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Tribe restores bus route to coast and Salem

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

A new bus route running between Lincoln City and Salem, with a stop in Grand Ronde, is tentatively scheduled to begin operating on Sunday, Oct. 6, once again making it easier for anyone living on the reservation to get around without a car.

The Northwest Connector, operated by Pacific Crest Bus Lines, will be making three daily trips from Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City to the downtown Salem Transit Mall, seven days a week. The bus will not operate on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day.

The buses will stop at Rose Lodge on the coast, the Grand Ronde Community Center, Spirit Mountain Casino, Rickreall Fairgrounds Park & Ride, Edgewater at Rosemont in West Salem and the Greyhound Amtrak Station in Salem.

The Rickreall stop is a curbside bus stop where riders can catch the Chemeketa Area Regional Transit System van service that makes six stops per day between Dallas, Rickreall and Salem, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. From Rose Lodge, riders can catch a bus route running along the coast between Newport and Rose Lodge. From Chinook Winds, riders can catch a bus to Safeway in Lincoln City, as well as up and down the coast.

Buses leave from the Grand Ronde Community Center heading east daily at 6:54 a.m., 12:24 p.m. and 6:04 p.m. They return to the community center, heading toward the coast, at 9:26 a.m., 3:06 p.m.

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Tribal Wildland Firefighters Athusoss Gilbert (Passamaquoddy), left, and Brendan Shaw (Warm Springs) use a torch connected to a propane tank to start a prescribed cultural burn on the Bateman camas field near uyxat Powwow Grounds on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Cultural burn

By Nicole Montesano

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As the utility terrain vehicle moves forward slowly in the wide strip of mowed grass, a firefighter walks alongside, spraying water just ahead of the nearby back wheel to create a barrier to the flames creeping behind.

It is Sept. 3 and the Tribe is conducting a controlled burn, sometimes called a cultural burn, on the Bateman camas field near the uyxat Powwow Grounds. Two firefighters with propane burners walk behind the vehicle, spreading short lines of fire, then backing off to let the flames spread. Smoke billows northwest across the field as the wind rises and other firefighters use hoes to pull

dried cut grass away from the line of approaching flames.

Fire begins to spread into the tall grass inside the rectangle formed by the mowed track. Observers are told to retreat to Highway 22 if the flames escape containment. The blaze moves slowly and for the most part, stays inside the lines drawn for it.

Fire is an ancient tool Tribes used to shape the landscape of the Willamette Valley into a park-like setting of oak savannah and fields of camas and tarweed that supplied them with an abundance of food. However, after 200 years of fire suppression

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Tribe honors 95 employees for 1,383 years of service



By Nicole Montesano

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde took time to honor 95 employees for their service on Thursday, Sept. 19, with certificates, drawings and games, along with a hearty breakfast.

Tribal Health Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere hugs Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek as she is recognized during the third quarter Years of Service awards breakfast held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 19. Steere has worked for the Tribe for 34 years.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The employees, who have worked from 5 years to 34 for the Tribe, have a combined total of 1,383 years of service.

"Forty-one years ago, this was not here," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy told the audience. "None of this was here. There were cow fields, primarily."

The newly-restored Tribe started with just two employees, a general manager and an accountant, according to Kennedy.

"And then there was the third one, who was the one who put together all the programs, and that was me," she said.

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal members can participate remotely via Zoom and in-person attendance. Call 800-422-0232 for more information.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

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

Rep. Bonamici proposes naming post office

Oregon Rep. Suzanne Bonamici has introduced legislation to re-designate a Hillsboro post office in honor of the late Rep. Elizabeth Furse.

Furse represented Oregon’s First Congressional District for three terms from 1993-1999 and established her legacy as a champion for human rights and social justice.

In the early 1980s, Furse joined with Don Wharton, founding director of Oregon Legal Service’s Native American Program, to help the Grand Ronde Tribe regain federal recognition, which was taken away in 1954 by the Western Oregon Indian Termination Act. She is recognized as a key figure in Tribe’s Restoration effort.

The post office at 125 South First Ave. in Hillsboro, located in the district Furse served, would be designated as the Elizabeth Furse Post Office Building.

“Elizabeth Furse dedicated her life to service, enriching the lives of people in northwest Oregon by advocating for equal rights, Tribal sovereignty, peace and more,” Bonamici said. “I was fortunate to call Elizabeth a mentor and friend, and I am honored to introduce this legislation to recognize her trailblazing contributions to NW Oregon by naming a post office after her so people will be inspired by her example for years to come.”

Furse was the first woman elected to represent Oregon’s First District and helped secure funding to expand TriMet’s MAX Blue Line into Hillsboro. Furse also served as Director of the Oregon Peace Institute and founded both the Institute for Tribal Government at Portland State University and nonprofit Clean Water Columbia. She died in 2021 at age 84. ■

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Monday, Oct. 7.....	Oct. 15	Indigenous Journalists Association
Friday, Oct. 25.....	Nov. 1	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Friday, Nov. 8.....	Nov. 15	2022 IJA General Excellence
Wednesday, Nov. 15.....	Dec. 1	2023 IJA General Excellence

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STATION GRAND OPENING


Join us for the Grand Opening of our new Fire Station. Ceremony will be followed by dinner and an open house.

October
Wednesday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
2024

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IN THE FUTURE



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tałlam-mun (October)

- Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Grand Ronde Emergency Services fire station grand opening, 4-7 p.m., 28480 McPherson Road. Ribbon cutting ceremony followed by dinner and an open house.
- Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 2-4 – Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. 503-879-2034.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 – mək^hmək Mania, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. Open to all.
- Sunday, Oct. 6 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m. Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Monday, Oct. 14 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 – Tribal plankhouse achaf hammi's 15th birthday celebration. Doors open at 4 p.m. and a meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Contact bobby.mercier@grandronde.org or 503-879-2076 for more information.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.

tałlam-pi-ixt-mun (November)

- Sunday, Nov. 3 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Monday, Nov. 11 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Friday, Nov. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Restoration Day.
- Friday, Nov. 22 – 41st Restoration Day celebration, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., at Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Contact publicaffairs@grandronde.org for more information.
- Saturday, Nov. 23 – 41st Restoration Powwow, Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Contact publicaffairs@grandronde.org for more information.
- Wednesday, Nov. 27 – Tribal offices closing at noon in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Opportunity for comment on 2025 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) for housing

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to eligible Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas.

To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the act and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Tribe, through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Department (GRHD), received multiple grants under this program which were active during 2024. Comments on the annual performance reports are welcome and copies of these reports can be obtained at the Housing Department office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m Monday, Oct. 7, 2025.

All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD. ■

Chief chatter



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Chief Jake McKnight talks with Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George during Chat with the Chief at the Grand Ronde Police Station on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Chat with the Chief gives the community an opportunity to interact with police officers on a nonemergency basis. Elk and beef burgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies were served to about 160 attendees. It was the last one for the summer.



Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Records/Evidence Technician Egypt Leno adds cheese to burgers as Tribal Police Lt. Tim Hernandez looks on while they cook food during Chat with the Chief.

2024

Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam

OCTOBER 2-4TH
9AM-4PM
CHACHALU GYMNASIUM

A community gathering to discuss culture, wisdom, identity, historical and intergenerational trauma, healing and more!

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Questions please call 503-879-2034

Food Bank news

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

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

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

The Food Bank will hold October 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 məkʰmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11 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 – The Tribe sent 10 members to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of Native American activists takeover of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay for 19 months in 1969. The takeover is credited with helping to pave the way for Tribal self-rule and for leading to the return of several million acres of ancestral land.

2014 – The Tribe’s Emergency Management Advisory Council held its first meeting to discuss preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake that could hit the Pacific Northwest at any time in the next 50 years. Help from outside would be unlikely to come for weeks or months, and the Advisory Council wanted all members to understand their role, and work to ensure that families have emergency kits and an understanding of what to expect.



2014

File photo

2009 – With worries about the H1N1 swine flu circulating, the Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino were preparing for a potentially severe flu season, with a separate entrance at the Health & Wellness Center for people with flu symptoms. They also provided reminders to people to keep themselves prepared with a two-week supply of medicine, food and cleaning supplies in their homes, to practice good hand-washing techniques, cover their coughs and sneezes, and clean and disinfect their work areas often. People were also advised to keep a balance of paid time off available to be able to stay home for a week to 10 days if they became ill.

2004 – A delegation of Tribal members attended the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., joining thousands of Native Americans from across the nation. Tribes helped to fund, design, curate and landscape of the 250,000-square-foot building on the National Mall. However, some criticized it for failing to adequately address how European settlers and later Americans treated the first peoples.

1999 – The Tribe thanked outgoing Tribal Council members Chips Tom and Mark Mercier for their service to the Tribe with cake, gifts and remembrances by friends and family members. Tom was presented with a Pendleton jacket and Mercier with a Pendleton blanket.

1994 – Three new Tribal Council members were sworn into office: Bob Haller, Ed Pearsall and Eugene LaBonte. Haller and Pearsall were new to the office, while LaBonte had served on council in an earlier term.

1989 – An outbreak of giardia in the West Valley was reported to have affected at least 12 people, with one person in Yamhill and one in Dayton also affected. The Yamhill County Public Health Department was unable to determine the source. The parasite is often found in river water.

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



Learn more about our efforts to digitize and catalog boarding school records from Chemawa, Cushman, and Mt. Edgecumbe Indian boarding schools in our **October 17th** Listening Session. A meal will be provided.

This listening session is led by the NABS Digital Archives team in collaboration with the Grand Ronde Tribal Library.

10/17/24
5:30 PM

**GRAND RONDE TRIBAL
COMPLEX GYMNASIUM**

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Tribal Council votes 'no' on amendments to SMGI Board selection process

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted against approving amendments to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. articles of incorporation that would have put the board in charge of recruiting director candidates, reduced reserved Tribal Council member seats by one and increased non-Tribal Council seats by one, during its Wednesday, Sept. 11, meeting.

If approved, the amendments would have decreased specifically reserved Tribal Council seats from five to four and increased non-Tribal Council seats from six to seven.

The vote was 4 in favor, with Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Kathleen George, Brenda Tuomi and Denise Harvey voting yes, and Matthew Haller, Lisa Leno, Jon A. George and newly elected Tonya Gleason-Shepek voting no.

Tribal Council Chair Cheryle A. Kennedy cast the tie-breaking vote, which is required when it is 4-4.

"We are not approving this resolution," she said. "Maybe it needs to be reworked to better satisfaction... Thank you to all of those who worked on it."

The proposed resolution had been added to the agenda for approval after a 5-3 recommendation at a Legislative Action Committee meeting the day prior. Kathleen George, then-Secretary Michael Cherry, Mercier, Tuomi and Harvey were in favor of the changes. Haller, Leno and Jon A. George were not.

Before the resolution failed to pass during the Tribal Council meeting, Kathleen George, who serves on the SMGI Board, explained the reasoning behind one of the proposed changes after a Tribal Elder spoke out against its approval.

"I certainly appreciate what you had to say about the 5-member representation from council and I think the board would be delighted if we could have five council members on there," she said. "We just for several years have not had five who were interested in serving. This amendment doesn't preclude that. It just allows that if Tribal Council members don't want to serve, they can fill it with other people... I think we should move forward with the process underway. This was primarily to allow for flexibility, so we

get enough board members."

According to information shared in June Legislative Action Committee and Tribal Council meetings during a contested board appointment process, boards for Oregon Tribal casinos typically do the recruitment, appointing and replacing for their board members. The Grand Ronde Tribal Council took on the responsibility officially in 2018 from the SMGI Board.

Regardless of whether Tribal Council or the SMGI Board do the recruiting, council has the final decision on any board appointments.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved reappointing Kennedy as Tribal Council chairwoman and appointed Jon A. George as Tribal Council secretary;
- Approved a data sharing agreement with the Oregon Department of Education for a study update. The study tracks disparities in educational outcomes between Tribal students and their peers within the state's public education system;
- Approved accepting a funding award of \$298,495 from the US Forest Service Landscape Scale

Restoration Program to implement ecological burning on seven conservation properties;

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with Indian Health Service for the Tribe's Wind River Apartments phase 3 project. The Tribe secured up to \$1 million in funding to cover the cost for constructing new water and sanitary mains to service the project;
- Approved amending an agreement with GBD Architects of Portland for up to \$309,234 for its work on the master plan agreement for tumwata village in Oregon City;
- Approved amending a contract with David Evans and Associates of Salem for up to \$864,352 for design services related to phase 1 infrastructure improvements at tumwata village;
- And approved enrolling one infant into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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

Facebook Live event features information on upcoming election

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

The Tribe held a Facebook Live event on Wednesday, Sept. 25, to provide more information to Tribal members about the upcoming lineal descent constitutional amendment election.

Lineal descent will once again be put to a vote on Monday, Dec. 9. The Tribe's Election Board will be meeting with the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the first week of October. BIA administers the election as per the

Tribal Constitution.

Approximately 100 people logged on to the virtual event.

"The process for a constitutional amendment has been going on for quite a while," Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. "I want to thank those who participated in the many meetings for the amendment language. Every time we had a meeting or a survey, that language was refined... it took a lot of time but it was the most important thing we could have undertaken.

Being a Tribe is a unique quality... we're a nation of people, made up of our members."

The election requires advance voter registration and packets will be sent to all eligible voters after BIA meets with the Election Board.

If approved, the amendment will change enrollment from a 1/16 blood quantum requirement to requiring the applicant possess Grand Ronde Indian blood and be a descendant of a Grand Ronde parent or grandparent, provided that the ancestor was not enrolled in error. Additionally, the 1999 enrollment amendment requirements will be removed, including the requirements to be born to a Tribal member and have a parent enrolled at the time of application.

Additionally, an annual limit of 150 people will be accepted per year. This can be raised to 200 if Tribal Council adopts a resolution to do so. The limit will not apply to minors under 6 months old or those who are the subject of pending juvenile dependency hearings.

The Tribe decided to keep the definition of "Indian blood," as an enrollment requirement after it became aware of a few Tribal members who are enrolled and do not have any Grand Ronde blood. They were adopted by Tribal members and enrolled as biological children, which occurred prior to DNA requirements. This provision will ensure their descendants will not be enrolled.

Kennedy urged everyone to look at the special edition of the Tilixam Wawa, which is dedicated to the upcoming election and was mailed to adult Tribal members already.

"I urge you to read it thoroughly,"

she said. "This is an exciting time and everyone should thoroughly look at the information."

Since 1999, the membership has voted on eight enrollment-related constitutional amendments.


In August 2019, the Tribe published a special issue of the Tilixam Wawa to provide information to the membership regarding enrollment related issues. Since then, there have been community meetings, Tribal member workshops, surveys, and outside entities have researched and provided a report on the Tribe's enrollment history.

Following the most recent round of meetings and workshops, the Tribe's 2023 advisory vote was 65.328% of Tribal members in favor of moving forward with a lineal descent constitutional amendment.

Attending the Facebook Live event were Kennedy, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tribal Council members Tonya Gleason-Shepek, Brenda Tuomi and Kathleen George, with Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson fielding questions asked on Facebook.

All attendees were encouraged to visit the Tribe's website, www.grandronde.org, to learn more about the upcoming election. It includes the amendment language, presentation information, a frequently asked questions section and a survey link.

The Tribe started holding monthly Facebook Live events after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 to safely keep Tribal members informed about the Tribe and its activities. They are now held on a more irregular schedule and deal with a variety of issues. ■



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Tribal library displays banned books

The week of Sept. 22-28 was deemed "Banned Book Week," so the Tribal Library set up a display with books that have been banned in schools and libraries. In the Smoke Signals video, Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole explains why the books have been banned and why it is important to display them.



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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. ■

Tribal Council approves contract design for recreation center

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved an amendment to its design contract for a new resident and recreation center during its Wednesday, Sept. 25, meeting.

The design contract with MCA Architects of Portland will allow for up to \$1.16 million to be spent due to the planned center size expansion from 20,000 to 35,000 square feet.

"I'm seeking approval for this amendment because the project has grown significantly from the original scope...after various work sessions with council and meetings with staff that building has grown, plus there are a lot of additional outdoor facilities," Engineering and Community Development Department Manager Ryan Webb said. "With all that additional work, there is additional time involved for the architect to design those facilities."

Tribal Council member Matthew Haller thanked Webb during a Tuesday, Sept. 24, Legislative Action Committee meeting for the work that had gone into the center design thus far.

"I just want to publicly thank you," he said. "It's been a long process and a lot of you going and doing

work and coming up with amazing, in-depth options that have expanded our thoughts and conversations. I appreciate your versatility and continuing to come forward and change different scopes. I appreciate you."

Webb responded that he had the grants team to thank for securing a "tremendous" amount of funding.

"The grants team has made these conversations possible," he said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved annual agriculture permits for the 2024-25 season that are expected to generate \$37,372 in revenue. Since the program began in 2009, it has resulted in more than \$644,000 for the Tribe;
- Approved use of a Tribal credit card in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Tribal Economic Development Director Michael Cully;
- Approved removing past Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry and adding newly elected Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek on the Tribe's bank and investment accounts;
- Approved reappointing Martha Schrader and Victoria Ernst as non-Tribal members on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees with terms ending on Sept. 30, 2026;

- Approved reappointing Tribal Council member Kathleen George and appointing Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors with terms ending Sept. 30, 2027;
- Approved appointing Marianne Blanchard to the Culture Committee with a term ending March 31, 2026;
- Approved payment of \$7,500 in annual membership dues for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and approved Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George as the delegate and all other Tribal Council members as alternates;
- Approved \$30,000 in annual membership dues for the National Congress of American Indians, and approved Tribal Council member Lisa Leno as a delegate and all other Tribal Council members as alternates;
- Approved a \$160,000 grant application to the Bureau of Indian Education for the hiring of a consultant;
- Approved a \$1 million application

to the Arbor Day Foundation for the Community Roots Program to fund the landscaping, tree planting and maintenance at the Tribe's tumwata village project in Oregon City;

- Approved a \$750,000 grant application to the Oregon Department of Forestry Urban & Community Forestry for wages for two current Natural Resources Department employees and to hire another full-time employee. Additionally, the funds would be used in a major cultural burning project;
- Approved three applications totaling \$4.7 million to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Climate Resilience categories one through three, which cover planning, implementation and staffing;
- And approved enrolling 10 infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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

GAMING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a first reading at the Aug. 28, 2024, Tribal Council meeting.

The Committee recommends the Tribal Council move forward with a first reading of amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. The proposed amendments will: (1) amend numerous definitions; (2) revise license application and background investigation requirements to better reflect information currently necessary for safe operation of the gaming facility; and (3) other changes pursuant to relevant NIGC regulations.

Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Gaming Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664 or by email to legal@grandronde.org. 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 Oct. 31, 2024. ■

Drop box installed

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

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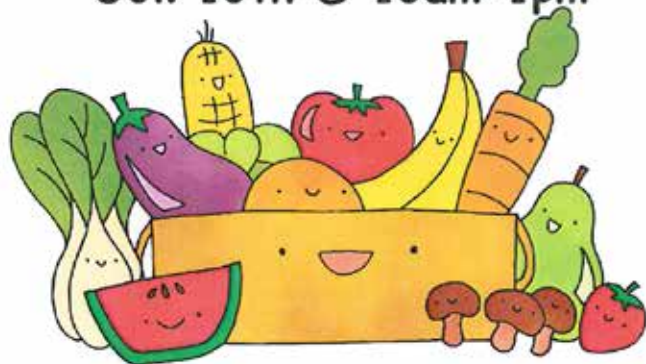
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For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

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NRD relearning how to burn designated areas safely

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and cultural harm, some of the knowledge for wielding that tool has been lost, and the climate and landscape have changed.

The Tribe's Natural Resources Department is relearning how to burn designated areas safely, without letting a controlled burn turn into the nightmare of the Pacific Northwest: An out-of-control wildland fire.

"It's complicated," Natural Resources Specialist Annaliese Ramthun said. "There are traditional knowledge holders nearby and some of that information is available but there are a lot of modern social constraints on burning that can make it difficult to apply and build on that knowledge. I would say, currently, we are working on learning how to best take care of culturally significant species within these constraints."

The wind has shifted, and the smoke is now rising in thick clouds, sometimes straight up to block the sun, sometimes back toward the east. Those in attendance retreat to the northwest side to avoid being caught in the shrinking square of grass. Suddenly, a towering dust devil of ashes appears. The field beyond it, covered in waving grasses just moments ago, now lies blackened and smoking.

"The Willamette Valley has a big population in an area that tends to hold onto smoke in the wrong conditions, and with wildfires increasingly visible in the news, fire understandably makes a lot of folks nervous," Ranthum said. "There are also regulations on when and where we're allowed to burn based on weather conditions. As a result,



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

The Bateman camas field smolders after a prescribed cultural burn on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

we generally only get a handful of days per year in which using fire is an option for us and a lot of times we don't know when those will be exactly until a day or two in advance or sometimes until we get onsite."

On the day of the burn, water trucks and firefighters stand by and the weather forecast is watched closely. The day must not be too hot or too dry; the humidity must not be too low. On this early September day, with temperatures in the mid-70s, the flames are almost leisurely in their progress across the field.

The objective of the Bateman burn is to use different mowing and/or burning treatments to see how each affects camas bulb development. A control plot that receives no treatment will be compared to plots that were mowed and then burned, mowed without burning or burned without mowing, Fire Management and Protection Program Manager Andrew Puerini said.

Several staff across three Tribal programs collaborated on the

Bateman Cultural Burn project, which included planning objectives and four different treatments, burn unit preparations, and monitoring, documenting and implementation of the burn.

There were numerous factors to consider, Puerini said.

"Since the Bateman is a first foods gathering area, we elected to use propane torches to not contaminate the food resource, which... was a bit cumbersome. We will be working on more reliable ignition devices in the future. On previous food plot burns, we have made pitch sticks and also used small bundles of straw to ignite fires."

Ramthun added that there's a lot to conducting a controlled burn.

"Historically, there would have been a large section of community burning across the landscape as part of their culture and livelihoods," she said. "This system was able to cover most of the valley but was also able to focus on individual species on smaller patch and even individual levels."

She continued, "Currently, there

is a lot of habitat in the Willamette Valley that would greatly benefit from the return of fire, but we are often limited in who is allowed to use fire. In the grand scheme of things there aren't many people with the qualifications to legally use fire in the area and as a result, individual species often don't receive the same attention they would in the traditional context. In the modern day a lot of who gets to apply fire to the ground is dictated by liability law and the national training guidelines for wildland firefighters."

The return to using fire to achieve ecological goals is an idea that has slowly been gaining popularity in the state. In 2021, the Oregon Legislature approved Senate Bill 762, which required the state Forestry Department to create a certified burn manager program. Tribal Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake provided information to help create that program.

The program allows input from all interested parties and provides "significant" state liability coverage for the burn boss and coverage for potential losses incurred from burning under the program, Puerini said.

The Tribe is currently trying to figure out how to create safe opportunities for the cultural practice of fire that are less restrictive than federal training standards, which tend to be less culturally informed and are time intensive to pursue, Rathum said.

"The new Oregon Certified Burn Manager program seems like it may be pathway forward on that, but the state is still working out some of the details on that one," she said. ■

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Reading Volunteers Needed at Grand Ronde Head Start

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

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

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

New transit company will provide bus service

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and 8:28 p.m.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020, buses ran regularly between Grand Ronde, Lincoln City and Salem. Having the Coastal Connection and the Grand Ronde Express meant Tribal members living on the reservation didn't need a car to attend to business they had elsewhere.

But the pandemic took a toll in many unexpected areas, including transit companies, which lost many of their drivers.

Last December, the Tillamook County Transportation District notified the Tribe it could no longer maintain the Coastal Connection Line that ran three times a day between Lincoln City and Salem. The last bus ran on Dec. 10 and since then, residents on the reservation have been without service to the coast or Salem.

Tillamook had already shuttered the Grand Ronde Express that ran between Grand Ronde and Salem, and the loss of the Coastal Connection left only Yamhill County Transit, which provides rides to Sheridan, Willamina and McMinnville Monday through Friday, eight times a day, with a stop at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Saturday service has been suspended until further notice. The Yamhill County Transit bus stops at two locations in McMinnville; Albertsons grocery store and the downtown transit center on Second Street.

It is possible to catch a bus to West Salem from the McMinnville Transit Center, five times a day, although several of those runs depart shortly before the bus from Grand Ronde reaches the Transit Center, and returning in time to catch the bus back to Grand Ronde is equally difficult.

Without the direct bus to Lincoln and Salem, "People aren't able to visit their families, get their shopping done, go to the DMV or the courts," Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said.

Since December, Mercier's phone has been ringing, a lot. He said the inquiries are polite, but "I do get people saying 'gosh, this is taking a long time.'"

Mercier said he understands the loss has been frustrating for many

people and he has been scrambling for months to find a new transit provider. Last January, he had hoped a few promising leads on possible new routes would come to fruition, but none of them panned out.

"Salem expressed an interest temporarily but they've become non-responsive," Mercier said.

A new company has stepped forward: Pacific Crest Bus Lines. Since putting together a formal request for proposals, taking bids and evaluating them is a months-long process, Mercier said he received permission from the state Department of Transportation to hire the company for six months to fill in bus services while the Tribe goes through the formal process.

The company promised that it already had drivers and buses in place, Mercier said, and he was working on an agreement to store the buses at Chinook Winds Casino, which would also benefit from the new route.

Once that's done, however, Mercier said he hopes ODOT will allow him to extend the contract to the end of next June, so that whichever company is awarded the contract for the permanent route can start at the beginning of the new biennium.

In addition to restoring travel between Salem and the coast, he is trying to get service into Dallas where the county courthouse and other offices are located, to add more convenient services for Tribal members.

Doing so, however, has proven problematic.

"None of the transit agencies will use the Kings Valley intersection," Mercier said. "They're waiting for ODOT to put a roundabout in. It's already been delayed a year."

Due to issues with utility companies, he said, 2026 is the earliest construction might begin.

Mercier is serving on the design committee for that roundabout. Once it is installed, he doesn't expect to have any trouble finding a company to establish a route to Dallas.

In addition, he said, Pacific Crest is working on a route with another organization for a bus route between Eugene and Forest Grove, with a stop in Grand Ronde, although Mercier said the starting date isn't going to be soon. ■

Tribe hosting annual Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam Oct. 2-4

The Tribe will host the annual Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 2-4, at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. The museum is located at 8720 Grand Ronde Road. To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/gathering-of-grand-ronde-tilixam-oct-2-4th-tickets-1003137620627. This community gathering will include discussions about historical and intergenerational trauma, wisdom, culture, identity and healing. Breakfast, snacks and lunch will be served daily.

For more information, call 503-879-2034. ■

Kennedy is featured speaker at Les AuCoin Hall dedication



The celebration of Pacific University's 175th anniversary began Friday, Sept. 27, with Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy serving as a featured speaker during the dedication of the new Les AuCoin Hall.

A 1969 alumnus of Pacific, AuCoin enrolled at Pacific in 1960 and attended for one year before enlisting in the Army. After completing his service, AuCoin returned to Pacific where he served as the university's public information officer while simultaneously completing his undergraduate degree in journalism.

Upon entering politics, AuCoin served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives, including one term as majority leader, before serving nine terms in Congress representing Oregon's first congressional district.

AuCoin, along with former Oregon Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, introduced the legislation that would restore the Grand Ronde Tribe to federal recognition in 1983, ending 29 years of Termination.

Five years later, AuCoin and Hatfield would once again team up to ensure that the federal government's promise of new reservation land would be kept.

In addition to Kennedy, other keynote speakers included former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts and former Southern Oregon University president and Chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire Stephen Reno.

The ceremony began with a drum song performed by Grand Ronde drummers and singers, recognizing AuCoin's role in helping the Tribe regain its official status.

During the reception, attendees had the opportunity to interact with student groups that promote civic engagement, diversity and multiculturalism. They were also able to view a storytelling display chronicling AuCoin's career, as well as a mural created by noted Indigenous artist, curator, writer and Grand Ronde Tribal member Steph Littlebird. ■

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Games added to event this quarter

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Kennedy said the long-term dream those determined early visionaries laid out for the Tribe “is still unfolding,” and a part that brings her particular joy is seeing the Tribe’s language coming back into regular use.

“It is the backbone of our culture,” she said. “Those of you employees are who are Tribal members, hayu masi. And for those others who are not, we so appreciate your hands and your minds, and your work.”

General Manager Angie Blackwell noted how many employees have been with the Tribe almost since Restoration.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George gave a blessing, and then employees enjoyed biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and fruit.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tribal Council members Tonya Gleason-Shepek, Matthew Haller, Brenda Tuomi, Lisa Leno and Kathleen George also attended.

A new twist this quarter was the addition of two games, where employees were selected by raffle ticket to participate with prizes of cash or administrative leave.

Additionally, prizes for administrative leave and cash ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 were raffled off.

Employees honored for 34 years of service were Senior Executive Assistant Barbara Branson, Health Benefits Specialist Barbara Steere, Continuing & Adult Education Coordinator Tracy Biery and Staff Accountant Melanie Hubbard.

Employees who have been with the Tribe for more than three decades were Assistant General



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Tribal 477/Employment & Training Specialist Rhonda Leno, left, and Tribal Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator Shannon Lafferty work an Oreo to their mouth using only their face during the third quarter Years of Service awards breakfast held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Sept. 19. A new addition to this quarter’s event was two games, where Tribal employees competed for cash prizes and administrative leave time.

Manager Bryan Langley and Chinuk Wawa Preschool Teacher Jeff Mercier, 33 years; Finance Officer Christopher Leno, 32 years; Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison, 31 years; and Tribal Attorney Rob Greene, 30 years.

In the quarter century or more category were Organizational Development & Training Manager Scott Mode, 29 years; Assistant Tribal Attorney Kimberly D’Aquila and Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, 28 years; Education & Services Coordinator Elaine Lane Raven, Dental Department Manager Sheila Blacketer and Housekeeping Supervisor Ben Bishop, 26 years; and Cultural Protection Specialist Christopher Bailey, 25 years.

Employees received certificates of appreciation and those hitting mile-

stone years received bonus checks.

Other employees honored were:

24 years: Facilities Manager Tyson Mercier and Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Matthew Bucknell.

23 years: Tribal Security Supervisor Roel Hernandez, Chachalu Manager Travis Stewart and Health Care Payment Specialist Erica Mercier.

22 years: Lead Cook Kevin Campbell and Firefighter-EMT Jennifer Colton.

21 years: Benefits/Safety Specialist Peggy Carpenter, Community Fund Program Coordinator Angela Schlappie and Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Lawson.

20 years: Health Information Technician Stephanie Simmons, Executive Assistant Jose Trevino, Member Services Program Manager Shannon Simi and Employment Specialist Brandy Hembree.

19 years: Health Information Technician Leanna Norwood and After Care Educator Susan Sabey.

18 years: Asset Inventory Specialist Nathan Mueller.

17 years: Central Telephone Receptionist Scarlett Holtz, Information Systems Program Manager Alec Palanuk-Mercier and Bus Driver Jennifer Jerabek.

15 years: Engineering & Community Development Project Manager (in training) Andrew Freeman, Teacher Aide/Bus Monitor Bradly Robertson and Applications Specialist Spencer Olson.

14 years: Maintenance Technician Jason Bailey, Maintenance Technician Gary LaChance Jr., Chachalu Assistant Manager Veronica Montano, General Manager Angie Blackwell, Native Connections Project Coordinator

Keri Kimsey, Maintenance Technician Michael Lane and Children & Family Services Supervisor Amber Zimbrick.

13 years: Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Mooney, Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Amber Haller, Community Support Specialist Joanna Brisbois and Medical Technologist Staci Pemble.

12 years: Parks Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey, Senior Telecommunications Administrator Mark Scheelar, Youth Prevention Grant Coordinator Angey Rideout, Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker Tara Summers.

11 years: Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier.

10 years: Physician Lance Loberg and Administrative Assistant Deann Dickinson.

9 years: Senior Help Desk Technician Nathan Hoff, Detective Tokata Tehama, Help Desk Administrator Braden Ebensteiner, Housekeeper Jonathan Baker and Employment Coordinator Shylo Williams.

8 years: Senior Staff Attorney Brooks Wakeland and Education Coordinator Star Weatherall.

7 years: Health Information Technician Norma Reed, Lead Housekeeper Dorene Gillespie, Pharmacy Director Lincoln Wright, Spirit Mountain Community Fund Administrative Assistant Pamala Warren-Chase, Senior Dental Assistant Samuel King, Staff Pharmacist Timothy Wood, Tribal Security Officer Eugene Pribble, Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison, and Silviculture & Fire Protection Technician Nicholas Larsen.

6 years: Audit Director Steven Harrop, Pharmacy Technician Carrie Lewis, Pharmacy Clerk Amber Thiede, Lead Certified Medical Assistant Jennifer Lott, Chinuk Wawa Assistant Teacher Brettia Vale and Staff Pharmacist Andrew Canning.

5 years: Mail/Printing Specialist Marcus Ibarra, Senior Executive Assistant Danielle Dickey, Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta, Controller Christine O’Day, Licensed Practical Nurse Charlene Brewer, Payment Processing Specialist Dorothy Anderson, Curriculum Specialist Cheyanne Fasana-Heidt, Maintenance Technician Dyami Eastman, Groundskeeper Nicholas Colton, Pharmacy Technician Karlee Ritthaler, Vocational Rehabilitation Trainee Tawnie Kimsey, Children & Family Services Caseworker Michelle Baker, Optometric Technician Sandra Galligher, Graphic Design Specialist Samuel Briggs III and Cultural Wellness Specialist Kailiyah Krehbiel. ■

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Community Fund surpasses \$98 million giving mark

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Spirit Mountain Community Fund awarded more than \$745,000 in grants on Wednesday, Sept. 18, during a check presentation held in the Governance Center Atrium.

The Community Fund receives 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino and awards that money to nonprofits in 11 north-west Oregon counties to fund efforts in the areas of arts and culture, environmental preservation, education, health, historic preservation and public safety, and to the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon under the fund's Tribal Grants program.

As of the third quarter of 2024, the Grand Ronde Tribe's philanthropic giving has surpassed \$98 million with 3,357 grants awarded since 1997.

The Community Fund was created as part of the Tribe's gaming compact with the state of Oregon. It is supervised by an eight-member Board of Trustees that includes Tribal Council members Denise Harvey and Brenda Tuomi, who serves as board chair.

Tribal Council members who attended the check presentation included Tuomi, Secretary Jon A. George, Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy, Lisa Leno, Matthew Haller and Kathleen George.

Executive Director Angie Sears welcomed attendees to the event and thanked them for making the drive out to Grand Ronde.

"Our check presentations are a way to connect with grantees, celebrate your work and share who you are," she said.

The check presentation opened with an invocation by Kennedy and drum song led by Jon A. George.

Kathleen George, a past Community Fund director and Board of Trustees member, provided opening remarks.

"Thank you for coming to our home," she said. "When you come to Grand Ronde, we get to see the community heroes doing the work in our communities and this is a great gift. Most of the time, when



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees Chair Brenda Tuomi, left, shakes hands with Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy Board of Directors Treasurer Myrna Gulick during the Community Fund's third quarter check presentation in the Tribal Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The Salem nonprofit received a \$100,000 grant.



Bambinos Oregon Executive Director Glenda Dunaway speaks about the nonprofit during Spirit Mountain Community Fund's third quarter check presentation in the Tribal Governance Center Atrium on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The Dallas-based organization received \$7,500.

away gave a brief description about what her Dallas-based organization seeks to do in the community.

The organization received a \$7,500 grant from the Community Fund. It provides diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, baby equipment and car seat safety clinics to Polk County residents.

"This was the first year we decided to attempt grant writing," she said. "We've been in the Polk community for 16 years and until a few months ago, were all volunteer."

After the nonprofit's clientele doubled in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization decided to purchase a mobile unit to serve families that couldn't reach their Dallas office.

"We have seen the need for baby supplies grow and not just in Polk County," she said. "We purchased a bus and are renovating it. The grant we received from the Tribe helped immensely with that...We are excited to expand our services."

Last year, the organization served 1,300 babies and leaders are hoping to double the number this year.

During the check distribution portion, the Community Fund awarded 10 small grants worth \$60,000 and 12 large grants worth \$660,000. Included in the grand total were five youth grantmakers grants for \$25,000. A check presentation for that was held earlier this summer.

Knight announced the small grant recipients and Schlappie announced the large grant recipients.

Small grant recipients were:

- Agape Village of Portland, \$1,500, for mental health training;
- Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force of Lane County, \$7,500, for its bridge project/SANE training program;
- Bag and Baggage Productions

of Hillsboro, \$7,500, for its Intergenerational Native Theater Project;

- Bambinos Oregon of Dallas, \$7,500, for its diapers and baby essentials bus for rural families;
- Outside In of Portland, \$7,500, for GED program support for the employee and education resource center;
- Pile of Puppies of Beaverton, \$4,924;
- Returning Veterans Project of Portland, \$7,500, for community supported health services for veterans;
- Singing Creek Educational Center of Cottage Grove, \$2,000, for its Acorn Circle program expansion;
- Willamette Farm And Food Coalition of Eugene, \$7,500, for its Our Farmers Feeding Our Families program;
- Elderberry Wisdom Farm of Salem, \$7,500, for its Indigenous habitat restoration training project.

Large grant recipients were:

- Alberta Abbey of Portland, \$50,000, for programming support for the Alberta Abbey in 2024-25;
- BE-BLAC Foundation of Salem, \$50,000, for uplifting and empowering BIPOC youth in Salem-Keizer School District;
- Bridge Meadows of Portland, \$50,000, for improving health and well-being through intergenerational relationships;
- Constructing Hope of Portland, \$30,000, for its Constructing Hope succession plan and leadership development for the pre-apprenticeship program;
- Get Schooled of Yamhill County, \$50,000, for supporting Indigenous post-secondary success;
- Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy of Salem, \$100,000, for its Magical Adaptive Riding Facility — Phase 2;
- Jackson Street Youth Shelter of Corvallis, \$100,000, for expanding outreach and services for youth experiencing homelessness;
- Lines for Life of Portland, \$50,000, for destigmatizing mental health for youth in Northwest Oregon;
- Pearl Buck Center of Eugene, \$50,000, for preschool for children of low-income families living with disabilities;
- Portland Community Football Club, \$30,000, for its family services program: equity-focused soccer and wraparound supports;
- Relief Nursery Inc. of Eugene, \$50,000, for its Accessing Success Peer Support program;
- Youth Progress Association of Portland, \$50,000, for trauma-informed educational services for youth in foster care.

After the conclusion of the grant awards, three beaded necklaces were raffled off to Bridge Meadows, Pile of Puppies, and Horses Adaptive Riding & Therapy. Relief Nursery Inc. won the raffle for an Ikanum saddle blanket.

"The work you do is helping to make a better life for people in your communities," Sears said. "Thank you." ■

Spirit Mountain Casino unveils Topgolf Swing Suite

Spirit Mountain Casino has announced the grand opening of its new Topgolf Swing Suite, which "features four state-of-the-art bays, offers guests an unparalleled way to enjoy the game of golf, regardless of skill level or weather conditions," the casino said in a press release. "Each bay is equipped with high-definition screens and advanced tracking technology, providing a dynamic virtual golfing experience that caters to both enthusiasts and casual players alike. The bays also offer virtual games like hockey, football, baseball, and even zombie dodgeball."

Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier said the suite "brings a unique blend of interactive sports entertainment, delicious food and top-notch beverages to our guests."

The culinary offerings include appetizers, sandwiches and pizza, along with a full-service bar. The Topgolf Swing Suite is located next to the Sportsbook. ■

Great Circle Recovery expands with new Portland mobile clinic

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

Great Circle Recovery, the medication assisted treatment program run by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, continued to break new ground this summer, adding a second mobile clinic to its offerings.

The new unit operates out of the Portland clinic.

Because many of the agency's clients are unhoused, the mobile unit parks at PDX Saints Love, 247 S.E. 82nd Ave., on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., adding its treatment options to the services offered by the day center.

The day center offers showers, hot meals, hygiene wound care and other services in addition to medication assisted treatment.

New Great Circle clients are required to complete their intake first at the fixed Great Circle clinic, located at 3580 S.E. 82nd Ave. Once assigned to the mobile clinic, they can use it for meeting with counselors and for taking their prescribed medication, under observation from a nurse.

"It offers all the same services as our fixed clinic," Operations Director Jennifer Worth said.

A mobile unit was a big ask, on top of everything the clinic is already doing, but is important nonetheless, according to Worth.

"It just allows us to reach more people," she said.

A custom-built Tesco medical unit featuring a logo of Willamette Falls and a traditional canoe, the mobile unit is distinctive and that's deliberate. The main clinic lobby in Portland features a mural of Willamette Falls, along with Indigenous artworks on the walls. Worth said she wants Tribal members to see those reminders of the Tribe and feel connected.



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Mike Shepek, senior maintenance and safety technician for the Tribe's Great Circle Recovery Portland location, locks the mobile treatment clinic for the day on Friday, Sept. 13. Great Circle Recovery's second mobile clinic was put into service in Portland on Aug. 27. The first unit is operated out of the Salem location.

Worth said in an email that the agency had both mobile units built specifically and designed with input for opioid care.

"We had to build out the medication area and the body of the unit in order to have the same things we have in the clinic area," she said.

Great Circle Recovery is the first Tribally-owned opioid treatment program in Oregon. Its treatment clinics are the option of last resort for people suffering from opiate addiction. Doctor Jim Laidler, who works in the Portland clinic, said that last resort provides a stable landing place from which people who have struggled with addiction for years can finally begin to rebuild their lives.

Just a few months after opening, the van already has 30 clients established. The Portland clinic has 300 patients, Worth said.

The Portland mobile unit is the second one operated by Great Circle. In 2022, it added a mobile unit to its Salem clinic that also travels to Grand Ronde and McMinnville. In February of 2023, Great Circle opened a clinic in Portland and in August of this year, it added the Portland mobile clinic.

Although treatment is open to anyone, Great Circle prioritizes Tribal members.

The need for treatment is acute, Worth said. Methamphetamine, long a scourge in the Pacific Northwest, is now being combined with fentanyl, a potentially deadly combination that wrecks lives.

"We are seeing cocaine going up in the younger demographic," she said. "The majority are taking fentanyl and stimulants."

While a variety of treatment types are used to help stabilize people and, in many cases, get them off opioids, medication is sometimes needed to help in the process and that's where Great Circle comes in.

New clients meet first with an addiction-certified doctor, who will discuss different medication options and then with a counselor, who reviews their needs. Clients undergo screening for syphilis, tuberculosis, Hepatitis C and HIV. During their treatment, they continue to receive both individual counseling, in which they address factors that help trigger drug use, social pressures, stress and other issues, along with group counseling and peer support services from specialists who have themselves been through the recovery process.

The clinic is equipped with an on-site lab for processing blood draws and can make same-day medical referrals in many cases, an important component.

"The medical complexity is unlike anything I have seen in my career," Worth said. "A lot of them haven't gotten any medical care. They come in and they're so sick – and with

the opioid dependency on top of it."

Great Circle Recovery offers what is known as wrap-around care, which seeks to address clients' total needs to give them a better chance of breaking their addiction, restoring their health and rebuilding their lives. They may also be referred to other agencies for some of their needs.

"Recovery doesn't happen alone," Worth said. "It happens in community."

It's a long road to treating an addiction with methadone. Often, buprenorphine and naltrexone are used first, in part because buprenorphine can be prescribed by health care workers, while methadone is only available from federally licensed clinics like Great Circle. Although methadone may be more effective at controlling cravings

than the other two medications, it is also addictive in itself and causes physical dependency.

Generally, Laidler said, the clinic wants people suffering from addiction to start with other efforts: Counseling, 12-step programs, buprenorphine and naltrexone, before trying methadone.

But for those who need methadone, he said, it's a vital option.

"Most of the people who come to us, they've tried so much and had so many failures," Laidler said. "They've just been beaten down and it takes them awhile to get back on their feet."

Laidler said people sometimes criticize methadone treatment, saying they clients are just "substituting one drug for another."

And that's true, he said. "We're substituting one that's regulated, controlled and known," that allows people to function, and begin to stabilize their lives.

"We know what the dose is," Laidler said. "We can taper it down. The people you're getting it from aren't likely to rob you. At the very least, it's harm reduction."

In many cases, Laidler said, clients' use of methadone is temporary.

"There's a lot of paths people take," he said.

A common one goes something as follows: A client remains on the drug for six months to a year, while working on other aspects of recovery during which time their lives become more stable.

"They can move toward tapering the dosing down and getting off it after a while," Laidler said.

But it doesn't work for everyone. Some clients, who have found themselves simply unable to remain stable without medication assisted treatment, may remain on it for years.

"It's not ideal to have people dependent on the medication," Laidler said. "But let's be honest, people are dependent on medications for a lot of things – diabetes, heart disease. If it's working for them, don't mess with success." ■

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Watchlist: 'Fish War'

(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

"We have always been taught that when the tide is out, the table is set," a voiceover said in the trailer for a recently released documentary called "Fish War."

"Fish War" follows the violent clashes between law enforcement and Tribal people of Washington when their treaty rights to fish and hunt in their usual and accustomed grounds were broken in the 1960s.

A man interviewed for the documentary explains the Tribes' traditional practices became illegal under state law.

"Sixty years ago, my father was still getting his head bashed in on the riverbanks," a man said pointing across the water. "He was getting his head bashed in in Olympia."

The trailer for the documentary shares recent interviews with Tribal people who protested for fishing rights during the 1960s, paired with footage of Native people getting arrested and attacked for fishing along the river during that time.

The somber mood in the two-minute trailer switches to a rock music beat halfway through as the Tribes began to fight back.

One man says the objective of the Native people's retaliation was to catch the attention of the federal government.

"We burned one of their bridges," a Tribal Elder said as footage of the bridge is shown going up in plumes of smoke. The trailer jumps back to the interview with the same Elder as she begins to laugh at the memory.

The Native protestors eventually caught the attention of the lawyers who signed on to take their battle to court.

"The state's management was like a good old boys club and their position was racist," one of the lawyers said.

A broadcast news interview with a non-Native woman during the 1960s shows the impression some had of Native people.

"All the sudden we are the bad guys, we are taking something away from the poor Indian who never had anything," she said.

The violent battle was finally brought to court where the decision was a victory for Washington Tribes in 1974.

"Future generations should have a birthright to harvest fish from the river," a man said as the trailer ends.

You can watch the trailer for yourself and find screening locations at www.fishwarmovie.com/. ■

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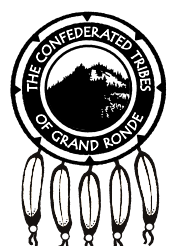
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Walking On...

Herbert William Stephens II

Feb. 14, 1929 – Sept. 19, 2024

Tribal Elder Herbert “Herb” William Stephens II passed away on Sept. 19, 2024, at the age of 95.

Herb was born to Herbert Stephens I and Pearl (Goudie) Stephens in Seattle, Wash. He joined the Navy in 1946 and retired in 1967.

While serving in the Navy, he met Gladys Ruby Maas in 1953 and they had six children.

After retirement, he worked for Job Corp until it closed. He then went on to do security work for the Port of Moses Lake, which turned into fire and rescue, before retiring again. Herb also served as a Grant County Sheriff’s Office reserve deputy.

Herb was preceded in death by his loving wife, Gladys; three sisters, Camile, Nancy and Cora; one brother, Gerald; his daughter, Tammie; son, Sean; and parents, Herbert and Pearl.

Herb is survived by his children, Jackie Wilmont (Kent), Robin Schaeffer (James), Blake and Bill (Brian); as well as his grandchildren, Jamie, Kyle, Brittany, Stephen, Janelle, Ashton and McKenzie; great-grandson, Klayton; and great-granddaughter, Luna.


At his request, no services will be held.



Gas discount in Grand Ronde

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

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■




ELECTION RESULTS


2024 - 2025
Early Childhood Education
Policy Council

ECE Parent Committee elects new Policy Council

The parent committee of Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool has elected new representatives to serve on the Early Childhood Education Policy Council for the 2024-2025 school year. Incumbents Devin Boekhoff, Kaily Hunt, and Kevin Linton won re-election.

<p>ELECTION WINNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Alicia Phillips *Alex Warren-Masters *Devin Boekhoff *George Neujahr *Kaily Hunt *Kayla Gordon *Kevin Linton *Megan Martin *Takyah Henning 	<p>RESPONSIBILITIES OF POLICY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve the annual budget • Participate in hiring processes and approve new-hires • Participate in program reviews and self-assessment • Participate in the recruitment and selection of children for the new school year • Approve all program policies • Maintain confidentiality
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September 25, 2024

Sonya Jo Sukanen

June 13, 1966 – Sept. 14, 2024

Tribal Elder Sonya Jo Sukanen passed away on Sept. 14, 2024, at the age of 58.

Autumn Funeral Home in Redmond, Oregon, is assisting the family.

Funeral services were unavailable before press time.

Lisa Marie Deatherage


Sept. 22, 1979 – Sept. 21, 2024

Tribal member Lisa Marie Deatherage passed away on Sept. 21, 2024, at the age of 44.

Fisher Funeral Home in Albany, Oregon, is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were unavailable before press time.


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09/09/24

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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 set for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Remaining dates are 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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JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2030	Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2158	Lodge Caregiver – Part Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2164	Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
2179	Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
2182	Licensed Practical Nurse Part-Time – Salem – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
2190	Forester	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
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2194	Single Role Paramedic	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
2197	Driver/Wellness Assistant	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	09/30/24
2199	Dentist	20	\$151,691.92/yr.	\$205,141.88/yr.	Until Filled
2200	Public Health Educator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
2205	Silviculture & Fire Protection Technician	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
2207	Health Promotion Specialist	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
2208	Firefighter (EMT/Paramedic Preferred) On-Call	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	09/30/24
2209	Recovery House Manager	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	09/30/24
2210	IT Auditor	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	09/30/24
2211	Education Coordinator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	10/06/24
2033	Temporary Pool – (Closed for system upgrade)	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	09/26/24

Effective October 4, 2024, we will be transitioning to a new applicant portal system. Once that transition is complete, returning applicants will need to create a new profile in UKG. Previous log-in credentials with Acquire will not be valid and profiles will not transfer over. If there is information you wish to keep from your current profile, please make sure to download it.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

To learn more about this study, please contact:
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mansayoc@oregonstate.edu
 IRB #: HE-2023-327

Co-constructed with advisors from the CTGR education department, this dissertation study aims to gather information regarding the educational experiences and needs of our tribal citizens, through high school and beyond.

The goal is to provide insight on the experiences and needs of our tribal citizens as they complete their own educational journeys, particularly those as they pertained to high school completion, and preparation for either post-secondary education, professional training and/or career decisions.

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Assistant Banquet Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



Thursday, August 1

- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a sexual offense in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 13 on Highway 18.

Friday, August 2

- Officers assisted with traffic in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9650 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a crash on Highway 18 near milepost 23.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, August 3

- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers made an arrest on a warrant in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 19 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, August 4

- Officers assisted with traffic in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9655 block of Grand Ronde Road.
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- Citizen contact occurred in the 9655 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, August 5

- Officers assisted with a towed vehicle near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 24000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted with traffic near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Found property was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- A welfare check was conducted in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- Trespassing was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

Tuesday, August 6

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9000 block of Harmony Road in Sheridan.
- Officers responded to an assault in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Officers conducted a welfare check in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of West Main and Northwest streets in Sheridan.

Wednesday, August 7

- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a crash in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 17 on Hebo Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 19 on Highway 18.

Thursday, August 8

- Officers made an arrest on a misdemeanor driving infraction in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A stolen vehicle was located in the 29000 block of Rock Creek Drive.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Friday, August 9

- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 24 on Highway 18.

Saturday, August 10

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

Sunday, August 11

- A drug complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Theft was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Wind River Drive.
- Officers responded to an alarm call in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.
- An animal complaint was reported in the area of La Chance and Hebo roads.

Monday, August 12

- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Harmony Road and Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers made an arrest for DUII in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.

Tuesday, August 13

- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Tilixam Circle and Raven Loop.
- Officers made an arrest for unlawful use of a motor vehicle in the 28000 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Trespassing was reported in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers made an arrest for a warrant in the 8400 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Trespassing was reported in the 9200 block of Grand Ronde Road.

Wednesday, August 14

- Officers provided a civil service in the 100 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 19300 block Cherry Hill Road in Willamina.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred near milepost 25 on Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 8600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 6 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of A R Ford Road and Highway 18.

Thursday, August 15

- A driving complaint occurred near milepost 4 on Highway 22.
- Officers responded to a runaway reported in the 25000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Officers responded to a reported kidnapping in the 25000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Main and Bridge streets in Sheridan.

Friday, August 16

- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to illegal camping at Big Buck Campground.
- Officers responded to a vehicle crash near milepost 26 on Highway 18.

Saturday, August 17

- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

Sunday, August 18

- Citizen contact occurred in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.

Monday, August 19

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Hebo and Grand Ronde roads.
- Officers assisted an outside agency near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Trespassing was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 23000 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 200 block of Northwest Blair Street in Sheridan.

Tuesday, August 20

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

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GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



POLICE LOG continued from page 16

- Citizen contact occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Wednesday, August 21

- Found property was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers provided a civil service in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Joe Day Way and Ash Street.
- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Thursday, August 22

- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 24000 block of Ballston Road in Willamina.
- Officers responded to an illegal camping report in the area of Yoncalla Creek and the 304D Road.

Friday, August 23

- A traffic hazard was reported in the 30000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers provided civil service in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Pacific Hills Drive in Willamina.
- Officers made an arrest for DUII in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at South Lake Campground.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Saturday, August 24

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 42000 block of Fort Hill Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Main and D streets in Willamina.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Main and Lamson streets in Willamina.
- Officers made an arrest for DUII in the 25000 block of Coyote Court.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported near milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to disturbance in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers made an arrest on a warrant in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an assault in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Sunday, August 25

- A suspicious person was reported in the area of Tilixam Circle and Raven Loop.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

- A driving complaint was reported in the 26000 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Agency Creek and Spirit Mountain roads.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

Monday, August 26

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

Tuesday, August 27

- Officers assisted with traffic in the area of Harmony Road and Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.

Wednesday, August 28

- Trespassing was reported at Big Buck Campground.
- Theft was reported in the 29000 block of Joe Day Way.
- Citizen contact occurred near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A parking complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A noise complaint was reported in the 48000 block of Dragonfly Drive.

Thursday, August 29

- Officers responded to an emotionally disturbed person in the 1100 block of Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A parking complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- A parking complaint was reported in the 28000 block of McPherson Road.

Friday, August 30

- Citizen contact occurred in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Northeast E Street in Willamina.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 1 on Highway 22.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 8000 block of King Road.
- Officers responded to a burglary in the 300 block of Northeast First Street in Willamina.
- Officers provided a welfare check near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

Saturday, August 31

- Officers provided a welfare check near milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Officers responded to a disturbance in the 28000 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Found property was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 22 on Highway 18.

Compiled by Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Officer Austin Gomez



West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Deadline is January 15, 2025

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Gender: Male/Female (Circle) _____

Rank: _____ Branch: _____ Honorable: Yes/No (Circle) _____

DOE: _____ Place of entry: _____

DOS: _____ Place of separation: _____

Deceased: Yes/No (Circle) _____ Place of burial: _____

CTGR Tribal: Yes/No (Circle) _____ If Tribal, Roll# _____

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

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

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. ■

Grand Ronde Preschool

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Announcements

- 🍊 Aftercare is now Tuesday-Friday.
- 🍊 No school Days: Friday -9/27/24 is National Native American Day Monday -10/14/24 Indigenous Peoples Day

📖 SMART reading is coming in November. Volunteers please sign up soon! Call Gianna at 503-879-1430

New reading time slots are 20-30 mins.

Health

Is your child due for a well child visit?

Well child visits are an opportunity to talk with health care providers about your child's growth and development.

Before your child's appointment, think about any questions you have. Consider starting with these:

- ♥ How much sleep does my child need?
- ♥ How much screen time is too much for my child?

Can you recommend some healthy snacks for my child?

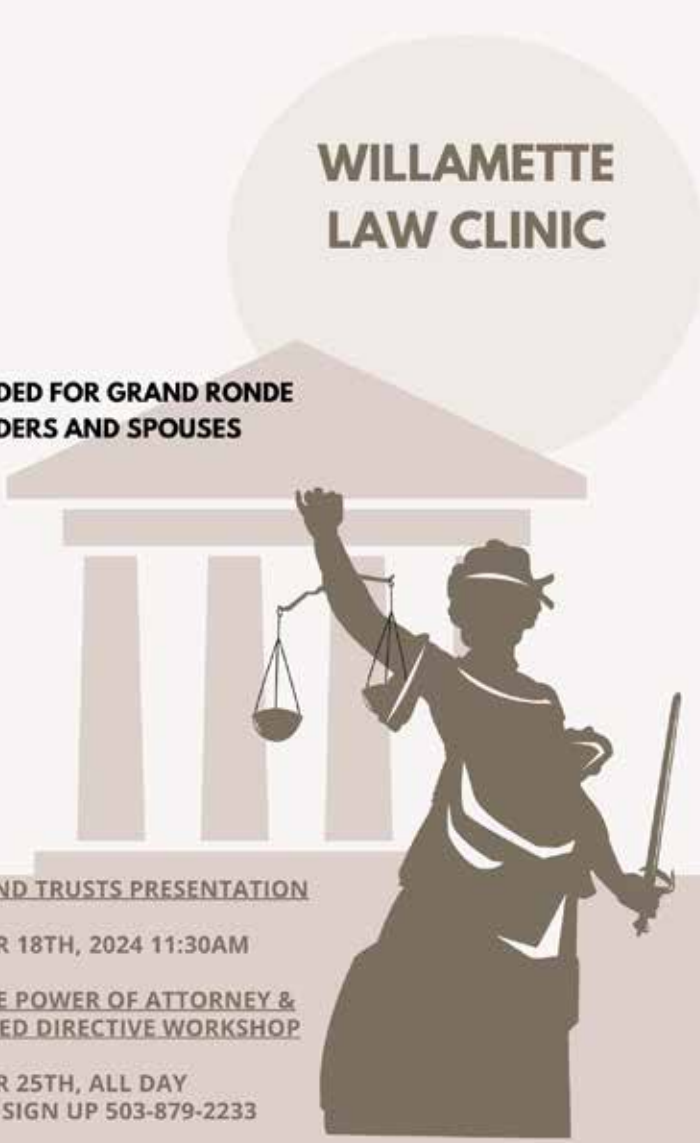
What about you? You do so much to keep your child healthy.

Are you due for a check-up as well? Caring for yourself sets a powerful example for your child.

Goodbye Rituals

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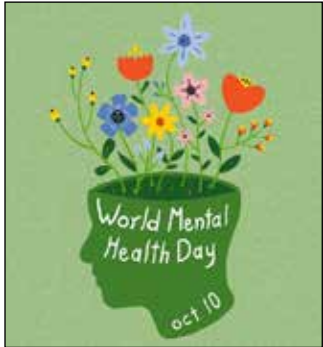
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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

World Mental Health Day is Oct. 10



World Mental Health Day, first established by the World Federation for Mental Health in 1992, has grown into a significant annual event, aiming to raise awareness about mental health issues and combating stigma.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately one in eight people worldwide live with a mental health disorder. A large portion of these individuals do not receive the care they need due to stigma, lack of resources or inadequate services.

As America reflects on World Mental Health Day, the hope is that the increased awareness and advocacy will lead to meaningful progress, ensuring that mental health receives the attention and resources it requires to foster a healthier, more inclusive society.

What can you do?

- Learn and share information about mental health- Seek to understand common mental health issues as well as their symptoms and treatments.
- Practice self-care- Prioritize your own mental health by engaging in activities that promote well-being such as exercise, mindfulness and healthy eating.
- Seek help if needed and offer support to others- Sometimes simply being there for someone can make a big difference.

Call or text the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at '988' if you or someone you know needs free and confidential support for distress or is seeking prevention and crisis resources.

"Mental health is a human right. Let us work together to build a world where mental health is recognized, respected and accessible to all." Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the WHO, said. ■

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In 1985, October became Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time dedicated to increasing public knowledge about breast cancer, advocating for early detection and supporting those impacted by the disease. Each year, October serves as a critical reminder of the ongoing battle against one of the most prevalent cancers affecting women worldwide.



According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, with approximately one in eight women in the United States being diagnosed in their lifetime. This type of cancer, although mainly seen in women, can affect men as well.

The ACS estimates for breast cancer in men in the US for 2024 are:

- o About 2,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed
- o About 530 men will die from breast cancer

What can I do?

- o Know your risk: A risk factor is anything that increases your chances of getting a disease such as cancer. Knowing your risk factors for breast cancer gives you a head start on knowing if you can decrease your chances of being diagnosed with breast cancer in your life.
- o Stay informed: Keep up with the latest research and statistics on breast cancer to provide accurate and up-to-date information.
- o Pink products: Wear pink ribbons, clothing or accessories and encourage others to do the same. Many companies sell products where a portion of the proceeds go toward breast cancer research.
- o Share stories: If you're comfortable, share your own or others' experiences with breast cancer to help humanize the disease and inspire others.
- o Encourage family and friends: Remind those in your circle to schedule their screenings and offer support to those who might be nervous about the process.

If you want to know your risk factors or get screened for breast cancer, please reach out to your medical provider and schedule an appointment. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 04	PUMPKIN DISTRIBUTION 12PM - 1:30PM
OCT 10	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND WOMENS HEALTH EVENT
OCT 30	FRESH FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10AM - 2PM
OCT 31	FALL JAM 5PM - 7PM

Women's Health Day Oct 10

Breast Cancer Awareness

- 👉 Educational Flyers 👈
- 👉 Mobile Mammogram Screening 👈
- 👉 Shirts 👈
- 👉 Snacks 👈
- 👉 Giveaways 👈

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