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Spirit Mountain Casino renovations to begin this summer

By Alexander Bliven

Smoke Signals intern

As part of an upcoming renovation project referred to as a “refresh,” guests at Spirit Mountain Casino can expect to see changes to the facility beginning this summer.

In an announcement to casino staff, Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier outlined planned updates to the more than 30-year-old facility, including renovations to the areas occupied by Mountain View Sports Bar and The Peak.

During a Tuesday, May 19, Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council and Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors member Kathleen George said that renovations have been planned for a long time and will provide a needed update to the aging casino.

“We know that this is a 30-plus-year-old facility now and it requires some investment and maintenance and upkeep,” George said. “We want to keep everything fresh and a good experience for our guests.”

George also said that these developments are “expected to improve our slot performance over the upcoming year.”

The space currently occupied by Mountain View Sports Bar will be converted into a new entryway gaming area. Featuring 165 slot machines, this space is “designed to create a more energetic and welcoming arrival experience for our guests as they enter the casino,” Mercier said.

The large LED screen found in front of the bar will remain in place, but moved to a higher position to

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

From left, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Tribal Council members Lisa Leno and Pete Wakeland, Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek, First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson, Tribal Council member Matthew Haller and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George break ground on tumwata village in Oregon City Thursday, May 28.

Coming home to tumwata

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

OREGON CITY — It’s been a long journey, but the people of tumwata falls are finally coming home, Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy told the crowd assembled Thursday, May 29 at the Tribe’s tumwata village property.

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Grand Ronde singers perform a drum song during the groundbreaking ceremony for tumwata village in Oregon City Thursday, May 28.



Plants for People showcases Tribe’s restoration work



Smoke Signals screenshot

Tribal Native Plant Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua, left, and Tribal Native Plant Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham talk about camas growing on the Tribe’s restoration land.

By Nicole Montesano

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During the past decade, the Tribe has worked intensively on land restoration, focusing particularly on returning first foods and other culturally important species to the landscape for Tribal access.

It partnered with the Institute for Applied Ecology for the Plants for People project, which was funded by a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The work included planting 45 culturally important species across 178 acres on seven different sites, including Herbert Farm and Natural Area, owned by the city of Corvallis, and Champoeg State Park.

This spring, the Tribe released a series of three videos about the projects at Herbert Farm, Champoeg State Park and the Tribe’s own Native Plant Nursery. The videos feature Tribal Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson, Native Plant Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua and Native Plant Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham, talking about the importance of restoration work. Archuleta, Harrelson and Ham discuss what it means to them personally as Tribal members.

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Tribal Council nominations

11 a.m. Sunday, June 28

Tribal Council Chambers

All nominations are required to be done in-person. Tribal members who are not nominating a candidate can participate in person or remotely via Zoom.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday meetings

| DATE | TIME |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Wednesday, June 17..... | 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, July 1..... | 4 p.m. |
| Wednesday, July 15..... | 4 p.m. |

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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| Thursday, July 23 | Aug. 1 | 2022 IJA General Excellence |
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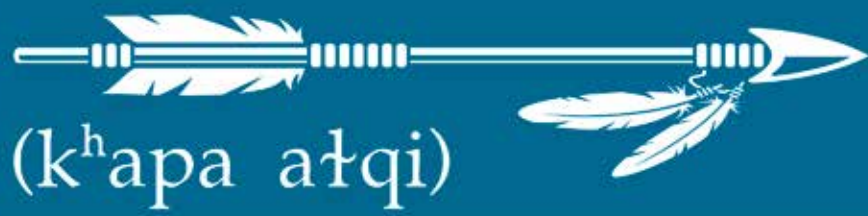
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IN THE FUTURE



taxam-mun (June)

- Wednesday, June 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
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- Wednesday, July 1 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday-Friday, July 2-3 – Tribal offices close at noon July 2 and remain closed July 3 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Friday-Sunday, July 10-12 – 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 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Monday, July 13 – Elder Honor Day, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino. Doors open at 8 a.m. Lunch is served at noon and bingo will begin at 1:30 p.m. Prizes will be raffled throughout the day.
- Wednesday, July 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

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

Court visit



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

2026 Portland Rose Festival Court Princess Briahna Michaud, left, is gifted a necklace by Junior Miss Grand Ronde Leloo Quenelle during the court's visit to Grand Ronde Wednesday, June 3. The princesses visited the Elders Activity Center where they ate lunch and talked with Tribal Elders and the Tribe's royalty members, toured Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center to learn some of the Tribe's history and went to the Tribal gym for drumming and singing by Shawash-ili?i Skul students.

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. ■

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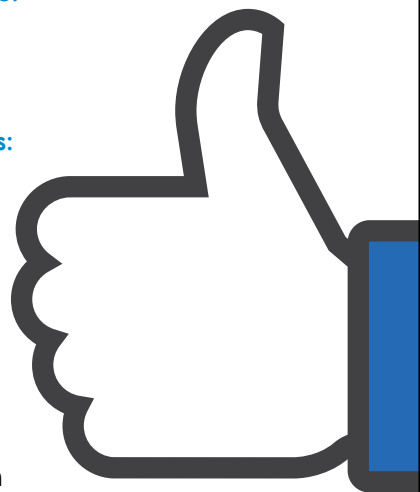
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Elder Honor Day

Monday, July 13 • SMC Event Center

- *8 a.m. - Doors open
- 9 a.m. - Event starts
- 9:45 a.m. - Welcome - Cheryle A. Kennedy
- 10 a.m. - First raffle
- 12 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - Bingo
- 2:45 p.m. - Closing remarks



*Agenda is tentative

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mak'hmak haws – is operated by Marion Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

The Food Bank will hold June food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed at the Veterans House. Chair: Molly Leno.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held via Zoom in July. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for more information.
- **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 Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Molly Leno.

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



2021 — The Tribe received \$27.5 million in American Rescue Plan funds, designed to provide relief to working Americans, businesses and state or local governments negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tribe did not announce plans on how it would use the funding, instead prioritizing how it would spend the remainder of the \$45 million in funds it received in 2020 from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

2016 — The Tribe won the Queen’s Award for best non-animated float in the Portland Rose Festival’s Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade for the second year in a row. The float, titled “Have Some Real Fun,” paid tribute to the first



2016

File photo

float entered by the Tribe 20 years earlier and depicted a mother coyote watching her two pups as they played alongside flowers.

2011 — The Tribe published an updated version of the Cultural Resources Department’s Chinuk Wawa dictionary. The updated dictionary, at almost 500 pages, included roughly 1,000 core words and 3,000 compound words that documented the language as it was spoken by past generations of Grand Ronde Indians. The new edition was roughly one-third larger than the previous dictionary created in 2001.

2006 — The Spirit Mountain Community Fund approved \$1.7 million in grants to 36 nonprofit organizations across its 11-county service area. “This latest round of giving underscores our tradition of sharing what we have with our community. It also affirms our conviction to make a key difference in areas that greatly affect quality of life for our Tribe and for all Oregonians: education, health, public safety, arts and culture, environment and historic preservation,” Tribal Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor said.

2001 — Tribal members Gene LaBonte, Russ Leno and June Olsen began work to map and mark locations of possible gravesites in the Tribal cemetery. The work was done as part of preservation efforts to identify missing cemetery records, determine availability for burial space within the cemetery, preserve the history of the old section of the cemetery and create a new updated record book to replace the original which had been lost in a fire.

1996 — Spirit Mountain Casino continued to hire and recruit employees for open positions at the casino, with 25 new and pre-existing positions set to become available. The Tribe observed the flow of new applicants was slowing down and encouraged Tribal and non-Tribal individuals to apply.

1991 — The Tribe’s Fish & Wildlife Department began distributing the subsistence salmon supply once per year rather than twice. This change was made to ensure more Tribal members received an allocation of fish and to eliminate confusion during the distribution process.

1986 — Tribal Council authorized the startup of the Social Services program, initially created to provide counseling and family assistance to Tribal members.

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

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Open for comment

Nonprofit Corporations Ordinance open for comment

Tribal Council is considering adopting a Nonprofit Corporations Ordinance. The proposed new ordinance was given a first reading at the Wednesday, May 6, 2026, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed ordinance is to set forth policies and procedures for the governance of nonprofit corporations chartered under Tribal law for the benefit of Tribal government or Tribal members and enabling such nonprofit corporations to achieve tax-exempt status pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed new Nonprofit Corporations Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed ordinance, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664 or legal@grandronde.org. Also send comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Wednesday, July 1, 2026. ■

Open for comment

Fish and Wildlife Ordinance

Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance at the June 3, 2026, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the amendments is to allow a Tribal Elder or a Tribal member who is physically unable to hunt to transfer their hunting tag issued pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement for Off-Reservation and Non-Trust Land Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering between the Tribe and the state of Oregon. The adoption of these amendments will allow the Natural Resources Department to implement this change for the 2026 hunting season.

Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send written comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by July 15, 2026. ■



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- Ceremonial Hunting Board – Must be a ceremonial hunter (1)
- Culture Committee (2) • Election Board alternates (2)
- Fish & Wildlife Committee (1) Housing Grievance Board* (1)
- Powwow Special Event Board* (2) • Timber Committee* (1)
- Veterans Special Event Board* (2)

Board and committee requirements: No more than three employees per board and committee. This includes all Tribal entities. *Current vacancies with three employees.

For questions email:
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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.

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Conceptual design rendering

A renovation project or “refresh” will begin this summer at Spirit Mountain Casino. Some of the changes include the conversion of Mountain View Sports Bar into a new entry gaming area featuring slot machines.

New venue’s name will be announced at a later date

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allow for an unobstructed view of the new gaming space.

Mountain View Sports Bar’s final day of operation in its current location will be Monday, July 27. Afterward, the bar will open in a temporary location Friday, July 31, in the former Happy Dragon Restaurant space near the Rogue River room. Updated menus and pricing are expected to be announced during the opening.

Construction of the entryway gaming area is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

Additionally, the area known as The Peak — which includes gaming for Sportsbook and Keno, and restaurants 10 Barrel Hop Yard and Stadium Bar — will be transformed into a new sports bar and restaurant.

This new venue is planned to include an increased seating capacity by more than 100 seats, two private dining rooms, a stage for entertainment and sports broadcasts or podcasts, 85 slot machines including 22 bar top machines and remodeled restrooms.

The new venue’s name will be announced at a later date.

By the end of remodeling, Sportsbook, Keno and Stadium Bar will remain in their current locations, but 10 Barrel Hop Yard will close

its doors, with its final day of operation Sunday, July 26.

“We appreciate the partnership and experiences created in that space over the years,” Mercier said.

Guests will still be able to purchase many of the restaurant’s pizza offerings through the casino’s deli area moving forward.

While renovations are underway, Sportsbook and Keno will be moved to a temporary location across from the temporary sports bar. Guests can also expect the slot machines found in and around The Peak and the hallway near the employee dining room to be relocated as part of ongoing operations. Signage and previews will be displayed throughout remodeling, offering guests a look at upcoming changes.

Construction is expected to ramp up in late July. From Tuesday, July 28, through Thursday, July 30, the Rogue River Rooms — which currently house the Friday and Saturday Prime Rib & Seafood Fest — will temporarily operate as a buffet-style dining venue for breakfast, lunch and dinner while setup for the temporary Sportsbook and Keno area is completed.

“This refresh project reflects our continued commitment to investing in our property, improving the guest experience and ensuring we remain competitive and successful well into the future,” Mercier said. ■

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Tribal Council adopts climate adaptation plan

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

During the last 10 years, the Grand Ronde Tribal community has been affected by 20 extreme heat related events, more than 30 winter storm events, six smoke events and several power outages.

Due to these increasingly frequent and severe climate events, Tribal Council adopted a climate adaptation plan at its Wednesday, June 3, meeting.

“These (climate) changes are disrupting cultural practices and daily life,” a Legislative Action Committee recommendation stated. “The climate adaptation plan serves as an overarching, flexible framework that builds on existing Tribal plans and ongoing efforts. It is intended to serve as a living document that evolves alongside Tribal priorities, community needs, funding opportunities and changing climate conditions.”

During a Tuesday, June 2, LAC meeting, Tribal Community Development Manager Kristen Svicarovich said the work had been funded by the First Nations Development Institute in collaboration with Cascadia Consulting Group and Walker Macy architects.

“It’s really exciting because it’s our first climate adaptation plan,” she said. “We want Tribal members to be able to read and review the plan, and we’re happy to put out the plan through the (Tribal) member app.”

Tribal Council member Matthew Haller said that he “highly recommended” that fellow Tribal members read the document.

“The adaptation plan is something that’s much more diverse than what you would imagine,” he said. “It talks about everything from climate control to how food sovereignty and native plants will help benefit and aid in that. I appreciate all the work that has been done on this.”

In other news, Tribal Council:

- Approved a limited waiver of sov-

ereign immunity for Glowforge software, which will be used for enhanced curriculum and activities at the Tribe’s Early Childhood Education Program;

- Approved an emergency amendment to the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Ordinance to provide that a Tribal Elder or Tribal member who is physically unable to hunt may transfer their hunting tag to another member under the Tribe’s memorandum of understanding with the state of Oregon, effective for the 2026 hunting season;
- Approved a housing study and needs assessment that identifies current and future housing stock and includes strategies to encourage development;
- Approved a loan from the Tribe to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. for up to \$1.3 million to cover costs for an exterior painting and repair project for the casino and RV clubhouse;
- Approved an application to the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care for the Birth Through Five Literacy Plan grant for up to \$460,000;
- Approved an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants for up to \$615,000, two applications for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant for up to \$950,000 each and an application for the Fire Prevention and Safety grant for up to \$210,000;
- Approved the Tribal Police Department using the Law Enforcement Data Systems database for Tribal employees or applicants in non-criminal justice positions;
- And approved enrolling one infant and 26 non-infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

To watch the entire meeting, visit www.grandronde.org and click on the Videos tab. ■

Vet clinic

A First Nations Veterinary clinic took place at the Grand Ronde Fire Station Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24. First Nations Veterinary is a nonprofit organization that provides free vet care to dogs and cats living on Native American reservations. Care provided includes spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchips and flea and tick treatment. The high-volume clinic treated 114 pets over the two days, performing surgeries in their mobile spay/neuter rig. The clinics are veterinary medicine volunteer based.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Recovery team volunteer Chelsea Lane cuts Daisy’s nails in the recovery area of the First Nations Veterinary clinic at the Grand Ronde Fire Station Saturday, May 23. Daisy is an Australian Cattle Dog.



Crissie Heusted holds a Basset Hound named Daisy as Tanisha McChesney administers a sedation shot to prepare her for spay surgery during the First Nations Veterinary clinic at the Grand Ronde Fire Station Saturday, May 23. Both were volunteering in the mobile spay/neuter rig.

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Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service.

Tribal members can now get books from libraries in Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties, as well as access to many free programs.

Tribal Library patrons should visit the Tribal Library and update their information and obtain a new Regional Library Service card.

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

Economic development summit held in Grand Ronde

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

Officials from various state agencies, Tribal nations and community development professionals participated in an economic development summit at the Tribe's Adult Education building Thursday, May 21.

The summit was hosted by the Tribe's Economic Development (EcDev) program and included the Tribal-State Economic Development and Community Services Cluster team, a government-to-government group designed to encourage cooperation between federally recognized Tribes and state agencies.

The summit began with a welcome song, performed by students from the Tribe's Shawash-ili?i Skul, followed by introductions of those in attendance.

The Tribal Housing Grant Fund, a first-in-the-nation program that consolidates a single funding source to address the housing needs of Oregon Tribes; as well as the Building Energy Reduction Incentive program, which provides up to \$100,000 to help commercial and Tribal building owners offset the costs of complying early with the state's building performance standard, were discussed, followed by a Tribal spotlight on economic development.

Tribal Economic & Lands Director Jan Looking Wolf Reibach gave an update on various economic development opportunities and work the Tribe is engaged in.

"All the Tribes, regardless of what stage they're in for their economy, have to fight for their sovereignty," he said. "It's a struggle and we have



Jan Looking Wolf Reibach

to continue to advocate for our self-governance and to get what we deserve because we are not just a private business in the state of Oregon. So...it's still an effort."

Reibach then shared a slide that included different revenue sources for the Grand Ronde Tribe. These include gaming, various investments, self-governance leases with the federal government, grants, Tribal Employment Rights Office project fees, medication assisted treatment clinic revenues, wildland firefighting, timber permits, commercial real estate and emergency medical services.

"In 2024, less than 20% of our net revenue was from the casino," he said. "So that tells you the diversity of the Tribe. We have revenue that comes from several different areas. ... We have a very well developed grant program and in 2024, we had over \$64 million in grants that came into this Tribe. There might be some private organizations or even some folks that could look at that and say, 'Wow, you're really rich. You have all of this.' But today, as I share this with you, in this country Native Americans still have the highest rate of homelessness. We still have the lowest life expectancy of anyone in this coun-

try as a group. We're still fighting all of these things that were left over."

He continued, "Our mission with our EcDev program is while we're still monitoring for opportunities and assessing what comes our way...we're managing existing projects and supporting the Tribe's economy. We're going to mold a strategy development with our leaders...Our EcDev program supports not only economic development that is unrestricted for profit-centered projects, we also support projects that bring in restricted revenue to our economy because if the Tribe brings in restricted revenue, that frees up unrestricted revenue that would otherwise be used to support the community."

Next, Tribal Economic Development Analyst Dane Herrin shared the Tribe's comprehensive economic development strategy, which is designed to be "seven generations strong."

"This is going to build our way to the well-developed, robust and anti-fragile economy that we all want to build," he said. "So, we need to figure out not only how to get there but the mission, the values and the way you get there that supports our team and our way of doing things. This is going to be the economic constitution for our sovereign nation, providing for those benefits, those jobs...It isn't going to be a short project or something that we just cobble together then hide it somewhere."

The strategy is designed to "act as a long-range strategic planning document that articulates our economic vision, identifies priority mission and goals, assesses current economic conditions and lays out a roadmap for achieving sustainable economic self-sufficiency."

Herrin noted that Tribal members can expect the multi-year process to be an inclusive approach with regular opportunities for input and updates.

"This is going to be a living strategic document that addresses our internal core competencies and the external environment that we are trying to interact with," he said. "This isn't just going to bring up Grand Ronde, it will bring up other Tribes in our area and it's going to bring up Oregon. We're going to find ways to further develop and nurture relationships, business and otherwise."

Reibach said the goal was to have the plan ready to present at the Tribe's 45th Restoration celebration in 2028.

"Out of the (economic development strategy) is going to be about a five-year window of economic, up-centered initiatives for the Tribe," he said. "It's going to steer us into which industries to invest in."

After Reibach concluded his presentation, attendees heard about economic development efforts from the Umatilla, Cow Creek and Klamath Tribes.

Mariah Watchman, business development coordinator for the Umatilla Tribe, noted that a lot of other Tribes in the area also had their own economic development strategies and that future collaboration would be useful.

"We appreciate that you are paving the way and we've been doing a lot of research in the area and trying to see everyone else's (plans)," she said. "We're excited to get this process moving forward and under our belt. ... So, thank you for the work you've done."

Other agenda items for the morning included a governor's office update and a report from the Oregon Department of Forestry regarding the 2026 wildfire season outlook.

Afternoon sessions on the agenda included reports about Business Oregon's new small business enterprise certification and loan fund, data sovereignty and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. ■

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County, cities seek to stop or delay dam drawdowns

Tribe says drawdowns crucial to preserve wild salmon

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

Marion County and the cities of Albany and Millersburg are suing the Army Corps of Engineers to delay or stop the deep drawdowns of Detroit Lake and Green Peter dams.

The Corps has conducted deep drawdowns at Green Peter previously. It plans to do so again this year and begin drawing down Detroit Lake this fall.

Salmon advocates say the drawdowns are crucial for preventing the extinction of spring Chinook and winter steelhead in the Willamette River system. City officials said the Army Corps damaged their water treatment plant. Marion County officials said it also fears damage to city treatment plants and that drawing down Detroit Lake would harm its tourist value and reduce irrigation water, especially if next winter is dry. Many of those arguments were taken from Army Corps documents.

The National Marine Fisheries Service instructed that drawdowns begin in 2008, but the Army Corps resisted until a federal judge ordered it to comply in 2021.

In an environmental impact statement filed in May, the Army Corps wrote that, "The deep drawdown at Detroit Reservoir would adversely affect water supply, water quality, drinking water (facility operation) and recreation. The effects of the drawdown on fish depend on the species and the life stage of the species."

It continued, "In very dry winters, USACE may not be able to



Smoke Signals file photo

Fall Creek Reservoir in Fall Creek is shown in deep drawdown in January 2025. Since 2021, the Army Corps of Engineers have been under a federal court order to conduct deep drawdowns to improve fish passage and water quality at several of its Willamette River Basin dams for both spring Chinook and winter steelhead. Marion County and the cities of Albany and Millersburg are suing the Army Corps to delay or stop the deep drawdowns of Detroit Lake and Green Peter dams. The Army Corps has conducted deep drawdowns at Green Peter previously. It plans to do so again this year and begin drawing down Detroit Lake this fall.

refill the reservoir to a minimum conservation pool by Feb. 1, which could result in a lower reservoir level than currently experienced in very dry years. ... During dry years, USACE would coordinate with regional partners to minimize effects to downstream users reliant on streamflows."

The cities and county want the drawdowns delayed and the Army Corps to pay for damages.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Kathleen George, a member of the Tribe's Salmon Strength Team, said the drawdowns are critical.

"There is no denying that Willamette Basin salmon are in real danger of extinction in our lifetime," she said in an email. "Deep drawdowns are the most effective tool we have to reverse that decline. We

recognize that there are concerns about drinking water and recreation...those are challenges we can work together to solve. Those are conversations that the Tribe wants to be a part of. But the real threat of salmon extinction is urgent and can't be avoided without the drawdowns. Once salmon populations are gone from the Willamette Basin, they are gone forever."

Attorney Steve Elzinga wrote for Marion County that the Army Corps failed to conduct a turbidity study ordered by Congress and the county wants the drawdown paused until it completes the study, "and allows informed public comments." Turbidity refers to sediment in the water, which can clog treatment filters.

If the Army Corps had published the report by the Jan. 4 deadline, Elzinga wrote, the public would have had time to evaluate it and submit comments.

The Army Corps' impact statement said it expects the Detroit Lake drawdown to cause less turbidity than the Green Peter drawdowns.

"The drawdown of Detroit Reservoir is shallower than Green Peter Reservoir and would expose a significantly smaller area of sediment," the statement said. "Additionally, USACE is proposing to draw down the reservoir to the target elevation over several years, minimizing the amount of new sediment mobilized and exposed each year. Due to the shallower drawdown, the larger reservoir would retain more sediment than Green Peter Reservoir, however, the fine clay material eroded from exposed sediment is likely to stay in suspension and pass downstream of Detroit Dam."

The drawdowns are planned for fall, when juvenile salmon move downstream. Typically, the reservoir is filled by winter and spring rainfall. But last year's lack of rainfall worries the county.

Elzinga noted that the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center has forecasted below normal seasonal precipitation from November 2026 to January 2027 in the Willamette Valley.

Further, he argued the drawdown "would significantly increase the total collective costs to local governments in Marion County. These costs are expected to be millions of dollars to repair, replace or find alternative water sources. More importantly, preparations will take more time than proposed ... full preparations cannot be completed by the fall of 2026."

Albany and Millersburg use membrane filter cells to purify drinking water from the South Santiam River, which were designed for water with low turbidity and cannot handle extremely muddy water.

"When the water supply from the South Santiam River has excess sediment, as defendant caused and will continue to cause ... the treatment system can malfunction, stop working completely and/or have a reduction in its useful life," the cities' attorneys wrote.

The Army Corps conducted drawdowns of the Green Peter Dam reservoir in November and December 2023. The cities said that it knew the November drawdown would cause high turbidity levels and violated state and federal law by not mitigating the problem.

"During the drawdowns, the turbidity levels were exponentially higher than normal and well beyond the levels allowed under Oregon's water quality standards. ... This increased turbidity was caused by the corps unreasonable and negligent conduct," the lawsuit stated. "The corps failed to adequately study turbidity when planning its drawdowns and the corps failed to take reasonable steps to mitigate turbidity during the drawdowns. The corps unreasonable conduct includes ... allowing water to flow at high velocities during the drawdowns," stirring up mud.

The lawsuit continued, "The Corps took these actions even though state water quality standards, as incorporated in federal law and a federal injunction, all required the Corps to mitigate turbidity."

Consequently, it said, the cities will "be required to improve their water treatment plant" for an estimated \$31 million. The cities asked for damages and a declaration that the drawdowns violated the federal Clean Water Act and state water quality standards. ■



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‘Today we start rebuilding’

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Tribal members, dignitaries and staff from various city and state agencies gathered in Oregon City to break ground for the new community and Tribal gathering place, located at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill.

“Today, we start rebuilding,” Kennedy said. “Today, we lay the foundation of tumwata village and start the process of bringing our people back to the falls, as well as everyone else. This place is a sacred place. This has been a long time coming, but we are home today.”

She told the crowd that she is descended from Clackamas Chief Daniel Wacheno, one of the signers of the 1855 Willamette Valley Treaty and called out Tribal Council member Lisa Leno and Tribal Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, who are also descended from Clackamas treaty signers.

“I know our ancestors are here watching,” Kennedy said. “Their hearts are full as they encourage us to move forward. It was our grandpas that stood here and who did this work, and they would have been welcoming you. Now it’s passed on to me to welcome you in the same spirit.”

In addition to Kennedy, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George and council members Matthew Haller, Lisa Leno and Pete Wakeland also attended. George gave the invocation and served as emcee. Grand Ronde singers performed a drum song.

The Tribe has spent several years demolishing unsafe buildings and removing contaminants and items,



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gives a welcome and opening remarks during the groundbreaking ceremony for tumwata village in Oregon City Thursday, May 28.

including buried railway tanker cars and fuel tanks from the site since it was acquired by the Tribe in 2019.

Tribal Engineering & Community Development Department Manager Ryan Webb was hired to oversee the project, although his job has expanded significantly since then. But his focus has remained on tumwata, he said, calling it the most challenging project of his career.

“tumwata village is not merely a project; it is a promise,” Webb said. “A promise that this land, once taken from its original stewards and reshaped by industry, will once again rise in a way that reflects the people of this place, what they value, and what their future is. This work is for the generations to come.”

Kennedy noted that “Our work

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started in 2019 when we purchased the land and we will not quit until it is done.”

She pledged that “There is a welcoming place that we are building into our project here, a place where all Tribes will have a place to gather together. A place to come together and to share good ideas and thoughts, as over the past millennia our people gathered here. We were the keepers of the falls and we welcomed all Tribes. This was the biggest place of commerce west of the Mississippi for Native Americans to come and gather here and to fish.”

Just days earlier, the Tribe had caught its first fish of the year, dip netted from the rocks next to Willamette Falls. The Tribe is still waiting for a decision by a federal judge in a lawsuit filed by Portland General Electric, which is seeking to condemn and seize ownership of the falls. The outcome of that trial, which took place more than a year ago, will likely determine whether the Tribe is able to maintain access to its ceremonial fishing platform. Either way, however, the Tribe intends to make tumwata village a place where Tribal members and the public once again have access to the falls.

“It’s less of a beginning and more of the continuity of the place,” Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek told the crowd. “Willamette Falls is one of the wonders of North America. Long before Oregon, this place was a gathering ground – a fishery, a trading center, a site of ceremony and kinship that drew Tribal nations from the coast, the valley, the Columbia and the Plateau. We are in a special place.”

Kotek said the first building “will be incorporating ground floor retail space that will anchor the southern end of Oregon City, West Linn, Clackamas County and the state of Oregon. ... (It) will be an engine for local growth and regional growth. ... it will ... demonstrate that economic

growth and environmental stewardship can truly walk side by side.”

Kotek told the crowd that “This moment is about justice. It’s about recognizing that Oregon’s future is stronger when Tribal nations thrive, when ancestral lands are healed and when Indigenous voices are heard.”

Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff said the project “is an expanded concept to bring restoration and healing to this place. ... As the vision unfolds, much like a flower opening petal by petal, tumwata village will make our lives and our city fuller and more fulfilling.”

Archuleta provided some of the history of the falls.

“They’ve asked me to kind of share a little bit about our ancestors’ place here, at the falls,” he said. “They gave me the most dangerous job of all; because they want me to tell some of our ikanum, outside of our ikanum time, so I risk being stung by a bee or dealing with a snake wrapped around myself. Hopefully I don’t tell too much and get in trouble.”

Archuleta shared with the crowd two stories about the origin of the falls.

“For the Clackamas people, we have the story of how tumwata was created, and how Coyote decided to build the falls at Oregon City here, and as part of that, he built a fish trap,” he said. “And that fish trap would keep producing fish. Coyote got tired of it and kind of insulted it, so they say that’s why we have to dip net here, instead of using a magical fish trap.”

The Hudson family, Archuleta said, “sent in a Kalapuya ikanum that tells also of the falls being created. Coyote and Meadowlark decided they were going to create a falls on the river and they started way, way, way up on the river and the falls kept moving down.

“Meadowlark said, ‘how about here?’ Coyote didn’t understand; he spoke Kalapuya; Meadowlark spoke the Clackamas language. And so the falls just kept moving down further and further. They got to Salem and Meadowlark said, ‘How about here?’ But still, he didn’t understand. So, the falls just kept going further and further down the river. And then finally, when they got to Oregon City here, Meadowlark spoke in chinuk wawa, and he said, ‘How about here?’ Coyote agreed, he understood, so they put the falls here in Oregon City and they tied it down with hazel.”

Archuleta noted that hazel is an important Tribal resource for basketry and other uses, as well as for nuts.

“So they used that to tie down the falls here and those hazel sticks turned into stone, so that’s where the falls are today,” he said. “The Santiam say that’s why the falls are in Clackamas Country, versus being in Santiam Country.” ■

Smoke Signals intern Alexander Bliven contributed to this article.

PADDLE PRACTICE

SCHEDULE FOR 2026

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| March 3/16 wake up the canoes | July 7/1 Elders Canoe Day @Willamina Pond 10am-1pm 7/15 Paddle practice @Devils Lake 10am-2pm |
| April 4/19 Paddle practice @Devils Lake 10am-2pm | August 8/19 Paddle practice @Willamina Pond 10am-1pm 8/29 Tentative river paddle |
| May 5/18 Paddle practice @Devils Lake 1-4pm | September 9/2 Sobriety Paddle @Willamina Pond 10am-1pm |
| June 6/13 Farmers Day Paddle @Devils Lake 10am-1pm 6/17 Paddle practice @Devils Lake 10am-2pm | |

Please remember that this schedule is tentative and may change throughout the year. Paddle practices in early 2026 are weather permitting. Be sure to follow GRHWC Facebook for the most up to date schedule as well as more information on upcoming events.

A grant enabled the Tribe to create a native plant nursery

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The whole thing started, Harrelson said, in the early 2000s, when Melanie Gisler of the Institute for Applied Ecology asked the Tribe if she could work on propagating and maintaining Nelson's checkermallow, a native plant, on Tribal land.

"It wasn't really a part of anybody's work plans; they didn't have capacity for it, and at the time the biologist, Rebecca McCoun-Travers ... was taking her lunch breaks and basically helping Melanie, because the Tribe was like, 'Yeah, sure, but we can't put any staff time or resources; we have no plan for this,'" Harrelson recalled. "Melanie started asking a bunch of questions about native plants. And Rebecca was like, 'I don't know about all this cultural use stuff, let's go talk to the Cultural Resources Department.'"

Harrelson "had just moved from the Natural Resources Department to the Cultural Resources Department ... and she roped me in. I started to spend my lunch time hanging out and I started to give feedback," he said.

Harrelson said he had noticed an issue with plant restoration efforts.

"There's this missing gap: People ask us for plant lists, we give them a plant list. Then they go to the nursery and they get the plants that have the Latin name, but they don't have the genetics that we want. Like, the sedges are all wrong and the big standout was anytime the Tribe did development, we put in kinnikinnick (bearberry plant). And the kinnikinnick that

they were getting was this high wax glossy ornamental kinnikinnick, which is not the type of kinnikinnick that we use."

Gisler suggested that the Tribe grow its own plant material and applied for an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant with the Tribe as the partner beneficiary, "with the idea that the seeds and the plant material produced from that would go to some of the sites that Institute for Applied Ecology worked on," Harrelson said.

Gisler moved on after a year.

"But now we're 10 years into that sort of evolving of iterations and different staff who've worked with the Tribe a lot longer, changing into different roles but it kind of all happened over lunch, doing extra work at the edges of something that seemed to matter," Harrelson said.

The grant enabled the Tribe to create a native plant nursery, with unexpected results.

"It created this community outreach component for Natural Resources," Harrelson said. "That was like an unintended benefit of plants for the people, in a real way. Not just for the outcomes in the field, but the whole process of growing those plants has made a huge community contribution. That wouldn't have happened without Jeremy and Joseph."

In the video, Ojua and Ham discuss the community interactions the nursery has created, including regular visits from schoolchildren.

Creating the series took about a year, Tribal Public Affairs Digital Communications Manager Matthew Williams said. He hired a videographer and editor to help,

but also did some of the shooting himself.

"Days were always really long," he said. "They were a lot of work, but really fun, when you look back."

The site visits involved hours of interviewing and shooting video, followed by countless hours of editing. The theme of the videos is efforts to maintain Tribal culture.

"It's really important for a Tribe that's been through Termination and figuring out how we stay connected to that land is kind of the goal of that series," Williams said.

"We refer to it in community as 'keeping it living.' ... Our history is written upon the landscape, because the land holds it. It keeps it, so it's there for our own finding," Harrelson said.

In the video, Harrelson said he often brings his children to Champeog.

"One of the greatest challenges that we face is just the sheer volume and size of the loss that's been experienced by our Tribal people," he said. "And so, one of the greatest ways that we can proclaim and be a part of our own persistence is to engage in those old ways of thinking and doing. But without the ability to get to practice our culture on the landscape, our culture isn't living. It becomes static. ... A number of teachings that we have, I think are really pertinent to traditional ecology knowledge. One

is this concept of managing for abundance and this idea that as humans, maybe the greatest gift or power that we have is the ability to take actions that beneficially impact not only us, but also plant communities, animal communities around us. And so often that is a stark contrast to the way that environmental preservation has been viewed, which is an understanding that people are bad and things that people do are somehow negative to the environment," Harrelson said.

The videos "take a lot out of you, because you're constantly working through every small detail and trying to make sure everything is right," Williams said. "Even the music and the way someone ends their sentence ... pulling the best bits that make the most sense for it."

One of the challenges, Tribal Natural Resources Specialist Annaliese Ramthun said, was how much had to be cut out.

"There would be 40 minutes of really interesting information and that we then had to edit down to highlights," she said. "That was the hardest part of the process. This is 10 years of a project, based on 200 years of displacement, and there's still so much work to do. How do you pick 15 minutes of highlight reel?"

The videos are available on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org/videos/. ■

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Tribal member loan program

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Priority will go to applicants who have not previously received a loan. A loan may be requested for an amount up to \$1,000.

More information about the loan program and the link to the application can be found at www.grandronde.org.

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NRD offering youth Learn to Hunt Program

The Tribal Natural Resources Department is hosting a fall youth Learn to Hunt Program and is seeking applicants and adult mentors. This is for enrolled Grand Ronde youth who may otherwise not have the opportunity.

During the comprehensive multi-day event, youth will be paired one-on-one, with an experienced hunter-mentor in a controlled private property experience and will learn the following skills:

- Practice what was learned in hunter safety classes;
- Receive training on the safety and ethics of hunting;
- Learn what signs to watch for when tracking an animal, including how to identify scat to determine the animal and how to use various tools of the trade;
- With a successful hunt, learn to field dress, skin and butcher the harvest.

Youth ages 12 to 17 may apply; however, 17-year-olds may not turn 18 before hunt dates. Youth must have an interest in learning to hunt and not have family or friends to learn from.

To be considered, complete and submit an application and required essay by Thursday, July 2, to NRD. Additionally, youth must commit to attending all orientation and hunt dates, as well as obtain a hunter safety certificate by Saturday, Aug. 1.

Hunt dates are Saturday, Oct. 31, Saturday, Nov. 7, Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 21. A meal will follow.

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

Native pride



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Jennifer Brooks Riggs applies yellow dye to a T-shirt during the tie-dyeing workshop near the Tribal gym Thursday, June 11. June is Pride month to honor the LGBTQ+ community. The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, in collaboration with Cultural Education, and the Youth Empowerment & Prevention and Warriors of Hope programs, hosted Grand Ronde Pride Week activities June 8-12. In addition to tie-dyeing there was a Two-Spirit panel discussion, a storytelling workshop, a screening of “Frybread Face and Me” and a pin beading workshop.



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From left, Tribal members Steph Littlebird, Anthony Hudson and Silas Hoffer spoke at a Two-Spirit panel discussion and question and answer at the Cheryl A. Kennedy Public Health Building Tuesday, June 9.

Visitors to EAC asked to utilize parking lots, not streets

Tribal administration is requesting that non-Elder visitors to the Tribe’s Elders Activity Center utilize the parking lot across the street from the Adult Foster Care homes, as Blacktail Drive was not built to accommodate street parking.

“We have allowed street parking knowing that at some point this was going to need to be addressed because of how narrow the street becomes when cars park on one side of the roadway, which only allows for one car to pass through at a time,” Tribal Interim General Manager Bryan Langley said in an email. “With the increase in the numbers of residents and employees, the traffic in this area has also increased, making this area unsafe at times. Public Works will be reviewing this area to determine potential changes that will need to be made to allow cars to pass uninhibited and provide safe street parking, therefore we are asking that only Elders park on the south side of Blacktail Drive while visiting the Elders Activity Center.”

The Tribe is planning on doing some curb painting and placing additional signage to raise awareness regarding the changes. ■

ARE YOU A CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL VETERAN?

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office (TVSO)

To *Add Your Name:

- To the email list
- To the mail out list
- To the t-shirt list

**If you are already on the list, but need to update your information, please email those changes.*

To Recieve:

- Benefits information & updates
- Event invitations
- Veteran recognitions

Why? Because the TVSO shares information all year long about veterans benefits, events, and periodically sends veteran recognitions.

If you have any questions or want more information, email:

CTGRtribalvso@GrandRonde.Org

TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

MEN'S HEALTH GRILL & CHILL

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2026

11:30 AM - 1 PM

GRAND RONDE DAY USE PARK
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

YARD GAMES **RAFFLE FOR A GRILL** **MEN'S HEALTH FAIR**

ALL are welcome to attend this event. A BBQ lunch will be provided for those who join us for the health fair.

For more information contact chad.mann@grandronde.org

Get your Tribal ID at the Portland office & Members Services assistance!

- Eagle Feather Permits
- Medicare Part B Reimbursement
- Elder's Direct Deposit
- And more!

10AM-2PM During Food Box Distribution

June 16th, July 16th, August 13th, September 15th, October 14th, November 19th, & December 15th.

Questions? Please contact Shayla Murphy, Member Services Administrator
shayla.murphy@grandronde.org 503-879-1364

Walking On...

Marjorie Elaine LaBonte-Robertson

Aug. 31, 1961 – June 2, 2026

Tribal Elder Marjorie Elaine LaBonte-Robertson joined her ancestors June 2, 2026, at the age of 64.

She was immensely loved as a mother, grandma, wife, auntie, mentor, community leader, teacher, spiritual advisor and friend.

Elaine entered this Earth on Aug. 31, 1961, in Eureka, California, to Nancy Ridlon and Lester LaBonte.

She grew up in Humboldt County with her brothers, Rick Collins and Lee Crum. Her four children, Adam Sierra, Kevin Sierra, PimNaniHiish Nelson and Ishnura Nelson, as well as her granddaughter, Keira Sierra, were all raised closely by Elaine.

She was married to John Robertson in August 2012 on the big island of Hawaii.

She lived a good life on the Red Road. Elaine was always traveling for ceremonies and gatherings. An avid traditional craftswoman, Elaine spent countless hours sewing, quilting, beading, weaving and gathering medicines alongside her daughter. She could always be asked for help, knew everyone in her big family and welcomed them all with open and loving arms.

Elaine showed immense love for her community. She was strong for everyone around her. She always helped and supported everyone to a fault at times because her heart was always in the right place. She always spoke up for her community and was not afraid to speak her mind. She was always super humble about this but she was a very strong and powerful spiritual leader.

Elaine instilled a love and dedication for our people, as well as our traditional ways, to her children and granddaughter. She taught them real Native history from a young age, taught them to question the colonized infrastructures and was a living example of the value of education.

Elaine loved all things chocolate, her children will always remember her distinct "Ooohhh" whenever someone revealed a delicious looking thing.

She enjoyed true crime shows and podcasts when she wasn't teaching, working or sweating. Her laughter was always heard throughout her home, even through the walls.

Elaine was everyone in her family's biggest inspiration. She provided a support system for them, always encouraged them to be the best in every way and was their biggest supporter, so much so that you could find her at almost every show or event produced by her son Adam.

She had the brightest smile and could make anyone in a room laugh. She had so much love for everyone around her and never gave up on anyone. She was a voice for the voiceless and always saw the best in everyone.

Elaine lived a hard life early on but broke through generational barriers by attending higher education universities as well as bringing back traditional practices.

She attended school at D-Q University, University of California Davis and Oregon State University, and earned a master's degree in environmental science. Elaine worked for the Tribe many times throughout the years after she moved to the Grand Ronde area with her family in 1997, most recently as the Tribal Public Affairs Department copywriter.

Elaine taught biology at Chemeketa Community College and was incredibly passionate about blending her heritage as a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde with her love for science. She had a remarkable gift for enriching her classes with traditional ecological knowledge, bringing biology to life through memorable field trips and hands-on experiences.

She left a huge legacy of resilience, resistance and strength. She was strong for her family as our matriarch. She was and will always be our rock. The impact that Marjorie Elaine LaBonte Robertson left on this world will be forever cherished.

She will never be forgotten.



Tony Delagarza

March 31, 1965 – June 4, 2026

Tribal Elder Tony Delagarza passed away June 4, 2026, at the age of 61. Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas, is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available before press time.

Marie Adelle Davis

Nov. 3, 1939 – June 5, 2026

Tribal Elder Marie Adelle Davis passed away June 5, 2026, at the age of 86.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home in Bend is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available before press time.

2 IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
 3 OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON
 4 In The Matter of:) Case No.: 260011
 5 Sonia Lafferty)
 6) Petitioner.) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE
 7) [ADULT]
 8
 9 NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:
 10 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on
 11 the 9th day of June, 2026, requesting that Petitioner's name be
 12 changed from Sonia Lafferty to Sonia Elizabeth Lafferty
 13 Tanis-Tomanwas Anna Lafferty.
 14
 15 The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause
 16 why the name change should or should not be granted. Any person objecting to the proposed
 17 name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of
 18 publication of this Notice, as to why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed
 19 change of name.
 20 DATED this 9th day of June, 2026.
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 22 Sonia Lafferty
 23 Petitioner
Sonia Lafferty [Print Name]
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SPRING/SUMMER 2026

GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND PREVENTION ARE HOSTING SHATI PI ISHISH PRACTICE.


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| WED. JUNE 24 | 2:30-4:00 PM IN THE TRIBAL GYMNASIUM HOSTED BY GRHWC & PUBLIC HEALTH SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED |
| WED. JULY 8 | 4:30-6:30 PM IN THE TRIBAL GYMNASIUM HOSTED BY YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND PREVENTION GRAB AND GO DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED |
| WED. JULY 22 | 2:30-4:00 PM IN THE TRIBAL GYMNASIUM HOSTED BY GRHWC & PUBLIC HEALTH SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED |



The Grand Ronde Tribal Library's Summer Reading Program Presents


PARADISE OF SAMOA

Mesmerizing live dance performances, Paradise of Samoa is a non-profit group dedicated to showcasing Polynesian heritage through authentic dance and cultural education.



TUESDAY,
JUNE 23RD
1:30 PM
GYM

Children are encouraged to visit the library table at the event to receive a free book!





Watchlist: 'First America'

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalism

A 2021 Watchlist shared a popular Indigenous podcast called "This Land," a podcast hosted by Cherokee Nation citizen Rebecca Nagle.

Now in 2026, the third season is about to release Monday, June 22, with a new name: "First America."

"If we don't understand the full context in which our nation was founded, we won't understand the full context in which our nation now finds itself," a voice said in the podcast's trailer.

In "First America," Nagle's interviews with Indigenous historians reveal a story in which the Native American resistance actually shaped the American independence movement, more than history has often told.

"I keep hearing people say, 'This isn't who we are as a country,'" Nagle said. "But what I have learned in the last year is that U.S. history tells a different story."

With the sound of drumming and singing in the background, the trailer uses a soundbite of a Native man telling the darker version of America's origin story.

"150 years ago, they were hunting us down to kill us," he said. "Now they are hunting down immigrants to deport them."

On the podcast's website, it notes that this story is not intended to simply add another "blemish" to America's already speckled past; rather it will compare what we saw in the United States in 1776, to what we see in America today.

"I want us to know how we got here," Nagle concludes in the podcast's three-minute trailer. "Because otherwise we will never find our way out."

You can listen to "First America" wherever you listen to podcasts or find links to listening platforms at www.pushkin.fm/podcasts/first-america. ■

May 2026 students of the month

The Tribe's Youth Enrichment Program hayu-munk skukum implemented student of the month awards for grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-12. The following are students of the month for May.



Nora Wilson was chosen as student of the month for grades K-2 for always treating classmates with a warm smile and kind words. Nora is a wonderful friend who includes everyone in games and makes sure no one sits alone on the playground. Thank you for being a bright light in our classroom!



Paxtyn Bruckner was chosen as student of the month for grades K-2 for demonstrating outstanding kindness, compassion and thoughtfulness towards classmates and teachers. His positive attitude and generous spirit are shining examples for everyone in our after-school program. Thank you for spreading kindness every day!



Seady Smith was chosen as student of the month for grades 3-5 for consistently showing compassion, respect and kindness to classmates, teachers and everyone around her. Through thoughtful actions, a positive attitude and a willingness to help others, Seady makes our program a brighter and more welcome place.



Tribal member Journey Goodenough was chosen as student of the month for grades 3-5 because she has been amazing to have in our class. She is a huge help when it comes to projects and she always comes in with a positive and joking attitude and demeanor. She never has bad days or seems upset. She is always laughing and joking around with all her friends, which is awesome because it means she is comfortable and happy to be here. She always comes up to the teacher when she arrives, even if it's to make jokes or make fun of them somehow but it's always with good manners. She and her friends are the best to have because they know how to have fun and a great time without the expense of someone else's feelings and emotions being hurt or set off. We always appreciate her for being considerate of her other classmates.



Tribal member Cedar Goodenough is student of the month for grades 6-12 for their genuine ability to create a welcoming and inclusive environment. Cedar connects thoughtfully with both students and staff, always bringing kindness and positivity into every interaction. hayu munk skukum is truly better because Cedar is part of the program.

Contributed photos



GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Friday, May 1

- A drug complaint was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted a stranded motorist near milepost 29 on Highway 18.
- A driving while suspended traffic stop occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, May 2

- A DUII arrest occurred by milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a medical call near the 8000 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Citizen contact occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, May 3

- Officers cleared roadkill that was obstructing the roadway near milepost 23 on Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a driving complaint near milepost 15 on Highway 18.
- Trespassing occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, May 4

- Trespassing/resisting arrest occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred near Yamhill River Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a driving complaint near the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A trespassing complaint occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Tuesday, May 5

- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a domestic call in Willamina.
- Officers responded to a crash alert near milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- A trespassing complaint occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A multiple outstanding warrants arrest occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, May 6

- Theft was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with an investigation into credit card fraud.
- Officers assisted an outside agency by contacting two individuals regarding illegally switched license plates.

Thursday, May 7

- Officers assisted an outside agency on a physical domestic call that occurred in Willamina.
- A possible suicidal subject was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A possible emotionally disturbed subject was reported in the area of North Street.
- Officers assisted an outside agency attempting to locate a vehicle that had eluded law enforcement.

Friday, May 8

- A domestic disturbance was reported at the 9000 block of Raven Loop.
- A DUII arrest occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving while suspended arrest occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a trespass that occurred at the 28000 block of Andy Riggs Road.

Saturday, May 9

- Fraud was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported by Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency by responding to the 8000 block of Grand Ronde Road for a possible domestic disturbance.

Sunday, May 10

- Fraud was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A trespassing call occurred at the 9000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway for an intoxicated subject who was planning to drive.
- A possible domestic disturbance was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, May 11

- Officers assisted a resident by Raven Loop after they were locked out of their home.
- A welfare check occurred by the 9000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Tuesday, May 12

- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a single vehicle crash that occurred outside of Willamina.
- A warrant arrest occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a possible domestic disturbance by the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving while suspended arrest occurred in Willamina.

Wednesday, May 13

- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a single vehicle crash that occurred near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Officers stopped to assist a broken-down vehicle by A R Ford Road and Ash Avenue.
- Officers stopped to assist an injured cat by Tyee Road.

Thursday, May 14

- Citizen contact occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A DUII arrest occurred near milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a driving complaint near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted a driver having a medical issue by Highway 18 and Jahn Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a single vehicle

crash that occurred near milepost 18 on Hebo Road.

- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a two-vehicle crash that occurred near Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

Friday, May 15

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a possible burglary that occurred in Willamina.
- A trespassing complaint occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, May 16

- Theft was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency as cover for an uncooperative subject in the area of Willamina.
- Citizen contact occurred in Willamina that resulted in a warrant arrest.
- A DUII arrest occurred near milepost 18 on Highway 18.

Sunday, May 17

- Theft was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with locating a vehicle that eluded law enforcement.

Monday, May 18

- No calls

Tuesday, May 19

- Officers responded to a single vehicle crash that occurred at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers contacted a vehicle near milepost 1 on Highway 18B.

Wednesday, May 20

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a crash that occurred near milepost 18 on Hebo Road.

Thursday, May 21

- Officers assisted an outside agency with an incident that occurred in Sheridan.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with locating a driving complaint that occurred near milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- Officers contacted a group of individuals by Agency Creek Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with locating a driving complaint near milepost 20 on Highway 18.

Friday, May 22

- Officers conducted a civil standby for an outside agency near Yamhill River Road.
- Officers took a report of possible child abuse.
- A DUII arrest occurred at the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A possible drug issue was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, May 23

- Theft was reported at the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Drugs were reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency as cover for a domestic disturbance that occurred in Willamina.
- Officers took a report of a burglary that occurred near South Street.

Sunday, May 24

- Officers assisted an outside agency with a possible domestic disturbance that occurred at the 28000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, May 25

- A possible domestic disturbance was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers attempted to locate a possibly intoxicated driver near milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a possible domestic disturbance by the 49000 block of Hebo Road.

Tuesday, May 26

- A drug complaint was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported at the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, May 27

- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a vehicle that eluded law enforcement.
- Officers took a report of criminal mischief that occurred in Tribal Housing.
- Officers assisted citizens that came by the office wanting their vehicle checked for any tracking devices.
- Officers received a report of aggressive dogs in Tribal Housing but no dogs were located.

Thursday, May 28

- Officers contacted and criminally cited two juveniles for a report taken the day prior in Tribal housing.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with a possible domestic disturbance near the 23000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop near milepost 25 on Highway 18 which resulted in a DUII arrest.

Friday, May 29

- Officers responded to the 27000 block of Salmon River Highway after it was reported a subject was attempting to break into vehicles.

Saturday, May 30

- Officers assisted an outside agency with responding to a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred near milepost 13 on Highway 18.

Sunday, May 31

- Officers assisted an outside agency with attempting to locate a driving complaint near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Officers received a report of an unconscious person in a ditch near milepost 25 on Highway 18.

Spirit Mountain Casino partners with WNBA’s Portland Fire

Portland’s debut WNBA team, the Portland Fire, announced Spirit Mountain Casino as their Community Game Changer Partner Thursday, May 7.

Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier said audience members can expect to see the casino’s logo around the arena on videoboards, and at the end of each quarter with the Spirit Mountain Casino Buzzer Beater, in which a fan will win a prize from the casino if the Fire makes a point in the last 30 seconds. Mercier said the casino would also like to foster more cultural awareness with Native American Nights and host events that invite Portland Fire players out to Grand Ronde.

Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Director Eric Larsen explained this is the highest level of partnership the Portland Fire offers, making Spirit Mountain Casino the exclusive casino sponsor for the organization.

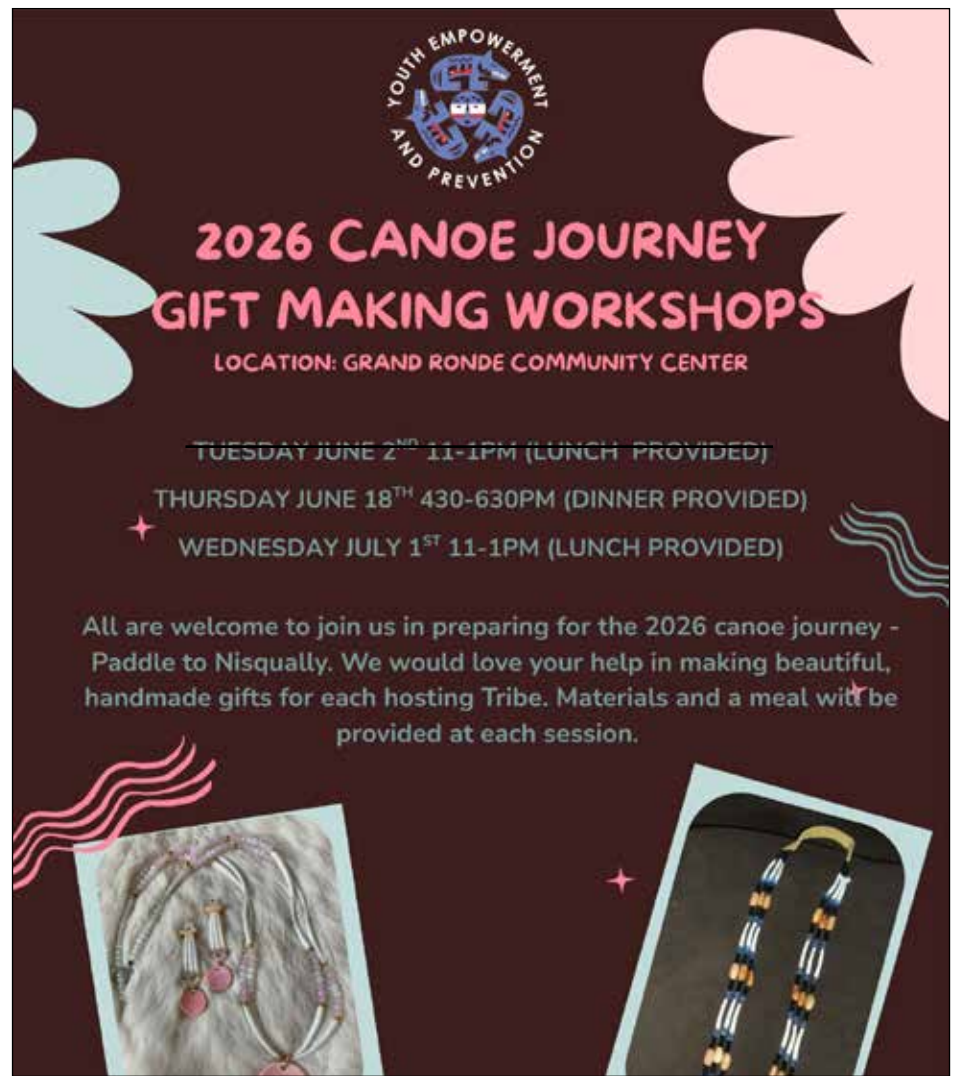
As a woman in an executive position, Mercier sees a professional female basketball team in Oregon as a valuable message to youth.

“It’s important for our young Tribal members to understand that there’s a pathway for them,” Mercier said. “If it’s not in sports then perhaps it’s in business. I think the message is anything can be attainable.”

You can listen to a full interview with Mercier and Larsen on the Smoke Signals podcast: www.spreaker.com/episode/spirit-mountain-casino-partners-with-wnba-s-portland-fire--72175722.

Larsen said the casino jumped at the opportunity to partner with the Portland Fire when the team was first announced. Their first game had a record-breaking attendance Saturday, May 9.

“United by a belief in creating inclusive, welcoming spaces that bring people together on and off the court, the partnership reflects a modern vision of sports and entertainment,” the Portland Fire press release stated. ■



**2026 CANOE JOURNEY
GIFT MAKING WORKSHOPS**
LOCATION: GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY CENTER

TUESDAY JUNE 2ND 11-1PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
THURSDAY JUNE 18TH 4:30-6:30PM (DINNER PROVIDED)
WEDNESDAY JULY 1ST 11-1PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

All are welcome to join us in preparing for the 2026 canoe journey - Paddle to Nisqually. We would love your help in making beautiful, handmade gifts for each hosting Tribe. Materials and a meal will be provided at each session.



DISCOVER RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY

Navigate Life After Military Service at

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You're invited! Chat with the Chief

When: Tuesday, June 23
Time: Noon-2 p.m.
Where: Tribal Police Department
 We are inviting you and your family to join us for hotdogs and ice cream. That's right, ice cream!
 Hope you can join us. ■

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org/government/employment

| Position Title | Grade | Min. Start Wage | Max Start Wage | Closing Date |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Audit Director | 21 | \$160,360.03/yr. | \$225,696.79/yr. | Until Filled |
| Certified Applications Assistor – PRC Assistant | 8 | \$24.60/hr. | \$31.84/hr. | Until Filled |
| College Intern – Youth Enrichment | 5 | \$18.86/hr. | \$24.07/hr. | 06/08/2026 |
| College Intern/Aide – Early Childhood Education | 2 | \$16.00/hr. | \$18.26/hr. | Until Filled |
| Community Transition Case Manager | 14 | \$49.57/hr. | \$55.89/hr. | 06/08/2026 |
| Dentist | 20 | \$151,691.92/yr. | \$205,141.88/yr. | Until Filled |
| Enrichment Coordinator | 8 | \$24.60/hr. | \$31.84/hr. | Until Filled |
| Enrichment Coordinator Aide – Part Time | 5 | \$18.86/hr. | \$24.07/hr. | Until Filled |
| Equipment Operator – Natural Resources | 9 | \$27.05/hr. | \$34.95/hr. | 06/08/2026 |
| Firefighter/Paramedic | 11 | \$68,091.85/yr. | \$87,692.49/yr. | 06/08/2026 |
| Grants Coordinator – Spirit Mountain Community Fund | 11 | \$32.74/hr. | \$42.16/hr. | 06/15/2026 |
| Infant/Toddler Teacher | 10 | \$29.76/hr. | \$38.39/hr. | Until Filled |
| Licensed Practical Nurse – Salem Primary Care | 12 | \$36.01/hr. | \$46.31/hr. | Until Filled |
| Lodge Caregiver – FT & PT All Shifts | 7 | \$22.36/hr. | \$29.00/hr. | Until Filled |
| Medication Aide – Adult Foster Care | 7 | \$22.36/hr. | \$29.00/hr. | Until Filled |
| Nurse Practitioner – Health & Wellness | 22 | \$176,393.03/yr. | \$248,130.43/yr. | Until Filled |
| Physician – Health & Wellness | 25 | \$226,851.26/yr. | \$433,201.52/yr. DOE | Until Filled |
| Physician – Salem Primary Care | 25 | \$226,851.26/yr. | \$433,201.52/yr. DOE | Until Filled |
| Pow Wow 2026 Temporary Pool | 2 | \$16.00/hr. | \$16.00/hr. | Until Filled |
| Senior Dental Assistant | 9 | \$27.05/hr. | \$34.95/hr. | Until Filled |
| Silviculture & Fire Grant Technician – FT Limited Duration | 8 | \$24.60/hr. | \$31.84/hr. | Until Filled |
| Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor - Part Time | 5 | \$18.86/hr. | \$24.07/hr. | Until Filled |
| Temporary Pool | 2 | \$16.00/hr. | \$16.00/hr. | |

| Position Title | Grade | Min. Start Wage | Max Start Wage | Closing Date |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Client Registration Specialist – Salem Detox – GCR | 8 | \$24.60/hr. | \$31.84/hr. | 06/08/2026 |
| Client Registration Specialist – Salem OTP - GCR | 8 | \$24.60/hr. | \$31.84/hr. | Until Filled |
| Clinic Manager – Salem Detox - GCR | 14 | \$90,630.26/yr. | \$116,255.21/yr. | Until Filled |
| Cook – Sheridan – GCR – Part Time (Weekends Only) | 5 | \$18.86/hr. | \$24.07/hr. | 06/15/2026 |
| Licensed Practical Nurse - Salem Detox - GCR | 12 | \$36.01/hr. | \$46.31/hr. | Until Filled |
| Milieu Safety Technician – Salem – GCR | 6 | \$20.75/hr. | \$26.42/hr. | 06/15/2026 |
| Milieu Safety Technician – Sheridan - GCR | 6 | \$20.75/hr. | \$26.42/hr. | Until Filled |
| Nursing Supervisor - Salem Detox - GCR | 13 | \$82,391.14/yr. | \$105,817.37/yr. | Until Filled |
| Physician Assistant – Salem OTP - GCR | 20 | \$151,691.92/yr. | \$205,141.88/yr. | Until Filled |
| Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Salem OTP - GCR | 10 | \$61,901.69/yr. | \$79,848.88/yr. | Until Filled |
| Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Salem Detox – GCR | 10 | \$61,901.69/yr. | \$79,848.88/yr. | 06/08/2026 |

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

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children, current regular CTGR employees, enrolled members of other Native American Tribes, and Veterans.
3. External candidates including current Spirit Mountain Casino employees.

2026 Canoe Journey Paddle to Nisqually

TIME TO TRAVEL

Sign Up Here

Key Info

- ✓ Travel dates July 24 - August 5
- ✓ Final protocol starts August 1
- ✓ Youth 13-24
- ✓ Meals, gear & transportation provided

Contact Us

503-879-2034
 YEP@grandronde.org
 www.grandronde.org

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

2026 ANNUAL POW WOW

TEMP WORKER RECRUITMENT

Questions? Contact:
 Employment Team
 (503) 879-2109
employmentteam@grandronde.org

JULY - VETERANS
 8TH – 12TH

AUGUST - CONTEST
 12TH – 16TH

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

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*CTGR Tribal Preference Applies

POSTING TITLE

| POSTING TITLE | CLOSE DATE | WAGE/SALARY |
|--|--------------|------------------------|
| Hotel Room Attendant | 6/11/2026 | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Prep Cook | 6/11/2026 | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Baker | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Banquet Server (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$15.05/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Bartender | Until Filled | \$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Casino Beverage Waitstaff (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$15.05/hr. DOE + Tips |
| Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Guest Safety Specialist I | Until Filled | \$18.29/hr. DOE |
| Guest Safety Specialist II | Until Filled | \$18.55/hr. DOE |
| Guest Services Lead | Until Filled | \$18.55/hr. DOE |
| Hospitality Attendant II WEX (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Pastry Chef | Until Filled | DOE |
| Player Services Representative I | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Prep Cook (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Slot Technician I | Until Filled | \$19.39/hr. DOE |
| Sports Bar Busperson (*Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$18.02/hr. DOE |
| Table Games Dealer – Multi-Game (*Full-Time & Part-Time) | Until Filled | \$15.05/hr. + 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 applies certain preference in all employment opportunities to applicants who meet the requirements of the job by utilizing the following preference tier system:
 - Tier 1: Enrolled Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Members
 - Tier 2: Spouses, Parents and/or Legal Guardians of CTGR Members, enrolled members of other Indian Tribes, Veterans, and Current Employees
 - Tier 3: External Candidates – qualified applicants not falling within Tier 1 & 2
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus
- ✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.

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

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Oregon Tribal Student Grants

Oregon Tribal members attending college, who need money for the 2026-27 academic year, are invited to apply for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant. This program is expected to pay for most or all public college-related expenses — including tuition, housing, books and other costs not covered by other grants — for eligible Oregon Tribal students. It can be applied toward undergraduate or graduate study at Oregon public colleges and universities as well as eligible private nonprofit institutions, where award amounts can go up to the public institution maximum level. After all federal and state grants and scholarships have been applied, the Oregon Tribal Student Grant can be used toward the remaining average cost of attendance.

To be eligible for the program students must be an enrolled member of one of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon college or university, and have a valid FAFSA or ORSAA for the 2026-27 academic year. Additional eligibility information can be found on the Oregon Tribal Student Grant website.

For more information, call 541-509-7624 or email PublicPrograms@hecc.oregon.gov. ■

Great Circle Recovery has updated hours, mobile dosing services

Great Circle Recovery Clinic has updated hours for both its Portland and Salem locations. Open hours are 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday to Friday and 7 a.m. to noon Saturday. The clinic is closed on Sunday.

Additionally, for those who cannot make it to the clinic, there are mobile dosing services. These are offered in Grand Ronde, behind the veterans services building in the parking lot, from 8 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cows St., McMinnville.

Great Circle Recovery offers whole person care and medications for opioid use disorder. The Salem office is located at 1011 Commercial St., and the Portland office is located at 3580 SE 82nd Ave.

For more information, call 503-983-9900 (Salem) or 971-339-9240 (Portland). ■

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Skookum Health announces coverage changes for 2026

There are several changes to the Skookum Health Assistance Program. This ensures that those on the waiting list for any of these services can begin accessing those through Skookum without further delay, as the services below have been merged into Skookum.

The new/additional benefits are as follows:

- LASIK eye surgery: \$5,000 maximum – twice per lifetime (spousal exclusion);
- Hearing aids: \$3,500 every 3 years (spousal exclusion);
- Vision: No service area restrictions. Benefits include a vision exam that is 100% covered (once per calendar year) and up to \$185 for frames (once per calendar year). Lenses, including single, bifocal, trifocal lenticular and progressive, are 100% covered with a prescription; or contacts in place of glasses are 100% covered for a one-year supply;
- Inpatient drug or alcohol treatment – 100% covered in-network;
- Dental (spousal exclusion): No service area restrictions, \$4,000 annual maximum per calendar year;
- Orthodontics: \$6,000 lifetime maximum (spousal exclusion).

If you have primary insurance that covers any of these benefits, that will need to be utilized before Skookum. For assistance, contact Forest County Potawatomi at 715-478-4610. For dental inquiries, call 503-879-2343 or 503-879-2197. ■

Attention pharmacy locker users

The pharmacy department has a policy regarding perishable items that are placed in the lockers. In an effort to ensure that these medications are stored properly, items left in a locker for more than 48 hours will be overnighted free of charge to the patient's address on file. Patients who leave perishable items in the lockers beyond 48 hours will also be restricted from having refrigerated items placed in the lockers for six months. Pick up or mail delivery options are available for these items during that time. ■

June is Cataract Awareness Month

A cataract is a cloudy area in the lens of the eye. The lens helps focus light so we can see clearly. When a cataract forms, vision may become blurry or dim.

According to the National Eye Institute, cataracts are a leading cause of vision loss in older adults. Many people develop cataracts as they age and treatment is available.



Signs of cataracts

People with cataracts may notice:

- Blurry or cloudy vision
- Trouble seeing at night
- Colors looking faded
- Sensitivity to bright lights

An eye doctor can check for cataracts during a routine eye exam.

Treatment and prevention

In early stages, stronger glasses or better lighting may help. If cataracts make it hard to see, doctors may recommend surgery to replace the cloudy lens with a clear one.

There are several ways to protect eye health:

- Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.
- Eat foods rich in fruits and vegetables.
- Manage conditions such as diabetes.
- Get regular eye exams. ■

Whoop! (There It Is)

In 2024, Oregon recorded its highest number of cases of Whooping Cough (also known as Pertussis) since 1950. We can prevent this!

What is Whooping Cough?

It is an infection caused by a bacteria spread via airborne particles when someone coughs or sneezes. **Babies younger than 1 year of age have the greatest risk of severe illness.**



What are the symptoms?

Early on, symptoms are similar to a cold and include runny/stuffed up nose, mild cough and low grade fever (<100.4 F). After 1-2 weeks, severe coughing fits may start, marked by people making high-pitched "whooping" sounds when they try to inhale after coughing. Often, these coughing fits are described as the worst cough you've ever had. **A person with Whooping Cough can be infectious for at least two weeks after their symptoms begin.**

How can we protect our community from Whooping Cough?

Get vaccinated, practice good hygiene, and seek medical attention if you've been exposed to someone with Whooping Cough. **Call GRHWC at 503-879-2002 to schedule a vaccine!**



GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

SAME DAY CARE

SAME DAY CARE IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR ESTABLISHED PATIENTS

Same day care appointments are available each day at the Health & Wellness medical clinic to address urgent but non-emergency health concerns when you can't wait for a routine visit. **Examples include:**

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| ✓ SINUS INFECTION SYMPTOMS | ✓ HOSPITAL FOLLOW UPS | ✓ URINARY TRACT INFECTION SYMPTOMS |
| ✓ COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS | ✓ MEDICATION CONCERNS | ✓ ALLERGY SYMPTOMS |
| ✓ EARACHE, EAR WASH | ✓ SPRAINS/STRAINS | ✓ IMMUNIZATIONS |
| ✓ MINOR INJURIES | ✓ SKIN RASH | ✓ SUDDEN WORSENING OF CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS |
| | ✓ SORE THROAT | |

Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment call (503)879-2002.

Diabetes Prevention and Education



Diabetes is more common than you might think, it's estimated that about one in seven American men have diabetes. Yet many remain unaware of the risks and symptoms. Statistics reveal that men are not only more likely to develop type 2 diabetes and get diabetes with lower BMIs, but are also at a higher risk of experiencing severe complications.

30 minute daily walk can help with cardiovascular issues related to Type 2 diabetes

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

Men with diabetes have roughly twice the risk of low testosterone, which can reduce sexual desire.

Regular physical activity and weight management can reverse or manage type 2 diabetes, often reducing the need for medications.

Lack of physical activity contributes to weight gain and insulin resistance.

Keeping blood sugar levels within a target range (typically under 180 mg/dL) can prevent or delay long-term complications.

Set fitness goals—having clear goals can help you stay motivated

A family history of diabetes increases the likelihood of developing the condition.



Contact:
Charlene.brewer@grandronde.org
Jeannette.cavan@grandronde.org
ph:503-879-2002

Family fishing day set June 18

The Hebo Ranger District is hosting a Family Fishing Day for Tribal member families at Hebo Lake from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 18. The lake is also being stocked with fish by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for that day. There will be free fishing lessons and gear available to use, along with a fishing contest for youth. There is no parking fee.

Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members older than 12 need to have a fishing license to participate, which can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Natural Resources Department at 503-879-2424. ■

Found Property

The following list is of items found in the local area(s). If you or someone you know has lost one of the following item(s) please contact the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Dept. at 503-879-1835.

Release requirements are a Photo ID and some sort of proof of ownership (most likely more details of the item in question)

You must be the rightful owner of the following to get them back. Please refer to the sticker color and number when you call

Cameras (Refer to Yellow Sticker H#)

- H #1** 1- Primo Hunting brand Trail camera with a metal enclosure and lock
H #2 1- Reconyx brand Trail camera with lock.

Cell Phones (Refer to Orange Stickers C#)

- C #1-1**- TCL Cell Phone with Red markings on back
C #2-1-Motorola Cell Phone
C #3-1-BLU Cell Phone
C #4-1-Samsung Cell phone
C #5-1-Samsung Cell Phone
C #6-1-Samsung Cell Phone
C #7-1-LG Cell Phone with initials carved in the back
C#8- 1 Unknown brand of cell phone smashed

Jewelry (Refer to Yellow Sticker J#)

- J #1-1**-Leaf Ring
J #2-1-Cross Necklace
J #3-1-Silver Ring
J #4-1-Necklace
J #5-1-Large Gold Ring
J #6-1- Single Jewel
J #7- 1 Silver Ring

Electronics (Refer to Pink Sticker E #)

- E #1-1**-Small Drone
E #2-1- Watch
E-#3-1-Watch

Backpacks/Clothing (Refer to Orange Sticker M#)

- M #1-1**-Child's Backpack
M #2-1-Men's pair of eyeglasses
M #3-1-Women's pair of OTC readers
M #4-1- Teal Buxton Coin purse

Keys (Refer to Yellow Sticker K #)

- K #1**-A set of keys with a Ford Key, a Honda key, and other keys w/gray and black chevron lanyard
K #2- BMW Key
K #3-Ford Fob w/other keys w/small silver truck
K #4- Misc keys with a leather key holder that says "Jimmy Toes."
K #5-Toyota Key with broken buttons & Purple wrist holder
K #6-Set of Misc. Keys with General tools screwdrivers
K #7-Set of Misc. Keys with Washington County Library Service Card
K #8- Single Key ring with five keys total
K #9-1-Small square key
K #10-1-Set of Keys with Schlage key and silver medallion with "300" on it.

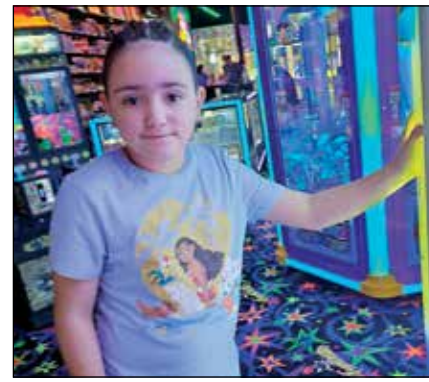
Items found refer to case number GRT 24-0351

- Item #002- Large Brown tarp
 Item #003- 2 folding chairs
 Item #004- 2 Unknown brand folding chairs
 Item #006- Unknown brand hatchet
 Item #007- Unknown brand hammer
 Item #008- Unknown hedge shears
 Item #009- 1 unknown brand gray colored bathroom mat
 Item #010- Santa gnome Christmas decoration
 Item #011- 1 Under Armour water bottle
 Item #012- 16 assorted length bungee cords
 Item #013- 1 Red colored wagon

Items found refer to case number GRT 23-0638

- Item #001- 6-person
 Item #002- Sleeping bag, blanket, and pillow

We will hold the lost property for 14 more days. If not claimed, it will be destroyed.



Happy birthday!
Bonnie'Lee Mathews
 turns 9 years old June 20.
 Bonnie'Lee is a caring,
 beautiful and smart girl
 From: Mom, Dad, Sione,
 Baylee and Angel.
 You are amazing.

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- ✓ and more!

FAQ's

Do I need to make an account?

- We recommend and encourage you to create an account but it is not required.

How much are items in the vending machine?

- They are FREE!

What else does the vending machine do?

- The Smart Vending machine also has a resource navigation tool that will help to guide you to other resources in the area including all CTGR resources.

When can I access the smart vending machine?

- 6am-9pm including weekends and holidays.



Notice a problem with the smart vending machine?

(503) 879-6701

TERO Worker of the Month May 2026

Name: Michael Reyes
Employer: Westech Construction
Position: Laborer

Michael Reyes first joined the TERO program a little over two years ago. Since then, he has made leaps and bounds in the heavy highway construction industry. He was first dispatched out to K&E Construction as an apprentice carpenter and has gained enough knowledge in the industry that he is now dispatched out to Westech Construction as a journeyman laborer on the Sandy/Molalla project.

We asked Micheal how TERO has helped him and if he has learned any new skills since joining the program. Michael said that he learns new skills every day and has learned that construction isn't about just pounding nails. Michael goes on to say that he has learned to read grades, set up a laser, run equipment and read blueprints. He also says that TERO has helped him learn a new trade and given him a fundamental value that turns the odds in his favor if he puts in the work.

Michael would also like to give a shout out to the TERO staff and the 477 staff for providing jobs and work gear.

We here at TERO are very proud to announce Micheal Reyes as our May 2026 TERO Worker of the Month. Keep up the good work Michael.

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



Michael Reyes