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Paddle power!

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

TACOMA, Wash. — Children splashed in the waters of Puget Sound under a warm sun while on-shore, adults waited and watched, straining their eyes for the first glimpse of the canoes — finally spotting, in the far distance, brief glimmers as paddles lifted from the water.

At first barely visible, the canoes gradually achieved form as the paddlers found a final burst of strength to bring them to the landing site.

In some canoes, the sound of paddlers singing drifted across the water to the waiting crowd. It was Landing Day for the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024, and despite rain earlier in the week, the weather was perfect.

With the focus this year on youth, children and teenagers took the lead, calling out to the waiting Elders of the Puyallup Tribe that they were tired and hungry, and wanted permission to come ashore. Each spoke a little about their Tribe and their journey, some spoke about the wish to share their songs and stories.

Puyallup Tribal Council Chairman Bill Sterud welcomed each canoe, calling out “Come ashore, come ashore!” in both Lushootseed and English. As his voice grew weary, Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller and other council members began

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Copper Chargualaf, 5, asks permission to come ashore, as her mother, Tribal member Zoey Holsclaw, looks on during Landing Day of the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024 in Tacoma, Wash., on Wednesday, July 31.



Tribal canoes, from left, chicha, štankiya, ulxayu and qisqis are lined up waiting to land during Landing Day of the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024 in Tacoma, Wash., on Wednesday, July 31.



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Longtime Tribal employee selected as new assistant general manager

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

When Tribal member Bryan Langley began his new role as assistant general manager on Monday, Aug. 12, it wasn't the first time he had served in that capacity.



Bryan Langley

Langley, 58, who has worked for the Tribe for 33 years, spent a year as assistant general manager in 2015. Later, the position was eliminated but has since been brought back under new General Manager Angie Blackwell.

“I saw the position come open and I had done it previously, so I had a familiarity with what the job was and then just started looking at my resume and updating it, and seeing that I met all of the requirements, so I thought, ‘Why not?’ So, I decided to jump into the ring and give it a shot.”

Langley was one of six Tribal members interviewed for the position.

“They were all excellent candidates; any one of them could have done the job,” Blackwell said. “Bryan has a wealth of institutional knowledge, and he has worked in multiple departments over the last 30-plus years, so he is going to be a great asset to the general manager’s office and the departments he will oversee.”

Blackwell said that Langley’s new department assignments will include Natural Resources, Facilities, Social Services, Tribal Police, Emergency Management and Cultural Resources.

The primary purpose of the assistant general manager is to help the general manager with administer-

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August continues fire weather trend through summer

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

A couple of days of cooler weather early in the week of July 28-Aug. 2 brought a temporary reprieve to firefighters battling fires across the Pacific Northwest, but the Forest Service warned that wildfire conditions “are set to come roaring back” as the region heads into another heat wave.



Steve Warden

“August is showing us nothing but hot, dry, windy conditions and dry lightning all in the first week,” Ed Hiatt, Pacific Northwest Assistant Fire Director for Operations, said in a press release. “Exhausted crews finally caught a much-needed weather break, but this wildfire year is going to get worse before it gets better.”

In Grand Ronde, firefighters from the Tribe have been deployed to several fires outside the area so far this year, with another deployment that occurred on Friday, Aug. 2 and Monday,

Aug. 5, to the Elk Lane Fire in Jefferson County and the Town Gulch Fire in Baker County. All crews returned by Sunday, Aug. 11, according to Tribal Emergency Services Lieutenant and Public Information Officer Mariah Walters.

On Aug. 5, Gov. Tina Kotek invoked the state’s Emergency Conflagration Act for the Elk Lane fire in Jefferson County, which has spread to

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8

Tribal Council Chambers

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

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Aug. 21.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 4.....	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,

When I looked at Spirit Mountain the other day, I was saddened to see it had been desecrated.

I heard booms the other day and thought I was hearing things. When I looked up to the mountain, I saw that trees had been cut down.

Spirit Mountain has so much meaning to our Tribe. It's on our logo for both the Tribe and casino; it looks so sad. We have many ancestors buried up there and they're crying out loud to stop Hampton Lumber from cutting down more.

No amount of money is worth cutting down the trees on our mountain. I know we don't own the mountain. Why don't we? We should. I know Hampton Lumber owns it but for them to do this hurts my heart to where it's breaking wide open.

Please Hampton Lumber, stop cutting down our sacred burial land. No amount of money is worth it, please stop being so greedy. I think on a gesture of good faith, give the land back to us that was stolen from us so many years ago when we were terminated and later restored on Nov. 22, 1983.

Please give us our mountain back. Hampton Lumber, (if) you do this would help heal an open wound with so many people. My brother Jack Pichette is buried up there along with many other families who have loved ones buried up there.

Hayu Masi for taking the time to read my heartfelt letter.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Eileen Gaston

Roll #2332

Daughter of Oren G. Pichette and Donna Casey

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closing noon Friday, Aug. 30, and closed on Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.



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.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

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Friday, Aug. 23.....	Sept. 1	Indigenous Journalists Association
Monday, Sept. 9	Sept. 15	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Oct. 1	2022 IJA General Excellence
Monday, Oct. 7.....	Oct. 15	2023 IJA General Excellence

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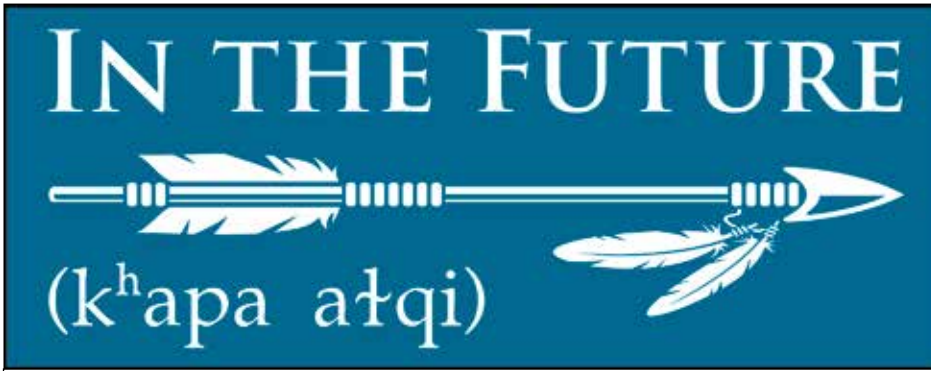
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stuxtkin-mun (August)

- Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 15-17 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2424.
- 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.
- 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.
- Friday, Aug. 23 – Community barbeque and outside movie night, 6:30 p.m. in Tribal housing.
- Friday, Aug. 30 – Tribal offices close at noon in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

k^wayts-mun (September)

- Monday, Sept. 2 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Sept. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Sept. 7 – Tribal Election Day. 503-879-2271.
- Sunday, Sept. 8 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council swearing in-ceremony, 11 a.m., Tribal Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Saturday, Sept. 13-14 – Spirit Mountain Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 27 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day

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

Missing your Tribal ballot?

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

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

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

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

Election Board office open through Sept. 5

The Tribal Election Board office will be open through Thursday, Sept. 5. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Thursday.

The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. The phone number is 503-879-2271.

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

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

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

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

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



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
Nick Labonte 503-879-2490, Nick.labonte@grandronde.org

Please send completed applications to:
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attn: Enrollment Office
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

ATTENTION GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS

PER CAP INFORMATION: CALL 503-879-1983

SEPTEMBER 2024 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

Deadline Dates for September 2024 Per Capita

- Change of Address: Friday, Aug. 30, 2024 **BY NOON**
- Change of Direct Deposit: Friday, Aug. 30, 2024 **BY NOON**

PER CAPITA DIRECT DEPOSIT

Forms can be found:

- Online at: www.grandronde.org
- By contacting Kalene Contreras at 503-879-2204 or Kalene.contreras@grandronde.org
- Fax number for direct deposit is 503-879-2208

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changes can be made by:

- Calling the Member Services Department at 503-879-2116
- If you get voicemail your address will still be changed if you clearly state your:
 - Name
 - Roll #
 - Date of Birth
 - Last four digits of SS#
 - New Address



Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək^hmək 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 August food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

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

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

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

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

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

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam mək^hmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: 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.

Construction zone

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

The road surrounding the old powwow grounds will have restricted access to allow the contractor adequate space to access the site, as well as store materials and equipment.

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



2019

File photo

2019 – Tribal Elder Ann Lewis had her work displayed at the Willamette Valley Vineyards tasting room and the Washington County Museum. She took up painting later in life during a wine and art class.

2014 – Tribal Council announced that it had passed amendments removing itself from the disenrollment process, to “remove these decisions from the influences of political process in a more appropriate way.”

2009 – The Tribe increased its trust land holdings when 40.44 acres were officially granted trust status by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This increased the total amount of acres in trust land holdings to 396.23 and the acres owned in Yamhill County to 10,839.47.

2004 – Sam McCracken (Fort Peck/Sious and Assiniboine), Nike’s Native American Business Manager, spoke with 25 youth from Grand Ronde about his life and choices. McCracken, who left his reservation at the age of 19, began working in the warehouse at Nike but eventually went on to create his own position, which he used to help support Native communities.

1999 – The Eagle Beak Singers invited two young adolescents to learn from “Grandfather drum,” part of their ongoing program to watch for potential new young singers and drummers.

1994 – Tribal Elder Harold Blair’s donation of \$45,000 enabled the Tribe to purchase a mini-bus with a wheelchair lift for senior services transports. Blair had sold some of his land to Hampton Lumber, and said he wanted to do something for Elders, particularly those who did not have transportation and had difficulty getting to Tribal events.

1989 – Darrel Mercier, Gene LaBonte, Patti Tom-Martin, Bob Mercier, Larry Brandon, Val Grout, Russ Leno, Kathryn Harrison, Gary Reibach, Tom Leno and Merle Leno ran for election to the Tribal Council. The Tribe had been reinstated for just six years and was working on implementing its master plan.

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

EMERGENCY KIT ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Non-Perishable food items
- First aid kit
- Personal medications
- Bottled water
- Flash light
- Extra clothes
- Matches or lighters
- Credit cards/cash
- Important documents
- Blankets
- Batteries



For more information reach out to your local fire agency or contact:
kaylene.barry@grandronde.org
(503)-879-1701



Tribal Council approves \$5 million grant application for housing

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Housing Block Grant Program to build several low-income apartment units during its Wednesday, Aug. 7, meeting.

The apartments would be built next to the existing Wind River Apartments in Tribal housing. If approved for the \$5 million grant, the funding will be received in 2025, according to Tribal Grants Program Manager Wendy Sparks.

"This is one of those opportunities to fulfill the housing requirements for the community and we need to make sure we have the funding for that," she said during a Tuesday, Aug. 6, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Tribal Grants Coordinator Dana Morfin thanked Tribal Council member Denise Harvey for her work with HUD representing the Tribe on its advisory committee and helping to secure more funding.

"That is something that I definitely want to give you credit for," she said. "That was something that we are very appreciative of, having you standing in the gap for Native nations and especially for our Tribe... We love being able to actively see that change in grants."

Harvey said it had been an honor to represent the Tribe.

"Many of us have testified on issues over the years and sometimes it takes a long time to see the fruits of our labor, but I will say, in this last year we've actually seen a lot of really good changes," she said. "I feel like these advisory committees are actually listening to us at that table and they're making the adjustments needed to serve Indian country."

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a limited waiver of its sovereign immunity with Pendleton Woolen Mills Inc. to purchase 352 blankets. The custom manufacturing agreement requires that waiver;
- Approved final adoption of amendments to the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Ordinance to incorporate off-reservation hunting and fishing rights as authorized by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in August 2023. The amendments were approved on an emergency basis last Sep-

tember to allow the Natural Resources Department to regulate the newly approved areas;

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to help develop a statewide climate action plan. The Tribe will be reimbursed up to \$49,980 for its work on the project;
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to contract for the design and construction of the Portland Area Regional Specialty Referral Center Northwest Region Demonstration Project in Fife, Washington, for the benefit of increased access by Tribal members to specialty care; and so that \$164 million in design and construction funds from Indian Health Service are not rescinded;
- Approved an application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental and Climate Justice Program Community Change Grants for \$17,043,600 for solar efficiency and weatherization improvements across multiple sites on the Tribal campus;
- And approved enrolling one infant into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Additionally, Tribal Council approved four authorizations to proceed. The first was to conduct a supplemental budget process to establish up to \$7 million in funding for the Stratus Village housing project in McMinnville. The second was to approve a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation which would make the Tribe a cooperating agency in the planning and environmental analysis for the Scoggins Dam safety improvements. The third was to approve a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency to make the Tribe a partner in the investigation, analysis and monitoring of the Bradford Island cleanup. The fourth was to submit a letter to the Department of Interior expressing deep concerns over the report regarding Tribal affects from Columbia Basin dams.

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

Linn County hosting Cultural Encampments

Tribal Elder and Linn County Cultural Encampment Director Deitrich Peters is hosting Cultural Encampments again this summer.

Upcoming encampments will be held Friday to Sunday, Aug. 23-25 at Cascadia County Park in Cascadia.

The three-day encampments open with a morning prayer on Friday, a meet-and-greet, storytelling and flute music, and an evening prayer. On Saturday, craft classes and Native American traditional dancing are taught. Sunday includes more dancing and then a thank you feast in the afternoon.

For more information, contact Peters at petersdeitz@gmail.com, visit the Linn County Parks web page or naculturalencampment.org. ■

Historic music of the land



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Deitz Peters plays the flute during "Music from the Land," an outdoor event held at Academy Square in Lebanon on Monday, Aug. 5. Peters shared some Tribal history of the Lebanon area, played several songs on different flutes and told stories to the approximately 100 people in attendance. The event was co-sponsored by the Lebanon Museum Foundation and the Lebanon Public Library.



From left, Colette Lugo, Clarice Lugo and Sarah Hewitt bead while they listen to Tribal Elder Deitz Peters tell stories and play flute music during "Music from the Land" held at Academy Square in Lebanon on Monday, Aug. 5. The Lugos are sisters and Colorado River Indian Tribal members and Hewitt is Navajo.

2024 GRHWC Veteran Fishing Trips

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**August 24, 7:00 am
August 25, 7:00 am
September 22, 7:00 am**

Meet @ Toledo Boat Ramp

CTGR TRIBAL MEMBER/DESCENDANT
VETERANS ONLY

Sign-Up: Call Patricia Henry, 503-879-1399

INDEPENDENT TRIBAL PRESS ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

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

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

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

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Longtime former Smoke Signals editor publishes e-book memoir

Former Smoke Signals Editor Dean Rhodes has published an e-book memoir, "A Hard Day's Write: A Journalist's Journey Through the World of Pop Music 1989-94, and More."



Dean Rhodes

The memoir recounts the five years Rhodes covered popular music for the now-defunct afternoon daily The Phoenix Gazette in Arizona's capital city.

In addition to the verbatim interviews he conducted with pop music legends like Paul McCartney, Keith Richards, Stevie Nicks, Paul Simon, Tony Bennett, Deborah Harry and even Michaelangelo of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Rhodes also includes entertaining stories, such as the time he and a photographer were kicked out of a Metallica concert while working on a health care story and the time he flew to Nashville and back in one day just to hear Eddie Money perform at 30,000 feet.

"This book was a hell of a lot of fun," said Jim Thomsen, a Seat-

tle-area book editor who helped edit the book. "I enjoyed the mix of journalism and memoir, as well as learning new-to-me things about some favorite artists."

Rhodes, 65, retired in January 2024 from an award-winning, 40-year career in journalism. He graduated from Arizona State University in December 1982, and from 1989-94 he covered popular music for The Phoenix Gazette.

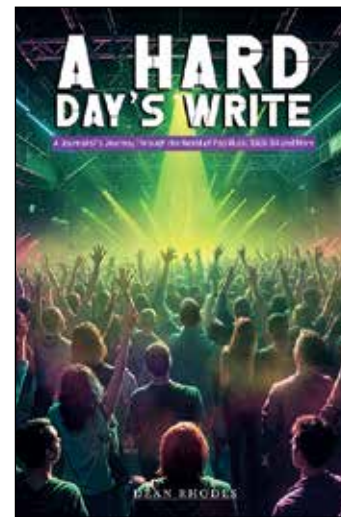
His love of popular music dates back to the mid-1960s when his U.S. Air Force father was stationed

outside of London, England, from 1964-68, during the heyday of the Beatles. He also has been an editor for mainstream and Tribal newspapers in Oregon (Smoke Signals), North Dakota (The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead) and Washington state (Peninsula Daily News), performed as a standup comedian and has written

several yet-to-be-produced screenplays.

He lives in Port Angeles, Washington, with his wife, Patricia, and is continuing to write.

"A Hard Day's Write" is available at Kindle, Google Books, Kobo and Barnes & Noble e-book sites. ■



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Tribally-operated school will open to students Aug. 26

By Katherine Warren

Smoke Signals staff

After many years, a dream has come to fruition for some Grand Ronde Tribal members: Their own school.

The first day of the new, Tribally-operated school will be Monday, Aug. 26, with the kindergarten class. First through fifth graders will start Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Although this has been discussed for several years, concerted efforts to open the school began in the spring and have been ongoing since.

On July 2, Education Department Manager Angela Fasana; Curriculum Specialist Cheyanne Fasana-Heidt and Shawash Academic Teacher Adam Langley sat down with Tribal Council to give an update about where they were at with Tribally-operated school.

Fasana-Heidt shared that they were getting ready to do interviews for a math and science teacher and were hoping to have someone hired by the end of the month.

The next update involved curriculum development. As of July, 24 of 40 lessons for literacy were completed. To put this in the sense of a school year, curriculum is completed through January.

Literacy and health curriculum was created by Education Department employees and math/science are from outside sources. Math is from Discover Wild Learning and titled, "Wild Math." Science is from Science Through Nature and is titled, "A Year Discovery" and those were translated into Chinuk Wawa.

The math/science program is nature/outdoor based on the seasonal round model and includes hands-on activities.

In early August, Fasana, Fasana-Heidt and Chinuk Wawa Education Program Manager Justine Flynn sat down with

Tribal Council to give another update.

Fasana-Heidt shared with them that a math and science teacher had been hired and was developing weekly assignments.

"We are back to the drawing board about whether or not to hire a special ed assistant or teacher," she said.

The last staff that they have hired as of right now is a physical education/health coach.

On the curriculum front, 32 of the 40 lessons for literacy will be finalized on Aug. 21, according to Fasana-Heidt.

Health, math, social studies and science are in the process of being translated into Chinuk Wawa. Literacy and science will include opportunities for the other subjects to be blended in as well.

One of the questions that was asked by Tribal Council was who is doing the translations of the curriculum. Fasana-Heidt shared that it's a combination of people such as herself, Flynn, Langley and others.

The next update that was shared was for policies and procedures, which are more than 75% done and have been approved. Six policies have been drafted and under review with the committee, before being finalized and submitted to the Tribe's legal department as well as the general manager.

The final item that was talked about was becoming a charter school or local education agency, which means the Tribe becoming its own school district.

Fasana shared with Tribal Council that she is looking at whether it's possible to become a local education agency and what that would look like.

For more information about the Tribally-operated school, contact Flynn at Justine.flynn@grandronde.org. ■

Tribe has a mobilization plan in place for extreme weather

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some 5,000 acres after a lightning storm the first weekend in August set it off, along with several other fires.

Across the state, according to the Oregon Department of Forestry, 33 fires were burning in Oregon, and 1.38 million acres have burned so far this year. More than 80% of the fires have been caused by people, the department said.

The Oregonian newspaper reported on Aug. 7 that there were five megafires burning in the state, defined as fires larger than 100,000 acres.

Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake said that the Fire Protection Program hires between 30 to 40 seasonal employees who help fill fire crews and engines during fire season.

"During times like now, when we are in a national preparedness level five (the highest), we try to make sure our resources (engines and hand crew) are available for national dispatch to assist with project fires across the country," he said.

At the same time, Drake said, "Locally, we will conduct daily and weekend fire patrols with our engines depending on the weather and fire indices (indexes) which include fuel moisture levels and humidity recoveries across the area."

For efficiency, the department coordinates daily with the Oregon Department of Forestry's Dallas office on resource availability and patrols.

"ODF sets the industrial fire precaution levels related to forestry practices on the Reservation and our forested lands, which NRD staff will help enforce," he said.

The Tribe also has a mobilization plan in place for extreme fire weather and red flag warnings, such as shutting down all forest operations when relative humidities dip below 30%.

"Our fire protection staff also coordinate with the fire department staff on resources and patrols to make sure we have good coverage of the area," Drake said. "Typically, the duty officer will make sure staff are available for local response as needed and will keep other NRD staff informed of fire related information."

The department backfills the positions of deployed firefighters to ensure there's still coverage at home, Walters said.

"This coverage often means that our staff (are) working overtime (more than the 48 consecutive hours they normally work)," she said. "During these periods we ensure the crews have as much rest time as calls allow, crews stay hydrated, and we restore apparatus immediately when returning from calls or deployments to ensure they are ready for the next need."

Pre-fire season preparedness includes vehicle and tool maintenance, training to ensure staff are well-versed in wildland firefighting skills and increasing staff levels during the weekend when administrative staff are not on duty.

"Another huge portion of our preparation includes public education about prevention and mitigation," Walters said. "We encourage people to keep defensible space around their homes, be vigilant about vehicle maintenance and limiting (if not eliminating) the use of spark emitting devices."

Defensible space means having an area around the home that is clear of fire hazards such as bark mulch, fir needles, deadwood and other debris. It entails keeping gutters, decks and fences clean so that flammable items like dried leaves and fir needles don't build up, storing barbecue tanks at least 30 feet away from the house and keeping driveways clear for first responders.

More information is available by calling Tribal Resiliency Officer Kaylene Barry at 503-879-1701. ■

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Kaylene Barry - kaylene.barry@grandronde.org

Tribal housing kitchen fire extinguished

A resident reported an accidental cooking fire on Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle, that caused moderate damage to the cabinets, walls and ceiling.

Tribal Emergency Services Lieutenant and Public Information Officer Mariah Walters said fire crews were able to contain the damage to the kitchen and rescue a dog from the home.

There were no injuries, but because the kitchen was left unusable, the Red Cross provided respite resources.

Walters said fire extinguishers are the best option to use on kitchen fires, because water can react with grease, spreading the flames.

"Always set timers if you have to step away from the stove, even for a few seconds," Walters said. "This will remind you to return to the stove and help prevent cooking fires." ■

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Youth market



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Aiden Fugate, 11, adds a hard-boiled egg to a Korean beef bowl during the hayu-munk skukum Program Youth Marketplace in the Tribal gym on Wednesday, Aug. 7. The bowls were for sale at the Bulgogi Grill, which was being run by Fugate, who was the sous chef, Logan Clark, 15, middle, who was the executive chef and Grace Macon, 11, in the background on the right, who assisted customers. There were also stands that sold baked goods, ice cream and smoothies. The event gave the youth an opportunity to develop business skills by running their own food stands.

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. ■

Langley began working for the Tribe in 1991

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ing Tribal operations along with supervision of assigned departments within the Tribe.

Langley began his career at the Tribe in 1991 as a social worker and then transferred into a caseworker position. He has also been a mental health associate, housing occupancy specialist, continuing/distance education specialist, procurement manager, higher education specialist and higher education manager.

He and Blackwell used to work in the same department when she served as the early childhood education program manager, and the two also attended Willamina High School at the same time.

"You always want to treat people the way that you want to be treated because you never know, they might be your boss someday," Langley said with a smile.

He anticipates that the most challenging aspect of his new position will be the potential to get pulled in too many different directions at once.

"That can happen because you have different priorities for different people," he said. "So, between council and the executive team, that can be challenging but you just need to try to determine what is the highest priority and then try to address those needs first. Sometimes, people will need to wait and that isn't always easy. And sometimes people want to do things individually, which I've had happen in the past and then they

don't get support so then that can create some issues."

Langley said he is looking forward to working with Tribal Council, as he has prior experience working with most of the current members.

"I think it'll be good and I'm looking forward to it," he said.

Langley said what he'll miss most about his current job is being able to see Tribal members receive their education and then come back and work for the Tribe in different capacities.

"There's a lot of different managers in different departments who have utilized the higher education program and I'm glad Tribal Council keeps supporting it," he said. "I'll also miss my staff because I have great people working here. They come to work, they do their job and they don't create any issues... This program isn't one where you get a lot of complaints or anything and it's just rewarding seeing students succeed and move on in life. It's part of the Tribe's mission for self-sufficiency and that whole piece. This program helps Tribal members be able to do that."

Langley and his wife, Rhonda, live in McMinnville and have six children: Bryanna (Rue), Kara, Brayden, Moriah, Gavin and Abram.

In his spare time, Langley enjoys spending time with family, bowhunting elk, watching Oregon Ducks football, going camping and having barbecues.

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Tribal officer releases second book

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

There's an uncontrolled fire on the fictitious Jericho Nation Reservation during Oregon's infamous 2020 Labor Day weekend, and the smoke is making it hard to breathe, or even see clearly.

However, Tribal Police Officer Warren Lawson doesn't have time to worry about it; he's got a killer to track down. The man has already murdered most of his own family and a police officer, and Lawson must find him before he can kill again.

Meanwhile, firefighters battle to keep the flames from spreading on a weekend when multiple blazes are raging out of control across the state, driven by a hot, dry east wind and dangerously low humidity.

"Jericho Burning," the second book by Tribal member and Tribal Police Cpl. Tyler Brown, is another fast-paced, ride-along with Lawson as he races to try to stop a killer.

It follows Brown's first book, "Tribal Honor," released last December, and picks up a few months after that story ends.

As a corporal and a part-time detective with the Polk County Interagency Major Crimes Team, Brown draws on his own experience to make the stories feel authentic: Jericho Nation seems to be more prone to violence and murder than Grand Ronde, Brown said, but it's important to him to make the law enforcement agencies and officers portrayed behave realistically in the situations they face.

In addition, he wants to convey the area's beauty and feeling of peace. He changed the name of the

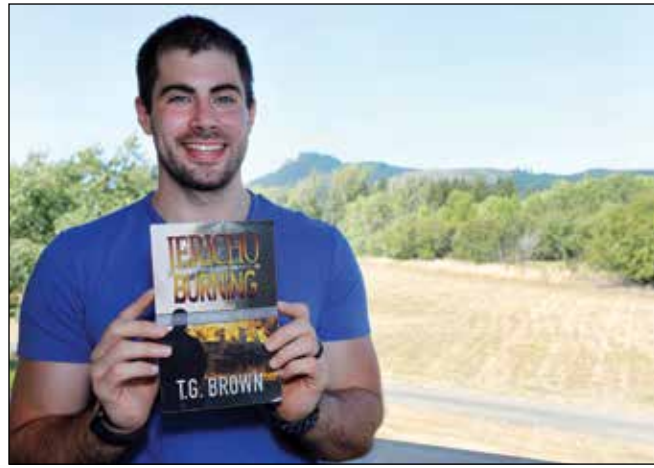


Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Tyler Brown is releasing his second book "Jericho Burning" on Tuesday, Aug. 20. In addition to being an author, Brown is a corporal with the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department.

Tribe to Jericho Nation, however, to emphasize that the events in the books are fictional. Brown dedicated "Jericho Burning" to "those who serve or have served in the military, law enforcement and fire service.

"Thank you for what you do," he wrote.

"Jericho Burning," is the second book in what Brown says will be a series and will be released on Tuesday, Aug. 20. A book signing is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, at Shred City Fitness, located at 1667 S.E. Holman Ave., Dallas.

In addition to his adventures with villains of various stripes, Lawson — Brown's protagonist — is fighting himself or the person he fears he might turn into, if his "dark side" gains the upper hand. Sometimes he's fighting his fellow officers, in a debate over how best to do the job they're all focused on.

Lawson's internal struggles have formed a theme that carries through

both books, and in "Jericho Burning," also contain a nod to the killings by police that precipitated months of nationwide Black Lives Matter protests in 2020.

"Police have to change the way we do this job," Warren tells his partner at one point. "If push comes to shove, we protect life by any means necessary, but the keyword in that sentence is 'necessary.'"

The discussion occupies only a couple of pages during a lull in the action, but it provides a glimpse into Lawson's internal quest. He's a flawed hero and the book reveals exactly why he fears what he's capable of.

"He's almost as scared of himself as anything else," Brown said, noting that fear is frightening, because "the public has to trust this guy and if he doesn't trust himself, that doesn't bode well."

Finding out where Lawson goes from both his moments of grace and his worst failures as the series progresses will be a journey as breathtaking as his adventures in chasing down criminals.

"I'd say he definitely was more affected by the end of book two," Brown said. "I think he's starting to question his own mortality a little bit and his own morality as well. He's doing a job that demands a lot of him and he's not sure he can

continue it."

Lawson's vulnerability is a key part of his message.

"He's a strong character, but he's just as scared as anyone else," he said. "That's what I wanted to convey: You're not heroic because you're fearless, you're heroic because you face your fears and overcome them."

Presenting an imperfect character who struggles with his flaws and fears, Brown said, is important to him.

"I wanted to present this strong character who can connect with the people who do this job," he said. "But who can also connect with readers outside law enforcement. I think what people really come for is the character development. We all feel that; we all have to get through those emotional turmoil points in our life."

Brown said his fellow officers have been following along with Lawson's adventures and have been supportive.

"They really liked it," he said. "They all read it, which is cool."

With his characters and setting now established, Brown said, he hopes to explore more Native American cultural issues in future books. While "Jericho Burning" is a thriller, the next one will be more of a mystery.

In addition, Brown is working on an unrelated book that he isn't yet ready to announce.

Brown said he hopes to make Lawson's series a lengthy one. "It's not cheap to publish a book," he said. "As long as I can keep justifying it financially, I'll keep doing it. ... I'd love to write until I'm 90. I love doing this stuff." ■

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AUGUST 2024 EVENTS

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

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

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

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Grand Ronde Canoe Family sent four canoes for the journey

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giving speeches of welcome, but Sterud's glad cry of "Come ashore, come ashore!" continued to the last canoes.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee attended the Landing Day ceremony, thanking the assembled Tribes for "this huge honor" of being allowed to join in a special day.

"I represent eight million people, and that means Washington state raises 16 million arms to you today," Inslee said, "and the reason is you inspire the Tribal community, but you also inspire the entire state of Washington, because you are helping our sacred youth connect their past with their present, with their future."

Inslee also spoke about the importance of giving young people a sense of a future they can work toward.

"Puget Sound is threatened right now," he said, noting the affects of climate change and other issues. "We are pulling together for the future of these pullers today," he said.

For some of the young people participating, the journey along ancestral waterways was pure joy; for others, it held a spiritual aspect.

Seventeen-year-old Marie Quenelle, who serves the Tribe as Junior Miss Grand Ronde, said she had been feeling a bit off before the journey, but it had left her feeling rejuvenated.

"It was a very spiritual reset for me," Quenelle said. "I just would like to say that Canoe Journey has been a really good experience for me and probably a lot of other people, and I feel like I need to go on it every single year."

Ben Moore, 15, said it was "my first time paddling on Canoe Journey," and he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"I had a lot of fun. I got tired



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Lyliana Rideout, 16, leads dancers on the floor during the Grand Ronde Canoe Family's protocol of the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024 in Tacoma, Wash., on Friday, Aug. 2.



Sam Hedrick, 13, prepares for the Grand Ronde Canoe Family's protocol of the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024.

Esten Kimsey, 14, agreed. "It's really fun," he said. "It's nice to be out in the canoe with your friends, paddling on the water."

Moore traveled with his 10-year-old brother, Reed Kyllonen, and mother, Tribal member Keri Kimsey. Watching her sons and the other youth take leadership roles, Kimsey said, made the experience especially meaningful.

Her eldest son was able to get on the canoe and paddle.

"I think (he) really got to experience the fullness of what journey is," she said. "Last year, we arrived when everyone had landed already. This year, he was able to experience the entire thing; the journey, landing, protocol and camping."

Singing and dancing during protocol was a first for the boys, Kimsey said.

"They just embraced it a lot more, I think because the focus was on youth, and they felt a lot more comfortable doing when other youth were doing it, too," she said.

Kimsey added that she loved seeing the young people take the lead in asking permission to come ashore.

"It was beautiful to watch, and I'm just proud of each and every one of the youth who stepped up to do that, because it can be a little scary," she said. "All

With Mount Rainier as a backdrop, ulxayu is carried to the trailer after coming ashore during Landing Day of the Power Paddle to Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey 2024 in Tacoma, Wash., on Wednesday, July 31.

of our kids were just glowing and having so much fun and stepping into leadership roles and taking it seriously. It was just really cool to see our kids light up and shine the way they did during journey."

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Canoe Family sent four canoes to join with the 78 other canoe families registered for the annual journey, representing some 50 Tribes from across the Pacific Northwest, including British Columbia and Alaska.

Kimsey said the journey was powerful for entire families. In her case, she said, she and her sons also traveled with "my brother, my sister, my dad, my nieces and nephews, so it brings families together too, and helps families heal as well and create memories. It's just a really healthy experience."

Weaving a traditional canoe hat from cedar bark as she waited on the shore for the Grand Ronde canoes to reach the landing site, Youth Empowerment and Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout said the department had brought 10 youth to participate in the event, but many others had come with their families, or, for those old enough to drive themselves, on their own.

"We really tried to make sure the youth were the focus this year," Rideout said, and encouraged them to "take healthy risks, like asking to come ashore."

Several children and teens spoke, sometimes taking turns to speak from the same canoe. The crowd whooped when the youngest, 5-year-old Copper Chargualaf, shyly spoke into the microphone, telling Puyallup Tribal leaders, "We are tired and we want to come ashore."

"Amazing," Miller called, before enthusiastically welcoming the group to disembark.

The 2025 Canoe Journey will be hosted on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington state by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. ■



Youth grants focus on healing and helping

By Nicole Montesano
Smoke Signals staff writer

The Youth Grantmakers Program celebrated its third year of giving with a check presentation at Spirit Mountain Casino on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Grantmakers were Tribal youth interns for the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Tribe. They included Cohen Haller, Annabelle Guardiola, Laila Holmes, Mikayla Mercier and Laney DeLoe.

The program was originally the brainchild of Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry while she served as the fund's executive director.

Working together with now-Executive Director Angie Sears, then a program coordinator, the two developed the program. It was proposed it to SMCF Board of Trustees and approved in July 2019. However, it took longer than expected to implement due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program was developed for Grand Ronde Tribal youth to engage Native students with philanthropy, grantmaking and community service. It is designed to introduce the youth to nonprofit organizations, allowing them to better understand the need for assistance in local communities and learn how they can help make a difference, while also earning high school credit through volunteerism. The youth grantmakers are hired through the Tribe's Summer Youth Internship Program.

One of the five grantees was A Family for Every Child of Eugene.

During the 2023 school year, more than 2,000 Lane County youth were experiencing homelessness, either couch surfing, staying in shelters or unsheltered, according to Executive Director Megan Anderson.

"(Of those), 537 are unaccompanied, meaning they don't have an adult person in their life providing



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Spirit Mountain Community Fund intern Laney DeLoe, 18, repackages Q-tips while volunteering during a site visit to A Family for Every Child in Eugene on Tuesday, July 16. In the background fellow intern Annabelle Guardiola, 17, and AFFEC Executive Director Megan Anderson also repackage items for outreach kits. The nonprofit was chosen by another fellow intern Laila Holmes to receive a grant through the SMCF Youth Grantmakers Program.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund intern Cohen Haller, 18, presents ABC House Executive Director Karsen O'Bryan a check during the 2024 Youth Grantmaking check presentation at Spirit Mountain Casino on Wednesday, Aug. 7. ABC House is the nonprofit that Haller chose to receive a grant through the SMCF Youth Grantmakers Program.

them with some degree of support," she said.

A Family for Every Child operates a licensed adoption agency and matching services placing children in foster care from all over the country with families in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, according to its application. It also operates a youth center in Eugene that opened in February.



Anderson said the grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund will enable it to partner with people in rural communities that are already serving youth by offering pop-up youth centers in the more rural areas of Lane County to provide homeless youth with services that are otherwise hard to come by.

"It's harder to get to services, but when you do get to them, there's just less of them," Anderson said.

Funds from the grant will help to purchase supplies such as folding tables and chairs, a canopy for outdoor venues, marketing materials and a starter supply of common items requested by unhoused youth.

In addition, the agency will provide case management, referrals and essential counseling services at the pop-up centers, according to its application.

"We're so grateful we have what we need to get started," Anderson said.

Healing and helping were the twin themes of the five programs the interns chose this year. Each program received a check for \$5,000.

Sears said in an email that the interns chose from a list of nonprofit organizations that the Community Fund has funded in the past few years. The interns then invited each of the nonprofit organizations to submit a special grant application.

After reviewing the applications, Sears said, the interns met with each of the nonprofit organizations to ask questions and learn more about their work. They also volunteered if there was an opportunity to do so and presented their recommendations for funding to the fund's board of trustees. Then, the board voted to fully fund all five of the selected organizations.

During the check presentation portion, Tribal Council members Kathleen George, Brenda Tuomi and Denise Harvey attended.

Each of the representatives for the programs received a beaded necklace from the Tribe, including Courthouse Facilities dog Xander, who works for ABC House providing emotional support for traumatized children. Xander's friendly, gentle demeanor also won him the affection of the Community Fund interns and passers-by.

The Grand Ronde singers drummed and sang for the ceremony. George delivered the invocation.

The programs selected were:

- ABC House Inc. of Albany, for providing vital care for children impacted by trauma and abuse, chosen by Haller.
- Daisy C.H.A.I.N. of Eugene, for providing equitable health programs for pregnant and parenting individuals, chosen by Guardiola.
- A Family for Every Child of Eugene, for providing pop-up youth centers, chosen by Holmes.
- Liberty House of Salem, for helping children heal through access to therapy, chosen by Mercier.
- Linn County Animal Rescue, for healing hearts with horses, chosen by DeLoe.

The Community Fund also held a drawing for a Ikanum saddle blanket, which went to A Family for Every Child. ■

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Road 690 gates closed

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

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

Exhibit puts NW Indigenous art in the spotlight

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

Grand Ronde Tribal member, artist and curator Steph Littlebird is coming home, and she's bringing a suitcase worth of plans and ambitions with her, beginning with a new exhibit of Pacific Northwest Indigenous art.



Steph Littlebird

"I'm ready to share what I've learned with my community," Littlebird, who has been living in Las Vegas, said.

She wants to teach young people about the demand for graphics by Native artists, among other goals.

Littlebird is especially excited about the upcoming art exhibition at the Bush Barn Art Center & Annex in Bush's Pasture Park in Salem.

"Portland is home to some of the most acclaimed Indigenous artists in the country," Littlebird said. "This is an opportunity to showcase how talented our community is."

She said she's proud to bring Indigenous art to a space that has largely been reserved for white artists. In addition, the show will take place during the Salem Art Fair, which brings in thousands of visitors, so it's an opportunity for artists to be seen by lots of people.

The exhibit will run for two months in the Bush Barn Art Center & Annex. As with all the center's art exhibits, it will be free and open to the public. Hours are noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

The Salem Art Association operates Bush House, the home built by Statesman Journal founder Asahel Bush II. Although the house and grounds are treasured today for their extensive gardens, historical museum and art gallery, Littlebird said that Bush, who died in 1913, "had a history of being extremely racist, so the museum is kind of reinventing itself," with a new focus on inclusivity.

Salem Art Association Executive Director Matthew Boulay, who took the position in 2020, said he was almost immediately approached by

If you go

**Salem Art Association
Exhibition Indigenous
Northwest, curated by
Steph Littlebird**

Where: Bush Barn Art Center & Annex, 600 Mission St. S.E., Salem

When: Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Oct. 27. Hours are noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday

Cost: Free

Opening reception: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. Welcome and artist introductions at 6 p.m.

Curator talk: 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3

More information: 503-581-2228

staff about concerns they had been hearing from the public.

"Staff said that we have been challenged by the Oregon Black Pioneers, who said, 'you're promoting this guy, you're telling a half-truth, a half-truth is a lie. Tell the whole truth, the whole complex story.' And we're starting to tell it," Boulay said. "He was a strong advocate for the exclusionary laws that kept Black people out of Oregon. The evidence is less strong, but he also was not good to the Indigenous population. ... So, we started this whole process we call reimagining, that involves thinking about what are the facts and who gets to tell that story."

That has included looking at how to bring in other marginalized communities, he said.

Part of that work, Boulay said, included hiring Portland artist Jeremy Okai Davis to paint portraits of 10 Black Oregon pioneers, to be displayed along with the portrait Bush commissioned of himself, by famed portrait artist William Cogswell. He noted that many of those pioneers have been "suppressed and overlooked," because of the actions of Bush and others like him.

"It's great art and a broader, more full, honest, complex, truthful story," Boulay said.

In addition, Boulay said, he put together a steering committee of

Indigenous Northwest Artist Roster

Ka'ila Farrell-Smith
Don Bailey
Anthony Hudson (Grand Ronde)
Lee Gavin
Amber K Ball
Nakoosa Moreland Jack (Grand Ronde)
Chantele Rilatos
M. Earl Williams (Grand Ronde)
Travis Stewart (Grand Ronde)
Rick Bartow
Blood Poet (Grand Ronde)
Colie Detka (Grand Ronde)
Kanani Miyamoto
Marybel Martin
Cliff Ponca
Diane Smith (Grand Ronde)



Contributed photo

Tribal member Nakoosa Moreland Jack's beadwork will be on display in the Indigenous Northwest exhibit at the Bush Barn Art Center & Annex in Salem. Tribal member Steph Littlebird is curator of the exhibit that runs Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Oct. 27.

artists and educators and recruited both Littlebird and Indigenous historian and Grand Ronde Tribal Elder David Lewis to join it. Lewis held an exhibition on the Indigenous history of Salem in 2021, Boulay said.

"We hired Steph to be on our curatorial committee to have a so-called 'seat at the table,'" Boulay said, and purchased signs from her to set around the property, that state "This is Kalapuyan Land."

The idea for Littlebird to curate an exhibit of Indigenous artists from the Pacific Northwest came up about a year and a half ago, Boulay said.

"It kept getting bigger and bigger; he was like, 'wait, what if it wasn't just one time,'" Littlebird said.

"The language we got really excited about is biennale," Boulay said. "It's the Italian word for biannual, but in the art world, a biennale is the big thing; it's like the Superbowl of the art world. ... It elevated it from an exhibition — and we consider this a major exhibition, and we're excited about it — but now it is a long-term commitment."

As part of that commitment, he envisions workshops, residencies and lectures, along with opportunities for artists to interact.

"A lot of what we do is for visitors

and the public, but we also wanted time for Indigenous artists to talk to other Indigenous artists," Boulay said. "Steph and I both think a contemporary Indigenous art biennale doesn't exist, anywhere, and so that's like all the more reason to do it, and this is a way to elevate Indigenous artists and practices."

Every two years, the exhibit will include a different mix of artists.

"A lot of my work outside of being an artist or a curator is teaching people about Native history or Native art more broadly and what I've learned is that people don't know a lot about us," Littlebird said. "But if they can learn more about us through our art, it gives them a broader understanding that's hard to convey in words."

In addition to that broader education work, Littlebird said, "It's very important for young Natives to see their community creating all this work; it lets them see what's possible."

She said she lacked those role models herself and wants to inspire young artists and potential artists.

Littlebird said she likes to bring together traditional crafts and contemporary work to show a full spectrum of what is being done by Indigenous artists.

"I love to find new artists, because inevitably they are inspiring and making something incredible," she said. "What I like to do is bring a lot of different mediums together, and so it's like I want people to come and see things that they might expect in some ways ... But I also want to showcase the contemporary things."

In addition to artists from Grand Ronde and the Pacific Northwest, Littlebird said, she has included "a Hawaiian artist who does work about her culture, and an Argentinian Mexican artist who does work about her culture," to broaden the message.

"It's important for us to see ourselves in these fancy art spaces, because we've been shut out of them, and we deserve to be there, too," she said. "That's why I brought in beadwork and basketry; I know that will speak to my Elders. They want to see that stuff in a gallery. They want to see it held in esteem and honored because it should be. It's so fun to give people the recognition they deserve for their work." ■

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

Listen to these now wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://www.spreaker.com/podcast/smoke-signals-podcasts--2745752>.

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LaChance reunion

The LaChance family reunion will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at 27975 Jahn Road in Grand Ronde (half-mile west of Spirit Mountain Casino off Highway 18). Bring your favorite side dish if you'd like or chips, cookies or dessert. Water, lemonade and coffee will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring chairs if possible. A small pool, small bouncy house, horseshoe pit and corn hole will be available. The reunion is hosted by Shereena Bates and Roxanne Teeter. An RSVP to 971-269- 5569 or 503-475-5712 would be helpful but not required.

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August 23, 2024
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TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

TO VOTE: Complete the arrow pointing to your choice like this:

CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL

Vote For No More Than Three (3)



VALERIA ATANACIO



PAMALA WARREN-CHASE



MICHAEL S. CHERRY



TONYA GLEASON-SHEPEK



JON A. GEORGE



CHERYLE A. KENNEDY



ANDY JENNESS

ADVISORY QUESTIONS

QUESTION #1

Vote For No More Than One (1)
Are you or a member of your household experiencing food insecurity?

EXPLANATION - A yes vote will indicate to the Tribe that you or a member of your household are experiencing food insecurity. This information will be used to see how the Tribe can help connect Tribal members with local resources and will also help inform the prioritization of programs and services aimed at reducing food insecurity.

YES
NO

QUESTION #2

Vote For No More Than One (1)

If the Tribe is operating on a "hold the line" budget, should the Tribe continue to put out advisory votes that have budgetary impacts?

EXPLANATION - A yes vote would mean that when the Tribe is operating on a "hold the line budget" (where the Tribe will not be spending additional money until additional revenues are identified) that you would like the Tribe to continue putting out advisory votes for Tribal members to vote on that have budgetary impacts.

YES
NO

QUESTION #3

Vote For No More Than One (1)

Should the Tribe look into helping Tribal members access legal aid services?

EXPLANATION - A yes vote would result in the Tribe looking at ways it could help facilitate Legal Aid Services for Tribal members. Legal Aid Services are typically available to disadvantaged communities and include but are not limited to, assistance with government assistance programs like SSI, other public benefits, housing problems, consumer problems, and family and senior law problems.

YES
NO



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE
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2024 - 2025 Kindergarten - 5th Grade After School Program

hayu-munk skukum will be offering after-school and no-school day programming for the 2024-2025 school year. This program is intended for native students entering kindergarten through 5th grade who are enrolled in the Willamina and Sheridan school districts. Please note that our native tier system will be in effect.

Mark your calendars!

Registration will open on July 29th!

Questions?
Contact us at youthenrichment@grandronde.org or call us at 503-879-2101

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

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

Cherokee Nation offering \$600 to eligible Tribal farm workers

Cherokee Nation is providing one-time, \$600 payment to eligible members of federally recognized Tribes through the Farm and Food Workers Relief Program. This funding is for frontline agricultural and meatpacking workers who were paid for at least one hour of agricultural or meatpacking work between Jan. 27, 2020 and May 11, 2023.

Interested Tribal members can visit Cherokee Nation's website, ffwr.cherokee.org, to apply for the one-time payment and to review eligibility for this program.

For more information, contact ffwr@cherokee.org. ■

2 IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES
3 OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON
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In The Matter of:) Case No.: 24C0012
5 AMBER ANGELIC YATES.)
6 Petitioner.) NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE [ADULT]

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9 NOTICE TO ANY INTERESTED PERSONS:

10 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the above Petitioner has filed a Petition with this Court on
11 the 6 day of AUGUST, 2024, requesting that Petitioner's name be
12 changed from AMBER ANGELIC YATES to
13 AMBER ANGELIC HALLER.

14 The purpose of this Notice is to give all interested persons an opportunity to show cause
15 why the name change should or should not be granted. Any person objecting to the proposed
16 name change may file a written objection with the Court within 14 days from the date of
17 publication of this Notice, as to why the Court should not enter an order granting the proposed
18 change of name.

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20 DATED this 6 day of AUGUST, 2024.

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22 Amber A Yates
23 Petitioner
24 AMBER A YATES [Print Name]

CTGR 2024 Annual Grand Ronde Fish Distribution

Natural Resources Department

Fish Lab

47010 SW HEBO ROAD
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347
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When:

Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, August 16, 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, August 17, 2024 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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No Early or late Pickups and fish will not be mailed. Fish cannot be picked up in both Grand Ronde and Portland.

2024 Fish Distribution Release Example

I, _____ Roll Number, _____

Give _____ Permission to pick up my fish.

Signature of Tribal Member: _____ Date: _____

Paid Internships in Habitat Restoration

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

- \$3000 stipend
- 9 week training, 3 days a week
- Both classroom education and experiential service learning activities
- September 30 - December 6, 2024

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Elderberry Wisdom Farm



Watchlist: 'Native American Governments'

(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

Ballots for the Grand Ronde Tribal Council election have been mailed out and the election results will be announced Saturday, Sept. 7.

Three seats on the nine-person council are up for grabs and Tribal members will vote from a list of seven candidates, plus vote on three advisory questions. (If you are still unsure on who to vote for, listen to the Smoke Signals podcast interviews with the candidates).

Grand Ronde has operated with a council even before the Tribe created a Tribal Constitution after its restoration in 1983. The council functions as primary governing and legislative body of the Tribe.

A short video by PBS discusses the various types of Tribal governments seen across the United States from pre-European contact to today.

"Entire nations of Native Americans, millions of people, have been governing themselves long before any European stepped foot on American soil," political science professor Dr. Terri Jett said in the video. "And you may be surprised by the ways their societies mirror our current system of government."

The video first focuses on what is considered one of the most well-known documents from Native history, which comes from the Iroquois Tribes in what is now upstate New York.

"The Great Law of Peace formally brought [all six Tribes] together and has been described as the longest lasting treaty in North America," Jett said.

Their society was matriarchal, meaning clans were led by women. They also valued debate when forming laws. Jett points out that some believe the U.S. Congress custom of allowing speakers to finish without interruption was modeled off how the Iroquois conducted business.

The Muscogee Nation is another Tribe the video features due to its well-developed judicial system where crime was punished depending on the character of the defendant and circumstances of the crime.

"The Muscogee prioritized the needs of the community over the needs of the individual," Jett said. "This stands in stark contrast with modern American society."

These various Tribes were just a few of the thousands in America before European contact.

"Some believe that founding fathers used their knowledge of Native government when helping to write the Constitution of the new nation known as the United States of America," Jett said.

You can watch the entire video yourself now at www.pbs.org/video/native-american-governments-tj1tfl/. ■

Social Services clothing program open

The Social Services 2024-25 back-to-school clothing program is now open. This is a first come, first served program.

Eligible children must be enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members, be of school age and enrolled/attending preschool, elementary, middle or high school.

Income criteria applies.

Contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or 503-879-2034 for an application. ■

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SCAN TO REGISTER

Tribe receives nearly \$3 million for affordable housing efforts

Washington, D.C. – Oregon’s U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced in a recent press release that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is awarding \$2,916,635 to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to support the construction of eight affordable housing units, increasing the number available to Tribal families.

“Ensuring access to safe, affordable housing is critical to Tribal families, fostering community and connecting them to their land,” Merkley said. “This nearly \$3 million in federal funding will support the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde as it works to overcome its affordable housing shortage. I will keep working to deliver the necessary housing resources to ensure everyone in our state can thrive and live safe, healthy lives.”

“Housing is a human right, and it’s essential that federal investment in affordable housing for Tribal communities across Oregon fully supports that statement,” Wyden said. “I’m glad the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde have secured these funds to build more homes for families, and I’ll keep battling for similar housing resources for Tribes and communities statewide.”

This approximately \$3 million HUD grant to the Grand Ronde Tribe comes from the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program, which provides federal funds to eligible Tribes and Tribally designated entities to support affordable housing projects in Tribal communities. Priority is given to new construction and housing rehabilitation projects.

“This funding will help the Tribe provide critical housing for our members at a time when many of our families need it most,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “We are grateful for this funding and look forward to working with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on this project.” ■

Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

The Tribal Library has merged with the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service, said Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole.

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

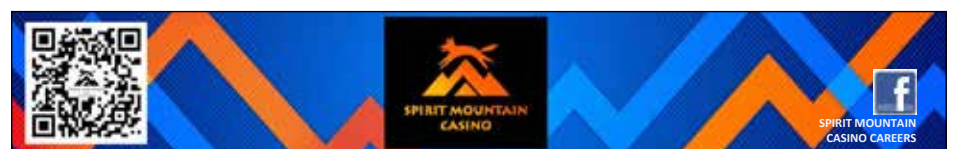
Tribal Library patrons should visit the Tribal Library and update their information and obtain a new Regional Library Service card.

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



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1946	Child & Adolescent Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2014	Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
2030	Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2082	Enrichment Cook/Aide Coordinator – PT	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2116	Milieu Safety Technician – Great Circle Recovery - Portland	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
2134	Tribal Security Officer Grand Ronde – Grave	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
2154	Licensed Practical Nurse Supervisor – Portland - Great Circle Recovery	13	\$82,391.14/yr.	\$105,817.37/yr.	Until Filled
2158	Lodge Caregiver – Part Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2161	Counselor in Training – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2164	Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2175	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist – Public Health	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2178	Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
2179	Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
2182	Licensed Practical Nurse – PT - Salem – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2183	Administrative Assistant – Education	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	08/12/24
2184	High School Intern – Youth Enrichment	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
2185	Barista Trainee – Limited Duration (6 months)	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
2186	Inclusion Coordinator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	08/12/24
2187	Chimuk-Wawa Program Aide	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	08/12/24
2188	Lodge Caregiver – Full Time * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	08/12/24
2189	Licensed Practical Nurse – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	08/12/24
2190	Forester	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	08/12/24
2191	Equipment Operator	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	08/12/24
2192	Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	08/12/24
2193	Groundskeeper	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	08/19/24
2195	Firefighter/Paramedic	11	\$68,091.85/yr.	\$87,692.49/yr.	08/19/24
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Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Bar Porter (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician I	Until Filled	\$19.39/hr. DOE
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- ✓ SMGI adheres to a Tribal hiring preference policy for enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
- ✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.
- ✓ Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

✉ employmentteam@spiritmtn.com

<https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers>

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN GAMING INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION OPENINGS**

Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. (SMGI), a Tribal corporation chartered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Grand Ronde), operates Spirit Mountain Casino – the largest casino in Oregon. Spirit Mountain Casino offers Las Vegas-style slots and provides superior entertainment and resort amenities. Spirit Mountain is one of the Pacific Northwest’s premier casinos. Grand Ronde invites applications to serve on the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors. There are board seats available beginning on Oct. 1, 2024.

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

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

Board members must have a superior understanding of and experience with financial statements, strong communication and analytical skills, experience in a hospitality or customer service driven environment, 10 years of experience in a senior management position, and a solid understanding of the Portland-metro and Salem area economies. Experience in the following areas is also preferred: gaming, tourism, corporate finance and accounting, marketing and promotions, human resources, and management of senior executives. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred. The board of directors may, at their discretion, advertise specialized skills depending on the board’s needs at the time of recruitment.

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

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission Deadline: Friday Aug. 16, 2024

These positions may remain open until filled.

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

Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc.

Attn: Danita Trombla, Senior Executive Admin

P.O. Box 39

Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Phone: 503-879-3944

Email: danita.trombla@spiritmtn.com

Only candidates who submit complete information will be considered.

Forest Route 312 will be closed for culvert replacement

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

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

For more information, see the Google maps link to the project area: www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=19ZBdnrqD1KyyAvX2466GByUE6hn-10FM&usp=sharing

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



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SW Washington Community Wealth Building Coordinator	<i>\$60-65K/yr</i>
Academic and Enrichment Coordinator	<i>\$25-27/hr</i>
Community Food Coordinator	<i>\$25-27/hr</i>
Supportive Housing/Retention Advocate	<i>\$26/hr</i>
GED Success Coach	<i>\$25/hr+</i>
Resident Services Coordinator	<i>\$24-25/hr</i>
Family Parenting Support Specialist	<i>\$22/hr</i>
Early Head Start Teachers Aid	<i>\$18/hr</i>



All jobs are located in Portland or Vancouver.

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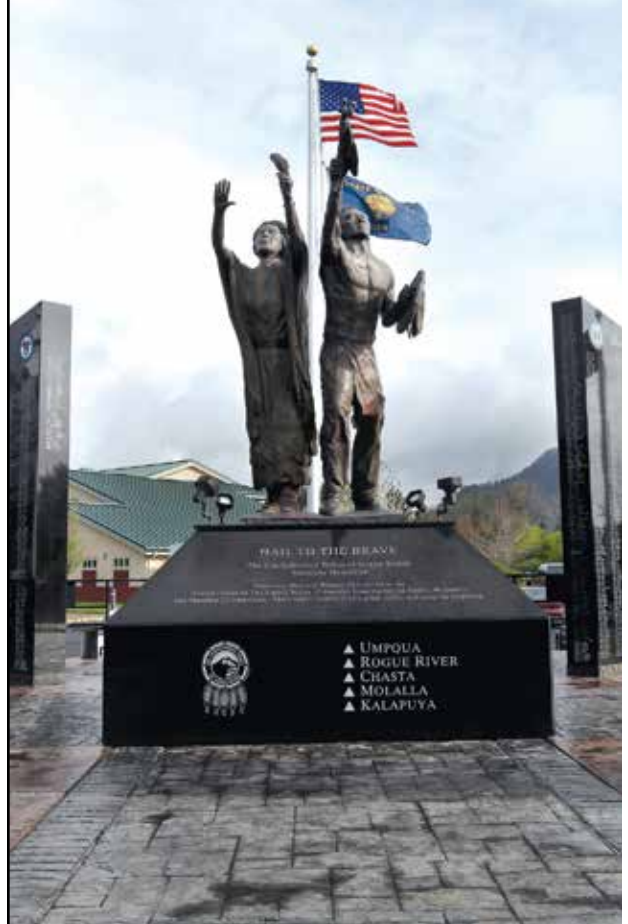
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Gaston fundraising for travel to Honolulu Marathon

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.”



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 seperation: _____

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

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

Do you need help with First, Last, and Deposit?

This program has limited funding and will be a first come, first served program.

Contact Social Services for more information
(503) 879-2034 or (800) 422-0232

You can also email us at
ssdinfo@grandronde.org

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. ■



2024-2025 BACK TO SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

APPLY HERE
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/2024-2025BACKTOSCHOOL](https://bit.ly/2024-2025backtoschool)

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

Casino seeking vendors for Spirit Mountain Marketplace

Spirit Mountain Casino is seeking vendors for the upcoming Spirit Mountain Marketplace, which will celebrate Native American heritage, craftsmanship and community. The event times are all set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Remaining dates are Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14; and Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12. The Marketplace is seeking Native American and community members who create handmade products that are at least 80 percent crafted by hand or produced locally. To secure a spot, vendors should contact Rob Henly at 503-879-3721 to obtain details and confirm a spot as a vendor. Fees, rules and guidelines will be available to sign, along with a table assignment, at 9 a.m. Friday before every event. Marketplace spots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The vendor fee will be \$30 and provides access to one table, one Flex linen, two chairs and a black linen to cover the table overnight. The Marketplace will be located in the Events Center hallway with space for 35 vendor tables. Table placement will be determined through a lottery process at 9 a.m. Friday before the event. Additional space up to 5 feet beside and in front of tables will be available for clothing racks. In addition, vendors can temporarily park vehicles in the roundabout behind the hotel for unloading and loading between 9 and 10 a.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., respectively. "We aim to create an inclusive and vibrant Marketplace that honors the craftsmanship of Native American and local artisans," a press release said. "We hope these guidelines provide clarity and excitement as we prepare to host the Marketplace." Vendors are asked to contact Henly with any Marketplace-related questions instead of approaching casino staff during the event. ■



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2 BR	\$1,200
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Case manager works with women and men returning from jail, treatment centers and prison. We assist clients with basic necessities and basic skills to prevent and reduce incarceration. We help people rebuild their lives.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**
Volunteer coordinator helps coordinate volunteers, update database, assists with annual cultural/spiritual prison events, friends of Red Lodge art project and community outreach events!

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Grand Ronde preschool Highlights

PLAY. LEARN. GROW.

REMINDERS & EVENTS

- Thursday August 15th-Last Day of School
- Mawich Graduation at the Uxat Powwow Grounds. Students arrive at 5:30 with the ceremony and food to follow at 6:00 p.m.
- Week August 19th-22nd is Preschool health screenings.
- September 9-10th is the First days of school.
- All Bus service begins Wednesday September 11th.
- All aftercare begins Wednesday September 11th.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

We are happy to honor our Mawich classroom this year at the Preschool Graduation. We will have 20 students graduating and transitioning into kindergarten.

AT HOME SENSORY ACTIVITY

Playdough Recipe

- 1.5 cups flour
- 1.5 cups water
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon cream of tarter
- Food coloring of choice

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CTGR FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

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 NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS

HAYU-MUNK SKUKUM

YOUTH CENTER

6-12 grade students please join us!

We look forward to seeing you for our 2024-2025 6-12 grade drop In Youth Center, beginning on August 28th 2024. Rides after the program will be offered to the students who live in tribal housing, Grand Meadows, and Kerleyville.

Click on the link below if you are interested in getting on our email list for upcoming school year events (after school Youth Center, Cultural Classes, No School/Saturday Programing, Spring Break And More!)

Apply here
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In memory of Amy Lenn Jeffers Oct. 17, 1979 – Aug. 10, 2003

Your pale face and auburn hair,
So curly with frizz, a beautiful smile with one crooked tooth.
A voice of an angel. When you speak to me, every word like my beating heart. You drop in on the wings of a butterfly, then fly away with every flutter of your wings, sending strength to me to live another day.
When the rainbow comes, my heart gets warm. I know it's you, embracing me inside the colors of your spirit that lives with me forever.
I love you big sis,
Kristie Jeffers

Beverly (McKnight/Langley) Cooney's 90th birthday celebration

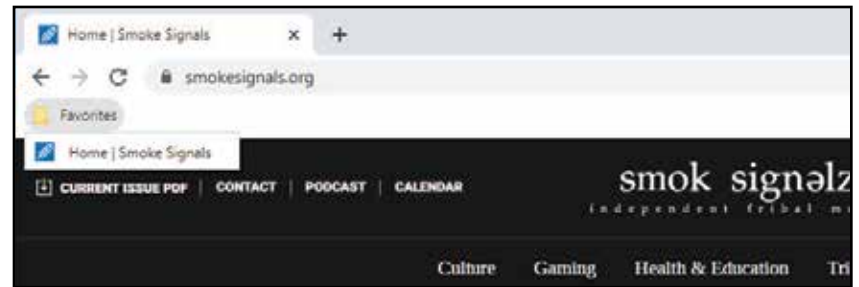
Tribal Elder Beverly (McKnight/Langley) Cooney is having a 90th birthday celebration at the Tribal Community Center and all are invited to attend. The celebration will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. Food and beverages will be provided. In lieu of gifts, Cooney is requesting that a donation be made to either Veterans Royalty or the Grand Ronde Food Bank. Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items can also be dropped off during the party. To RSVP, call Paul Cooney at 503-810-3427.

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927. McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

When Grand Ronde Tribal news breaks...

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GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Diabetes Prevention and Education Services

Join us for our monthly Diabetes Prevention and Education meeting the 3rd Monday of every month at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health building. Come learn how making small changes can make a big impact on your overall health. Learn about nutrition and exercise, try new recipes, win prizes, and set achievable health goals.

Next meeting is Monday August 19 at 11:00AM. You do not have to have a diagnosis of diabetes to attend. Tribal members, community members, and Health and Wellness patients are invited to join.

For questions contact Jeannette or Charlene at 503-879-2002



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For those who may not know me, I am Tonya Gleason-Shepek. I served on Tribal Council from 2014 to 2017. It would be an honor to once again serve the membership. I look forward to gaining your confidence and trust to serve in this capacity. I humbly ask for your vote.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Immunization awareness month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month, which serves as a key reminder of the critical role vaccines play in protecting public health. This annual observance not only highlights the importance of vaccination for individuals of all ages but also aims to dispel myths and provide accurate information to communities across the nation.

The power of vaccination

Vaccines are one of the most effective tools available for preventing infectious diseases. They work by stimulating the immune system to develop immunity to specific diseases without causing the illness itself. From childhood immunizations to vaccines for adolescents, adults, and seniors, each vaccine plays a vital role in protecting individuals and communities from serious and sometimes deadly diseases. For Native American populations, who may experience higher rates of certain diseases like influenza, pneumonia, and hepatitis, vaccination plays an important role in reducing these health disparities.

Dispelling myths and misinformation

One of the key challenges facing vaccination efforts is the spread of misinformation. False claims about vaccine safety and effectiveness can lead to hesitancy or refusal to vaccinate. National Immunization Awareness Month aims to dispel these myths with accurate, science-based information.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) evaluates the rigorous testing of vaccines to determine whether to authorize the vaccine for use in the United States. All vaccines continue to be checked for safety and efficacy even after FDA approval.

Celebrating successes and looking ahead

This important month also serves as an opportunity to celebrate the successes of vaccination programs worldwide. Vaccines have eradicated smallpox, nearly eliminated polio, and continue to protect millions of lives from diseases like measles, influenza and HPV. Looking ahead, ongoing research and development aim to expand the vaccine list, addressing emerging infectious threats and improving existing vaccines.

How to get involved

1. Get vaccinated: Ensure you and your family are up-to-date on recommended vaccines.
2. Spread accurate information: Share resources from reputable sources about vaccine safety and effectiveness.
3. Support local initiatives: Participate in or volunteer for local vaccination clinics or educational events.
4. Advocate for equity: Advocate for policies that promote equitable access to vaccines for all communities.

In conclusion, National Immunization Awareness Month serves as a reminder of the collective responsibility to protect public health through vaccination. By raising awareness, dispelling myths, promoting access and celebrating achievements, we can continue to strengthen vaccination efforts and build healthier communities for generations to come.

Together, we can make a difference in safeguarding the health and well-being of our society.



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. ■



Summer heat tips

Beat the heat: Tips for staying cool and comfortable in summer

As the temperatures outside soar and the sun beats down relentlessly, staying cool becomes a top priority during the blazing summer days. Whether you're lounging at home, working outdoors or enjoying outdoor activities, here are some useful tips to help you beat the heat and stay comfortable all season long.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate

One of the most important ways to stay cool in summer is to stay well-hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid too much caffeinated or sugary drinks, as they can contribute to dehydration.

*Adding slices of cucumber, lemon, or mint to your water can make hydrating more refreshing.

Dress smartly

Opt for lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing made from natural fabrics like cotton or linen. These materials allow your skin to breathe and help sweat evaporate, keeping you cooler. Hats with wide brims can provide shade and protect your face and neck from the sun. Don't forget your sunscreen with a high SPF while outside- even if it is overcast!

Seek shade and cool spaces

When outdoors, try to stay in shaded areas as much as possible, especially during the hottest parts of the day, typically between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you're indoors, close curtains or blinds to block out direct sunlight and use fans or air conditioning to circulate cool air. Opening windows on opposite sides of your home can create cross-ventilation to improve airflow throughout.

Cool off with water

Water can cool you down in other ways than just drinking it. Whether it's taking a dip in a pool, lake or ocean, or simply using a spray bottle filled with water to mist your face and body, water can provide instant relief from the heat. If you need to cool down fast, placing cold water or an ice cube on your pulse points (like your neck or wrist) can help bring down your temperature.

Eat light and cool

Opt for light, refreshing meals that are easy to digest, such as salads, fruits and vegetables. Avoid heavy, hot meals that can increase your body temperature. Incorporate hydrating foods like watermelon, cucumbers, and citrus fruits into your diet to help replenish fluids.

Take care of vulnerable groups

Be mindful of the elderly, children and pets during hot weather, as they are more susceptible to heat-related illnesses. Ensure they have access to cool spaces, plenty of water, and never leave them in a parked vehicle, even for a short period.

Listen to your body

Finally, pay attention to signs of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke, including excessive sweating, dizziness, nausea and confusion. If you or someone else experiences these symptoms, move to a cooler place, rest, and hydrate.

*Seek medical attention if symptoms persist or worsen.

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AUG. 16-18



Friday, August 16

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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

For more information

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www.grandronde.org

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One women's champ, five consolations
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Luck of the draw - Friday night

One men's category – \$500
One women's category – \$500

Best dressed drum group - Saturday Night

\$800 – \$600 – \$400

New this year - Men's chicken category

Ages: 18 – 54
\$1000 – \$700 – \$500 – \$300 – \$200

Teen girls traditional

Outgoing Junior Miss Queen Marie
Quenelle teen girls traditional
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