available for issue on Monday, July 28.

How to apply:

To apply online use the below QR Code or weblink. For a paper application contact Natural Resources.

Reservation only

Reservation only tags and seasons are ONLY VALID ONLY ON



General guidelines

- A valid Grand Ronde hunting and fishing license or harvest license is required <u>before</u> submitting applications, this includes youth 11 and older.
- Lost tags will not be replaced. It is the licensee's responsibility to keep all tags in a safe and secure place.
- Under no circumstances will a tag be issued without a Tribal issued harvest license.
- If picking up for others, please notify Natural Resources **prior** to pick up. The Tribal issued harvest license **AND** Grand Ronde issued Tribal ID card of the person requesting to have their tag picked up will be required when picking up the tag. No exceptions.
- To apply for the Reservation only hunt, Tribal members must successfully complete a one-time mandatory educational tutorial, which can be completed at time of application. <u>Under no cir-</u> <u>cumstances will a tag be issued without the hunter having</u>





UPDATED

Trask applications

https://weblink.grandronde. org/Forms/traskhunting2025

Reservations

https://weblink.grandronde.org/ Forms/ReservationHuntApp2025

For any questions you may reach us at the following:

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Attn: Natural Resources Mail: 9615 Grand Ronde Road Physical: 47010 SW Hebo Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Office: 503-879-2424 Email: HuntingandFishing@grandronde.org

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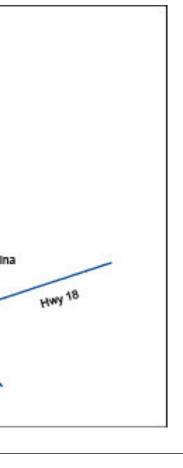
Youth tags

- Any licensed Tribal member between the ages of 11-17 may apply. Youth 13 and under, MUST BE ACCOMPANIED by a licensed adult at least 21 years of age unless hunting on property owned by the parents or legal guardian.
- Youth hunters 11 years of age may apply. However, they must turn 12 by the "last day to pick up tag" and possess a Grand Ronde issued harvest license. All youth must have completed their hunter's safety certificate before a tag will be issued.
- Youth may apply for all tags in addition to youth only hunts. All rules apply.
- Youth may not hunt with a youth tag once they turn 18. Example: Youth apply for youth bow (hunt dates Aug. 30-Sept. 28), is awarded tag when 17, receives tag, turns 18 Sept. 10. This tag could no longer be hunted by that youth after Sept. 10.

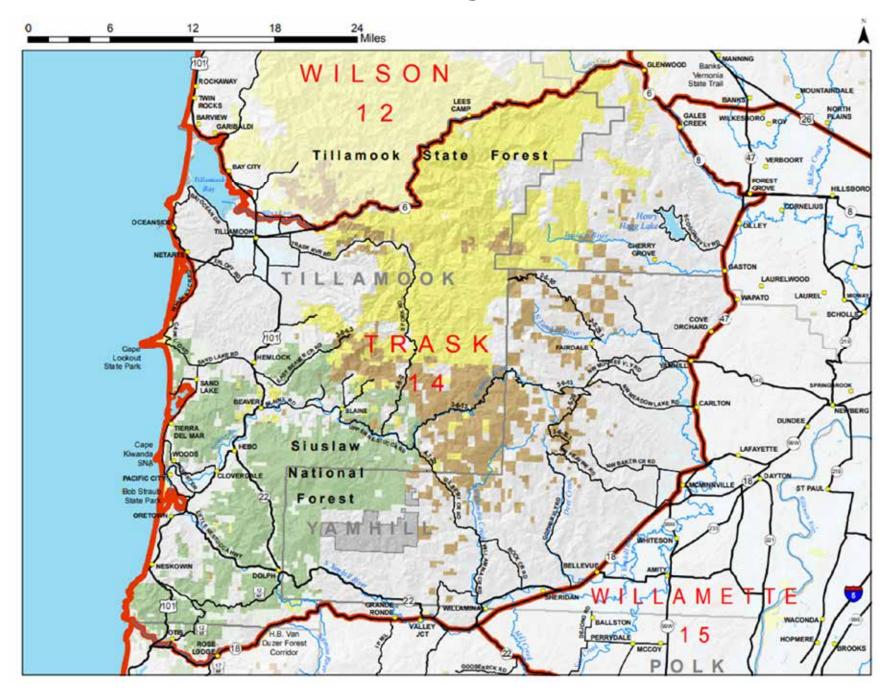
Tag reporting

In accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance, all tag reports (harvest, non-harvest and lost tags) are required to be reported within 30 days of the last day of the season or as otherwise specified on the tag receipt. If tags are not reported, the licensee is <u>ineligible</u> to receive tag(s) for the next harvest season. ties

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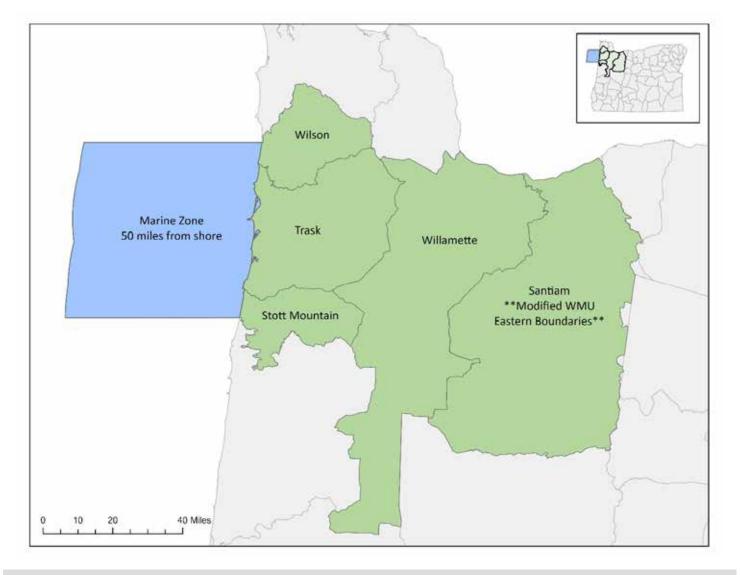


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2025 Trask Management Unit

MOA area for CTGR



MOA general information

Grand Ronde follows all state seasons within the expanded MOA areas of Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Stott Mountain and Santiam wildlife management units, and Marine Zone. Hunting or fishing outside of the expanded MOA area is not authorized and may result in state or Tribal citation. If in doubt, contact the NRD office.

Columbia River fishing is allowable from the Bonneville Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge on the Oregon side as state regulations allow.

Maps of MOA boundaries for Avenza or onX are available at the website.

New school



Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, left, gives a welcome during the opening reception for the Early Care and **Education Center Wednesday, June 18.**

SEE MORE OF THIS STORY Visit YouTube @SmokeSignalsCTGR

The 26,000-square-foot building is the newest building on the Tribal campus. It features 12 classrooms, two outdoor play areas, a large commercial kitchen, 16 administrative offices, break room and other support areas. Students began classes in the building March 31.



People tour a classroom in the Early Care and Education Center during the building's opening reception Wednesday, June 18.





Acorn Camp September 19th - 21st

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Joseph Ham, Grand Ronde Joseph Ham@grandronde.org Meals Provided! Camping will be available



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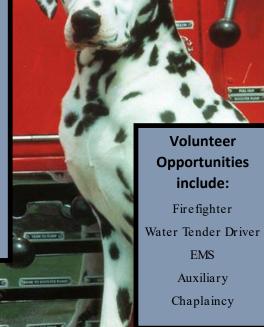
Grand Ronde Tribal **Emergency Services** is looking for Volunteers

If you are interested in helping to service your community, please apply by visiting

Emergency Services

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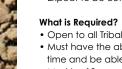
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To register contact:

Jacob.boekhoff@ grandronde.org

503-879-2146

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- Wear long pants and a shirt with sleeves.
- Have good work boots (leather preferred), and work gloves.
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- Open to all Tribal members of any federally recognized tribe.
- Must have the ability to stand for extended periods of time and be able to get dirty.
- Must be 18 years or older with a valid driver's license and transportation.

Certificate awarded upon completion.

Lunch will be provided.



We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us. ■

Wellness warriors



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Satara Blanchard, 15, brushes Jetta, a Gypsy Vanner horse, during Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp at uyxat Powwow Grounds Tuesday, June 24. The annual camp is for Native youth ages 12-18 who want to create and maintain a healthy life. The camp is intended to provide healing opportunities and skill development through ceremony, workshops, activities, movement, traditional games, crafts and more. The camp was hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribe and trainers were from the Native Wellness Institute. The camp ran Monday-Thursday, June 23-26.



POWWOW VENDORS WANTED

The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

Interested vendors are asked to apply online at www.grandronde.org. For more information or assistance call 503-879-5211, 503-879-2037 or 503-879-4533. ■



Children & Family SERVICES

Find out more:

Get as much information about foster care as you can. Children & Family Services offers opportunities to talk one-on-one with certification staff to ask questions and learn more before attending required training. You can also review our certification standards, which offers guidance and expectations of being a resource provider.

Phoenix DeJulio, 12, looks at an acorn to see if it's good or bad to use for food purposes in a crafting activity at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center during Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp on Wednesday, June 25.

Make the decision:

Becoming a resource provider will bring changes to your life. Because of that, it is important that every member of your household considers what that will mean to them. The following is a list of questions that can help you make the right decision with your family:

Does everyone in our family believe that resource care is right for us?
Are you comfortable maintaining and making cultural connections?
Are you willing to attend cultural events in Grand Ronde?
Do we have friends or family that will support us in this decision?
Do we have space in our home for a child?
Is there an age group or gender that would work best with our family?
Any special needs a child may have that we would not be comfortable taking on?

For information contact:

Audra Sherwood Foster Care Coordinator Children & Family Services 503-879-2039



New playground IN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON CIVIL COURT) Case No. 2560001 In Re: Estate of: NOTICE TO HEIRS Veronica Eileen (Jaston NOTICE TO: THE HEIRS of the above named decedent: CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT 9615 GRAND RONDE RD. GRAND RONDE, OR 97347 The following information is given to you as an heir of the above-named decedent who Walked On in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah on December 4, 2024 Photos by Kamiah Koch Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, left, and Tribal Council NOTICE Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy cut the ceremonial ribbon to the new Estate proceedings in the decedents estate, bearing the Tribal Court Case Number 250001. , have been commenced and are now pending in the above-entitled court. The nature playground Tuesday, June 17. More than 100 people from the Court has determined that there is Xa valid Will NOT a valid Will that Decedent Walked Tribal community attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and explored on intestate leaving no known Will. On <u>May 7</u>, <u>2.0.2.5</u>, the undersigned was duly appointed and is now serving as Personal Representative of the estate. Your rights may be affected the new playground built between the Elders Activity Center and the by this proceeding: additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the **Tribal Governance Center.** undersigned Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, if applicable. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the attorney for the Personal Representative is as follows: PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE Jusan P. Cook, OSB 962492 WULL T+E Clinic Tribal (+++ Marianne Blanchard (atron 9521 Raven Loop brand Ronde OR 97347 GRZYDOG 790 State St Po Box 5943 Sulem DR 97304 (971) 267-0924 Tribal Probate Code, Chapter 310, section (s) provides that any interested person may file a petition to contest the validity of a Will or finding Decedent dies Intestate within 60 days of receipt of notice or date of first publication of notice, whichever occurs first, as provided in Subsection (n)(1), and all untimely filed petitions are forever barred. DATED THIS 5 DAY OF June, 202. Signature of Personal Representative Tribal youth play in the water feature at the new nature playground in the wooded area across from the Elders Activity Center Tuesday, June 17. The nature playground is made of mostly natural materials and offers a trail system through the trees between the play structures. IN THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON CIVIL COURT) Case No. 25 C 000 1. In Re: Estate of: NOTICE TO PUBLIC AND CREDITORS VILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT Veronica Eileen Gaston Decedent. NOTICE TO: THE PUBLIC AND CREDITORS of the above named decedent: CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT 9615 GRAND RONDE RD. GRAND RONDE, OR 97347 The following information is being provided to the public and all Creditors, the above-named

decedent who Walked On in <u>Gragon</u>, Huttrioman, ortland On December 4, 2024 **NOTICE** ESTATE OF: Veronica Eileen Easton The Person named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must present the claim in the manner as provided in the Tribe's Probate Ordinance Chapter 310, subsection (p) which is available online at www.grandronde.org by serving on or mailing the personal representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within 60 days of receipt of notice or date of first publication of notice, whichever occurs first as provided in the Tribe's Probate Ordinance, Chapter 310, Subsection (n)(2). Any claim against the Estate not presented within the 60 day time line shall be barred. June 15, 2025 Date of First Publication: Personal Representative: Marianne Blanchard Catron Attorney for Personal Representative (if applicable): Susan P. Cook. Address for Mailing or Service: 9521 Raven Loop Grand Ronde OR 97347 Phone: (971) 2.67-0924 DATED THIS 5th DAY OF June, 2025 Signature of Personal Representative

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Watchlist: 'What Do Native Cultures Have In Common?: Ep. 6 of **CrashCourse Native American History'**

(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

In the latest installment of the widely popular educational You-Tube channel, CrashCourse, Native comedian Che Jim (Navajo and Odawa) shares a video on a commonality found among many Tribes: Natives know how to have fun!

"If you believed everything the media tells you, you'd think all Native Americans were stoic and serious," Jim said. "Always serving 'resting Indigenous face' and spouting some next-level wisdom with a single tear streaming down their cheek. But really, humor and fun have been part of Native culture and world view for generations."

Jim noted that when archeologists are digging at Native American sites, they often find dice made from animal bones, leather balls and sticks with straps used for the traditional game called "stickball," and something that resembles a wooden version of a NERF gun.

"Natives have long considered laughter to be what we call 'good medicine' or anything that promotes the healing or wellbeing of mind, body or spirit," Jim said.

Here in Grand Ronde, the Tribal Health & Wellness Department often hosts "good medicine" events in the Tribal gym, where families can play games, win prizes and eat together.

Many Tribes consider humor to be sacred, Jim said. An example of this can be found in the Pueblo people who have clowns or tricksters at traditional ceremonies and act out funny scenes with life lessons hidden within them.

Christian missionaries and colonizers who documented these tricksters often didn't get the joke and interpreted them incorrectly (mostly because they were the target of the joke).

The depiction of Natives in media and movies has long been stereotyped and has not shown the cultural significance good medicine like laughter has in Tribal communities.

However, there are now comedy shows like "Reservation Dogs" and "Rutherford Falls" that were created by Native people and show humor is important to Native culture and shares that with a wider audience.

Jim says that the ability to laugh at oppressors and poke fun at serious things helps take back a little bit of power from those hierarchies and returns it to Natives.

You can watch the rest of this CrashCourse video and other videos on Native American history at www.youtube.com/watch?v=0M-Ma2feSIiQ.

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors position openings

Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. (SMGI), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Grand Ronde), operates Spirit Mountain Casino - the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest's premier casinos. Grand Ronde is accepting applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming, Inc. Board of Directors. There are board seats available beginning on Oct. 1.

The SMGI Board of Directors is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. The Board oversees strategic planning, overall fiscal accountability, budgets and operations of Spirit Mountain Casino.

The SMGI Board meets monthly. From time-to-time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings virtually or in person. In person attendance is strongly encouraged whenever possible. In person meetings are held at Spirit Mountain Casino - although virtual participation will occasionally be permitted with advance notice. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position and a solid understanding of the Portland-metro and Salem area economies.

Experience in the following areas is also preferred: Gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources, and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred. The board of directors may, at their discretion, advertise specialized skills depending on the board's needs at the time of recruitment.

Ability to pass a thorough background check and obtain a gaming license from the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is required.

Preference will be given to gualified Tribal members.

Submission Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18. These positions may remain open until filled.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three professional references to:

Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Attn: Stacia Hernandez and Shannon Ham-Texeira

9615 Grand Ronde Road

Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347

Phone: 503-879-2301

Email: stacia.martin@grandronde.org

shannon.ham-texeira@grandronde.org

Only candidates who submit complete information will be considered.





April 7th @ CTGR Public Health Building May 18th @ CTGR Community Center June 9th @ CTGR Community Center July 6th @ CTGR Community Center August 3rd @ CTGR Community Center September 14th @ CTGR Community Center October 12th @ CTGR Community Center November 9th @ CTGR Community Center December 14th @ CTGR Community Center

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Questions? Please reach out to the Culture Committee: Pamala Warren-Chase @ Pamala.warrenchase@thecommunityfund.com Marianne Blanchard @ indigenousartstattooco@gmail.com Stephanie Craig @ kalapuyaweaver@gmail.com Molly Leno @ molly.leno@grandronde.org



Tribal Court Programs Coordinator 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

503-879-4623 CourtPrograms@grandronde.org

Seeking Nominations Continue traditions that build community

The Peacemaker Program is intended to reflect the Tribe's traditional values of using respected members of the community to heal conflicts among its members.

If you know a Tribal member who is held in high esteem in the community and who can work with their brothers and sisters to restore harmony through peaceful resolution, please nominate them today.

Qualified candidates must be: • At least 25 years of age • Be a Tribal member • Be a known and respected member of the community in which she/he lives

Full name:

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The CTGR Veterans Powwow is Friday, July 11, Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13^{th.}

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Resource fair



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Claudia Leno fixes a letter on the sign she made during the Elder Abuse Awareness Resource Fair at the Elders Activity Center Monday, June 16. The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, Grand **Ronde Emergency Services, the Tribe's Member Services Department** and Tribal Court were a few departments that had information tables with resources available for Elders. June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month.



Cultural Resources Department art program seeking 2-D Tribal work

The Tribal Cultural Resources Department's art program is seeking to purchase 2-D artworks, to be added into the Cultural Resources Department Portable Works Public Art Collection.

The goal for the art purchase is to ensure that art will be present in public buildings and that it reflects the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde community. This new collection of movable public art will be a rotating collection, to be displayed within conference rooms, hallways, elevator lobbies, common spaces and more.

Last year's art, featuring 28 pieces from 16 Grand Ronde artists, will be installed in July within the Governance Center and the gym lobby.

To learn how to share work for purchase, visit

https://weblink.grandronde.org/Forms/CTGRPortableArt

The call for artists will close at 11:59 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25.

Purchases will take place in October. Artists who are enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are eligible for this opportunity.

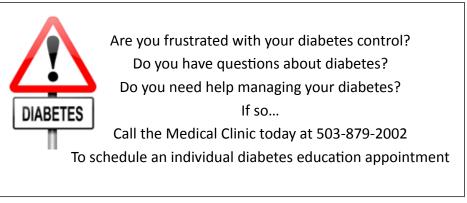
The types of original artwork that qualify for this opportunity are works on paper, paintings, photographs, drawings, textiles, collage, Bas relief, mosaic, glass, ceramic, metal, prints, weaving and other original media intended to be hung on a wall with a 4-inch depth maximum.

Artworks with electrical components are not eligible for purchase at this time. Artwork that fits the dimensions of 30 inches wide, 40 inches high and 4 inches deep or smaller will be prioritized; however, larger works will be considered.

Artworks valued between \$200-\$2,500 will be purchased.

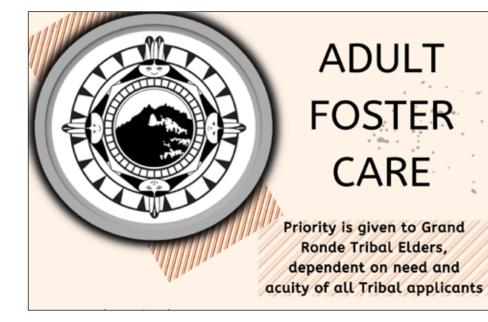
A selection panel of artists, Grand Ronde community members and Grand Ronde employees will select the work to be purchased.

For more information, contact Arts Administrator Mack McFarland at Mack.McFarland@grandronde.org.





Elder Abuse Awareness Walk participants make their way down Grand Ronde Road as they participate in the walk Monday, June 16.



Housing Development Manager \$100-120K/yr **Accounting Manager** \$81K+/yr **Family Shelter Assistant Manager** \$70-75K/yr **Community Food Coordinator** \$25-27/hr **Foster Care Support Specialist** \$24/hr **Parent-Child Support Specialist** \$24/hr First Food Farm Assistant (Part-time) \$21/hr **Substitute Teacher** \$150-175/day



All jobs are located in Portland or Vancouver.

Visit *nayapdx.org/about/jobs* to learn more.

Holmes family reunion set July 26

The sixth annual Holmes family reunion will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at 22870 Agency Creek Road (west end of mom's house). Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, as well as their own beverages. No alcohol is allowed. RSVP to Sydney Clark at 503-857-3219.

Jeffers 74th family reunion set Aug. 10

The Jeffers family is hosting its 74th family reunion Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Wildcat Covered Bridge located off Highway 126 and Siuslaw River Road, the old homestead of Ira Jeffers. **From Eugene:** Take Highway 126 West towards Mapleton. At approximately mile marker 27.5, turn left on Siuslaw River Road **From Mapleton:** Take Highway 126 East from Mapleton toward Eugene. At approximately mile marker 26.5, turn right on Siuslaw River Road. Look for signs and balloons for the turn off. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, a favorite dish to share and their own beverages. Lunch will begin at approximately noon. For more information, call Evelyn Seidel at 503-831-4955 or Lori Warren at 541-510-1704.

Tribal nonemergency text

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. ■





Elder Canoe Day

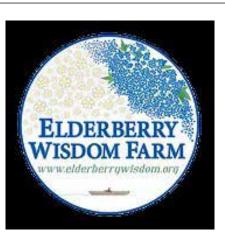


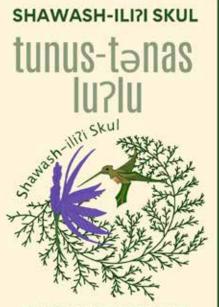
Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elders paddle during Elder Canoe Day on Huddleston Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina Wednesday, June 18.



Tribal Environmental Health & Safety Specialist Nick Oldenbourg gifts Tribal Elder Nina Shields a paddle beaded necklace after she paddled during Elder Canoe Day on Huddleston Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina Wednesday, June 18.





If you have any questions, please email chinukwawaedu@grandronde.org Are you interested in learning more about what we do at Shawash-ili?i Skul and jump starting your little's exposure to language? Beginning in May, Shawash-ili?i Skul will be hosting chinuk wawa language and culture socializations for littles 2 years old and younger every third Tuesday of the month.

Socializations are scheduled for the following dates from 5:00 to 6:30PM at the Chinuk Wawa Skul Building behind Adult Education:

MAY 20TH JUNE 17TH JULY 15TH AUGUST 19TH

Elderberry Wisdom Farm TEK Conservation Internship Summer and Fall 2025

The Native American nonprofit, Elderberry Wisdom Farm is recruiting Interns interested in conservation careers to apply for Summer and Fall 2025 openings. We provide culturally tailored habitat restoration training, experiential service learning, and mentoring by integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into Mid-Willamette Valley habitat restoration, urban forestry and native plant nursery development practices. A \$3,000 stipend is provided for those completing the 9-week internship, or 200 hours of classroom education and experiential service-learning activities. Send resume and letter of interest or Q's to accounts@ elderberrywisdom.org.

Walking On...

Charlene Gail Howard-LaChance

July 23, 1944 - May 29, 2025

Tribal spouse Charlene Gail Howard-LaChance died peacefully on May 29, 2025, at 10 p.m. at Providence Newberg Medical Center.

She was 80 years old.

Charlene was born to Verna Anderson-Howard and Thomas Howard on July 23, 1944, in Toledo, Washington.

She married her husband, Thomas LeRoy LaChance, on Aug 19, 1961, in Tillamook. They were married nearly 64 years at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas LaChance; brother, Jack Howard; son, Howard

LaChance; oldest daughter, Cheri Hodgson; youngest daughter, Antoine (Toni) Stahl; grandchildren, Jon LaChance, Ryan LaChance, Christina Hodgson, Brigette Hodgson, Hunter Cox, Ceidric Stahl and Lucas Stahl; and great grandchildren, Alexa Sulak, Ty Schuldt, Treyu LaChance, Neo LaChance and Hayden Campos.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Dayton Christian Church in Dayton, Oregon.

ATTENTION!!!

DUE TO ILLEGAL DUMPING OF TRASH IN THE RECYCLE BINS AND CONTAMINATION, THIS RECYCLING DEPOT IS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING AND GOING AWAY.

CTGR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

RECYCLE





Joseph Nicholas Grammer

July 19, 1974 – June 15, 2025

Tribal member Joseph Nicholas Grammer passed away June 15, 2025, at the age of 50.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 21, at the Tribal gym. Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.

June Ann Burnham

March 19, 1961 – June 14, 2025

Tribal Elder June Ann Burnham passed away June 14, 2025, at the age of 64.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 23, at the Tribal gym, followed by a gravesite service at the Tribal Cemetery and a meal following at the Elders Activity Center.

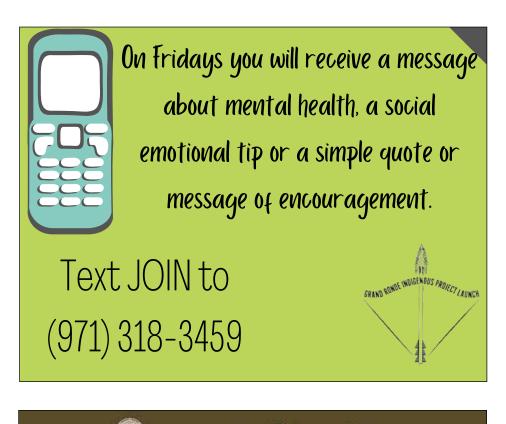
Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.

Walter Francis Simmons

Sept. 2, 1941 – June 15, 2025

Tribal Elder Walter Francis Simmons passed away June 15, 2025, at the age of 83.

No funeral service information was available by presstime. Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.





WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING MONEY, YOUR HOME HAS A LOT TO SAY.

TAKE THE ONLINE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENT

To learn more, visit www.energytrust.org/assessment.

Help restore habitat for First Foods at Champoeg State Heritage Area

LAE Volunteer Opportunity

Champoeg Volunteer Days

of Grand Ronde

Institute for

Applied Ecology

Saturdays monthly (see below) 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Champoeg State Heritage Area

You are invited to join the Institute for Applied Ecology and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to help restore prairie habitat—at a **First Foods Harvest Area** in Champoeg State Heritage Area. All are welcome! Join us to remove invasive weeds like tansy ragwort, while contributing to the recovery of the land. Thanks to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District for funding this project.

Dates: Saturdays on May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16 <u>Times:</u> 9am - 1pm <u>Where:</u> Champoeg State Heritage Area, Oregon <u>What:</u> Planting native plants in a First Foods harvest area <u>RSVP</u>: Contact Evan at <u>evanlasley@appliedeco.org</u>

A restroom is available on site, and limited carpooling from Corvallis is available. Learn more at <u>appliedeco.org/calendar</u>.



Paid ad

Learn more about our work to conserve native species and habits in the Willamette Valley at www.appliedeco.org.



What are "First Foods"?

First Foods were eaten by indigenous groups before the arrival of Europeans, and continue to be harvested, grown, and collected today. Native Americans have a long history of food gathering at Champoeg State Heritage Area. The word "Champoeg" comes from an indigenous word that names it as "the place of the yampa," an edible noot that was harvested there. As part of the Plants for People project, yampa has been reintroduced to this site, as well as many other First Foods such as camas, brodiaea, ookow, yarrow, and many others.

4950 SW Hour St. Corvalle, OR 97333 541-753-3099 info@appliedeco.org

Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, said Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole. Tribal members can now get books from libraries in Polk, Yam-

hill and Marion counties, as well as access to many free programs. Tribal Library patrons should visit the Tribal Library and

update their information and obtain a new Regional Library Service card.

For more information, contact Cole at 503-879-1488. ■



The selection of individuals for specific positions is utilimately the responsibility of the requesting departments. These departments are best equipped to assess how a candidate's qualifications align with their unique needs.

Questions? Contact:

Toni.mercier@grandronde.org

*CTGR Tribal Preference Applies

Toni Mercier

(503) 879-2493

Reading volunteers needed

Children's literacy nonprofit SMART Reading is seeking volunteers to read with students weekly at Grand Ronde Head Start. Reading is an essential skill for kids, helping them start and stay on a path to success in school and beyond, according to a press release from the organization.

"Volunteering with SMART Reading is a fun, meaningful way to impact kids right here in our community," Michael Finlay, Interim Program Manager for SMART's northwest area, said. "I regularly have volunteers tell me that the hour they spend at SMART is the best part of their week."

The time commitment is one hour per week. To learn more, contact 971-634-1628 or visit www.SMARTReading.org. ■

JOB ANN				
June 20, 2025	24	Allen	Alter 1	CTGR EMPLOYMEN
Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
Assistant Teacher – Chinuk Wawa Language Immersion —	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	06/23/2025
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Cook – Adult Foster Care	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
Family Support Services Specialist – Social Services	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention) Engine Boss/Crew Boss/EMT	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Foster Care Recruitment Specialist – Social Services	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
Health & Wellness Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
Infant/Toddler Teacher	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	06/23/2025
Lodge Caregiver – Full Time	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Lodge Caregiver – Part-Time & On-Call	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Licensed Practical Nurse – Sheridan - GCR	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Mental Health Counselor – Sheridan - GCR	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Milieu Safety Technician – Portland - GCR	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
Natural Resources Technician	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Nurse Practitioner – Health & Wellness	22	\$176,396.03/yr.	\$248,130.43/yr.	Until Filled
Pharmacy Technician	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
Physician – Health & Wellness	25	\$226,851.26/yr.	\$330,026.39/yr.	Until Filled
Physician Assistant – Salem – GCR	20	\$151,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	Until Filled
Pow Wow 2025 – Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$18.00/hr.	Until Filled
Secretary - Housing	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Salem – GCR	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Bisender Theresist Bestland COB	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Portland – GCR		+• .,••	+· -,- · -·, j ··	-

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ro

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.

- (Qualified Grand Konde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the screening and interview proc consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
- Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees. External candidates.

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Barista (*Part-Time)	6/26/2025	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	6/26/2025	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	6/26/2025	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	6/26/2025	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips



JULY - VETERANS 10TH - 14TH

https://www.grandronde.org/employment/

AUGUST - CONTEST 14TH - 18TH

TEMPORARY POSITION \$16.00/HR. TO \$18.00/HR.

Until Filled \$18.29/hr. DOE Bar Porter Cage Cashier Until Filled \$18.29/hr. DOE Until Filled Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time) \$18.29/hr. DOE \$18.02/hr. DOE Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time) Until Filled \$18.02/hr. DOE Prep Cook Until Filled Slot Floor Supervisor Until Filled \$23.24/hr. DOE \$19.39/hr. DOE Slot Technician I Until Filled Stewarding Assistant Manager **Until Filled** \$44,140.10/yr. DOE Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time) Until Filled \$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips

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

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

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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

Call (503) 879-3737

 Ospiritmtn.com
 https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers

 Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.



New acupuncture/massage service at Health & Wellness Center

Heidi Manning, acupuncture and massage therapist, is now seeing patients at the Health & Wellness Center.

Heidi has been licensed in acupuncture since 2005 after completing a masters of acupuncture degree at Bastyr University. She has been a licensed massage therapist in Oregon since 2017.

In addition, she completed a craniosacral therapy program at Bastyr University in 2004 and employs it as needed. She enjoys practicing acupuncture, massage, cupping,

moxibustion, gua sha, Chinese dietary therapy, Chinese herbal medicine and engaging with her clients in a meaningful way.

She specializes in pain management, infertility and gynecological problems, digestive issues and psycho-emotional health issues, especially as they relate to trauma.

Heidi also enjoys working with animals in the state of Oregon under a referral from a veterinarian. She has worked with dogs, cats, cows and horses.

The scheduling links are:

Established patient acupuncture

https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=1887600

New patient acupuncture and massage

https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=10379732

30-minute therapeutic massage

https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=1646500

60-minute massage with cupping or moxibustion

https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=26011180

Heidi Manning Acupuncture & Massage 541-992-5175 (cell)

> Service offered at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building



Behavioral Specialist





Service Animal

- An animal individually trained to perform work or tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability (e.g. Guide, Hearing,
- Seizure Response, etc.) Allowed to enter most public
- areas, with limited exceptions A dog or a miniature horse

ONLY TWO QUESTIONS ARE PERMITTED

BY LAW FOR SERVICE ANIMALS IN PUBLIC SPACES:

Is the animal a service animal?

been trained to perform?

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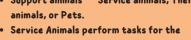
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Support Animal

- Is an animal that provides a therapeutic benefit (e.g. emotional support, comfort, companionship)
- Needs a letter from your Health Gare Provider.
- Is NOT considered a Service Animal
- Is NOT considered a pet and not restricted by animal type.
- Any domesticated animal can be considered a support animal (e.g. cats, dogs, mice, rabbits, birds, etc.)
- Must be manageable in public
- Does NOT perform specific task

Takeaways

- A support animal requires documentation to be in public spaces.
- Support animals Service animals, Therapy animals, or Pets.



benefit of a person with a disability



Taylor Gustafson

Taylor works with children and their families to address challenging behavior seen in the home, public and/or school. She currently has openings and is welcoming new clients. Together, Taylor will work with the child and parent(s) or guardian(s) to address concerns and recommended healthy changes that have been shown to lower the specific behavior being addressed. Taylor has the ability to work with schools and programs the child is engaged in to help create collaboration and consistency across locations. Taylor received her bachelor's in psychology at Western Oregon University. She has worked in the field for 7 years and has partnered with The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for 4 years. She has education and training in working with a multitude of diagnoses including multiple levels of Autism. Taylor incorporates a whole person approach when creating a tailored plan for each client.

Contact Details

For appointments contact the Public Health Department front desk at 503-879-6701 OR contact Taylor Directly at 503-879-1697 or Taylor gustafson@grandronde.org

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING... YOU ARE NOT ALONE. **RECOVERY IS REAL**.

THERE IS A WHOLE COMMUNITY READY TO WALK WITH YOU. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IS NOW OFFERING WALK-IN APPOINTMENTS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING.

PLEASE CALL 503-879-2026 OR STOP BY THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC AT THE GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER.



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.

Health & Wellness Tribal DNA testing information

Clients must be fully registered with the clinic prior to the testing. It can take three to five business days once all their information is submitted.

The patient cannot schedule with the lab until after registration is complete.

Unregistered patients cannot show up with papers in hand and do the test the same day.

The link for the registration form is registration-form-use-for-all-2023-24. pdf (grandronde.org) or it can be emailed and mailed. Patients should contact registration at 503-879-1325 or 503-879-2096.

To complete registration, a copy of a state birth certificate and a copy of a parent's Tribal identification is needed.

Registration information can be mailed to the address on the form, faxed, emailed or dropped off at the clinic.

The link for the registration form can be found on the Tribe's main website www.grandronde.org, under "Services - Health & Wellness." The link to print the form is on the bottom of the page, called "New Patient **Registration Form.**"

Once everything is submitted and the registration process is complete, the patient can schedule with lab.

Stay safe in the sun: What to **know for UV Safety Month**



What Is UV?

the sun's harmful rays.

UV stands for ultraviolet. It's a type of light that comes from the sun. You can't see UV

July is UV Safety Month. This month re-

minds us to protect our skin and eyes from

rays, but they can hurt your skin and eyes.

- Too much UV can cause:
- Sunburn
- Skin cancer

July is National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month

This month is about learning and talking about health conditions that affect the head and CLEFT & face. It helps raise support and kindness for people living with these conditions.



What are cleft and cranio-

facial conditions?

Some babies are born with differences in how their head or face looks or works. These differences are called cleft and craniofacial conditions.

- A cleft lip is a gap or opening in the upper lip.
- A cleft palate is a gap in the roof of the mouth.
- · Craniofacial conditions can affect the bones of the head and face. For example, a baby's skull may close too early, or the eyes, nose or ears may look different.

These conditions happen during pregnancy, before a baby is born. They are no one's fault.

Why awareness matters

Cleft and craniofacial conditions can affect:

- How a person eats, speaks or hears.
- How a person feels about their appearance.
- Their emotional and social life.

Many people with these conditions need surgeries and special care, sometimes for many years. When people understand these conditions better, they can offer more support and kindness.

How these conditions are treated

Doctors and other health professionals work together to help children and adults with these conditions. This team may include:

- Surgeons
- Dentists
- Speech therapists
- Hearing specialists
- Counselors

Treatment may include surgery, therapy and emotional support. With the right care, most people with cleft or craniofacial conditions live healthy and full lives.

How you can help

You can make a difference:

- · Learn more about cleft and craniofacial conditions.
- Be kind to people who look or speak differently.

Welcome

Dr. Katelyn Bailey

- Support families and organizations that help those affected.
- Share what you learn with others.

National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness Month reminds us that we are all different — and that's okay. Everyone deserves respect, care, and support, no matter how they look or speak.



- Eye problems like cataracts
- Early wrinkles and skin damage

Why UV safety matters

UV rays can hurt anyone, even on cloudy days. You don't have to feel hot or get a sunburn to be damaged by the sun. The damage can build up over time and cause health problems later in life.

How to protect yourself

You can enjoy time outside and still stay safe. Here's how:

- 1. Wear sunscreen.
- Use sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- Put it on your skin 30 minutes before going outside.
- Reapply every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- 2. Wear protective clothing.
 - Cover your skin with long sleeves and pants.
 - Wear a wide-brimmed hat to protect your face and neck.
 - Use sunglasses that block UV rays to protect your eyes.
- 3. Stay in the shade.
 - Try to stay out of direct sunlight, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun is strongest.
- 4. Be careful near water, sand and snow.
 - These surfaces reflect sunlight and make UV rays stronger.

Final thought

Protecting your skin and eyes is easy—and it can save your life. Take time this July, during UV Safety Month, to learn good sun habits. Teach your family too, especially children, because their skin is extra sensitive. Stay sun safe all year long! ■

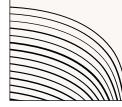
Dr. Katelyn Bailey is a naturopathic physician and acupuncturist. Naturopathic medicine focuses on treating the whole person by addressing root causes of illness and using evidence based natural therapies in addition to prescribed medications. In her visits, she explores how factors like lifestyle, stress, environment, sleep, and nutrition may be affecting your health. Katelyn works with patients diagnosed with chronic conditions, new medical issues, as well as preventative medicine. Katelyn completed her training at the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland. After graduation, she completed a two-year residency in pain management and orthopedic injuries. She strives to create an inclusive space where all patients feel empowered to achieve their wellness goals.

PROTOCOL PRACTICE DATES

July 7th from 5:00-7PM at the Chachalu Gymnasium

July 14th from 5:00-7PM at the Chachalu Gymnasium

Hosted by the HWC and YEP. A small meal will be provided.





MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

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





West Valley Veterans Memorial Application Deadline is January 15, 2026

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

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

Any applications received after January 15, 2026, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2027.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

GRHWC PROJECTED lush lamatsin EVENTS 2025





Fresh Foods Distribution

1/10 from 5-7pm @Tribal Gym Fresh Foods Distribution 1/23 Starts 10:\0am @ GR Procurement Building

Fentanyl Awareless Event Mother's Day Tea Canoe Ourings Fresh Foods Distribution 5/22 Starts 10:0 Dam @GR Procurement Building



Fresh Foods Distribution 9/18 Starts 10:00am @GR Procurement Building Every Child Matters Jam 9/20 - Location & Time TBD Canoe Races (tentatively) 2/13 from 5-7pm @ Tribal Gym Fresh Foods Distribution 2/20 Starts 10.00am @ GR Procurement Building

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Elder Canoe Lay 6/18 Location TBD

Father's Day BBQ

Canoe Outings

Fresh Foods Distribution

6/26 Starts 10:00am

@GR Procuremen Building

June Jam 6/27 (TBD)

3/20 Start 10:00am @ GR Procurement Building

Fresh Food Distribution 7/17 Starts 10:00am @ GR Procurement Building Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow July 11 - 13, 2025 @Uyxat Powwow Ground Canoe Journey (tentatively) 4/18 from 5-7 @ Tribal Gym Fresh Foods Distribution 4/24 Starts 10:00am @ GR Procurement Building



Health and Wellness Centers 28th birthday 10/ 01 Fresh Foods Distribution 10/16 Starts 10:00am @GR Procurement Building Fall Festival - TBD

Jovember

Fresh Foods Distribution 11/20 Starts 10:00am @ GR Procurement Building

December

Fresh Foods Distribution 12/18 Starts 10:00am @ GR Procurement Building

*All events are subject to change, please look out for our official fliers on the GRHWC Facebook page