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## Tribal Elder releases song dedicated to world peace

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Elder Jan Michael Looking Wolf (Reibach) and the Native Rose Band have released a new folk-rock anthem, “We Rise.”

“A huge many thanks and appreciation to Anne Naito-Campbell, Oregon Rises Above Hate and Fear No Music for providing the inspiration for ‘We Rise.’ In my heart, I too will never lose hope for our children to live in a better world with more love, more peace and without fear,” he said.

Native Rose Band is a musical ensemble led by Looking Wolf, a multiple award-winning artist. According to a press release from the band, the song is “a beautiful folk-rock anthem (that) carries a powerful message of unity, hope, and peace...Native Rose is more than just a musical group. (It) brings together world-class musicians who share a common purpose: Promoting world peace, cultural diversity and unity. Their music blends contemporary folk songs, Indigenous chants, Native American flutes, acoustic guitars and world percussion to create an uplifting and soul-stirring experience.”

Native Rose will perform “We Rise,” live for the first time at 4:45 p.m. Saturday, June 29 at the World Beat Festival in Salem’s Riverfront Park Amphitheater.

For those who can’t attend the live performance, a free lyric video is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/oyTikR7UJVY>.

The song is also available on all digital and streaming platforms.

Looking Wolf has produced 30 albums and won more than 70



Photo courtesy of Jan Michael Looking Wolf

**Native Rose Band, a musical ensemble led by artist and Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Jan Michael Looking Wolf, has unveiled their latest single, “We Rise.” This folk-rock anthem carries a message of unity, hope and peace. The Native Rose Band, founded by Looking Wolf, brings together musicians who share a common purpose of promoting world peace, cultural diversity and unity. Their music blends contemporary folk songs, Indigenous chants, Native American flutes, acoustic guitar and world percussion.**

awards, including the Global Music Awards Lifetime Achievement honor, induction into the One World Music Radio Hall of Fame and Native American Music Awards Artist of the Year.

In addition to his passion for music, Looking Wolf instructs classes on cultural diversity and Native American flute at Oregon State University.

“With all the conflict going on in the country and world today, sometimes it can feel almost hopeless

at times,” he said. “(There is) so much unnecessary hate, division and negativity out there. But if we stand back and look, there is so much love and kindness surrounding us every day. I am so proud of our Tribe and just honored to just be part of it with you. Our community inspires my heart every day. Our ancestors persevered and taught us that, together, we can rise above and shine bright.” ■

## Tribal Council approves disability innovation fund grant application

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council approved applying for an \$8.9 million disability innovation fund grant at its Wednesday, June 12, meeting.

The 5-year U.S. Department of Education Disability Innovation Fund Program would provide for five positions at the Tribe’s 477/ Vocational Rehab Program, all of which would be filled by current grant-funded staff, as well as provide support for community needs by offering more rehabilitation services to Tribal members with disabilities to achieve gainful employment.

“This opportunity allows us to provide technologically advanced vocational rehab services needed by members,” Tribal Grants Coordinator Dana Morfin said during a Tuesday, June 11 Legislative Action Committee meeting. “It will help to complement the development and implementation of existing vocational rehabilitation programs and further the goals and objectives in the Grand Ronde Strategic Plan and Community Development Plan.”

Vocational Rehabilitation/477 Employment Program Manager Michael Herrin said that the grant would help expand job training opportunities.

“This really complements the existing vocational rehab program and serving individuals with disabilities,” he said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved reappointing Molly Leno to the Veterans Special Event Board with a term ending on March 31, 2026;
- Approved appointing Eric Judah

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## Veterans Powwow slated for July 12-14

Resource event will be held Friday

By Danielle Harrison  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow will return to Grand Ronde’s uyxat Powwow Grounds July 12 and include a veterans resource fair, Veterans Royalty coronation, food and lots of dancing.

The powwow will begin at uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road with a Veterans Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, and conclude

with a grand entry at noon Sunday, July 14.

Veterans Special Event Board Secretary Molly Leno is organizing the event, as she has done for

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**Grand Ronde Honor Guard members participate in grand entry of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow at uyxat Powwow Grounds last year. This year’s powwow is July 12-14.**

Smoke Signals file photo





**NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings**  
**DATE** **TIME**  
 Wednesday, July 10.....4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 24.....4 p.m.  
*Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. In-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom.*

## LETTERS


**Dear Smoke Signals,**  
 The George family would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of these friends for their contribution to help us in a time of need. They stepped up and volunteered their time and expense to help provide food for our mother’s funeral and meal. Our hearts are forever grateful to Tim and Debbie George, Tynan George, JW, Cheryle A. Kennedy, Lisa Archuleta and family (Charity/Ely, Sedona, Lexi, Denali, Dallas), Bernadine and Doug Shriver, Stacia Hernandez, Lisa Leno, Crystal Smith, Tracie Meyer, Shayla Myrick-Meyer, Dave Fullerton, Greg Archuleta, Jade Unger, Tammy Cook, Leonette Galligher, Auntie Claudia Leno, Serena Layman, Kim Contreras, Matthew Haller, Virginia Kimsey-Roof, Kristy Lawson, Francene and Jerald Ambrose-Pops, Brian Krehbiel, Chad and Molly Leno, Stacey Johnson, Reyn Leno and family, Grand Ronde drummers and singers, and Flicka Lucero.  
 A special thank-you goes to Debi Anderson and Colleen Payne, for making jam for gifts.  
 Hayu, hayu masi,  
**The George family**

## Gas discount in Grand Ronde

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store. There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■

### TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing noon Wednesday, July 3, and closed on Thursday-Friday, July 4-5, in observance of Independence Day.



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**Current vacancies:**

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



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**Applications available online at:**  
[www.grandronde.org/government/tribal-council/committees/](http://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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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE	MEMBERS OF:
Monday, July 8.....	July 15	Indigenous Journalists Association
Wednesday, July 24.....	Aug. 1	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Friday, Aug. 9.....	Aug. 15	2022 IJA General excellence
Friday, Aug. 23.....	Sept. 1	2023 IJA General excellence

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

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# IN THE FUTURE



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**sinamakwst-mun (July)**

- Wednesday, July 3 – Tribal offices close at noon in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Thursday-Friday, July 4-5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Monday, July 8 – Elders Honor Day, 12:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Wednesday, July 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, July 12-14 – Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. uyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries traditionally start at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday.
- Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

**stuxtkin-mun (August)**

- Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, Aug. 16-18 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow, uyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
- (Tentative) Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 15-17 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m., Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2424.
- Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, Aug. 22 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.
- Friday, Aug. 23 – Grand Ronde Education Summit, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.

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

# Warrior camp



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Aiden Fugate, 11, brushes Jetta, a Gypsy Vanner horse, during the annual Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Tuesday, June 25.**

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**The annual camp is for Native youth ages 12-18 who want to create and maintain a healthy life. It is intended to provide healing opportunities and skill development through ceremony, workshops, activities, movement, traditional games, crafts and more. The camp is hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribe and trainers are from the Native Wellness Institute, located in Gresham. The camp took place Monday-Thursday, June 24-27.**

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**Aven Cox, 15, smells an essential oil as he chooses one to add to Epsom salt during the annual Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Tuesday, June 25. On the right, Eva Rose Jurado (Siletz) chooses an oil as well.**



## CTGR Member Services

### Requests for Descendancy Options

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

**Process:**

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

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

**To request an application or if you have any questions, contact the following:**  
Memberservices@grandronde.org

**Enrollment staff:**

Tristin Armstrong 503-879-1619, Tristin.armstrong@grandronde.org  
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**Do you want to know more?**

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

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

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## Food Bank news

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

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

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

The Food Bank will hold July food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. There will be no distribution on Wednesday, July 3, or Friday, July 5, as the food bank will be closed for the July 4 holiday weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

### Committee & Special Event

#### Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/*iskam məkʰmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, July 15 via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Editorial.Board@grandronde.org) for the meeting link.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Reyn Leno.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: 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: Raymond Petite.

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

## Vaccines available now

The new COVID-19 vaccine, Spikevax, is available at the Health & Wellness Center for adults 18 and older. It is recommended for those with chronic health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, kidney failure and heart failure, regardless if they have received older vaccines. Spikevax is not a booster.

Another vaccine that is recommended is for RSV, which is available to babies 8 months and younger, for expectant mothers who are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant and in limited amounts for those 60 and older.

For more information, call the Health & Wellness Center at 503-879-2002. ■



**2019** – Approximately 200 educators from two different states attended the third annual Grand Ronde Education Summit held at Spirit Mountain Casino. Teachers from all grade levels came to learn more about the Grand Ronde Tribe, how to create meaningful Native American curriculum and how to teach new standards required by Oregon’s Senate Bill 13. Senate Bill 13 required the Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon. This includes Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events.

**2014** – Tribal Council approved contracts to build two new buildings. The first was the Employment Services building on the Tribal campus next to the Community Center. The second was a food bank building on the Curl Property on the west side of Grand Ronde Road across from the Tribal Housing Authority office.

**2009** – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family participated in the Paddle on the Willamette. The 26-mile paddle started at Willamette Falls in Oregon City and finished at Kelley Point Park in Portland.

**2004** – “A Journey of Tradition” won the Sweepstakes Award in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. The Spirit Mountain Casino float depicted a traditional Chinookian family in a Western red cedar canoe gathering plants native to Grand Ronde, such as wapato, skunk cabbage and camas. The Sweepstakes Award was awarded to the most outstanding float.



2004

File photo

**1999** – The Tribe hosted a gathering at the Portland Art Museum for Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant recipients. One grant was in the amount of \$15,150 to the nonprofit A Child’s Place/Un

Lugar Para Ninos for a school readiness project.

**1994** – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier joined other Tribal officials and leaders from across Oregon in participating in the Grand Floral Parade in Portland. The parade was televised throughout most of the Western states.

**1989** – Tribal youth and Elders got together for dance and craft classes held weekly at the Tribal office. The classes were for anyone who wanted to learn how to dance or just wanted to come and watch and make new friends. The main purpose of the classes was so everyone had the opportunity to learn how to bead and dance, but did not want to start learning in the middle of powwow.

**1984** – Tribal member Toni Mercier represented her Tribe at the Delta Park Powwow in Portland during the Rose Festival. She was first runner-up for the Junior Miss Delta Park Princess Contest.

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

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### Pacific Lamprey Harvest season in effect

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Smoke Signals wins three IJA awards

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Smoke Signals has won three awards for journalism excellence in the 2024 Indigenous Media Awards given out by the Indigenous Journalists Association, including an award for general excellence.

Smoke Signals placed third for best overall publication in its circulation category of between 5,000 to 10,000 copies printed per edition.

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

Smoke Signals also received an award for the story “Tribal member may grow out his hair, Army says,” which profiled Grand Ronde Tribal member and U.S. Army Maj. Patrick Sorenson, who became one

of the first Indigenous men in the Army’s nearly 250-year history who was allowed to grow out of his hair and wear eagle feathers in some official military ceremonies.

The story won third-place in the Best Coverage of Indigenous Communities category and was written by Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison.

Social Media/Digital Journalist Kamiah Koch won a second-place award for Best Feature Story in the radio/podcast category for her podcast about Grand Ronde’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous People billboard near Spirit Mountain Casino.

The awards, for work published in 2023, were announced on Friday, June 21, and will be given out during the annual IJA convention, which is being held this year in July in Oklahoma City.

Smoke Signals has now won 134 state and national journalism awards since 2007. ■

## Clothes Closet open

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

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

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

## To watch the meeting visit the Tribal government’s website

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and reappointing Kevin Schultz to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission with terms ending on June 30, 2027;

- And approved an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program for

\$727,548.

Lastly, Tribal Council set the meeting agenda for the special General Council meeting. It was held Sunday, June 30, in Tribal Council Chambers for the purpose of Tribal Council nominations.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Videos tab. ■

## Road 690 gates closed

The Natural Resources Department will be conducting commercial thinning operations through its logging contractor along Road 690 in the Reservation forest. For protection of public safety, Tribal resources and contractor equipment, the gates at the upper and lower ends of the Road 690 crossover route will be temporarily closed and locked for the duration of operations. Vehicular access will be limited to administrative and operational use. The roads will remain open to non-motorized uses, although visitors are advised to stay safely away from commercial thinning units and equipment.

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

## Several dance specials will be hosted Saturday

### POWWOW continued from front page

the past few years.

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

This year’s host drum will be Bad Soul, a group that has been featured at several Pacific Northwest powwows. The master of ceremonies is Nick Sixkiller (Cherokee) with Ed Wulf (Yupik and Athabascan) as arena director.

Invited drum groups are Battle Stone, War Face, 4 Directions and Northwest Connections.

There will be various dance specials including men’s traditional, teen girls traditional, junior girls fast & fancy shawl battle, junior girls team dance, women’s red dress, grass dance special, remembering, women’s traditional and a tiny tot special.

The Veterans Summit and Resource Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 12 at the

### If you go

#### Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow

**When:** Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, July 12; 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 13; and noon Sunday, July 14. Royalty pageant at 11 a.m. Friday with coronation at 5 p.m.

**Where:** uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road  
**Cost:** Free

powwow grounds.

The event will include lunch, information and a keynote speaker from the reality T.V. show American Ninja Warrior. Abram Benally (Navajo) is a Navy veteran and was a 2018 competitor on the show.

There will also be an opportunity to try out an American Ninja Warrior obstacle course.

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



## Housing Grievance Board

### Purpose:

- Carry out the grievance review function for tenants and applicants, develops grievance procedures, and to advise the Housing Department on policies and procedures pursuant to the Tribal Housing Ordinance.

### Process:

- In order to formally grieve, the resident/applicant must have gone through the grievance process informally with the Housing Department before a request to appear in front of the board.
- The Housing Department will organize the formal grievance date/time with the board and applicant/resident.
- Once the board hears the formal grievance (with both input from the Housing Department Manager and the grievant), the board will reach a decision and the grievant will be notified of the decision within 10 business days.

### Other outlets for residents, applicants, or community members:

- Public input is addressed at each Housing Grievance Board meeting. Residents, applicants and/or community members can provide public input to the board.

### Members:

- Chair: Harris Reibach
- Vice Chair: Denae Towner
- Secretary: Kalene Contreras
- Board Member: Simone Auger
- Board Member: Toby McClary
- Board Member: Vacant

### Contact information:

- HGRB@grandronde.org
- Meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room.



# Employees honored for 1,568 years of service

## Groundskeeper Supervisor Greg Leno marks 36 years with the Tribe

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

Second-quarter employees hired in either April, May or June with at least five years of service to the Tribe were honored with a Years of Service barbecue lunch event held at the uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, June 20.

There were 118 Tribal employees honored for a combined 1,568 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe at the event.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George gave the invocation and Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy welcomed the hundreds of employees in attendance, thanking them for their service to the Tribe.

Other Tribal Council members in attendance included Kathleen George, Lisa Leno, Matthew Haller and Brenda Tuomi.

Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell reminded employees that rest and relaxation from work were essential to help avoid stress and burnout.

"This organization is very committed to the workforce and we want to remind people that those vacation days you take are there for your rest and relaxation," she said. "It's important to take care of your well-being, so you should not feel like you need to be responding to emails when you are on PTO. We believe and support our employees taking care of themselves."

Employees were served pulled pork sandwiches, barbecued hamburgers, fresh fruit, mac and cheese, baked beans, potato salad, soda, juice and water.

Lenos led the way in terms of longest tenure with the Tribe with Groundskeeper Supervisor Greg Leno reaching 36 years, Housing Department Maintenance Coordinator Lonnie Leno hit 34 years and Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno was recognized for 30 years.

In the more than 20 years and above club were Human Resources Specialist Cindy Mitchell and Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen, 28 years; Education Department Manager Angela Fasana and Tribal Council Senior Administrative Assistant Lauri Smith, 27 years; Children & Family Services Supervisor Kristi Petite, Gaming Commission Executive Assistant Kathy Doane and Senior Staff Attorney Deneen Aubertin Keller, 26 years; Publications Production Specialist Justin Phillips, Procurement Supervisor Kevin Mueller and Senior Network Administrator Jack Dobiash, 25 years; Community Transitions Program Manager David Fuller-



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**Greg Leno hugs Tribal Council member Lisa Leno during the second quarter Years of Service Awards held at uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, June 20. Leno, Tribal Groundskeeper Supervisor, has worked for the Tribe for 36 years.**

**Tribal Council member Matthew Haller, left, congratulates Tribal Early Head Start Family Educator Tammy Fisher during the second quarter Years of Service Awards. Fisher has worked for the Tribe for 8 years.**

Commission Executive Director Michael Boyce and Internal Auditor Kailey Compton.

**15 years:** Fire Supervisor Jim Pinder and Senior Auditor Michael Langley.

**14 years:** Restoration Ecologist/Policy Analyst Lindsay McClary, Realty Coordinator Teresa Brocksen, Dentist Erin Lange, Health Promotion Specialist Tammy Leno, TERO Compliance Officer Duke Kimsey and Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Shannon Stanton.

**13 years:** Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer, Parks & Recreation Specialist Daniel Schramm, Early Childhood Education teacher Amber Wright and Maintenance Technician Robert Wiggs.

**12 years:** Youth Enrichment Program Manager Tim Barry, Tribal Council Coordinator Chelsea Baranski, Lead Groundskeeper Brady Bruckner, Youth Education Program Manager Justine Flynn, TERO Secretary Kristina Summers, Early Childhood Education Family Partnership Specialist Denaee Towner and Treasury Manager DeAnne Norton.

**11 years:** Recreation Coordinator Leo Ayala-Guillen, Maintenance Technician James Byars Jr. and Historic Preservation Technician Nicolas Atanacio.

**10 years:** Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Lt. Tim Hernandez, Program Accountant Michael Hubbard, Senior Staff Attorney Holly Partridge, Senior Records Clerk Emma Leno, Pharmacy Technician Randi Keyser-Crocker, Young Child Wellness Community Coordinator Tawna Norwest and Early Head Start Teacher Hannah Sabey.

**9 years:** Early Childhood Education Program Manager Dawn Doar, Cultural Protection Specialist Dustin Hawks, Clinical Nurse Manager Christa Hosley, Housekeeper Sabrina LaBonte, Aftercare Educator Holly Marler, Groundskeeper Youvani Ring, Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems, Forestry Technician Lukas Soderberg, Gaming Commission Licensing Application Specialist Joel Greer and Bus Driver Heidi Whittington.

**8 years:** GIS Coordinator Alex Drake, Tribal Council Administrative Assistant Shannon Ham-Teixeira, EHS Family Educator Tammy Fisher, Early Childhood Education Teacher Griselda Perez-Bravo, Emergency Operations Chief Steve Warden, Accounts Payable Clerk Aaron Merrill, Education Administrative Assistant Sasheene Baker and Tribal Employment

Rights Office Director Harris Reibach.

**7 years:** Human Resources Director Sarah Harvey, Chinuk K-5 Assistant Teacher Kayla Grijalva, Grants Coordinator Dana Morfin, Cultural Protection Coordinator Cheryl Pouley, Swing Shift Housekeeper Aaron Alvarado-Anderson, Great Circle Recovery Senior Administrative Assistant Tajia Ulstad, Cook Joshua Baker, Field Biologist Kyle McLaughlin, Silviculture/Fire Prevention Technician Waylon Rich and Groundskeeper Brandon Bastin.

**6 years:** Billing and Auditing Specialist Aisha Alvarado-Anderson, Chinuk Wawa Assistant Teacher Mary Lopez, Communications Director Sara Thompson, Elder Enrichment Coordinator Virginia Kimsey-Roof, Lead Pharmacy Technician Lindsey Petersen, Procurement Shipping & Receiving Clerk Samuel Thornsberry and Training & Development Coordinator Jacob Boekhoff.

**5 years:** Gaming Inspector Jon Kuchta, Health & Wellness Senior Executive Administrative Assistant Alexis Alvarado, Health & Wellness Coordinator Jamie White, Warriors of Hope Domestic Violence Manager Cassie Dandy, Tribal Police Office Clint Cardwell, Housing Administrative Assistant Diana Robertson, Central Phones Receptionist Lisa Schmid, Natural Resources Specialist Annaliese Ramthun, Early Childhood Education After Care Educator Amber Purcell, Member Services Administrator Shayla Myrick-Meyer, Staff Accountant Casey Case, Information Services Applications Administrator Adam Jordan, Native Plant Nursery Assistant Joseph Ham and Early Childhood Education Social Emotional Learning Coach Jeffrey Versaw.

Raffles were conducted during the event that included 10 administrative leave days and cash drawings for \$250 to \$1,000. ■



ton, Lands Project Administrator Brandy Humphreys and Housing Safety Specialist Tara Leno, 23 years; Great Circle Recovery Clinic Peer Support Specialist Christopher Martin and Early Childhood Education Instructional Assistant Roxanne Moniz, 22 years; Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake, Gaming Inspector Kary Turner and Cultural Education Specialist Cristina Lara, 21 years; and Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson, Senior Children & Family Services Intake Specialist Donna Johnson, Family Partnerships Coordinator Audra Sherwood and Senior Peer Support Specialist Sydney Clark, 20 years.

Other employees honored included:

**19 years:** Medical Receptionist Tina Leno, Early Head Start Teacher Jessica Cruickshank and Training Specialist Tisha Pellett.

**18 years:** Housing Maintenance Technician Randy Bean, Native Plant Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua, Adult Foster Care Caregiver Anna Huston and Health & Nutrition Coordinator Shelley Clift.

**17 years:** Adult Foster Care Administrative Assistant Carmen Parren, Fire Management & Protection Program Manager Andrew Puerini and Biologist Matthew Zimbrick.

**16 years:** Chinuk Wawa K-6 Teacher Ali Holsclaw, Gaming Commission Background Investigator Nicholas Bailey, Academic Coach George Neujahr, Gaming



# Retreat time



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Angela Fasana, left, helps her granddaughter Palmer Heidt, 4, decorate stick game sticks during the Chinuk Wawa Language Retreat at the chinuk wawa skul on Friday, June 14. The focus of this year's retreat was learning language through games. There were breakout sessions giving attendees an opportunity to decorate sticks for stick game, create their own Chinuk Wawa board game and a card games session. They also practiced stick ball and had a competition to see who could throw the balls the furthest with their stick and played a round of stick game to end the day. About 15 families, a total of about 60 people, participated in the retreat.



Aiyana Woodward, 5, left, and her mother, Tribal member Malia Blanchard, make a Chinuk Wawa board game during the Chinuk Wawa Language Retreat at the chinuk wawa skul on Friday, June 14.

## Tribal Council approves grant application for Chachalu phase three construction

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council approved applying for an Indian Community Development Block Grant that would help fund completion of phase three construction at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center at its Wednesday, June 26, meeting.

The \$500,000 grant would be used by the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department for necessary upgrades, equipment, plumbing, electrical, materials and landscaping to complete the construction project.

"This opportunity will allow us to provide for Chachalu phase three and to meet some goals and initiatives in the community development project," Tribal Grants Coordinator Dana Morfin said during a Tuesday, June 25, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George thanked Chachalu Manager Travis Stewart for showing council members the phase three drawings.

"It's going to enhance Chachalu and I look forward to seeing that come to life and how all that out there, what a difference that will make in the look of the museum," he said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

Jr. to the Ceremonial Hunting Board with a term ending on March 31, 2026;

- Approved an application to the SAMHSA State Opioid Response/Tribal Opioid Response Technical Assistance grant for \$1.25 million;
- Approved an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Site-Based Program grant for \$1 million;
- Approved a resolution that authorizes staff to submit a plan to the Secretary of the Interior for the consolidation of funds from General Assistance, Native Employment Works, Job Placement and Training, American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation and Job Training Programs into a single, coordinated, 5-year plan to provide employment and training services;
- And approved 10 non-infant and 2 non-infant emergency enrollments into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) and click on the Videos tab. ■

## MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

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

GRAND RONDE PORTLAND OFFICE

# FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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Children up to age 5

**Walk in appointments welcome!**

First & last Friday of every month  
10:00–2:00 at Adult Education

For info contact: (503) 434-6740

**Please bring:**

- Oregon Health Plan card (if you have one)
- A form of ID (driver's license, tribal ID, birth certificate, vaccination record, WIC ID, etc.)
- Proof you reside in Oregon (a piece of mail with your name and address on it)
- Paystubs for the last 30 days (if you have them)





Construction of the 26,000-square-foot child development center began in December 2023 and is expected to be completed in February 2025.

# New child development center taking shape



Tribal member Ray Larsen, a carpenter with Triplett Wellman of Woodburn, works on a wall while constructing the child development center.



Huri Scherbakob, left, and Javier Mota, both siders with Bold Elements of Woodburn, apply an air, water and moisture vapor barrier to a window while working on the child development center under construction on the Tribal campus on Tuesday, June 18.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

CTGR HEAD START  
*Preschool Graduation*

CLASS OF 2024  
HONORING  
*The Marwich Graduates*

STUDENTS ARRIVE: @ 5:30PM  
CEREMONY: @ 6:00PM  
DINNER TO FOLLOW

THURSDAY  
15  
AUGUST

POWWOW GROUNDS

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**

We are looking for individuals who are interested in participating in our active shooter drill as actors.

This training will be at the Willamina School.  
Dates and times may change.

**REGISTER NOW**

TENATIVELY  
AUGUST 9TH  
AT 8AM - 1PM

CONTACT:  
Kaylene.barry@grandronde.org  
Brandy.bishop@grandronde.org

(503)-879-1701



# Indigenous fashion show is July 25 at Spirit Mountain Casino

Grand Ronde Tribal member Auburn Logan is co-coordinating the Northwest/West Coast Fashion Show & Market taking place at Spirit Mountain Casino from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

This event will showcase Indigenous fashion throughout Oregon and beyond, where designers and artisans will come together to represent the North West/West Coast through Indigenous perspectives.

Tickets are available on the Spirit Mountain Casino website at [spiritmountain.com/events/northwest-west-coast-indigenous-fashion-show/](http://spiritmountain.com/events/northwest-west-coast-indigenous-fashion-show/) or call 503-879-2350 to purchase. ■



**Save the date**

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

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

**August 23rd 2024**

**6:30pm dinner**

**Movie starts at dusk**

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



**Volunteer Opportunity: Help Foster a Child's Love for Reading!**

*We're looking for volunteer readers for the SMART Reading program at Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool.*

■ ● ▲

- This is a great volunteer opportunity with a commitment of one hour per week and a brief training prior to the start date. For more information, visit <https://smartreading.org/volunteer/> or call 877-598-4633.
- Weekly reading sessions are scheduled in advance and will be held in the library. Each volunteer will be assigned specific children that they will work with throughout the year.

**LOVE GRAND RONDE HEAD START**

VISIT [HTTPS://SMARTREADING.ORG/VOLUNTEER/](https://SMARTREADING.ORG/VOLUNTEER/)

More Information : +877- 598 - 4633

# Night of fun



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Angel Mathews, 11, left, and Maddie Scoyne 11, take a selfie while on the Cornado ride during the 17th annual Family Night Out at the Tribal gym on Thursday, June 13. In addition to rides, there were bounce houses, raffle prizes, Tribal department information booths and boxed dinners with sandwiches. Approximately 450 people attended the event that was sponsored by the Tribe's Social Services Department.

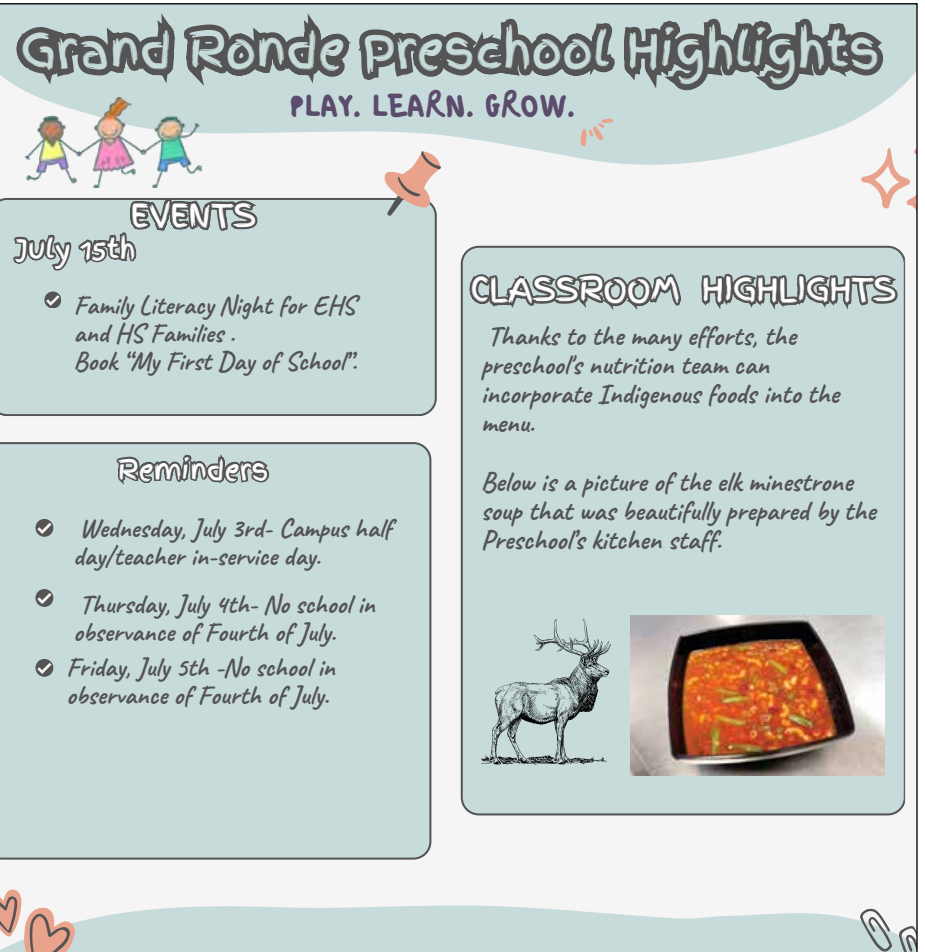


Kova Speer, 3, picks the keychain she wants from the Tribe's Human Resources Department Hawaiian-themed information booth during the 17th annual Family Night Out at the Tribal gym on Thursday, June 13.

TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO



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**Grand Ronde preschool Highlights**

PLAY. LEARN. GROW.

**EVENTS**

July 15th

- ✓ Family Literacy Night for EHS and HS Families. Book "My First Day of School".


**Reminders**

- ✓ Wednesday, July 3rd- Campus half day/teacher in-service day.
- ✓ Thursday, July 4th- No school in observance of Fourth of July.
- ✓ Friday, July 5th -No school in observance of Fourth of July.

**CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS**

Thanks to the many efforts, the preschool's nutrition team can incorporate Indigenous foods into the menu.

Below is a picture of the elk minestrone soup that was beautifully prepared by the Preschool's kitchen staff.





**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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

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

- Provide general information to Tribal members and assist in referrals regarding SSI/SSD.
- Screen Tribal members who claim their disability does not allow them to work to determine potential for an SSI/SSD application.
- Assist Tribal members in applying for SSI/SSD.
- Refer members to appropriate physical and/or mental health evaluations related to SSI/SSD application
- Assist Tribal members with completing paperwork to file for appeals for denial of SSI/SSD.
- Refer Tribal members to Tribal member benefits to apply for the Tribal SSI/SSD program.
- Serve as a resource to employees when working with clients that may benefit from SSI/SSD.
- Assist Tribal members in preparation for retirement to understand Social Security benefits
- Provide assistance to Tribal members 1-2 days per week, contract rate negotiable.

Preference will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and or Indian-owned business registered with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde TERO office.

Successful candidates must provide the following insurance:

- Commercial general liability insurance limits not less than: \$500,000 general aggregate limit, \$500,000 personal injury, \$500,000 each occurrence limit.

Please submit your proposal to Tammy Garrison via U.S. mail or email by **5 p.m. Wednesday, July 10, 2024.**

Tammy Garrison, Social Service Department  
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
Tammy.garrison@grandronde.org  
503-879-2077

# Free press talk



Contributed photo

**From left, Grand Ronde Editorial Board member Andy Jenness, Editorial Board Chair Mia Prickett, Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison and Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier presented a panel about the importance of a free press in Indigenous communities during the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Convention & Marketplace, held June 1-6 in Cherokee, North Carolina. Jodie Rave Spotted Bear, director of the Indigenous Media Freedom Alliance, served as the moderator. The panel presentation focused on the process of enacting free press and freedom of information laws to help Tribal leaders promote honesty and transparency, and the negative outcomes that can occur when these laws are not in place.**

# Construction zone

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

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

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

**GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT**

28450 Tyee Road – Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 – 503-879-2401 – Fax 503-879-5973

**ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST  
PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING**

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde



## Now Hiring Lodge Caregivers

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- No Experience Required, 8 week training provided.
- CNA/CMA certifications eligible for \$1 bonus/hour.
- Starting pay with no/minimal experience \$22.36.
- Benefits for eligible teammates.

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[EmploymentTeam@grandronde.org](mailto:EmploymentTeam@grandronde.org)  
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TRIBAL VETERANS  
SERVICE OFFICE



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

CTGRITribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org

503-879-1484

## JULY 2024 EVENTS



**2024 Veterans Summit & Resource Fair**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Friday, July 12

**Raised Gardens**

Throughout the Summer ~ Seeking veterans to help put together the raised beds, put in the soil and get the garden beds ready to plant. Once planted, we would like veterans to keep the gardens going. Supplies will be provided.

**Veterans Golf**

Veteran makes the arrangements. We will have seven spots available to pick up a pre-paid card to take to Dallas Golf Club. Veteran will need to call them directly to make an appointment.

**Veterans Pool Tournament**

Elders Activity Center. Monday, July 22 – Friday, July 26. Open to all veterans. RSVP with the Tribal Veterans Service Office. The first 10 veterans to register will receive a gift that can be picked up July 15 – July 19. The top three winners of the pool tournament will receive an additional prize.

**Canoe Journey**

Tribal Veterans! Contact the TVSO office if interested. We will have more details as it gets closer but would like to know if any Tribal veterans are interested.

**Mental Health Awareness Walk.**

Remainder of 2024 ~ Veterans can stop by the Community Programs Building to pick up a t-shirt in exchange for signing up for the Veteran Mental Health Awareness Walk. Walk 2.2 miles at any point during the year to bring awareness to Veteran Suicide, PTSD and mental health.

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# Fish on!



Photo contributed by Jerry Bailey

The Tribe hosted its annual Family Fishing Day at Hebo Lake on Monday, June 17, with approximately 40 attendees. Here, Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson helps Gracie Macon, 11, remove a trout from her fishing line. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stocked the lake a few hours before the event started, so a lot of the families caught their limit and most landed a trophy-sized, 20-inch trout. The Hebo Ranger District provided new fishing poles to all the youth in attendance and held a casting contest and raffle. "It was a pretty fun and well-attended event," Tribal Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey said.

## Casino seeking vendors for Spirit Mountain Marketplace

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Drop box installed

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2024 CONTEST POWWOW

SAVE THE DATE  
AUG. 16-18



For more information

Vendors

503-879-4533 or

503-879-2037

Spirit Mountain Casino

800-760-7977

[www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org)

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

**Host drum:**

Northern Cree

**Invited drums only:**

Cree Confederation,  
Ozuye, Battle Nation,  
Ho-Chunk Station  
and Bad Eagle



### Friday, August 16

11 a.m. – Royalty pageant  
5 p.m. – Royalty outgoing  
5 p.m. – Crowning ceremonies  
7 p.m. – Grand entry

### Saturday, August 17

1 p.m. – Grand entry  
7 p.m. – Grand entry

### Sunday, August 18

11 a.m. – Indian auction  
1 p.m. – Grand entry

## VETERAN SUMMIT AND RESOURCE FAIR

9 A.M. – 4 P.M. • Friday, July 12  
uyxat Powwow Grounds.

All veterans welcome.

Keynote speaker Ninja Warrior Abram Benally.

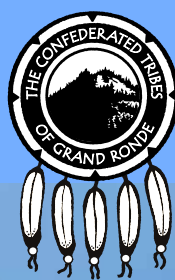
Come try the Ninja Warrior Obstacle course.

Join us for a day of gathering, healing and connection.

Learn about various benefits and resources.

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uyxat Powwow Grounds,  
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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs





# MOA 2024-25 hunting and fishing information



## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

### MOA hunting information for 2024

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



### What will be available in 2024:

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

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

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

#### Upland game birds

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

#### Small game and unprotected mammals

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

# Trask Management Tag and Reservation Only Tag drawing application rules

## NRD license updates

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

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

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

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

To enter the random draw you must:

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

#### How to apply:

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

Paper applications are available by contacting Natural Resources.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hunting licenses are issued at the Natural Resources Department. Tribal enrollment cards and hunter's safety certificates (if applicable) are required at time of licensing.

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

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



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

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

**Application rules and general guidelines:**

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

**Youth tags**

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

**Tag return deadlines**

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

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

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

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

**Hunt categories and seasons:**

Categories are as follows:

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

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



**Trask Management  
QR applications**

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



## 2024-25 Reservation Only Tags

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

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

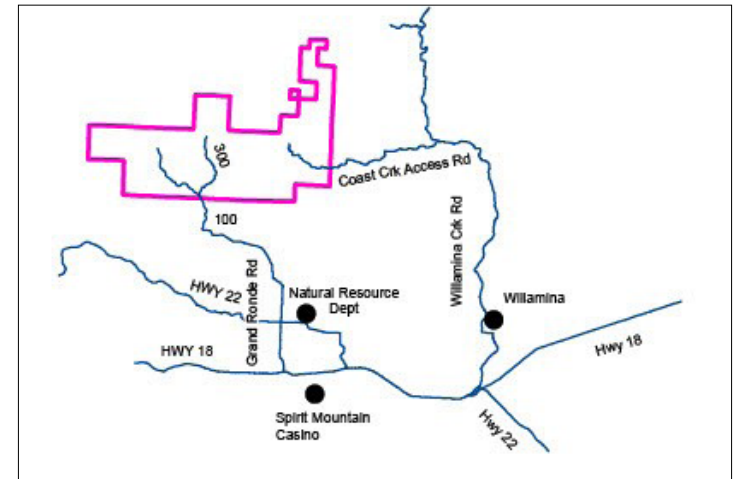
- ELK**  
**ELK HUNTERS should not apply for multiple seasons and must choose one season to apply; Bow, First Season, Second Season or Muzzleloader.**
- o Bow Bull: Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.
  - o First Season, Any Legal Weapon Bull: Nov. 13-15.
  - o Second Season, Any Legal Weapon Any Elk: Nov. 20-22.
 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

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

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



**Reservation Only tag QR applications**



*Reservation Only Hunt area is outlined in pink.*

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

# Photo submissions wanted

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



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



# 2024 fishing information

## Where can you fish?

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

These five units are:

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

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

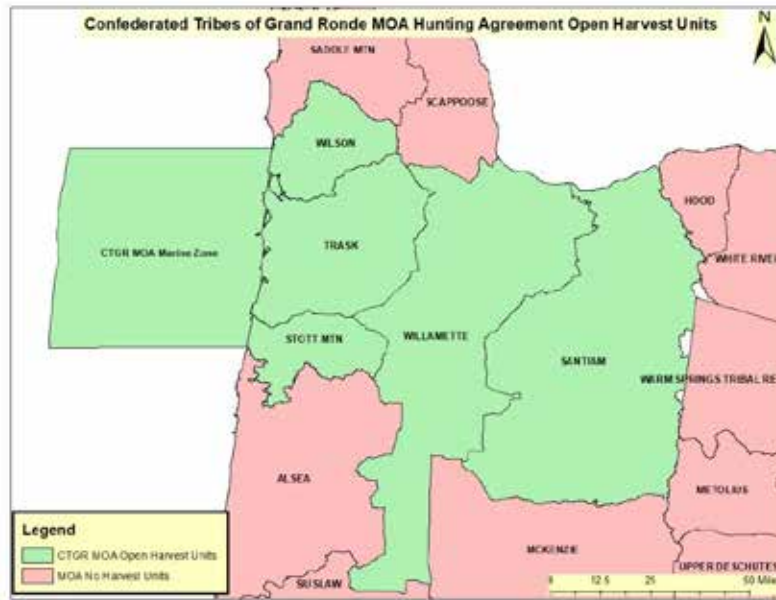


Fig. 1 MOA open harvest areas

## What can you fish?

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



Fig. 2 Oregon Waters on Columbia River



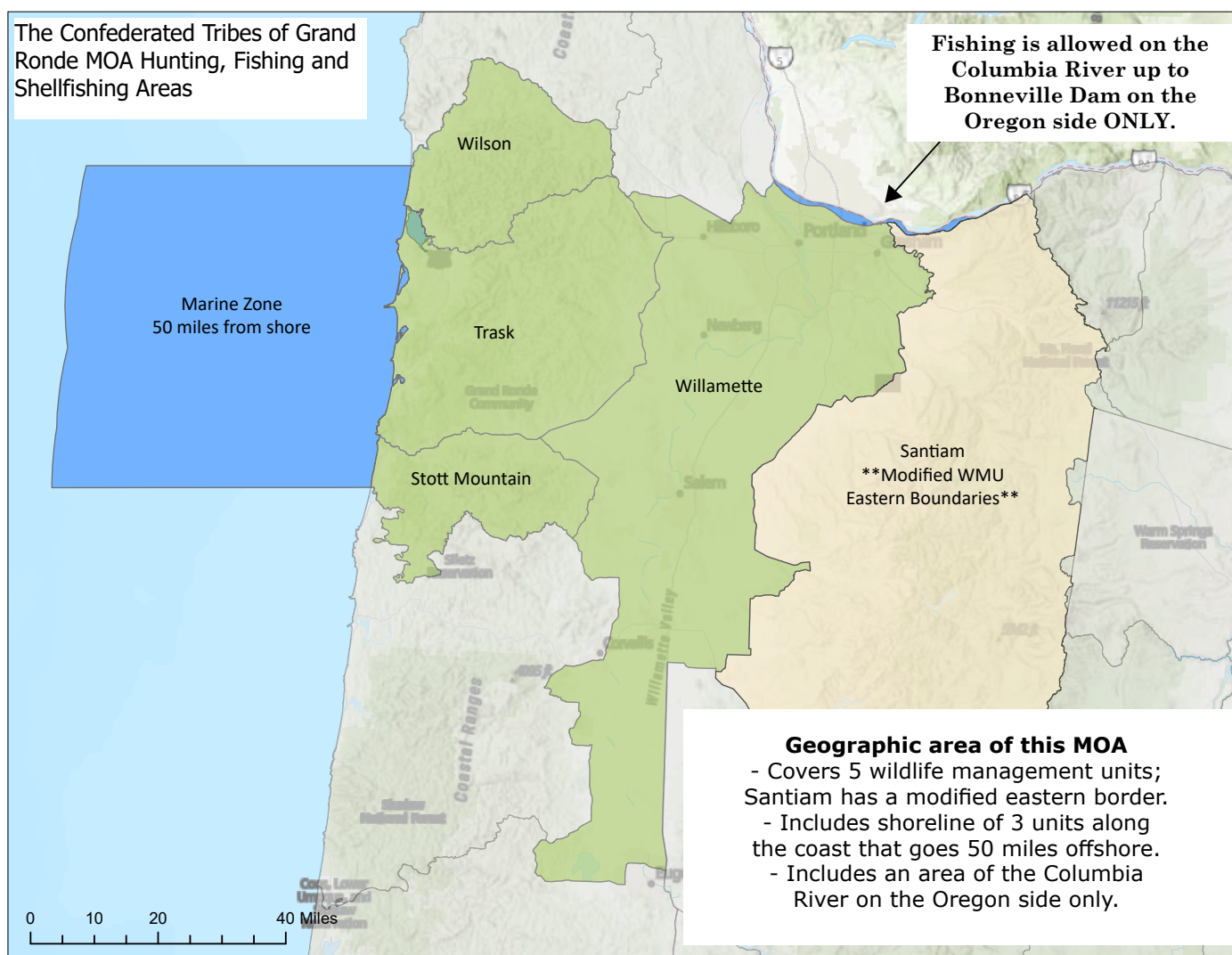
Fig. 3 Combined angling tag

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



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

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



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





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## Wednesday, May 1

- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Theft was reported in the 48000 block of Creekside Drive.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.

## Thursday, May 2

- Welfare check occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18B near milepost 1.
- Welfare check occurred in the 48000 block of Eagle Loop.
- A stolen vehicle was recovered in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18B near milepost 6.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Friday, May 3

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 19900 block of Rosenbaum Road in Sheridan.
- Illegal camping was reported in the area of Big Buck Campground.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Saturday, May 4

- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 500 block of N.E. Branson Street in Willamina.
- A domestic disturbance occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Main Street in Willamina.

## Sunday, May 5

- Criminal driving occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted with traffic on Highway 18 and Jahn Road.
- Trespassing occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Theft was reported on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28400 block of Tye Road.

## Monday, May 6

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 1100 block of Ponderosa Drive in Willamina.
- Officers assisted an outside agency with traffic in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Gooseneck Road and Newman Road.
- Trespassing occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 2.
- A lockout call occurred in the 47800 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- A stolen vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 26.
- An animal complaint occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

## Tuesday, May 7

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## Wednesday, May 8

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted with traffic in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Maple Drive in Willamina.
- A missing person was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Highway 18 and 18B.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Thursday, May 9

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted with traffic in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Trespassing occurred on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Officers responded to a civil service call in the 200 block of S.W. Maple Street in Willamina.
- Officers responded to a civil service call in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- A vehicle crash occurred in the intersection of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Theft was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Main Street and Bridge Street in Sheridan.

## Friday, May 10

- Trespassing occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- A vehicle crash occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Harassment occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9500 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 19.

## Saturday, May 11

- A warrant arrest occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious person was reported in the area of Hebo Road and Salmon River Highway.
- A medical call occurred in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A medical call occurred in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- An emotionally disturbed person was reported on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- Fraud occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Sunday, May 12

- Trespassing occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- A vehicle collision occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## Monday, May 13

- Citizen contact occurred on Highway 18 near milepost 21.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- Firearm theft occurred in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18B near milepost 1.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Hebo Road.
- Officers conducted a traffic stop for driving under the influence in the area of 27100 Salmon River Highway.

## Tuesday, May 14

- Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle occurred at 27100 Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the area of Agency Creek Road and Yoncalla Road.
- Found property was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.

## Wednesday, May 15

- An emotionally disturbed person was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Harassment was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- An animal complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 25.

## Thursday, May 16

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 600 block of N.E. Main Street in Willamina.
- Officers received a disorderly conduct call in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

See POLICE LOG continued on page 17





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



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## **Friday, May 17**

- Forgery was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a trespass call in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A civil complaint occurred at the 9500 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers received an animal complaint in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Hebo Road.
- Criminal mischief occurred in the 9700 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18B near milepost 3.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 22.

## **Saturday, May 18**

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 300 block of S.W. Spruce Street.
- Officers responded to a burglary alarm in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Sunday, May 19**

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Agency Creek Road near milepost 1.
- A suspicious vehicle reported in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 8500 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Monday, May 20**

- Officers received an animal complaint in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted with an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 18.

## **Tuesday, May 21**

- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Highway 18B and Hill Street.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8600 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Highway 18 near milepost 27.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 100 block of Hill Street in Willamina.

## **Wednesday, May 22**

- A lost person was reported in the area of Agency Creek Road near milepost 2.
- Theft was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Thursday, May 23**

- A driving complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- A hit-and-run occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- Trespassing occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- Officers responded to a driving under the influence of intoxicants/crash reported in the area of Highway 18B and Yamhill River Road.

## **Friday, May 24**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A parking complaint occurred in the area of 27100 Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Highway 18B and Yamhill River Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a vehicle crash in the area of Hebo Road and Highway 18.
- Officers respond to a driving under the influence of intoxicants/hit-and-run reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers served a warrant in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A fight was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8700 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Saturday, May 25**

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- A civil complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers assisted an outside agency on Highway 18 near milepost 23.

## **Sunday, May 26**

- Citizen contact occurred on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a domestic harassment in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Trespassing occurred in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 19.
- Officers responded to an animal complaint in the 27000 block of McPherson Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Monday, May 27**

- A suspicious person was reported in the 28600 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- A parking complaint was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Trespassing was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 24.
- A suspicious person was reported on Agency Creek Road near milepost 6.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Forestry Lane and Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A disturbance was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Tuesday, May 28**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Steel Bridge Road and Highway 18.

## **Wednesday, May 29**

- Officers responded to a hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A parking complaint was reported in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.

## **Thursday, May 30**

- Officers responded to a hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers served a warrant in the 26500 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
- An animal bite occurred in the 9300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported on Highway 18 near milepost 17.

## **Friday, May 31**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 22.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A fight occurred in the 8200 block of King Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 48800 block of Dragonfly Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 8200 block of King Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8300 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police  
Department Officer Austin Gomez





## Watchlist: ‘In The Dirt’

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

**By Kamiah Koch**

*Social media/digital journalist*

The Navajo Nation’s reservation embraces not only its traditional Native culture, but it also has a big mountain biking culture.

The documentary “In The Dirt” is directed by T.C. Johnson and follows retired professional cyclist Scott Nydam’s journey as he uncovers a community of passionate cyclists on the reservation.

The “In The Dirt” documentary trailer starts out with Navajo Tribal members describing life on the reservation. Among many challenges faced on the reservation, many are bike riders with no bike shop nearby.

“It started out with us just going around fixing bikes and it got attention” a background voice said in the trailer.

Part of it shows Native bikers on a cliff’s edge overlooking the rocky red landscape of the reservation, their hands mapping out the mountain bike trail they plan to take. Another shot shows a massive pile of bikes with someone oiling a bike chain, fixing 30 bikes in one day.

“What we want to do is make cycling approachable,” the trailer said. “Let’s start with the kids.”

The documentary’s website said the mountain biking movement was a Native-led effort.

“This group of dedicated cyclists and their families have overcome countless odds to build a cycling culture that today has become the fastest-growing recreational sport on the Navajo Nation,” the website said.

The premiere of the documentary came out in September 2023, and screenings in breweries and theaters are still being added to the schedule.

You can find the trailer and screening schedule at <https://inthedirtfilm.com/>. ■

## AMA adopts policies to promote Native American health outcomes

CHICAGO – During the annual meeting of the American Medical Association House of Delegates, physician and medical student leaders adopted policies intended to improve health outcomes for Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

“These policies emphasize the unique health challenges facing Native Tribes and how the government can respond. The AMA has long supported efforts to bring American Indian and Alaska Native health up to the general population level,” AMA Board of Trustees member Ilse R. Levin said. “To reach that goal, Tribes must have access to nutrition programs, treatment centers and graduate medical programs. All of them can play a part in moving toward improved health and equity.”

The new policies include:

- **Educational opportunities:** The AMA will support wider education opportunities in Indian Health Service, Tribal-administered, and urban Indian health organizations and facilities by establishing partnerships with accredited medical schools and teaching hospitals. The AMA will work to establish dedicated graduate medical education funding and programs that benefit Tribal communities, increase physician training sites, and reduce physician shortages, particularly among underserved populations.
- **IHS Treatment Centers:** The AMA will support the expansion of Indian Health Service Youth Regional Treatment Centers, recognizing them as culturally rooted, evidence-based behavioral health treatment. IHS provides recurring funding to 12 Tribally and federally operated youth regional treatment centers to address the ongoing issues of substance abuse and co-occurring disorders among American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The centers aim to provide quality, holistic behavioral health care for these adolescents and their families in a substance-free, residential environment that integrates traditional healing, spiritual values and cultural identification. Expansion is needed as the current capacity only meets an estimated 4% of the need, and Tribal leaders have voiced concerns regarding youth traveling across state lines to seek care in treatment centers not run by the Indian Health Service.
- **Food security:** With food insecurity being a recurring problem among Native populations, the AMA supports extending eligibility for Agriculture Department nutrition programs to enrolled members of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and villages.
- **Elder health:** American Indian and Alaska Natives experience significant health disparities, including the lowest life expectancy of all racial/ethnic groups. To reduce the disparities, the AMA supports offering health information in Indigenous languages.
- **Access to care:** The AMA will support the federal government continuing its support and enhancement of alternative pathways for American Indian and Alaska Native patients to access the full spectrum of health care outside the IHS. ■

### Tribal nonemergency text line

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

“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight.

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.

For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

## We want to hear from you!

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



## West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Deadline is January 15, 2025

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

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

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



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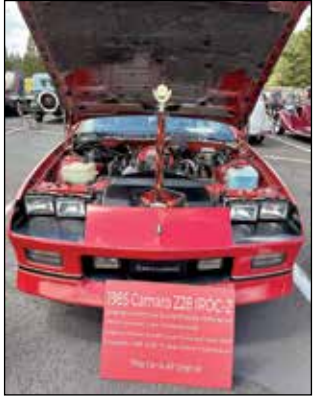
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**Congratulations  
Leland Hofenbredl!**



Tribal member Leland Hofenbredl entered his late mother and Tribal member Priscilla Hofenbredl's 1985 Camaro IROC-Z in the Saturday, June 15, Spirit Mountain Casino Roll the Dice Car Show. Leland's entry won first place. Congratulations Leland!



**Temporary workers wanted for the  
Veterans Powwow. Call 503-879-2109  
for more information or to apply.**

**July ELDER SCHEDULE**  
Elder Center Front Desk — 503-879-2233  
**2024**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Craft Class 11am to 1pm	½ day Tribal Offices close at noon	Tribal Offices Closed	Tribal Offices Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Elder Honor Day @ Spirit Mountain Casino	Art Therapy 2pm	Horse Barn Trip leave @ 9:30am	Picnic @ the beach leave at 9am.	Farm Trip leave at 9am	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Craft Class 11am to 1pm	Healthy Lifestyle Class Noon Craft w/ AFC 1:30pm	Picnic @ Silver Creek Falls	Tribal Vendors at the Elder Center 10am to 2pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Staff/Elder Trip Bonding	Craft Class 11am to 1pm	Horse Barn Trip leave @ 9:30am	Veterans Pool Tournament Jam Making Class 11am to 1pm	Veterans Pool Tournament	Canoe Journey Trip
28	29	30	31			
Canoe Journey Trip	Return from Canoe Journey Trip	Craft Class 11am to 1pm	Healthy Lifestyle Class Noon Craft w/ AFC 1:30pm			

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**IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE  
GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON  
CIVIL COURT**

**In the Matter of:** ) **Case No. 24C0004**  
 )  
**Valdivia, Jessica Ann** ) **ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE**  
 ) **NAME**  
 ) **PETITIONER** )

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on March 26, 2024;

**THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

The Petition  does  does not meet the requirements of the Name Change Ordinance, Chapter 303 and the Petition is  dismissed  granted;

The Court  has  does not have jurisdiction over the Petitioner and  subject matter of the Petition herein;

The Petitioner  is  is not over 18 years old;

The Petitioner  is  is not an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;

Petitioner  has  has not petitioned or been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;

The Petitioner  does  does not have creditors or a former spouse to whom an obligation is owed under a divorce decree.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

The Petition for Name Change is not granted and is dismissed without prejudice.

The Petition for Name Change is granted and Petitioner's name is changed from Jessica Ann Valdivia to Jessica Ann Liebelt.

The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;

The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment Office and to the State Department of Vital Statistics Office in the state in which Petitioner was born.

**DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024.**

Patrick S. Melendy  
Chief Judge

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE NAME - 1	CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT 9615 GRAND RONDE RD. GRAND RONDE, OR 97347 PHONE: 503-879-2303 COURT@GRANDRONDE.ORG
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**IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE  
GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON  
CIVIL COURT**

**In the Matter of:** ) **Case No. 24C0005**  
 )  
**WILLIAMS, SHYLO SHEREE** ) **Petitioner,** ) **ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO**  
 ) **CHANGE NAME (MINOR)**  
 )  
**for** )  
 )  
**KAILEIGHANN TAYLOR** ) **Minor Child.** )

This matter came before the Court on June 5, 2024 for a hearing on a Petition for a Minor Name Change. The following persons appeared:

Minor child: Kaileighann Taylor  
Guardian: Shylo Williams  
Guardian: Steven Williams

Having now reviewed the records and files herein and testimony of Petitioner and witnesses, the Court finds as follows:

The Court finds that all parties  were  were not properly notified of this hearing and service on Teran Taylor is not otherwise required pursuant to Chapter 303(e)(3)(B).

The Petition  meets  does not meet the requirements of the Name Change Ordinance and  is  is not in the best interest of the Child and  the Petition is dismissed

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Tribe's Name Change Ordinance, Chapter 303, Section (c).

Petitioner is over 18 years of age and is the parent or legal guardian of the minor Child.

The Child is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

The Child has not been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the last twelve months.

No objection  An objection to the Petition has been filed by any parent or legal guardian of the minor Child and  no objection  an objection was raised at today's hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

The Petition for Name Change  is granted  is dismissed.

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE NAME (MINOR) - 1	CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE TRIBAL COURT 9615 GRAND RONDE RD. GRAND RONDE, OR 97347 PHONE: 503-879-2303 COURT@GRANDRONDE.ORG
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**Summer Meal Program**

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

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**What does this mean?**

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- Meal pick-up: Breakfast and lunch for children to eat at a later time
- Parents/ Guardians are allowed to pick up meals without their child being present

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

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

**Where and when are the meals distributed??**

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

Lunch and breakfast for the next day distributed

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

**Hybrid site**

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

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## Walking On...

### Gail Louise Yarbrough

July 29, 1937 – June 21, 2024

Tribal Elder Gail Louise Yarbrough of Beaumont, Texas, passed away on June 21, 2024, at Harbor Hospice of Beaumont, at the age of 86.

She was born in Grand Ronde, on July 29, 1937, to Caroline Riggs and John Graham.

Survivors include her daughter Katherine Alford; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, Clifford Yarbrough.

Broussard's Mortuary in Beaumont, is assisting the family.



### Vivian "Gladys" Hobbs

July 11, 1944 – June 14, 2024

Tribal Elder Vivian "Gladys" Hobbs passed away on June 14, 2024 at the age of 79.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, at the Tribal gym.

Bollman's Tribute Center is assisting the family.

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<b>APRIL 3RD-30TH LIBRARY</b> Native Innovations Exhibit presents a celebration and recognition of many science and engineering innovations developed and used by Oregon's Indigenous peoples.	<b>JULY 9TH 11AM GYM</b> Paradise of Samoa Original Samoan, Tongan, Fijian, Maori, Hawaiian, and Tahitian dance
<b>APRIL 22ND 5:30PM GYM</b> Steph Littlebird Discuss her soon to be released book Coyote & Meadowlark Make Willamette Falls	<b>JULY 11TH (TIME TBD) GYM</b> Pueblo Aspen Song Kids Cultural sharing, come learn about Taos Pueblo language, culture, heritage and tradition
<b>JUNE EVENTS!</b>	<b>JULY 16TH 11AM GYM</b> Jeff Evans Magic Show Magic, comedy, and fun for all ages!
<b>JUNE 13TH 11AM GYM</b> Oregon Coast Aquarium Come learn about tidepools!	<b>AUGUST EVENTS!</b>
<b>JUNE 16TH-AUGUST 9TH</b> Summer Reading Program Track your reading minutes, complete reading logs, earn prizes, and weekly take home packet	<b>AUGUST 6TH 11AM GYM</b> Red Yarn Music & puppetry!

## Paid Internships in Habitat Restoration

The Native American nonprofit, **Elderberry Wisdom Farm** is recruiting Native Americans and other people of color for its Fall Habitat Restoration Internship. This paid opportunity integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge with local environmental conservation practices and is supported by multiple collaborative partners.

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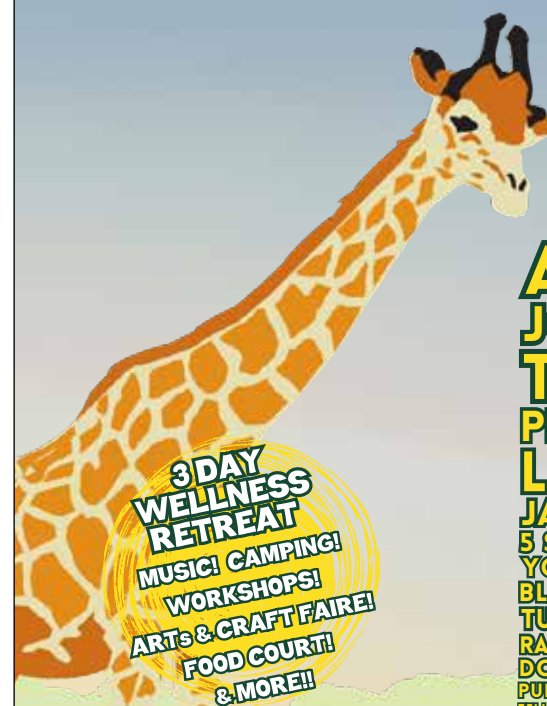


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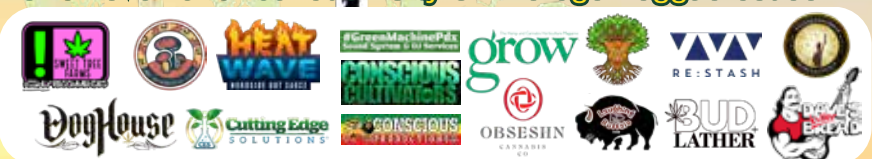
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**Happy birthday!**

Happy 15th birthday, Ekias and Tidus on July 28, and happy 18th birthday, Ethan, on July 4. You boys are awesome and amazing in every way and we love you so much. We hope you have a great year!  
Love, Dad, Sandi, and mom and family.



**Holmes family reunion is July 20**

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

**Gaston fundraising for travel to Honolulu Marathon**

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

**Congratulations, Melinda Mathews!**

Tribal member Melinda Mathews, 32, has graduated from Chemeketa Community College class of 2024 and is already enrolled at Western Oregon University to continue her studies. Her family Miguel, Baylee, Angel, Bonnie'Lee and Sione are so very proud and look forward to the big things to come in the future.



**Happy birthday, Bonnie'Lee Mathews!**

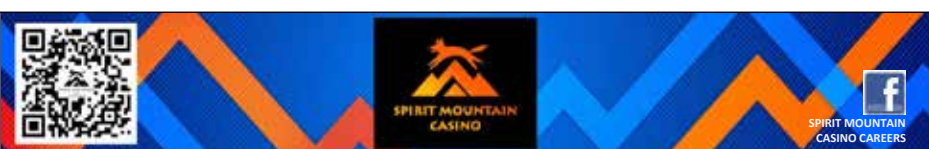
After a fantastic year in the first grade and winning two gold medals in jiu-jitsu, this amazing girl worked so hard all year for so many things including getting promoted to grey belt at Willamina American jiu-jitsu. Bonnie'Lee is a real amazing, beautiful girl so from dad, mom, Baylee, Angel, Sione and Smokey, we are so proud of you. Happy 7th birthday.

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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
CTGR EMPLOYMENT  
Posted June 21, 2024

Job#	Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
1946	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
1991	Mental Health Counselor – Great Circle Recovery – Salem - UPDATED	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
1999	Tribal Planner	15	\$97,858.44/yr.	\$127,796.59/yr.	Until Filled
2014	Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2030	Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2082	Enrichment Cook/Aide Coordinator – PT	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2116	Milieu Safety Technician – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2123	Enrichment Coordinator Aide (Seasonal- Summer)	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2127	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2131	CFS Investigator	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2135	Client Registration Specialist – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2137	Lead Barista - TERO	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2138	Academic Coach (6-12)	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2141	Licensed Practical Nurse – PT – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2143	Police Officer Trainee	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2144	Physician Assistant	20	\$151,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	Until Filled
2150	Environmental Policy Analyst – Ceded Lands	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$105,817.37/yr.	Until Filled
2153	Curriculum Coach	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2154	Licensed Practical Nurse Supervisor – Portland - Great Circle Recovery	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$105,817.37/yr.	Until Filled
2157	TPREP Program Assistant	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	06/24/24
2158	Lodge Caregiver – Part Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	06/24/24
2159	Secretary – Portland Office	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	06/24/24
2160	Licensed Practical Nurse – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	07/01/24
2161	Counselor in Training – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	07/01/24
2162	Timber Operations Coordinator	14	\$90,630.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	07/01/24
2033	Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Open

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Maintenance Technician	6/27/2024	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Amore Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Bar Porter (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Count Operations Attendant I	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Executive Casino Host I	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Finance Specialist I	Until Filled	\$19.39/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Kitchen Steward (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Prep Cook (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician I	Until Filled	\$19.39/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.58/hr. DOE + Tips
Uniform Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE

**\$1,000 Hire-On Bonus All Positions**

**\$500 Referral Bonus SMC & CTGR Employees**

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

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

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

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

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & PREVENTION**



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

**JULY 24 - AUGUST 5**

\*Dates are subject to change

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



SCAN ME

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





# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## Massage at Health & Wellness

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

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

## Health & Wellness Center entrance

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

## IMPORTANT SKOOKUM HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Due to an unexpected delay from the vendor, new insurance cards will be mailed out Aug. 30 or sooner. Please use the information below to fill your prescriptions and to access provider care. We know frustration is high during the transition to the new claims administrator, please be kind to our staff during this stressful time.

**Plan Name:** Skookum Health Assistance Program

**Claims Administrator:** Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID)

**Effective date with FCPID:** July 1, 2024

**Network:** First Choice Health

Outside First Choice Health Network: First Health/Multiplan

**FCPID Customer Service:** 715-478-4610

Fax number: 715-478-4799

Email address: [fcinsurance@fcp-nsn.gov](mailto:fcinsurance@fcp-nsn.gov)

Website: [www.fcpotawatomi.com](http://www.fcpotawatomi.com)

**MEDICAL-GRC inside the six county service area:**

GRC0100XXXX (X=Tribal ID#)

P.O. Box 211408

Eagan, MN 55121

Payer ID: 25059

**MEDICAL-GRT outside the service area:**

GRT0100XXXX (X=Tribal ID#)

First Choice Health Network

P.O. Box 2289

Seattle, WA 98111-2289

Payor ID: 91131

**ALL DENTAL/VISION:**

P.O. Box 211408

Eagan, MN 55121

Payer ID: 25059

**Pharmacy Benefit Manager: OptumRx (nothing changes here)**

Member Services: 888-554-8591 or [OptumRx.com](http://OptumRx.com)

Specialty Pharmacy: 855-427-4682 or [specialty.optumrx.com](http://specialty.optumrx.com)

Rx BIN: 600471 Rx PCN: 7777

Rx Group: 5260 Member ID: Use existing ID#

**Pre-certification:** Kunkel Care Solutions (KCS)

Phone number: 855-558-2310

## Summer sun safety

Summer is here and the sun is coming out more frequently. It is incredibly important to make sure that you are protecting your largest organ in your body...YOUR SKIN!

### Did you know?

Around one million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in the United States, with about 70% of those resulting from repeated exposure of the skin to sunlight.

Spending time outside is a great way to be physically active, reduce stress and get Vitamin D. You can work and play outside without raising your skin cancer risk by protecting your skin from the sun. Most skin cancers are caused by too much exposure to ultraviolet light.

**What are UV rays?**  
UV rays are an invisible kind of radiation that comes from the sun, tanning beds and sunlamps, and can damage skin cells. UV rays are present all year long, not just during the summer. They can reach you on cloudy and cool days, and they reflect off of surfaces like water, cement, sand and snow. In the United States, UV rays tend to be strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The UV index forecasts the strength of UV rays each day. If the UV index is three or higher, make sure to protect your skin from too much exposure.

### How to protect your skin from the sun.

- **Shade:** You can reduce your risk of sun damage and skin cancer by staying in the shade under an umbrella, tree or other shelter. Your best bet to protect your skin is to use sunscreen or wear protective clothing when you're outside – even when you are in the shade.
- **Clothing:** When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and skirts, which can provide protection from UV rays. If wearing this type of clothing isn't practical, try to wear a T-Shirt or a beach cover-up. Clothes made from tightly woven fabric offer the best protection.
- **Hat:** For the most protection, wear a hat that has a brim all the way around that shades your face, your ears and the back of your neck.
- **Sunglasses:** Sunglasses protect from eyes from UV rays and reduce the risk of cataracts. They also protect the tender skin around your eyes from sun exposure.
- **Sunscreen:** Put on broad spectrum sunscreen that filters out both UVA and UVB rays and has an SPF of 15 or higher before you go outside, and reapply at least every two hours and after swimming, sweating, or toweling off. Make sure to check the expiration date as well.

### Check your skin:

Skin checks are important. Make sure that you are watching for any changes in the pigment of your skin that is abnormal, new, expanding or changing growths, spots or bumps on the skin, or changes in moles. If you find any concerning spots, contact your provider and request a skin check. ■



ELDERS LIVING WITH  
**LONELINESS**  
IN ADULT FOSTER CARE

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

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

THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!



# 2024

## July 12-14

uyxat Powwow Grounds

9600 Highway 22 (Hebo Road)  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347



# Marcellus Northwest Memorial Veterans Powwow

### Emcee:

Nick Sixkiller

### Arena Director:

Ed Wulf

### Host Drum:

Bad Soul

### Invited Drums:

- Battle Stone
- War Face
- 4 Directions
- Northwest Connections
- **No Day Pay Drums**

### Friday, July 12

- Royalty pageant at 11 A.M.
- Coronation at 5 P.M.
- Grand Entry at 7 P.M.

### Saturday, July 13

- Grand entry at 1 P.M.
- Grand entry at 7 P.M.

### Sunday, July 14

- Grand entry at Noon

### Powwow Info:

Molly Leno, 503-983-6790

### Vendor Contact:

Levi Liebelt, 971-901-5146

**\* Raffle prizes awarded \***

### Specials:

#### Men's traditional

1st - \$600 • 2nd - \$400  
3rd - \$200 • 4th - \$100  
Sponsored by the  
veterans committee.

#### Teen girls traditional

Sponsored by the outgoing  
Senior Veterans Queen  
Memory Leno & family.

#### Junior girls fast & fancy shawl battle

Sponsored by the outgoing  
2023-24 Junior Veterans Queen  
Leloo Quenelle & family.

#### Junior girls team dance

Sponsored by the outgoing  
Little Miss Veterans Queen  
Ulali Quenelle & family.

#### Women's red dress

All ages, sponsored by  
Amanda Freeman.

#### Grass dance special

Sponsored by Brenda Tuomi.

#### Remembering

Remembering a Grand Ronde  
Tribal veteran Elder Mark Cook  
passing of 25 years.

#### Women's traditional

1st Blanket +\$100  
2nd Blanket + \$75  
3rd Blanket + \$50

#### Tiny tot special

Give away cash & goodies  
Both sponsored by Tammy  
Cook.

Clean and sober event: Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bringing alcohol/drugs or weapons to this event.