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General Council briefed on investment portfolio

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

representative from Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. briefed the general membership on the Grand Ronde Tribe's investment portfolio during the hybrid General Council meeting held Sunday, Oct. 6, on Zoom and in Tribal Council Chambers.

The 35-minute briefing was presented in executive session, which limits how much Smoke Signals can report on the content.

Baird Director Joseph Hoon made the presentation and there were three questions and comments from the membership during the session.

Tribal Elder Veronica Gaston gave the invocation. Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Secretary Jon A. George, along with Tribal members Robert and Cheyenne Haller, performed a drum song.

After executive session ended, lunch was served to attendees and council members.

Door prize winners were Jamieson Smallwood, Marianne Blanchard and Val Alexander, \$100; and Deborah Good, Lise Alexander, Darlene Aaron, Naiyah Stewart and Ron Tuomi, \$50.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3, with an executive session review of the proposed 2025 budget.

The non-executive session portion of the meeting can typically be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www. grandronde.org and clicking on the Videos tab. ■

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AvaMarie Robertson, 4, fills a pot with potting soil to plant camas seeds in during məkhmək Mania at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center on

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Saturday, Oct. 5. About 80 people attended the annual event that is a celebration of local food, farmers, hunting and gathering. It included information tables, door prizes, a seed planting station, nature walk and elk stew for lunch. The event was organized by Grand Ronde's Food Access and Community Team and sponsored by Marion-Polk Food Share and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Niles Albering gets a sample of honey apple flavored venison jerky from Spirit Mountain Casino Cook Ruby Forbes.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

New fire station open house attracts large crowd



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

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he long-awaited, new Grand Ronde Emergency Services Station was formally opened on Wednesday, Oct. 2, with drumming, songs, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and enchilada dinner.

Firefighters from departments around the region attended to help

celebrate the event, citing their affection for Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden and the department.

State Fire Marshall Mariana Ruiz-Temple said Grand Ronde Emergency Services is one of the

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Grand Ronde Emergency Services crew members push a fire truck into a bay during the Grand Ronde Emergency Services Station grand opening on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The push-in ceremony is a time-honored tradition of pushing the wagons, steam engines and other apparatus into the bays of the fire stations after each call.

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
Tribal Council Chambers

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

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals readers,

My name is Jason Shadle and I am a supervisor at the McMinnville Oregon Department of Human Services Self-Sufficiency Office. Along with Erik Garcia, a supervisor at the Dallas office, we provide ongoing support within the ODHS and Grande Ronde Eligibility Collaboration.

In our roles, we work closely with Grande Ronde Social Services leaders to provide ODHS eligibility opportunities to your community. Each Wednesday, ODHS eligibility staff are onsite at the Grande Ronde Community Center to assist with answering questions and completing eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Employment Related Day Care and medical benefits.

We are available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in eligibility support. We can process your applications onsite as well, answer general eligibility questions and or eligibility case questions. There will be no onsite representation on the fifth Wednesday for the months of October, January, April and July.

If you are needing help with childcare costs, we have Employment Related Daycare (ERDC). If needing help with food, we have Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). For cash assistance, we have Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). We can also determine eligibility for medical assistance. If you have any questions at all please stop by, we are happy to help in any way we can.

All are welcome to apply for ODHS services. Please bring your photo identification or social security number to get started. After we have received your application and reviewed your information, we can determine what exactly you are eligible for based on your specific needs. This resource is available to everyone in Grande Ronde and the surrounding community.

Thank you,

Jason Shadle

McMinnville ODHS Self-Sufficiency Office



CTGR Member Services

Requests for Descendancy Options

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

Process

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

DNA at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center: Cost of DNA testing is \$50 and you must pre-register with the clinic prior to your appointment. To pre-register, contact Ashley Stonebrink at 503-879-1325 or Stacy Pond-Bissonette at 503-879-2096.

To request an application or if you have any questions, contact the following:

Memberservices@grandronde.org

Enrollment staff:

Tristin Armstrong 503-879-1619, Tristin.armstrong@grandronde.org Nick Labonte 503-879-2490, Nick.labonte@grandronde.org

Please send completed applications to:

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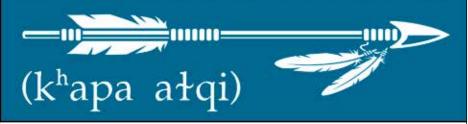
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IN THE FUTURE



tałlam-mun (October)

- 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.
- Thursday, Oct. 31 Fall Festival, 5-7 p.m., Tribal gym, dinner will be

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, doors open at 10 a.m., lunch served at 11:30 a.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Contact publicaffairs@grandronde.org for more information.
- Saturday, Nov. 23 41st Restoration Powwow, doors open at 10 a.m., grand entry at noon, 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, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Nov. 22, in obserance of Restoration Day. Offices will close noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, and remain closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 41st Restoration Celebration November 22 November 23 Program POWWOW 10:00 a.m. Doors Open Tamanowas exhibit, Vendors 10:00 a.m. Doors Open 11:00 a.m. Concession Open 12:00 p.m. Grand Entry 10:30 a.m. Canoe Family 11:00 a.m. Program, Tamanowas Emcee: Bob Tom, Arena Director: Panel Dietrich Peters, Headman: Chad 11:30 a.m. Meal Leno, Headwoman: Molly Leno 12:15p.m. Return to Restoration Host Drum: Bad Soul 1:00p.m. Drawings, must be Specials by: CTGR & Veterans Royalty, present

Vendor tables still available: contact

publicaffairs@grandronde.org

Arena Director (more to come)

Specials and powwow questions:

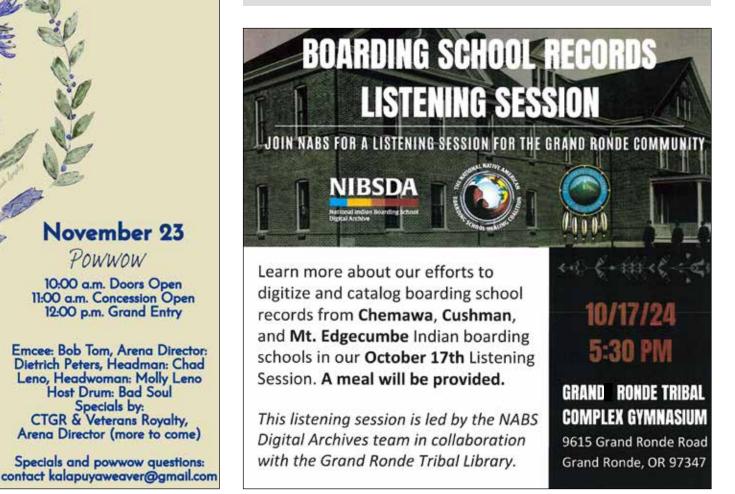
Gathering of tilixam



Tribal Elder Reyn Leno speaks during the 2024 Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam at the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Almost 80 people attended the three-day community gathering to discuss culture, wisdom, identity, historical and intergenerational trauma, healing and more. The event is organized by the Tribe's Community Programs department.



Tribal member Alicia Selwyn, middle, beads a necklace during the 2024 Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam at the Chachalu Tribal Museum & **Cultural Center gym.**



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 will be held in November via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial. Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link and date.
- 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. ■

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2019 – Smoke Signals interviewed Tribal officials about how many homes the area could eventually accommodate. With sewer and water capacity still available and several acres of land still in trust, the existing 257 home sites then in place or under construction could eventually expand significantly. However, Housing Department Manager Shonn Leno warned that the limiting factor was the cost of maintenance. Although grants are available for building, Leno noted, there are not grants for long-term maintenance.

2014 – Tribal Historian David Lewis had recently returned from a trip to Washington D.C., to search for the original Executive Order establishing the Grand Ronde Reservation, signed by President James Buchanan in 1857. The elusive document did not turn up, although Lewis found other historical treasures including maps, correspondence and reports about the reservation.

2009 – A \$6.4 million project to improve Grand Ronde Road was nearly finished. The project included installation of Tribal telecom, sewer, storm and water lines, a sidewalk, road widening and realignment, and overhead lighting. In addition, the road had to be entirely rebuilt, because the previous road had lacked base rock under it.



File photo

2004 – The Tribe became a sponsor of the Portland Winterhawks hockey team. Dean Vrooman, known as the voice of the Winterhawks, said the Tribe would use the opportunity to provide education to the public about the Tribe.

2009

1999 – The Tribe provided a \$266,000 grant from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund to the Oregon Garden Foundation for restoration and preservation of a 25-acre stand of Oregon White Oak on the grounds the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

1994 – With major financing completed, construction had begun on what would become Spirit Mountain Casino. The \$21 million building was scheduled for a grand opening in 1995. The Tribe secured a loan with future earnings from the casino's first five years in operation.

1989 – Eleven-year-old Tribal member Felicia (Torres) Lewis won the grand championship in western equestrian with her horse, Shadow, at the Jackson County Fair in Medford.

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





Tribal member Bee Foster, left, and her daughter Ophelia Sherwood, 3, shake a rattle along to a song during Orange Shirt Day in front of the Tribal Governance Center on Monday, Sept. 30. The Tribe's Children & Family Services Department organized the gathering.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo





Tribe observes Orange Shirt Day

On Monday, Sept. 30, Tribal flags hung at half-mast and Tribal employees wore orange in commemoration of Orange Shirt Day.

The Tribe's Children & Family Services Department organized a gathering in front of the Tribal Governance Center that included drumming, singing and a moment of silence in remembrance of the Indigenous children who endured the residential schooling system. Approximately 50 people attended.

Orange Shirt Day was first established as a day of observance in 2013. It is inspired by the accounts of Phyllis Webstad, whose personal clothing, including a new orange shirt, was taken from her during her first day of residential schooling in British Columbia, Canada and never returned.

The orange shirt is a symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children that the residential school system enforced, Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell said in a companywide email.

"Today we remember the victims and survivors of Indian boarding schools, a system with the primary goal of assimilating Indian children by removing them from their families and their culture," she said. "The trauma of this era continues to impact our people today in various, not-so-obvious ways. By removing our children from their families, the government disrupted the teachings that were to be passed down by their parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles, teachings not only of our traditional ways, but also teachings related to parenting and being in community. These teachings were often replaced with coping mechanisms that were destructive to community and to family, but we are resilient people. Each generation we repair, bit by bit, that which was damaged. Reconciliation with the past requires that we acknowledge the truth. Today we honor those ancestors with this acknowledgement."



Chinuk wawa skul teachers and students sing during Orange Shirt Day in front of the Tribal Governance Center on Monday, Sept. 30.

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 grant application for forestry projects

By Danielle Harrison

 $Smoke\ Signals\ editor$

Tribal Council approved moving forward with a grant application that – if awarded – would help the Tribe's Natural Resources Department implement small forestry projects.

The approval during the Wednesday, Oct. 9, Tribal Council meeting is for a \$200,000 grant application to the River Network Rooting Resilience program.

"This grant is specifically designed for federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations for the planning and implementing of small community forestry projects in disadvantaged communities," Tribal Grants Manager Wendy Sparks said during a Tuesday, Oct. 8, Legislative Action Committee meeting. "We hope to submit this application by the end of October and we anticipate receiving this award by January."

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George thanked Natural Resources Department Native Nursery Supervisor Jeremy Ojua for his work helping to restore Indigenous plants to the landscape.

"I want to thank him for his continuing work with the nursery there," he said. "I know he's doing a wonderful job with expanding it and it's a great example of how he's creating that stock to restore a lot of native plants."

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Re-appointed Robert Miller to serve on the Tribal Court of Appeals for a 2-year term;
- Approved the Tribal Housing Department's 2025 Indian Housing Plan for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- Approved the Tribe's updated 2024 Title IV (civil rights) Plan as required by agencies that fund the Tribe's public transit programs;
- Approved a professional services agreement with Sembit of Beaverton for the development of an app for Tribal members with the goal of launching it by January;
- Approved appointing Tribal Council member Kathleen George to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees with a term ending on Sept. 30, 2025;
- Approved enrolling four infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance;
- And denied enrolling one infant into the Tribe because they didn't 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. ■

Clothes Closet open

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

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

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



Shayla Duke appointed to state building codes board

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek has appointed Tribal member Shayla Duke to serve as the Oregon Disabilities Commission liaison to the state Building Codes Structures Board.

In September, Duke, who lives in Eugene, spoke to the state Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Appointments, whose members confirm the governor's appointments.

Ensuring that building codes reflect the needs of all community members, including those with disabilities, is vital, Duke told the committee.

"Buildings should be wired not only for sound alerts such as the traditional

ear-piercing smoke alarm tones, but also for visual alerts like flashing lights, for people who are deaf or hard of hearing," she said. "Live wired intercom systems should also be a standard requirement."

Duke said she brings both work and personal experience to the appointment, as she is serving her second year on the Oregon Disabilities Commission. She has also worked in leadership roles in construction administration, housing and the nonprofit sector, and as a personal support worker.

Duke copes with mobility challenges brought on by a 2018 car accident.

"I have seen firsthand the importance of creating accessible environments for all, particularly for individuals with disabilities," Duke said. "It is vital that our building codes promote inclusivity, allowing everyone to fully participate in their communities."

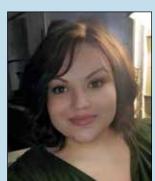
GAMING ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

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. ■



Shayla Duke

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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

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

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

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

Successful candidates must provide the following insurance:

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

Submit your proposal to Tammy Garrison via U.S. mail or email. Tammy Garrison, Social Service Department 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Tammy.garrison@grandronde.org 503-879-2077

Road 690 gates closed

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

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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TIMELINE



OCT 16

Constitutional
Amendment
Community MeetingBIA Election Process

NOV 4

Registration

Deadline/

Registered Voter

List Posted

NOV 8
Ballots
Mailed

NOV 20
Constitutional
Amendment
Community Meeting
#2-Language

DEC 9
Election
Date/
Election
Results

Office Hours with Tribal Staff Constitutional Amendment
Community Meeting #1
-Language/ Deadline for
List Challenges
NOV 7

Office Hours With Tribal Staff Office Hours With Tribal Staff

OCT 22

NOV 15

DEC 3



All meetings and office hours will be Hybrid.
In-Person location is the Tribal Council Chambers in the Tribal Governance Center.
Scan for more information and to register for online participation.

Important Note: The Election Board will be holding office hours from Oct 17- Nov 26 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00AM -1:00PM in the Community Center.

Station is an exercise in Tribal sovereignty

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"premiere" departments that her agency partners with.

"There is no better place that exemplifies community and family," she said.

"We're very excited to start a new journey here, operating out of this station," Assistant Fire Chief Torey Wakeland said, as he welcomed the crowd. "I think it's going to increase our capacity to serve this community and give us a good, permanent home for the foreseeable future."

Warden said the moment was an emotional one.

"It was through the dedication, the hard work and cooperation of our Tribal leaders, the council, the people in the background and our staff, who believed in the dream, that made all this possible," Warden said. "I fell in love with this community years and years ago. I am so proud and thankful that I've had the opportunity to be part of building what we have today."

Tribal General Manager Angie



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden, right, talks about the quartermaster room during a tour of the new Grand Ronde Emergency Services Station during the grand opening on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Blackwell said the new station was an exercise in Tribal sovereignty, congratulating the department for its hard work.

Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek gave the invocation, and members of the Tribe's Canoe Family drummed and sang.

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The new headquarters was originally intended be a substation, Administrative Services Lieutenant Mariah Walters said, but after changing course the department added 21,000 square feet to the design.

Before, Walters said, five people on duty had to share three dorms. The new building has eight dorms to be shared among 11 people on duty. The department has 45 employees and there is an option to convert two offices into dorms in the future if the department can achieve its goal of starting a residential training program for Tribal students from across the country.

The original fire station opened in 2010 and enabled the West Valley Fire District to staff it with two fire-fighters per shift, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. At that time, the department served Grand Ronde only, and the local station significantly reduced response times.

In 2020, the Tribe created its own fire department, while the West Vally Fire District, which was in Willamina, joined Sheridan and Southwest Polk to create a single district. The district encountered problems however, and in 2022, the Tribe assumed responsibility for all fire and emergency medical calls in West Valley. An intergovernmental agreement with the West Valley district directs the Tribe to operate fire services in Willamina through 2027.

Also in 2022, Tribal Council approved a contract for \$687,800 with Scholten Construction of Willamina to construct the new fire station.

Keizer Fire Department Deputy Fire Marshal Anne-Marie Storus, who's known Warden for several years, said that it was exciting to be a part of the grand opening and that the new station benefits both the local community and the entire state.

"It's just exciting to be here ... to see the new facility and all the great things you're going to be able to do," she said.

Firefighter Jackson Earhart, who joined the Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department nearly a year ago, said he and the other firefighters are delighted with the new station.

"It's just amazing the quality of people that we have and the dedication of everybody in the department," Earhart said. ■

Drop box installed

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

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

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

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

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

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





Linton fighting for more than a title

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

Pain is stitched through Tribal member Denny Linton's life story. There is pain inflicted by the violent sport he credits with giving him a path forward, and the emotional pain of a background steeped in trauma, drugs and alcohol. There is the pain of losing people he loved and sometimes, having to walk away from people he loved to find his own way.

But pain, Linton said, can be learned from and overcome. If it outlines his story, it is, nonetheless, only one part of it. There are other parts as well: Family. Love. Friendship. Pride in his accomplishments. The desire to help others fight their way out of addiction.

Linton, 33, has a seven-fight winning streak, and a pro mixed martial arts record of eight fights won, three lost and one draw. He fights in the featherweight class, most recently on Sept. 7 at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln

City, where he defeated opponent Jimmy Zydek.

"I'm gonna show people that I belong competing with the best in the world," he said.

On Nov. 2, Linton, known in the mixed martial arts world as "Mountain Warrior," will be back at Chinook Winds to defend his world title as featherweight king of the cage, and he said he wants that fight to serve as inspiration to others.

"I want to dedicate this next fight to anybody that can't fight for themselves, a victim of abuse," Linton said. "I want to bring courage and



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member and mixed martial arts fighter Denny Linton is seen in the cage he trains in at his home in Grand Ronde. Linton is known in the MMA world as "Mountain Warrior," a nickname his mother gave him. In the background are antlers that were shed by a bull elk and additional belts he has won. Over the years, he and his brothers watched the elk in the Grand Ronde area and it became significant to them and the antlers also relate to his "Mountain Warrior" nickname.



Courtesy photo by Justin Hoover/Travel & Adventure Photography

strength to anybody suffering. I want them to know that they're not alone, and there's people willing to fight for them."

Linton said doctors have told

Denny Linton body slams Tristin Kamaka during a King of the Cage: Grudge Match fight at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City in February. Linton defeated Kamaka in round 2.

him he needs to stop fighting due to damage he's already sustained from the sport.

He isn't ready to do that yet.

"I never really looked into it or headed their advice ... It's been a way to allow me to heal and cope with the pain that I'm going through, the things that I've seen, the people I've lost in my life, the ones I've walked away from," he said. "It's allowing me to heal."

In the meantime, however, he hopes to begin teaching wrestling to give back to the community. Eventually, he said, he'd like to open his own gym.

It has taken a lot of fighting to get where he is today. Linton said his parents, like so many of their generation, fell into addiction; his mother to drugs and his father to alcohol.

"We grew up in kind of a broken home," he said. "I don't have a lot of memories of those times."

Eventually, he said his father was able to remain sober, and moved himself and his children to Willamina.

"He was a logger," Linton said.
"That was a rough job, as a single dad of six. I grew up in Tribal housing."

While in housing, he found that drinking and drugs were "all around."

"I grew up fighting on the Rez," Linton said. "It was a thing we did, our fun back then."

He didn't know at the time that fighting would provide a path for him. In third grade, Linton said, his father got him into wrestling. "Dad really put in a lot of work to make sure we got good training," he said, and he grew to love the sport.

"I think I was in high school when one of my coaches from Willamina, Ray Carpenter, had a cage fight," he recalled. "I went and watched it live, and I think like a month later, I was in a cage. It's been a bumpy road, but here we are."

That was in 2009.

Linton started as an amateur fighter, he said, and then went pro, but drug addiction took hold.

"I walked down a rough patch in life," he said. "I was in and out of jail and prison for quite a few years. The last time I was in prison, I spent 360 days in the hole, in solitary confinement."

During that time, he said, "I was really able to tap into my soul. ... I had a journal and I wrote down a 5-year plan. ... I visualized it every day and thought about it, and put in a lot of work on my body and my mind."

Included in that plan were making it into the UFC – the Ultimate Fighting Championship company – and buying a house.

Today, the house has become a reality. He and wife Shilo have four children ages 5 to 15, and after taking a break from fighting from 2018 to 2023, Linton is back at it.

He and Shilo, he said, "make such a good team. We're grateful for everything we have. We know we've just got to keep putting in the work and moving forward."

For awhile after prison, Linton said, the family lived with Shilo's parents.

"My father-in-law had a talk with me, and said I needed to quit fighting and get to work," he recalled.

Soon after, Linton took a job as a timber faller.

"I went to work and kind of nailed that five-year plan with a chainsaw," he said.

Today, he divides his time between work, training – either in Portland or at home – and spending time with his children, Brenda, 5, Denny, 6, Mila, 9 and Kel-ani, 15.

"Being present for my kids is really important to me," he said.

But the road hasn't been easy. Linton acknowledged that "I was drinking heavily last year, and still training, working heavy hours."

A friend loaned him a cage to set up at home, and he added a punching bag, Linton said. "It was really good for my mental health," he said, and he was able to get himself into shape to start fighting again.

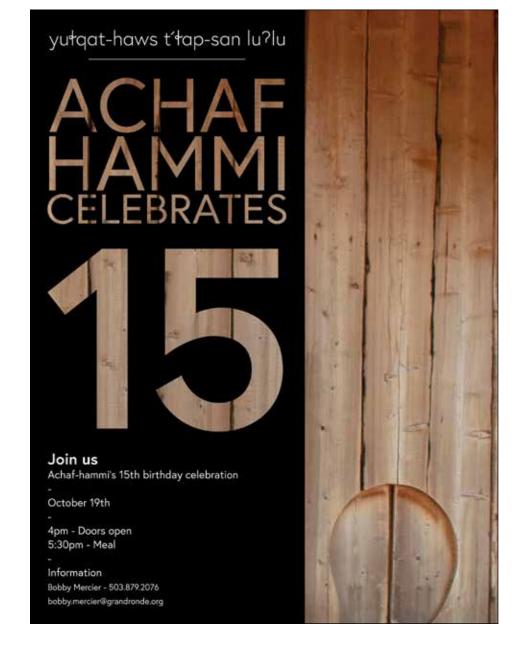
An injury in December derailed him temporarily, but he now has a winning streak of seven fights and is looking forward to the next one.

Eventually, he'd like to "put the saw down," and open his own gym where he can coach others.

"I want to show people that grew up like I did that there is a way to heal, or grow into your pain, because you can't escape it," Linton said. "You've gotta grow into it and learn something from it."

Linton said it was his mother who gave him his fighting nickname of "Mountain Warrior."

"She was a dreamer too," he said. "She was such a beautiful soul; always happy, and somebody to talk to. I named my daughter after her. It was really important that we keep that special part of her, and I honestly believe she's helped me in a lot of ways. She's one of the ones who looks after us." ■



Tribal emergency services chief running for sheriff

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden is seeking a potential new adventure: Polk County Sheriff.

Warden, 62, decided to run because he thinks voters deserve an alternative to having only one candidate – current Polk County Sheriff Mark Garton – on the ballot.

"Oregon Revised Statutes says that the sheriff is the chief executive officer of the county and is responsible for preserving the peace," Warden said. "That's a big responsibility and duty to just get swept through without people having (a different option). It just doesn't work."

Warden has worked full-time for the Tribe since 2016, when he took the position of emergency manager. He was promoted to emergency services chief in 2020 and was charged with creating a fire department to serve the Grand Ronde community and later, the area served at the time by the Willamina-based West Valley Fire District.

"At first I really struggled with the decision (to run for sheriff) because to be 100 percent transpar-



Steve Warden

ent and honest. I have the best job that anybody could ever have right now," he said. "I've been empowered by the Tribe and our leadership to build something from nothing and before that, when I was emergency manager, there was all kinds of support. We were able to do things I haven't seen in regular government before. ... I saw an opportunity to take some of the skills and experiences, things that I've learned building this place, that could transfer over into revamping, reshaping and redirecting the current sheriff's office."

Warden said that the experience of working collaboratively with different agencies will be useful if he is elected to a four-year term as Polk County Sheriff.

"Sheriff's offices are traditional organization and I'm not one to tamper with tradition," he said. "But at the same time, you must take a good, hard, introspective look at your organization. I've taken an outsider's look and heard an awful lot of comments from the outside about how people would like to see the sheriff's office go in a different direction, to be more engaged with the community and be more responsive to people's problems."

Warden grew up in the Eola Hills area west of Salem and attended West Salem Elementary School, then-Walker Junior High and South Salem High School. He attended Chemeketa Community College.

Warden developed an interest in law enforcement and firefighting when he was in high school, as a volunteer cadet with the Salem Police Department and through a firefighting program with Marion County.

He went to work full-time as a sheriff's deputy in Yamhill County in 1984, an experience that would spark his desire to work for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. He retired from the county in 2011 but was rehired on a part-time basis overseeing the communications system. Warden will retire from that contract position in November.

If elected, one of Warden's goals is to increase patrols on county highways to improve safety for drivers.

"Up until recently, you haven't seen a lot of (law enforcement) visibility out on the highways," he said. "And if you commute from Salem out here, it's like being in a NASCAR race and you're in the slow car that's getting passed by the maniacs. ... I'd like to develop a multi-agency traffic team to focus on gathering analysis through traffic crash investigations on the major crashes, and direct patrols and enforcement that would give us the opportunity to utilize the resources of other agencies and not

have a severe impact on budgets or on the taxpayers. ... There are so many things that impact people and traffic is number one. There are people killed it seems monthly in Polk County for no reason other than lack of responsibility on the road. ... During COVID, traffic enforcement pretty much went away and it's taken a long while for people to start reengaging on that."

The other area Warden would like to focus on is what he said is a combination homeless and mental health crisis.

"Everybody looks to the sheriff and wonders what you're going to do about this," he said. "It's not a strict law enforcement area though. There needs to be a focus on engaging the services that specialize in these areas and forming partnerships with your health and human services, mental health departments and service integration teams for people who really do want the help. ... Then, there's the drug-addicted people and the worst thing we did was legalize all the drugs and didn't have an idea of what the impact would be. Again, it's not a sheriff thing but the sheriff gets stuck being responsible for the crimes that are committed due to the drug-addicted homelessness. ... At some point and time, you need to deal with those things.

He continued, "And then the rest of the group you've got is folks with mental health issues and there are more people on the streets because of it then you could ever imagine. With the closing of mental health facilities came the jailing of people with mental health issues for minor crimes. Jail is not a place for somebody with those issues. It's the last place they should be. Again, there needs to be that multi-disciplinary approach to deal with those issues."

When asked why Polk County residents should consider voting for him, Warden said he'll do things differently and better.

"Everything I've talked about just scratches the surface on how I think things should be done better," he said. "I bring an outside perspective and multi-disciplinary approach to leadership." ■

Education open house



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Karley Strouse lifts her daughter Claire Strouse, 4. so she can reach a book



during the Tribe's Education Department open house and book launch on Thursday, Oct. 3. Eight books that were written by Tribal members Justine Flynn, Cheyanne Heidt and Tribal Elder Kathy Cole were distributed throughout the Education Department buildings for attendees to collect.



Marie Quenelle, 14, left, and Hazel Krehbiel, 2, dance during the Tribe's Education Department youth jam held in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Oct. 3. Boxed dinners with sandwiches, chips and cookies were provided at the event following the open house.



A symbol of collaboration years in the making

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the Oregon Department of Human Services have been collaborating for the past several years on how to help Tribal families access needed services.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the two organizations marked their government-to-government relationship by raising the Grand Ronde Tribal flag at the ODHS Polk County office in Dallas.

Tribal Elders Dave Leno and Henry Petite raised the flag as Leno's daughter, Tribal Social Services Department Manager Dana Ainam and Petite's daughter, Children & Family Services Program Manager Kristi Petite, looked on.

This event has been more than two years in the making to honor the longstanding government-to-government relationship between ODHS and the Tribe, according to a press release written by ODHS Tribal Affairs Communication Specialist Tony Aaron Fuller (Colville and Yakama).

"The Grand Ronde Tribal Flag now proudly flies in front of the Polk County ODHS office in Dallas, symbolizing our shared dedication and ongoing collaboration," the press release stated.

ODHS District Manager Cydney Nestor discussed the flag's deeper meaning during the ceremony.

"As we raise this flag today, let it symbolize more than just a banner," she said. "We hope it serves as a continual reminder for Polk County to recognize and engage with our local Tribal communities. This flag is both a reflection on past harms and a beacon of hope for future collaboration. It calls us to deepen our understanding, foster



Courtesy photo by Amber Zimbrick

Tribal Elders Dave Leno, left, and Henry Petite raise a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde flag at the Oregon Department of Human Services Dallas office on Tuesday, Sept. 17, as Leno's daughter, Tribal Social Services Department Manager Dana Ainam, second from right, and Petite's daughter, Children & Family Services Program Manager Kristi Petite, look on.

stronger relationships, and ensure our services genuinely respect and serve the Tribal Elders, children and families."

Kristi Petite noted in an email to Smoke Signals that the Tribe's Social Services Department often collaborates with ODHS on how to support the membership in accessing state support and services.

"The conversation (regarding the Tribal flag) arose as Klamath County had just opened up their Indian Child Welfare Act Court, working closely with the Klamath Tribes, and having the Klamath flag raised was such a meaningful event for them all down there," Petite said. "It took two-and-ahalf years for Polk County to get all the approvals to get the actual pole raised, which lead to a lot of conversations amongst our programs around all the systematic barriers that people/families face when trying to access services/ supports."

In addition to services such as the supplemental nutrition assistance program and daycare assistance, ODHS representatives have also begun career development support in the effort to recruit Tribal members for social services and state government jobs, both remote and in-person. Available positions range from entry-level to leadership roles.

In 2022, ODHS established a Tribal recruitment team, which includes two employees, Senior Tribal Recruiter Greg Azure

(Santee Sioux) and Tribal Recruiter Michelle Ochoa, who are focused on building strategies for attracting Tribal candidates.

"To enhance Native representation in the Oregon Department of Human Services, increasing Tribal participation in our workforce is essential," Azure said. "We believe that employees with a Tribal perspective are vital for effective decision-making and engagement with Tribal communities. As a state agency, we are committed to maintaining a government-to-government relationship with federally recognized Tribes and honor sovereignty throughout Indian Country."

Azure added that since then, they have worked with various Oregon Tribes, including Grand Ronde, to raise awareness about employment opportunities and services available to their members.

"Cur outreach includes an email "E-Blast" that reaches over a thousand contacts, featuring job postings aimed at candidates who support Tribal interests," he said. "The Tribal recruitment team also offers various services to assist candidates, including skills assessments, application help, resume and cover letter support, mock interviews, and post-employment assistance."

For more information, contact Azure at 503-509-6443 or Ochoa at 541-952-9928, or visit oregon.gov/employ/jobseekers/Pages/default.aspx.



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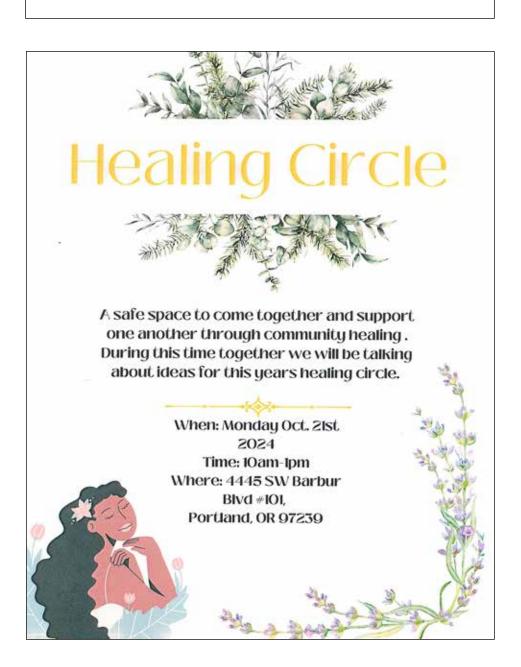
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Watchlist: 'Rez Ball'

(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

From the co-creator of "Reservation Dogs," Sterlin Harjo, and with LeBron James as a producer, a new movie called "Rez Ball" has made its way to Netflix, a membership-based entertainment streaming service.

The movie follows a Native American basketball team from New Mexico called the Chuska Warriors, who continue to play the game after their star player died by suicide.

"It's time to rely on our traditions," the assistant-coach said. "You descend from warriors."

The trailer shows the team preparing to play by smudging sage and shooting hoops on their reservation.

The tension builds as they are preparing for a championship game against the Santa Fe Catholic High School team. To help give them an advantage, the Chuska Warriors decide to call their plays in the Najavo language, so the other team can't anticipate their moves.

"We are going to do what we do best," their coach said. "Rez ball." The story is inspired by pieces written by Michael Powell and the real-life experience growing up on the reservation, a TIME magazine article stated.

If you would like to watch the trailer for yourself, you can find it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=plUsLi3elDg or watch the entire movie on Netflix. ■

Gaston fundraising for travel to Honolulu Marathon

Tribal Elder Veronica Gaston is planning to race walk the Honolulu Marathon on Dec. 8, 2024. She is raising funds for travel expenses through GoFundMe.

The link to donate to her fundraiser is https://gofund.me/33b87c1a.

"Thank you...all who donate will be entered in my special raffle to be held when I get home from the marathon," she said.

Tribe awarded \$1.9 million for renewable energy development

The Tribe has been selected as one of 34 recipients of significant funding from the Oregon Department of Energy.

The Community Renewable Energy Grant Program awarded the Tribe two grants totaling \$1.9 million to install 148-kilowatt rooftop solar and paired energy storage at the Tribe's child development center and resident recreation center. The recreation center is currently in the early development stages.

Solar and paired energy storage reduces risks from power outages and helps the community have access to places that offer heat, cooling and electricity during adverse weather events. ■

TERO Worker of the Month September 2024

Name: Madalyn Volz Employer: Wildish Standard Paving Co.

Position: Laborer apprentice Madalyn first joined the TERO program in April 2023. She immediately joined the Local 737 labor union and was dispatched out to Wildish Standard Paving Co. working on the South Yamhill River Bridge replacement in McMinnville. It was there that she became a key employee for Wildish where she learned many new skills.

Madalyn's passion is running heavy equipment which she had a chance to do on this project

Madalyn Volz

and hopes to join the operator's union soon.

We asked Madalyn how TERO has helped her and she said that TERO helped her land a great job with a great company and out-

standing wages. TERO is here to help all Tribal members as much as they can.

She also goes on to say to other Tribal members: "Reach out to

TERO for great job opportunities and a lifelong career for you and your family in the heavy highway industry. If you work hard and the company notices, they will keep you working and hire you on as a steady employee."

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Madalyn's dependability, hard work and dedication has earned her the September TERO Worker of the Month. Great job, Madalyn. Congratulations from the crew here at TERO. Keep up the good work!

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



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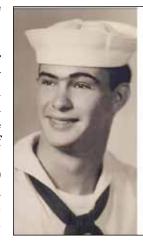
Monty Laverne Parazoo

Feb. 17, 1943 - Sept. 20, 2024

Tribal Elder Monty Laverne Parazoo passed away on Sept. 20, 2024, at the age of 81.

Monty was born to Walter Dewey Parazoo and Dorothy Theola (Beller) Parazoo on Feb. 17, 1943, and grew up in Sutherlin, Oregon. He was the second oldest boy in a family of nine children.

He joined the Navy in 1960 and served in the Pacific. In 1965, he married Louise (Garrett) and they had two daughters, Stephanie and Kimberly.





Monty served a long career as a firefighter for the city of Eugene. After retirement, he served on the Grand Ronde Housing Board, Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors and the Grand Ronde Honor Guard. He spent his later years with his wife, Nancy (Jones).

Monty was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise; daughter, Kimberly Grenz; two sisters, Wanda Parazoo and Joyce (Parazoo) Wilson; two brothers, Rodney and Michael Dewey; and parents, Walter and Dorothy Parazoo.

Monty is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter, Stephanie (Parazoo) Boteilho; grandchildren, Kiera, Crystal, Isaiah, Jillian, Ruby and Dylan; and great-grandchildren, Alexander and Mira Jean; stepchildren, Chris, Andrea and Sean; sisters, Betty Bly, Marta Lu Clifford, Dell Dickison and Dee Edwards; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held in Eugene and Sutherlin.

Miller-Woodlawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park in Bremerton, Wash., is assisting the family.

Diane Marie Lane

Nov. 16, 1940 - Oct. 3, 2024

Tribal Elder Diane Lane passed away on Oct. 3, 2024, at the age of 83. Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas is assisting the family.

Services were held at Tribal plankhouse achaf-hammi on Tuesday, Oct. 7 and concluded on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Dean Harvey Azule Oct. 22, 1949 - Oct. 4, 2024

Longtime former Grand Ronde Tribal Education Director Dean Harvey Azule of Salem passed away on Oct. 4, 2024, from congestive heart failure and fluid in his lungs, at the age of 74.

Virgil T Golden Mortuary of Salem provided a funeral service and viewing on Tuesday, Oct. 8, with Robert Tom officiating the service. A meal was held following the service at Portland State University Native Center.

Dean will be buried at Spino Cemetery in Pendleton next to his son, Steven, with Thomas Morning Owl officiating at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.



Dean was born to John Clayton and Delores (Vavages) Azule on Oct. 22, 1949, in Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of the Gila River Tribe and was a longtime employee of the Grand Ronde Tribe's Education Department, serving as its first education director for several years after Restoration.

Dean graduated from St. Johns High School in Sacaton, Arizona, in 1967 and Western Oregon University in 2008.

His employers included Eastern Oregon State Hospital, the Salem-Keizer School District, ombudsman for the state of Oregon, Northwest Regional Education for the Indian Reading Series, the Grand Ronde Tribe and Siletz Tribe.

Dean retired from Portland State University in 2016 where he served as a career counselor.

His interests included playing pool, watching Oregon State University baseball and football, University of Oregon football, deep sea salmon fishing in Alaska, attending powwows and listening to all types of music.

Dean is survived by his siblings, Anna and Gary Payestewa of Phoenix, Arizona; as well as his wife, Luella; son, Brian; daughter-in-law, Melinda; and granddaughter, Alyssa; all of Salem.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Clayton and Delores Azule; son, Steven; sister, Jeannie Azule; aunt, Elenore Vavages; aunt and uncle, Marge and Tony Sabori; and cousins, Gilbert, Annette and Carmelita.

Dean was well loved by many friends, co-workers, and family.

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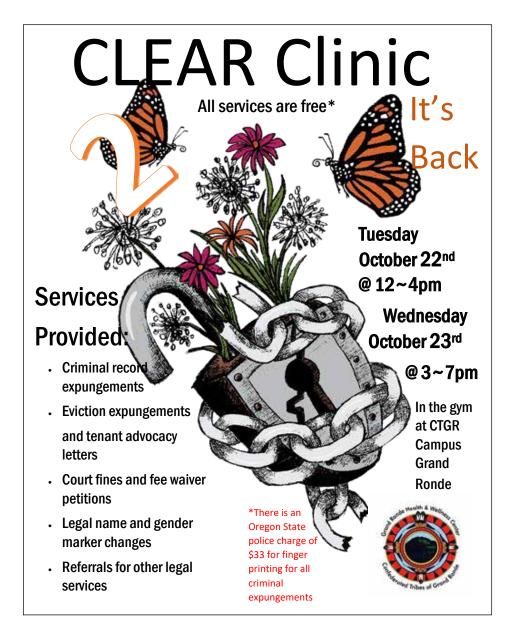
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Co-constructed with advisors from the CTGR education department, this dissertation study aims to gather information regarding the educational experiences and needs of our tribal citizens, through high school and beyond.

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.

To participate in this study you must:

- Be an enrolled tribal member
- 18 years old or older

Study participation involves:

 10-15 minutes to fill out a survey

Participants who complete the survey will have the option to enroll in a \$25 digital gift card raffle!

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. ■



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Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
Licensed Practical Nurse Part-Time – Salem – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Forester	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Single Role Paramedic	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
Driver/Wellness Assistant	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
Silviculture & Fire Protection Technician	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
Health Promotion Specialist – Public Health	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Firefighter (EMT/Paramedic Preferred) On-Call	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
Recovery House Manager	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
IT Auditor	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
Education Coordinator	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	10/06/24
Health Promotion Specialist - Community Health	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	10/14/24
Temporary Pool – (Closed for system upgrade)	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	09/26/24

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If you have already applied for an open position through Acquire, your application will remain active. You do not need to reapply in UKG.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde offers generous ben TERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

Grand Ronde Tribal members.
 Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration birs and the recruitment process will end!

Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employee
 External candidates.

Apply online at: www.grandronde.c



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Assistant Food and Beverage Manager	10/10/2024	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Guest Services Cashier (*Part-Time)	10/10/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Hotel Front Desk Clerk	10/10/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Attendant (*Part-Time)	10/10/2024	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Uniform Attendant	10/10/2024	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Water/Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator	10/10/2024	\$23.24/hr. DOE
Assistant Banquet Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Bartender (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Executive Chef	Until Filled	DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician I	Until Filled	\$19.39/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips

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

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

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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

Memploymentteam@spiritmtn.com https://www.spiritmountain.com/careers

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.

Happy birthday, **Sadie May**

Happy 1st birthday to Jeffers descendant Sadie May, daughter of Emma Bradshaw and granddaughter of Tribal member Joanne Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always be near to you. "Que Sera, Sera," says the dolphin. Lots of love sent your way from "Gma JoJo" and family.



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Public Notice

Applications Accepted for Multiple Waiting Lists

 $Salem\ Housing\ Authority\ will\ be\ accepting\ applications\ for\ multiple\ waiting\ lists,\ starting\ at\ 9:00\ amplified\ or\ multiple\ or\$ PDT on Saturday, October 26, 2024, and closing at 11:59 on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

Englewood East Small Building: 1 and 2-bedroom units. Disabled households only (head of household, spouse, or co-head must be a person with a disabling condition). Rent based on income.

Brush College and Meadowlark Village: 1 and 4-bedroom units. This project includes units with mobility accessibility features. Rent based on income.

Livingston and Northgate Village: 1 and 4-bedroom (4-9 people) units. This project includes units with mobility accessibility features. Rent based on income

Southfair Project-Based Voucher: 2- and 3-bedroom units. Rent based on income.

Mahonia Crossing Project-Based Voucher: 1-bedroom units for elderly households (head, spouse, cohead is age 62+). Rent based on income.

Income limits between 40-60% Area Median Income, as established by HUD.

How to Apply

To apply, visit <u>www.salemhousingor.com</u> and click the "Apply Now" link. Paper applications are also accepted as a reasonable accommodation. Paper applications may be requested by contacting SHA at housing@salemhousingor.com or (503) 588-6368.

Equal Housing Opportunity

4 de octubre, 2024

Noticia Pública

Solicitudes aceptadas para múltiples listas de espera

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Salem aceptará solicitudes para múltiples listas de espera, a partir de las 9:00 a.m. PDT del sábado 26 de octubre 2024 y cerrará a las 11:59 el domingo 17 de noviembre 2024.

 $\textbf{Englewood East:}\ 1\ y\ 2\ dormitorios\ Solo\ familias\ con\ discapacidad.\ Esta\ propiedad\ ofrece\ asistencia\ de\ alquiler\ del$ programa HUD 202/8. El alquiler del es aproximadamente el 30% del ingreso mensual.

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Livingston and Northgate Village: de 1 y 4 dormitorios. El alquiler del es aproximadamente el 30% del ingreso

 $\textbf{Southfair Comprobante basado en Proyecto: } 2 \ y \ 3 \ dormitorios. \ El \ alquiler \ del \ es \ aproximadamente \ el \ 30\% \ del$

Mahonia Crossing Comprobante basado en Proyecto: 1 dormitorio hogares para de personas mayores (el jefe de familia, el cónyuge o el codirector debe tener 62 años o más). El alquiler del es aproximadamente el 30% del

Límites de ingresos entre 40% y 60% del ingreso medio del área, según lo establecido por HUD.

Para enviar una solicitud, visite www.salemhousingor.com y haga clic en el enlace "Apply Now" ("Solicitar ahora"). También se aceptan solicitudes impresas como adaptación razonable. Las solicitudes en papel se pueden solicitar comunicándose con SHA en housing@salemhousingor.com o (503) 588-6368.

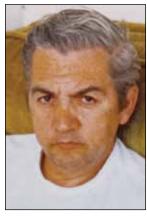
Oportunidad Igual de Vivienda

The mission of Salem Housing Authority is to assist low- and moderate-income families to achieve self-sufficiency through stable housing, economic opportunity, community investment, and coordination with social service provider

Happy birthday, **Jacob Bradshaw**

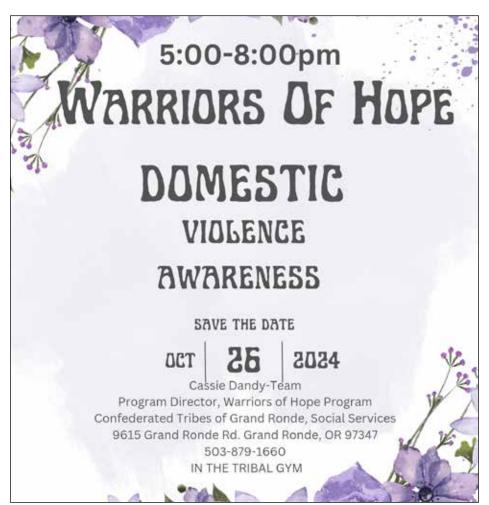
Happy 24th birthday to Jeffers descendant Jacob Bradshaw, son of Tribal member Joanne Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always be near to you. "Work hard, play hard," says the squirrel. Lots of love sent your way Bub!





Happy birthday, **Larry Lynch**

Happy birthday in memaloose illahee (heaven) to Jeffers descendant/Tribal Elder Larry Lynch. Hayu masi for teaching us to listen, to have patience and to not give up so quickly. You're greatly missed! Eagle feathers up, dad. We love you!







Online portal and temporary ID cards

The Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID) would like to welcome you aboard! We are excited for the partnership with Grand Ronde and want to thank you for your continued patience while we transition the Grand Ronde Health Plans over to FCPID.

We are excited to announce that you can now access our online portal to view your information, claims and to access an online temporary ID card.

How to register online:

Click: FCP Portal (hi-techhealth.com)

Username: Member ID (ex: GRSXXXXXXXX or GREXXXXXXXX)

Password: Your date of birth (ex: mmddyyyy)

*You will be prompted to change your password upon logging in.

Q: Why should I create an online account?

A: If you create an online account, you will be able to view your claims and online ID Card

Q: What if I have trouble logging into my account?

A: Contact FCP Insurance at 715-478-4610 via phone, text or email fcpinsurance@fcp-nsn.gov

Q: When will I receive my new ID cards in the mail? **A:** ID cards will be going out in the mail soon.

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 everall wellness.



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.

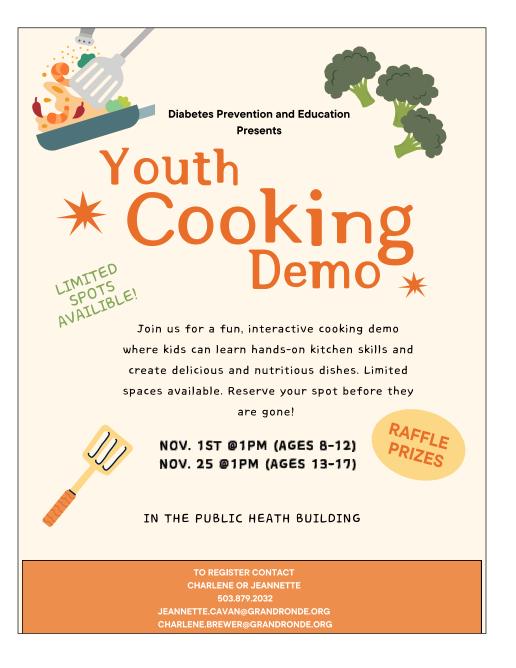
The ACS estimates for breast cancer in men in the US for 2024 are:

- 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. ■



Grand Ronde Preschool PLAY. LEARN. GROW

Announcements

Aftercare is now Tuesday-

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.

Goodbye Rituals

Goodbye Rituals can help children cope with separation. Establishing a daily routine and continuing throughout the school year can help develop the child's confidence in their ability to handle separation.

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: W How much sleep does my child

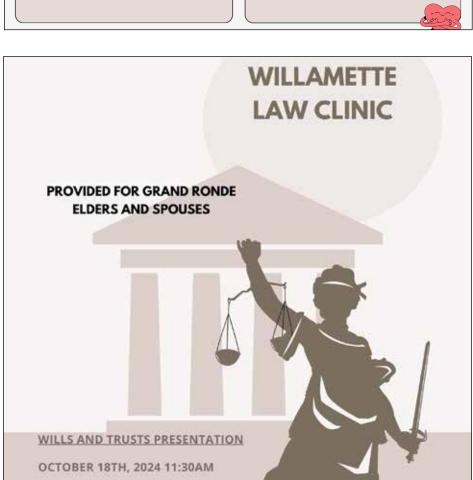
How much screen time is too much for my child?

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.









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Two Spirit (LGBTQIA+) Program Coordinator \$27-29/hr

Advocate for Youth Survivors of Sex Trafficking \$27/hr

Family Housing Advocate - Mobile

Housing Team \$25-27/hr

Foster Care - Family First Advocate \$25/hr **GED Success Coach** \$25/hr

Family Parenting Support Advocate \$24/hr

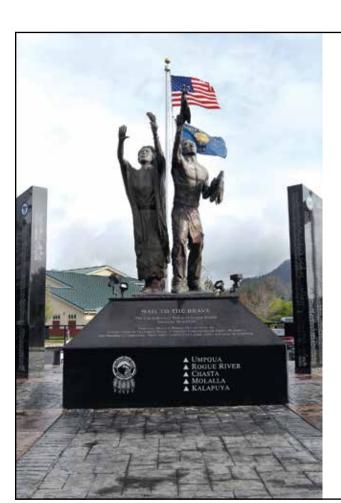


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*All applicants must submit a copy of their DD214. If applicant is deceased, a family member or spouse can submit a copy of their DD214. If you are a CTGR Tribal member please attach a copy of your Tribal ID. If you are non-Tribal please attach a copy 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.