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## Boarding school abuses exposed

**Documentary brings long-hidden mistreatment out**

By Nicole Montesano

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

The voices are quiet, the descriptions of incomprehensible cruelty told in few words.

The documentary film, “Sugarcane,” accomplishes something few have managed: Convincing Indigenous survivors of a Canadian residential school to discuss some of the atrocities they experienced or witnessed as children. Their difficulty in doing so is clear in their strained voices and sparse accounts.

The film tells a story that had not previously been told, Director Julian Brave NoiseCat explained at a screening at Spirit Mountain Casino on Tuesday,

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Julian Brave NoiseCat speaks during a question-and-answer session following a community screening of the documentary film “Sugarcane” held at Spirit Mountain Casino’s Event Center on Tuesday, Oct. 8. The screening was hosted by the Tribe, Native Wellness Institute and Future Generations Collaborative. NoiseCat is co-director of the film and Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier, left, led the post-film discussion.**

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## Listening session explains immense task of unearthing records

By Nicole Montesano

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

The work is mundane and grueling; hours of combing through an endless succession of boxes of old records and digitally scanning each one, handling the fragile, aging paper with care to keep it from disintegrating.

But those documents, buried for decades in government archives, are vital. They contain the dis-

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turbing records of thousands of Indigenous children, torn from their families and enrolled in boarding schools to be stripped of

their language and culture. Abuse was rampant and the survivors emerged traumatized. A legacy of broken families, health problems,

alcohol and drug addiction and suicide followed.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, members of the National Boarding School Digital Archives, which is run by the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, visited the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to talk about their work in bringing

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## Tribe to celebrate 41 years of Restoration Nov. 22-23



Smoke Signals file photo

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

Nov. 22, 1983, is a day that will forever be etched in Grand Ronde Tribal history because it was the day that President Ronald Reagan signed House Resolution 3885, restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe to federal recognition.

The Tribe had been terminated 29 years before and his signature on the bill officially ended that

dark time.

Now, the Tribe is poised to celebrate 41 years of Restoration and all of the accomplishments that have come with it.

“Our community has grown so much over the past 41 years,” Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said. “Restoration is a special

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**Nacoma Leibelt, 15, dances during grand entry of the Tribe’s 40th Restoration Powwow at Spirit Mountain Casino’s Event Center last November. The 41st Restoration Celebration will be on Friday, Nov. 22 and the 41st Restoration Powwow will be on Saturday, Nov. 23.**



# 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.

## NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 6.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 20.....	4 p.m.

### 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 observance of Restoration Day. Offices will close noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, and remain closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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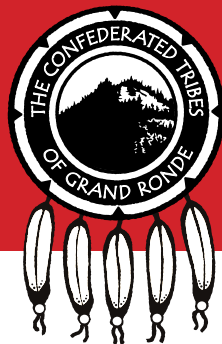
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DEADLINE DATE	ISSUE DATE	MEMBERS OF:
Friday, Nov. 8 .....	Nov. 15	Indigenous Journalists Association
Wednesday, Nov. 20 .....	Dec. 1	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Monday, Dec. 9.....	Dec. 15	2022 IJA General Excellence
Monday, Dec. 23 .....	Jan. 1	2023 IJA General Excellence

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## HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

#HSAM

For Head Start Awareness Month, we asked CTGR General Manager Angle Blackwell to share with us some history of Head Start in the Grand Ronde Community. Here is what she shared:

"Back in 1992 the Tribe didn't have a grant to fund Head Start services, so CeCe Kneeland, who was working in Education at the time, partnered with YCAP to offer a classroom in Grand Ronde. I was just wrapping up my associate's degree in Early Childhood Education so I applied for and was offered the teacher position. Tribal member June Olson was hired as our Family Advocate and Head Start parent, Donna Marner, was hired as our cook. At one time, Vikki Bishop was an aide and went on to become the first Head Start director when the Tribe secured its own Head Start grant. Our first classroom was housed in the Community Center until our building (which is now the Clothing Closet) could be renovated. Every Friday we had to take the entire classroom down and every Monday we had to put it back up. That was typical for Head Start back then, and we were the envy of all Head Start teachers in Yamhill County when we moved into the renovated house in the picturesque setting. Later a modular unit was purchased to add another classroom and in the early 2000's the program moved into the current ECE building." Program expansions in Early Childhood Education have led to the development of the new Child Development Center currently being constructed on campus.



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# IN THE FUTURE



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**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.
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Community open house and dinner, 5-7 p.m., Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. Learn about the collaboration between the Tribe and Tualatin River and Wapato Lake national wildlife refuges. Contact [jesse.norton@grandronde.org](mailto:jesse.norton@grandronde.org) for more information.
- 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](mailto: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 [kalapuyaweaver@gmail.com](mailto:kalapuyaweaver@gmail.com) 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.

**tałlam-pi-wakwst-mun (December)**

- Sunday, Dec. 1 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 – Tribal offices closing at noon in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31 – Tribal offices closing at noon in observance of New Year's Eve.

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

## Indigenous celebration



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**Tribal Elder Jan Michael Looking Wolf (Reibach) performs “We Rise” during the Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebration at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City on Sunday, Oct. 13. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy gave the welcome address. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George is one of the event organizers and was in attendance, along with Tribal Council member Denise Harvey. Tribal member Tracy Moreland read the land acknowledgement. “It was wonderful,” George said. “There was fry bread and lots of vendor booths with arts and crafts. It was a very, very good day with lots of attendance.”**

## 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. ■

*Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
41st Restoration Celebration*



**November 22**

*Program*

10:00 a.m. Doors Open  
Tamanowas exhibit, Vendors

10:30 a.m. Canoe Family  
11:00 a.m. Program, Tamanowas Panel  
11:30 a.m. Meal  
12:15p.m. Return to Restoration  
1:00p.m. Drawings, must be present

Vendor tables still available:  
contact  
[publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org)

**November 23**

*POWWOW*

10:00 a.m. Doors Open  
11:00 a.m. Concession Open  
12:00 p.m. Grand Entry

Emcee: Bob Tom, Arena Director:  
Dietrich Peters, Headman: Chad Leno, Headwoman: Molly Leno  
Host Drum: Bad Soul  
Specials by:  
CTGR & Veterans Royalty,  
Arena Director (more to come)

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- COMPLETED WAITLIST APPLICATION

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If level of need and/or safety concerns at time of admission exceed a Level 2 Classification as defined by Oregon Department of Health Services OAR 411-049-0125, the applicant will be notified of ineligibility



# 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.”

Food box distribution dates may be different due to Tribal holidays on Friday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29. Call 503-879-3663 for details.

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 at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, 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

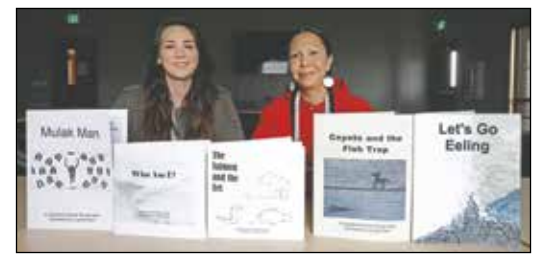
Now through Dec. 31, 2024, construction is occurring for the new child development center. During this time, there will be construction traffic using the loop road around the old powwow grounds across the street from the Governance Center.

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. ■



**2019** – Educators Mercedes Jones and Judith Fernandes worked with Chinuk Language Specialist Crystal Starr Szczepanski to create children’s books about traditional Grand Ronde stories. The books were created to help Tribal children see themselves reflected in their school story books.



2019

File photo

**2014** – Following a new ordinance, the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department began issuing concealed carry permits on Tribal lands. The permits were valid only on designated Grand Ronde lands, and weapons could not be carried inside buildings or locations where Tribal business was taking place.

**2009** – Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was scheduled to meet with President Barack Obama as a participant in the president’s Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C.

**2004** – The Tribe’s Project Manager held a meeting to let local residents provide comments on a proposed road-widening project along Grand Ronde Road to add crosswalks, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, along with other safety improvements intended to accommodate children walking to and from school, as well as other pedestrians and cyclists.

**1999** – The Cultural Resources Department succeeded in repatriating the remains of 180 men, women and children who had been stolen from their original burial places and incarcerated in museum vaults. A Smoke Signals article said, “These people represent only a small fraction of ancestors who still remain in various museums, institutions and private collections all over the United States and around the world,” and the department pledged to continue its work.

**1994** – Tribal member Jacqueline Grant, the Director of Eastern Oregon State College’s Native American program, was selected to receive a 1994 TRIO Achievers Award in Washington, D.C. The TRIO program offered educational opportunity programs to low-income and disadvantaged students interested in college.

**1989** – The Tribal Accounting Department was finishing up work on the 1988 and 1989 audits, and planning to start work within the next six months on an accounting manual and procedures.

**1984** – The Tribe held its first Restoration Powwow, with 1,000-plus people in attendance. U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin gave a keynote speech to celebrate the Tribe’s first year of being restored to official recognition by the federal government, and presented the Tribe with the framed Restoration Bill.

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

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# Tribal Council approves grant application for detox center

By Danielle Harrison

*Smoke Signals editor*

Tribal Council approved a \$4 million grant application to the Oregon Health Authority to help the Tribe continue its battle against opioid addiction at its Wednesday, Oct. 23, meeting.

If awarded, the grant would be used to help fund construction of a detox center and to continue supporting the Tribe's two medication assisted treatment facilities in Salem and Portland. The grant funds would also cover two substance use disorder counselors, three safety technicians, a system coordinator, a half-time medical director, medical supplies and beds.

The Tribe opened its first medication assisted clinic, Great Circle Recovery, on Commercial Street Northeast in Salem in 2021 and a Portland clinic in 2023. Since then, both clinics have served hundreds of clients.

Additionally, both clinics provide mobile units for those unable to get to the brick-and-mortar locations to receive treatment.

Great Circle Recovery is the first Tribally-owned opioid treatment program in Oregon, and its treat-

ment clinics are the option of last resort for people suffering from addiction, many of whom have tried to quit using drugs on multiple occasions.

The Tribe decided to open the two MAT clinics because of the epidemic of opioids disproportionately affecting Native Americans. Treatment offered at Great Circle is culturally sensitive and staff members view opioid addiction not as a moral failing, but as "a dirge on our people."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, opioid overdose deaths among Native Americans are much higher than the national average and have increased by a staggering 500 percent since 2000. This increase is mostly driven by synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl, which is 100 times more potent than morphine and often added to other street drugs to increase profits.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation for continued restoration work on the Tribe's conservation properties;
- Approved a conservation services agreement between the Tribe's

Natural Resources Department and the USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program to accept a grant for \$3,651;

- Approved a declaration of cooperation between the Tribe and the Willamette Valley Oak Prairie Cooperative;
- Approved a grant application for up to \$500,000 to the Miller Foundation of Portland to fund arts programming through the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department;
- Approved an application for a Meyer Memorial Trust general allocation grant for up to \$200,000 to supplement costs for the Tribe's Salmon Strength team and to hire a communications firm to help with outreach and messaging;
- Approved appointing Dara Dickinson and Melody Wright to the Housing Grievance Board with

terms ending March 31, 2027;

- Declared a per capita period of Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2024, with Dec.13 as the payment date;
- Approved a \$412,500 grant agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement floodplain restoration on the Tribe's 348-acre Chahalpam conservation property in Marion County;
- And approved a memorandum of understanding with Travel Oregon.

In other business, Tribal Council set the agenda for the Sunday, Nov. 3, General Council meeting, which will include a 2025 budget hearing in executive session.

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

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## 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. ■

## LISTEN TO SMOKE SIGNALS 108 PODCASTS

### Fifteen years later, Bobby Mercier reflects on Tribal Plankhouse achaf-hammi

Grand Ronde Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier joined the Smoke Signals podcast to reflect on the creation of the Grand Ronde Tribe's Plankhouse achaf-hammi, fifteen years later. Mercier takes a trip down down memory lane with photos from the Smoke Signals archive documenting the process of building the plankhouse in 2008. A birthday celebration for achaf-hammi was held Saturday, Oct. 19.



For more information, contact Kamiah Koch at 503-879-1461 or [kamiah.koch@grandronde.org](mailto:kamiah.koch@grandronde.org)



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## ATTENTION GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING: December per capita & timber payments

PER CAP INFORMATION: CALL 503-879-1983

### Onsite pickup available

Friday, Dec. 13, 2024  
8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. (Doors close at 3:30 p.m.)  
Tribal gymnasium

### Important Notes

- Bring a valid ID
- No pickup for other Tribal members
- Direct deposit payments will not be impacted
- Checks that have not been picked up by 3:45 will be mailed
- As always, please update address and direct deposit information for December distribution

Finance Department Member Benefits



Ad by Samuel Briggs III



# Lineal descent constitutional amendment election is Dec. 9

By Nicole Montesano  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

All Grand Ronde Tribal members 18 years and older will have another opportunity to amend the Grand Ronde Tribal Constitution to change enrollment requirements by voting in the upcoming constitutional amendment election on or before Monday, Dec. 9.

Tribal members must register to vote in the upcoming election on changing the Tribe's Constitution to require lineal descent, rather than blood quantum, for Tribal enrollment — even if they are already registered for Tribal elections. That's because this is a federal election being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, rather than by the Tribe.

Registration packets were mailed out on Saturday, Oct. 12, and must be returned early enough to be received by the BIA Secretarial Election Board's office in New Mexico by Monday, Nov. 4. Registration packets may also be mailed back via priority mail to ensure timely delivery.

Any Tribal member 18 or older who did not receive a packet should request one as soon as possible, from the Secretarial Board Chair at 360-614-5848, or by email, at Cherisse.Tiger@bia.gov.

Additionally, Tribal members who are in a time crunch to get their registration packets may contact the Tribe's Election Board at election.board@grandronde.org or 503-879-2271.

A list of registered voters will be posted at the Grand Ronde Community Center and Tribal Governance Center on Monday, Nov. 4, and

any challenges to the list must be submitted in writing by Thursday, Nov. 7, to Cherisse.Tiger@bia.gov or in person at the Election Office in the Grand Ronde Community Center between 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tribal staff are holding office hours from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, both in-person at Tribal Council Chambers in the Governance Center and via Zoom to discuss the amendment and answer questions. Members may register to attend by Zoom online at [www.grandronde.org/constitutional-amendment-on-lineal-descent/](http://www.grandronde.org/constitutional-amendment-on-lineal-descent/).

Additionally, the Election Board will be holding office hours at the Tribal Community Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, through Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Ballots will be mailed out on Friday, Nov. 8. In order for a vote to be counted, returned ballots must be received in the designated post office box at the Grand Ronde Post Office by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

The upcoming election is the most recent effort to change how the Tribe determines who should be enrolled. Meetings about the amendment are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 and Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Tribal Council Chambers. To register for Zoom attendance, visit [grandronde.org/constitutional-amendment-on-lineal-descent/](http://grandronde.org/constitutional-amendment-on-lineal-descent/).

Discussions about the latest constitutional amendment began in 2019. After a series of workshops and community meetings, an advisory vote in 2023 showed that 65.3% of the Tribe's members sup-

ported changing to a lineal descent system.

If approved, the amendment will change the Tribe's enrollment criteria from 1/16 Grand Ronde blood quantum to descent from a biological parent or grandparent who were enrolled members of the Tribe, and not enrolled by error.

The amendment will cap new enrollments of 150 per year, which may be increased up to 200 by approval of Tribal Council. The limit will not apply to infants younger than 6 months or to children who are the subject of child welfare court proceedings.

The change also will require that Tribal Council maintain an ordinance establishing procedures for processing membership issues but will remove a requirement to enact the ordinance within six months. ■

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TIMELINE

<b>OCT 16</b> Constitutional Amendment Community Meeting - BIA Election Process	<b>NOV 4</b> Registration Deadline/Registered Voter List Posted	<b>NOV 8</b> Ballots Mailed	<b>NOV 20</b> Constitutional Amendment Community Meeting #2-Language	<b>DEC 9</b> Election Date/Election Results
Office Hours with Tribal Staff	Constitutional Amendment Community Meeting #1 -Language/ Deadline for List Challenges	Office Hours With Tribal Staff	Office Hours With Tribal Staff	
<b>OCT 22</b>	<b>NOV 7</b>	<b>NOV 15</b>	<b>DEC 3</b>	

**QR Code:** 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.

### CTGR 2024 Winter Surplus Grand Ronde Fish Distribution

**Natural Resources Department**

**Fish Lab**

47010 SW HEBU ROAD  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347  
(503) 879-2424

**When:**  
Thursday, December 12, 2024 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday, December 13, 2024 9:00am – 4:00pm

GRAND RONDE LIVING and ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY  
**Must show current photo I.D.**

*Fish will be handed out in a drive through system. Please follow the signage up the hill to the fish lab, receive your fish and then follow the exit loop road out.*

*If picking up for others: A Signed release and copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required!*

*No Early or late Pickups and fish will not be mailed.*

2024 Fish Distribution Release Example

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number, \_\_\_\_\_

Give \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to pick up my fish.

Signature of Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CTGR 2024 Winter Surplus Portland Office Fish Distribution

**CTGR Portland Office**

4445 SW Barbur Blvd #101  
Portland, OR 97239

Pre-Registration Not Required For Surplus Distribution.

Contact Crystal Smith  
(503)879-1881 with any questions

**When:**  
Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 10:00am – 2:00pm

GRAND RONDE LIVING and ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS  
**Must show current photo I.D.**

*If picking up for others: A Signed release and copy of Tribal ID or CIB is required!*

**Pre-Registration NOT required for surplus Distribution. Fish will be given out on a first come first served basis**

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

2024 Fish Distribution Release Example

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number, \_\_\_\_\_

Give \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to pick up my fish.

Signature of Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Tribal members open local bead shop

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal members and cousins Bee Foster and Kaylene Barry have been dreaming of owning a bead shop for years.

Now, their dream is coming to fruition with the opening of Bee and Barry Beads in Willamina.

Located in Swan Hall on Main Street and nestled between an Indigenous-owned tattoo shop and an events hall hosting yoga, community gatherings and concerts, Bee and Barry Beads is far more than just a business.

For Barry, a full-time firefighter/EMT and Foster, a full-time mom to four children ages 3 to 9, the bead shop is therapeutic, a place for them to decompress and a creative outlet to relieve stress.

"I have pretty much been dreaming of this as long as I can remember," Barry said. "This is something we are very passionate about and it makes me happy. It's like good medicine for me."

Barry works at the bead shop every weekend and her full-time job during the week.

"This doesn't really feel like work most of the time," she said. "My family comes in and I get to sit here and have a cup of coffee and talk, so it's a really nice environment and relaxing."

Foster works in the shop during the weekdays while her children are in school.

"I enjoy being here because I've been a stay-at-home mom for the past nine years and with young kids, it's really hard for me to be able to sit down and make jewelry and do these things but also just having a place for our Tribal members to go when they need supplies is a big thing," she said.

Before Bee and Barry Beads



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal members and cousins Bee Foster, left, and Kaylene Barry recently opened Bee and Barry Beads in Swan Hall in Willamina. In addition to selling beads, the store has an Indigenous market with products made by other Native people.**

## If you go

### Bee and Barry Beads

**Hours:** Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m.–2p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

**Address:** Swan Hall, 242 N.E. Main St., Willamina

#### For more information:

bee.n.barry.beads on Instagram, Bee and Barry Beads on Etsy. Additionally, there will be a booth at the Tribe's Restoration celebration at Spirit Mountain Casino on Nov. 22-23

opened in September, beading enthusiasts had to travel to the coast, Shipwreck Beads in Vancouver, Washington or order beading sup-

plies online.

"Our biggest inspiration in opening this business was to have a local option to go to get beads and other supplies," Foster said.

Both women have been beading since they were young.

Foster, 32, learned how to bead from Tribal member Travis Mercier.

"He's a huge part of why I love doing this stuff today," she said. "This was a huge part of my life as a teenager and then I taught Kaylene how to bead years later."

Barry, 24, recalled that beading helped her utilize a creative outlet she didn't realize existed.

"I was only like 8 or 9, but Bee and I would get together and spend days just eating and beading together, which was fun and really therapeutic," Barry said. "It was a creative outlet and that was the appeal for me. And my grandma (Laura Gleason) used to bead and make jewelry when she was young, and when she saw us beading together, she would think back and reminisce to when she was young."

Bee and Barry Beads hosted its grand opening on Sept. 28. So many people stopped by that much of the inventory was purchased and had to be reordered to replenish the supply.

"Opening day was the coolest day ever," Barry said. "It really showed how much support and love that we have in our lives because everybody showed up for us. It was the best thing we could have asked for."

Both Foster and Barry are excited that Tribal members are continuing to see more representation in Willamina, as their business is the third storefront to open downtown. Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant is owned by Tribal Council member Matthew Haller and Nebula Ink is owned by Tribal member and tattoo artist Noel Pond.


"My favorite story is how Bee's 3-year-old daughter was making plastic necklaces and carrying them around, and telling her dad she was going to sell those at her shop," Barry said. "Here she is, already a little Indigenous businesswoman who can be anything her little heart desires and that it so cool to see."

Long-term goals for the store are to have a continual supply for Tribal members and anyone else that is interested in making jewelry, with the primary focus on Indigenous jewelry and supplies.

"Right before powwow, everyone is trying to get everything made and before, they had to order online and sometimes that's hard because it's like you're looking for a specific color and it's not available because everyone is trying to get it, so it will be nice for people to just be able to run into Willamina and get whatever they need," Foster said. "I feel like beadwork is a really popular thing and I pray that doesn't go away because it is very therapeutic for a lot of people and a huge part of Native culture...not that long ago, Native people were not allowed to have anything like that. So, this is really special."

Barry added that the store inventory will not remain stagnant.

"I want people to be aware that everything is going to be always changing," she said. "We're really trying to have during the holiday season, things that are great for gifts and then during powwow season, we want to have materials for people to make their personal regalia. It's going to be consistently changing and it is worth coming in because you're never going to see the same things twice." ■



IAE Volunteer Event

## Champoeg Volunteer Day

Help restore habitat for First Foods at Champoeg State Heritage Area

November 9, 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Champoeg State Heritage Area

This fall, you are invited to join the Institute for Applied Ecology and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to help restore prairie habitat—at a **First Foods Harvest Area** in Champoeg State Heritage Area. All are welcome! Join us to help restore indigenous First Foods, while contributing to the recovery of the land. Thanks to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District for funding this project.


**When:** Saturday, November 9, 9am - 1pm  
**Where:** Champoeg State Heritage Area  
**What:** Planting native plants in a First Foods harvest area  
**RSVP:** Contact Evan at [evanlasley@appliedeco.org](mailto:evanlasley@appliedeco.org)

A restroom is available on site, and limited carpooling from Corvallis is available. Learn more at [appliedeco.org/calendar](http://appliedeco.org/calendar).

**What are "First Foods"?**

First Foods were eaten by indigenous groups before the arrival of Europeans, and continue to be harvested, grown, and collected today. Native Americans have a long history of food gathering at Champoeg State Heritage Area. The word "Champoeg" comes from an Indigenous word that names it as "the place of the yampa," an edible root that was harvested there. As part of the Plants for People project, yampa has been reintroduced to this site, as well as many other First Foods such as camas, brodiaea, ookow, yarrow, and many others.

Learn more about our work to conserve native species and habits in the Willamette Valley at [www.appliedeco.org](http://www.appliedeco.org).



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# Children were often taken by force

## SUGARCANE continued from front page

Oct. 8: The long-hidden story of the St. Joseph's Mission Residential School near the Sugarcane Reserve in British Columbia, Canada. A particularly ugly part of that hidden story was the number of infants born to young female students at the school, and what happened to those children. Some were adopted out. Others were killed.

In January of 2022, 93 potential unmarked graves were found on the property of the former St. Joseph's Mission Residential School, which had closed in 1981. The discovery sparked news stories across Canada and the United States, about some of the horrific abuses of the residential schools, including the deaths of thousands of students.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission has confirmed more than 4,000 students died in the country's 139 residential schools. A report by the Department of the Interior in the United States, released in two volumes in 2022 and July of this year, confirmed 973 deaths, across 417 schools in this country.

The story and prior 2021 stories about a mass of unmarked graves discovered at residential schools across Canada moved award-winning Canadian investigative journalist Emily Kassie to begin reaching out to NoiseCat and the Williams Lake First Nation on the Sugarcane Reserve, to begin the documentary.

The schools were intended to separate Indigenous children from their culture and language. Children who did not go willingly, or whose families tried to withhold them, were often taken by force. Physical and sexual abuse were rampant, as was chronic malnutrition. In one scene, the camera

focuses in on long-ago scrawled messages on the walls from students, desperately counting the days until they could return home.

The stop in Grand Ronde to show the film was the 10th on the crew's "Rez Tour" across the U.S. and Canada. The response, NoiseCat said, has been "incredible."

"You know, this documentary follows an investigation into abuse and missing children at the Indian residential school that my family was sent to, near Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada," NoiseCat said. "It's a very personal story, but it's also a story that's shared by people all across Indian Country, not just in Canada, but also here in the United States, where there were 417 federally funded Native American boarding schools.

He continued, "And every place we bring this film, someone stands up at the end of the screening or comes up to us afterward, and says something to the effect of, 'You know, I saw so much of myself, or my family's story, in this film, and this has sparked a conversation or has made me think a little bit more about my parents' experience, my grandparents experience.'"

That's exactly what the film is intended to do, he said.

"Here in Oregon, there was one of the biggest ones in the country, Chemawa, which took kids from all over the United States, even up to Alaska, kids were sent to Chemawa," he said. "I know kids from this community ended up at that school as well as others. It's our hope that this film, which is about instigating a conversation about history, about making the record be known about these schools, instigates a similar conversation here, in this community."

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family drummed and sang before the

film showing and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George gave the invocation.

Afterward, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier conducted a question-and-answer session with NoiseCat.

"Sugarcane" follows the efforts of First Nation investigators, including NoiseCat's aunt and the Williams Lake First Nation, to learn more about what happened to children who went missing from St. Joseph's school. It also follows the quest of NoiseCat's father, Ed Archie NoiseCat, to learn more about his secret birth at the school, and abandonment in the trash destined for the school incinerator. A janitor heard the baby's cries and found him, but survivors said other infants were not so fortunate.

The film discusses the effect of intergenerational trauma on the children of the survivors, including the NoiseCat family.

Survivors' accounts are interspersed with views of British Columbia's spectacular landscapes, reserve land and the mission, including a prominent statue of the Virgin Mary holding an infant Jesus, glimpses of everyday life on the reserve, and the 2022 quest of former Chief Rick Gilbert of the Williams Lake First Nation, to seek accountability from the Vatican, where representatives of the church seemed more interested in seeking forgiveness than in holding anyone to account. However, the delegation of Inuit, Metis and First Nations representatives did receive a long-sought formal apology from Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church's actions.

Scattered in among the modern-day segments are excerpts of films from the mission school itself, depicting the illusion of happy, well-cared-for children. The images are chilling set against survivors' accounts of beatings and other harsh discipline, sex abuse and deaths.

NoiseCat and Kassie won the 2024 Directing Award at the Sundance Film Festival, and more than a dozen other awards, and the film has been acquired by National Geographic. Kassie, who was on break from the emotionally intensive tour, did not join NoiseCat in Grand Ronde.

NoiseCat is a member of the Canim Lake Band Tsq'escen and descendant of the Lil'Wat Nation of Mount Currie. He said that he never intended to make a film. An award-winning print journalist, NoiseCat said he was surprised and initially hesitant when Kassie first asked him about collaborating on the project.

"I had just signed a book contract. I didn't know how to write a book. I had never made a movie. I definitely didn't know how to do both," he told Mercier.

NoiseCat said that Grand Ronde "will always be a special place to me," because he had finished his forthcoming book, "We Survived The Night," and sent it to his publisher from the Spirit Mountain Casino hotel. It will be released by publisher Alfred A. Knopf in 2025.

NoiseCat said he knew his family "had an intense connection to residential schools," but "I didn't know what it was" before the film.

But Kassie happened to write to Williams Lake Chief Willie Sellars just after their council had declared that the search for unmarked graves needed to be documented, he said, noting that the timing was "just gobsmackingly unlikely." With his family connection, NoiseCat said, he knew he had to be involved.

"Hopefully, that story inspires others to go on their own journeys," he said.

NoiseCat shared a home with his father for more than two years during the filming, and spent time with Williams Lake members and other survivors, gradually earning their trust before the most difficult conversations took place on film. That time was essential, he said, for people to be ready to speak with him.

"It became clear that (my father's) story was part of a pattern at this school, and at other schools, I might add," NoiseCat said. "My dad's story is awful, but there are other stories that have never been told, and with good reason."

He said that to see people beginning to talk more about their experiences in response to the film is an honor.

"I see it as an extension of my Auntie Charlene's work (undercovering residential school abuse)," he said. "We shot this film across three years, which is awhile, but she's been doing this work for 30 years."

NoiseCat said the full extent of what happened at the residential schools is still unknown, noting that "The Department of the Interior was until this year figuring out how many of these schools there were."

Canadian First Nations and U.S. Tribes will need to do their own investigations, he said, to uncover the fate of the children who never came home, and to learn about and heal the suffering of those who survived.

"The Catholic Church and the Canadian government are very eager to get to the reconciliation part," he said. "But to get to the reconciliation part, we need to give the truth its due. ... There were unspeakably awful things that happened at these schools and then those actions rippled out to affect generations."

As part of each appearance, NoiseCat's team provides mental health information for survivors and their descendants. There is a 24-hour 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in the United States available by phone or text.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline, 1-844-762-8483, is an anonymous domestic and sexual violence line for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available around the clock and intended to offer culturally appropriate support. For ease in remembering, the number is often written 1-844-7-NATIVE.

For more assistance in coping with the painful legacy of the schools, visit [boardingschoolhealing.org](http://boardingschoolhealing.org), a website of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. ■

## Artwork on display



Photo by Kamiah Koch

**Tribal member Miguel Anderson, right, explains his artwork during the Tribe's Creative Ways of Being Art Summit open house held in the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym on Thursday, Oct. 24. The two-day summit included Indigenous carvers, weavers, glassmakers, painters, writers and designers sharing their artwork and projects. Discussions at the event focused on the Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship created by the Tribe in 2023 and included several of the Indigenous artists selected for the fellowship.**



# Lack of cooperation from churches continues

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school records to light. The group's purpose is to create a national collection of boarding school records for survivors and their descendants to use.

Tribal Librarian Kathy Cole said the group reached out to her last January about coming to Grand Ronde, after an author she knew gave her name to the group. Cole scheduled the listening session as part of the library's schedule of events. It took place the week after a screening at Spirit Mountain Casino of the documentary film "Sugararcane," which reveals the abuses at a Catholic-run residential school in Canada.

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family drummed and sang before the presentation, and Tribal member Bobby Mercier gave the invocation in Chinuk Wawa.

Archive staff Fallon Carey (Cherokee Nation), River Freemont (Umonhon/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa descendent), Tsinni Russell (Dine) and Ekoo Beck (Blackfeet, Red River Metis, Little Shell Chippewa) said they are all the descendants of boarding school survivors, a legacy that drove their decision to work with the archive.

The abuses are more recent than some realize. The boarding school era, when genocidal assimilation policies were in effect, is defined as 1801 through the 1970s — less than 50 years ago, Carey told the audience.

But news accounts about abuses at Chemawa Indian School were appearing in newspapers as recently as the 1990s, and troubling allegations have been raised in recent years. Although most boarding schools closed, a few, like Chemawa, remain open, under different policies that at least ostensibly respect students' cultural backgrounds.

So far, Carey told the audience, the coalition knows of 521 boarding schools that were operated in the United States. The archive's work is grant-funded and Carey said it is always seeking more grants.

It is primarily government records the archive is focusing on, because of lack of cooperation from churches, Carey said, although there has been some recent assistance from Quaker organizations.

"We have kind of exhausted the options we have," she said.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition is seeking to get two bills passed by Congress, which would establish a Truth and Healing Commission and enable the group to subpoena the records of churches who ran at least 102 of the boarding schools known to have existed in the United States.

"It will open the floodgates of what we know the churches did," she said.

On Friday, Oct. 25, the U.S. government took a step forward after President Joe Biden issued a formal apology for the country's longstanding policy of forced assimilation of Indigenous children. It was the first

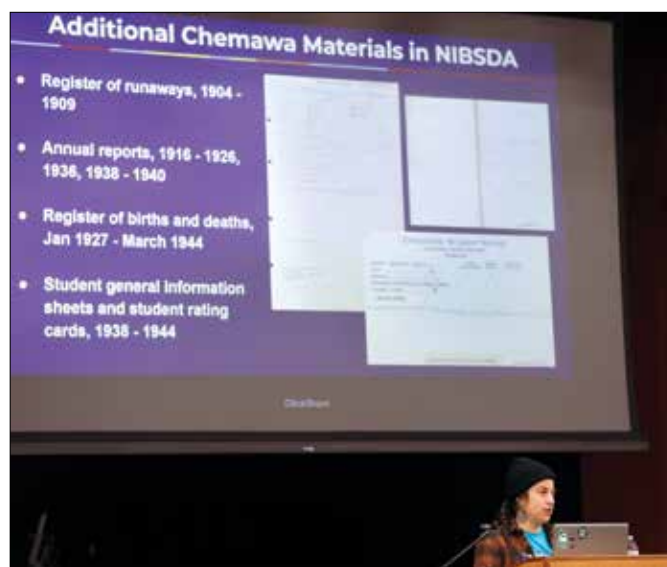


Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**River Freemont, digital archives specialist for The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, speaks during a boarding school records listening session in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Oct. 17. Efforts to digitize and catalog boarding school records from Salem's Chemawa Indian School were discussed. The listening session was led by the NABS Digital Archives team in collaboration with the Grand Ronde Tribal Library.**

time a U.S. president has ever publicly apologized for the devastating boarding school policies.

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley sent out a press release to Smoke Signals and other media outlets following the apology.

"The government's actions tore children from their families and communities and removed them from their culture," he said. "We need to learn from the mistakes of the past and continually consult Tribal communities to fully repair this lasting, generational damage. As chair of the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, I have secured \$21 million to date for Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's Indian Boarding School Initiative to examine and help repair these devastating, historic wrongs. I'll keep fighting to secure funding for this important initiative and to uphold our commitment to honoring the solemn promise that the United States has made to Tribal communities to fulfill our trust and treaty obligations."

Approximately 408 boarding schools were financed and run by the American government. Government records can be obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

Among the many disturbing discoveries researchers have found are letters sent from parents that apparently were never given to the children, and letters from the children to their parents.

The records of the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive are open for public searching, at [nibsda.elevator.umn.edu](http://nibsda.elevator.umn.edu), for survivors and their descendants.

Under the "what's new" tab, it includes a Finding Aid section for people seeking information about relatives who attended Chemawa Indian Training School in Salem. Carey noted that all of the records are prior to 1949, because the archive does not collect material about people who are still living.

According to an archive maintained by Chemawa historian

SuAnn Reddick and archivist Eva Guggemos at Pacific University of Oregon, at least 270 students died in the custody of Chemawa or its predecessor in Forest Grove.

No one actually knows how many records of the schools exist, although it is known that some are lost to age and poor conditions. Records have been destroyed by floods, abandoned in buildings that were later destroyed and otherwise lost to history, Beck said.

"Quakers were the only ones willing to work with us," among religious organizations in the United

States, Beck said.

"Quakers were the main pushers of the boarding schools, because they believed it was the best way to help Indians," Carey said.

The federal government, however, saw a different opportunity in the idea, she said, including a chance to seize land belonging to students' families.

The archive's work is "going to paint a really large picture of the boarding school system and how the policy was applied," Carey said.

One of its goals is to show which administrators were most involved, many of them at multiple schools across the country.

One aspect of the story was the practice of sending students out to work on farms and as maids in the community.

"They were training these students to be a subclass of laborers so middle-class white people could profit from their labors," Carey said. "It was another form of resource extraction."

She said she traveled to one location where a woman said a local church had been bulldozed with the records of the associated boarding school still inside.

"She and other Tribal members grabbed what they could," Carey said. "I think a lot of records are going to be very incriminatory."

Some records have been lost to negligence, Russell noted, such as being left in basements that flooded.

Beck said that some of the people who worked in the boarding schools are still alive and that increases the urgency of compiling records about their involvement and their roles.

"People ask us, 'What's the plan there?'" she said. "Our (Congressional) bill is step one." ■

## Events will begin with atudship at cemetery

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time when we can gather as family, a community and a Tribe. It's a special time because it allows us to honor the journey that has brought us here while we look toward the future and the amazing things still to come."

This year, Restoration is returning to a two-day format, with the celebration taking place on Friday, Nov. 22 and the Restoration Powwow happening Saturday, Nov. 23. Both events will be held at Spirit Mountain Casino.

For the Restoration Celebration portion, doors open at 10 a.m., followed by an opportunity to view a Tomanowos exhibit. The Grand Ronde Canoe Family will perform at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Tomanowos panel discussion. A meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. with drawings at 1 p.m. Attendees must be present to win.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. Saturday for the Restoration Powwow, followed by a noon grand entry. The emcee is Tribal Elder Bob Tom. Tribal Elder Dietrich Peters will serve as arena director. Headman and headwoman are Tribal members Chad and Molly Leno. The host drum is Bad Soul. Dance specials will include Grand Ronde Royalty and Veterans Royalty.

### If you go

#### 41st Restoration Celebration and Powwow

**When:** Friday and Saturday, Nov. 22-23. Doors open at 10 a.m. Friday, a meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. For powwow, doors open at 10 a.m. Saturday with a noon grand entry. All are welcome  
**Where:** Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 S.W. Salmon River Highway  
**Questions:** [publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org) (Restoration), [kalapuyaweaver@gmail.com](mailto:kalapuyaweaver@gmail.com) (powwow)

After powwow concludes at 6 p.m., a celebration dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. The location was chosen as it is the former Grand Ronde Elementary School, where the Tribe first held Restoration celebration events. All are welcome and invited to share memories during an open mic session.

The 41st anniversary events will begin at the Tribal Cemetery off Grand Ronde Road at the atudship rock mound. The private, sacred ceremony usually features prayers and singing. ■



# Out of Darkness walk shines light on suicide prevention efforts

By Nicole Montesano  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

SALEM — Community support and direct, unflinching conversations can help to prevent people from dying by suicide, speakers said on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the annual Salem Out of the Darkness Community Walk for suicide prevention.

Rose Treasure, who co-chairs the walk, told the crowd gathered for the event that talk saves lives.

“If you fear someone in your life may be considering suicide, one of the best things you can do is directly ask them,” she said.

People often fear that asking about suicidal intentions may cause people to carry them out, Treasure said, but research shows that it decreases risk.

“Listen, be willing to have a hard, honest talk and offer to help them find help,” she said.

Training is available from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Yamhill and Polk county also offer training for talking with potentially suicidal people.

The annual walk is intended to remind those struggling with mental health that they are not alone, and to draw attention to suicide prevention efforts. Attendees wore beaded necklaces to show their connection to the problem, with different colors designated for those who had lost parents, children, relatives and friends, had lost a member of the military or first responder, struggled with their own mental health, or simply wanted to support the LGBTQ community or the cause of suicide prevention in general.

Grand Ronde Tribal Council members Kathleen George and Denise Harvey attended, along with General Manager Angie Blackwell and a contingent from the Youth Empowerment & Prevention Pro-



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Kyleigh Johnson, 16, second from right, and Sam Hedrick, 13, right, try to get trucks to honk their horn as they cross the Center Street Bridge during the Salem Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, Oct. 12. The Tribe’s Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program brought youth to participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention event. The walk benefits AFSP by raising awareness about suicide and depression, raising money for research and education to prevent suicide from taking place and providing assistance and a safe outlet for survivors of suicide. On the left, Tribal Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator Matt Bucknell and Timothy Murphy, 13, walk with the girls.**

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gram, which brought several young people to join in the walk.

Tribal Native Connections Project Coordinator Keri Kimsey helped organize the Grand Ronde group.

“The Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program has prioritized participation in the Salem Out of the Darkness walk for the past four years, highlighting its significant impact on both youth and adults,” she said. “The event fosters community support and provides vital resources related to mental health and suicide prevention. A particu-

larly moving aspect is the bead ceremony, which allows participants to reflect and share their experiences in a meaningful way. Witnessing the youth engage in the walk and their collective journey of healing is incredibly powerful.”

The event took place at Salem Riverfront Park. After listening to several speakers and participating in a ceremony of holding up their beads to signify their losses, attendees walked together across the pedestrian bridge over the Willamette River and back.

Students from Youth Empower-

ment walked together in groups with adult mentors, enjoying the sunny afternoon and the event.

“I love how everyone gets together and we’re able to support people who need it or who have been lost,” 13-year-old Sam Hedrick said, in between chatting with friends and calling out friendly compliments to passersby.

“We had several Tribal members and families attend the event,” Harvey said at a Tuesday, Oct. 15, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “It’s always a heartfelt, emotional event but it was good for all of us to gather and walk in peace and harmony together to remember our loved ones and people that are having mental health issues.”

Tribal youth can be at particularly high risk. According to data collected by Youth Empowerment from the Oregon Center for Health Statistics, suicide rates for American Indian and Alaska Native people in Oregon increased by about 150% between the mid-2000s through 2019, although the rate has decreased over the last five years. Suicide was the second leading cause of death in Oregon from 2018 through 2022 for Indigenous people between the ages of 10 and 24.

For more information about finding help, contact:

Yamhill County suicide prevention trainings information: 971-312-2981 or MurrayK@co.yamhill.or.us.

Polk County suicide prevention trainings information: Abby Warren at warren.abby@co.polk.or.us.

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988.

The Trevor Project LGBTQ Youth Hotline: 866-488-7386 (talk), 678678 (text).

Senior Loneliness Line: 503-200-1633. ■

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE AND TUALATIN RIVER AND WAPATO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES PRESENTS

# COMMUNITY Open House

THUR NOV. 14 STARTS AT 5PM

CHACHALU GYM  
8720 GRAND RONDE RD., GRAND RONDE, OR 97347

FREE DINNER!

Join us for food and community, and learn more about the collaboration between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department, Cultural Resources Department, and the Tualatin River and Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuges

Learn More About:

- Wapato Restoration
- Hunting at the Refuge
- Gathering Opportunities

For more information: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tualatin River NWR todd\_mckinney@fws.gov Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Cultural Resources jesse.norton@grandronde.org Natural Resources colby.drake@grandronde.org



## 2024 VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Friday, November 8, 2024  
11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.  
At the CTGR Community Center

**ALL VETERANS INVITED (please bring a guest)**  
To RSVP: Contact (503) 879-1484 or email CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org

### PLAN FOR THE DAY

- 9 am to 1:30 p.m. Free Haircuts for Veterans
- 11:30 a.m. Event Opens
- 12 Noon Catered BBQ Lunch
- 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Bingo
- 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Event Closing

 **TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**





Ulali Quenelle, 9, dances as guests from Lummi Nation drum and sing during achaf-hammi's 15th birthday celebration on Saturday, Oct. 19. Guests from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, the Suquamish Tribe, Yakama Nation and New Mexico also shared their songs and dances. Nearly 400 people attended the event honoring the Tribal plankhouse.

# Plankhouse celebration



Tribal member Tasina Bluehorse, left, serves Riley Freeman, 12, apple crisp during achaf-hammi's 15th birthday celebration on Saturday, Oct. 19. A salmon dinner was served before the night of drumming, singing and dancing began.

Zaiden Wright, 5, warms a drum while waiting for achaf-hammi's 15th birthday celebration to start.

Photos by Michelle Alaimo



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Tribal Court Programs Coordinator  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

503-879-4623  
CourtPrograms@grandronde.org

## Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

Court Appointed Special Advocate (open to all community members)
  Tribal Member Review Board (must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal member)

**If you would like to volunteer:**

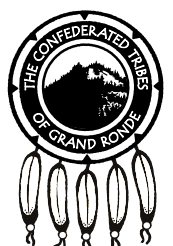
1. Indicate which program you are interested in (mark one of the boxes above).
2. Fill out the form below with your contact information.
3. Mail, drop-off or email the completed form to Tribal Court Programs Coordinator.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Visit our website for more information and the qualifications for each program:  
grandronde.org/government/tribal-court/court-programs/





# After delay, Tribe launches transit service

After a one-week delay, the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde has announced that transit service between Salem, Spirit Mountain Casino, the Tribal campus and Lincoln City resumed on Sunday, Oct. 13.

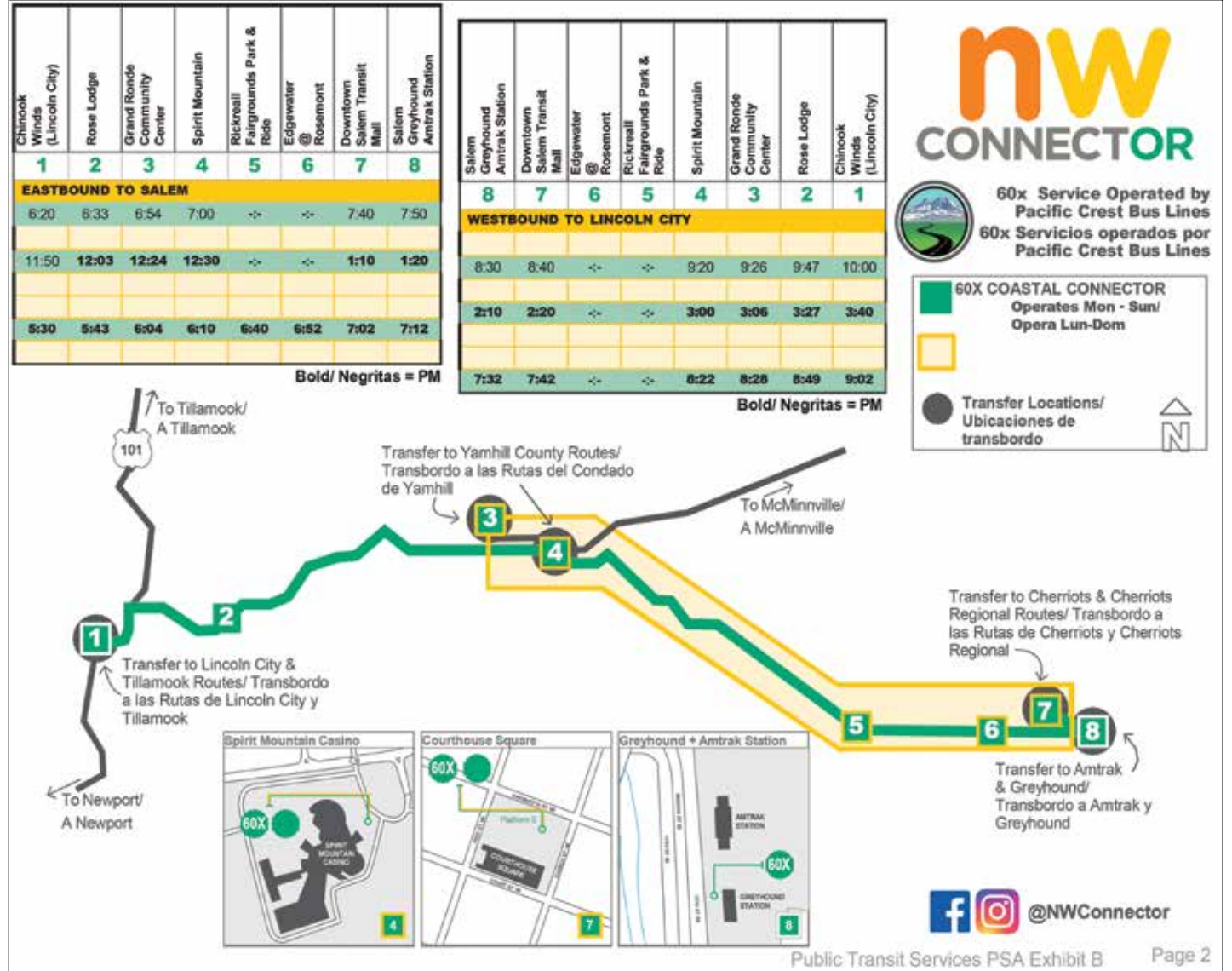
The Northwest Connector, also known as route 60X, will run three times a day, seven days a week.

The route will be operated by Pacific Crest Bus Lines and making three daily trips from Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City to the downtown Salem Transit Mall. 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.

"I would like to thank ODOT, Pacific Crest Bus Lines, Chinook Winds Casino and Salem Area Mass Transit District for all their assistance with re-starting the route," Tribal Public Works Coordinator John Mercier said.

For route times, locations and fare information, see the graphics included with this story. ■



### Fares/ Tarifas

**Standard Fares/ Tarifas Regulares**

Within 1 Zone/ Dentro de 1 Zona.....\$1.50  
 2 Zones/ 2 Zonas.....\$3.00  
 3 Zones/ 3 Zonas.....\$6.00

Lincoln City Zone: Chinook Winds to Rose Lodge  
 Grand Ronde Zone: GR Community Center to Spirit Mountain  
 Salem Zone: Rickreall to Salem Transit Mall

**Reduced Fares/ Tarifas Descuento**

First Two Children, age 0-12, with paying adult  
 Primeras 2 Niños, 0-12 años, al Viajar con un Adulto que Paga la Tarifa Completa.....Free  
 Additional Child/ Niño adicional (0-12)...1/2 Fare  
 Children/ Niños (13-18).....1/2 Fare  
 Senior 60+/ Mayores de 60 Años .....1/2 Fare  
 Persons with disabilities/ Personas con Discapacidades.....1/2 Fare

**10 Trip Passes/ Pases Para 10 Viajes**

2 Zone/ 2 Zonas.....\$30  
 3 Zone/ 3 Zonas.....\$60

**No Bus Service/ No Hay Servicio de Autobuses**

New Years Day/ Año Nuevo  
 Thanksgiving Day/ Día de Acción de Gracias  
 Christmas Day/ Navidad

**Route & Schedule Info/ Información de Rutas y Horarios**

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NWCONNECTOR.ORG

**NWCONNECTOR Visitor Pass/ Pase Para Visitantes**  
 3 Days/ 3 Días \$25 7 Days/ 7 Días \$30  
 (includes a round trip to Portland or Salem and unlimited travel on NWConnector routes/ Incluye un viaje redondo a Portland o Salem y viajes ilimitados en las rutas de NWConnector)

**Connecting services/ Servicios de conexión**

**Tillamook County Transportation District The WAVE**  
nwconnector.org | 503-815-8283

**Lincoln County Transit**  
nwconnector.org | 541-265-4900

**Sunset Empire Transportation District**  
nwconnector.org | 503-861-7433

**Point Bus**  
oregon-point.com  
1-888-846-4183

**Greyhound**  
greyhound.com  
1-800-231-2222

**Amtrak**  
amtrak.com  
1-800-872-7245

**Tri-Met**  
trimet.org  
503-238-7433

**nw CONNECTOR**

**60x Coastal Connector**

60x Service Operated by Pacific Crest Bus Lines  
 60x Servicios operados por Pacific Crest Bus Lines



### Grand Ronde toxics reduction project

The Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde has received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop priority strategies and take concrete actions to reduce toxic pollution in the Grand Ronde community. The Tribal Natural Resources Department is leading the project with support from partners and other organizations.

The Natural Resources Department intends to develop a toxics reduction plan and implement near-term actions focused on four priorities: Eliminating or reducing pollution, cleaning up contaminated sites, reducing runoff and promoting citizen engagement. This project will benefit the health and well-being of Tribal members, water quality, and fish and wildlife.

To develop the plan, we are assessing the community priorities through a survey to help prioritize concerns. Make your voice heard by scanning the QR code below and completing the questionnaire by Dec. 31, 2024. This survey is for Grand Ronde Tribal members and Grand Ronde community members only. If you would like to be entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card, include your name and phone number. The raffle will be held on Jan. 10, 2025, and will randomly select four participants who will each receive one \$50 Visa Card.

For more information, contact Lindsay McClary at 503-879-2387 or [lindsay.mcclary@grandronde.org](mailto:lindsay.mcclary@grandronde.org).



### Tribal Library merges with Regional Library Service

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

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

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

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

### 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](mailto:Tammy.garrison@grandronde.org)  
 503-879-2077

# SAVE the DATE

COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR  
 NOVEMBER 7TH, 2024

### GRHWC PROJECTED lush lamatsin EVENTS 2025

#### January

Pajama Jam  
 1/10 from 5-7pm @Tribal Gym  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 1/23 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

#### February

Sweetheart's Jam  
 2/13 from 5-7pm @ Tribal Gym  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 2/20 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

#### March

Fresh Foods Distribution  
 3/20 Start 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

#### April

Earth Day Jam  
 4/18 from 5-7 @ Tribal Gym  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 4/24 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

#### May

Fentanyl Awareness Event  
 Mother's Day Tea  
 Canoe Outings  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 5/22 Starts 10:00am  
 @GR Procurement Building

#### June

Elder Canoe Day 6/18 Location TBD  
 Father's Day BBQ  
 Canoe Outings  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 6/26 Starts 10:00am  
 @GR Procurement Building  
 June Jam 6/27 (TBD)

#### July

Fresh Foods Distribution  
 7/17 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building  
 Marcellus Norwest  
 Memorial Veterans Powwow  
 July 11 - 13, 2024  
 @Uyxat Powwow Ground  
 Canoe Journey (tentatively)

#### August

Fun Run / Walk  
 8/16 - Time TBD  
 @Uyxat Powwow Grounds  
 3v3 Bball Collab  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 8/21 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building  
 Canoe Journey (tentatively)

#### September

Fresh Foods Distribution  
 9/18 Starts 10:00am  
 @GR Procurement Building  
 Every Child Matters Jam  
 9/20 - Location & Time TBD  
 Canoe Races (tentatively)

#### October

Health and Wellness Centers  
 28th birthday 10/ 01  
 Fresh Foods Distribution  
 10/16 Starts 10:00am  
 @GR Procurement Building  
 Fall Festival - TBD

#### November

Fresh Foods Distribution  
 11/20 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

#### December

Fresh Foods Distribution  
 12/18 Starts 10:00am  
 @ GR Procurement Building

Wrap- Up 2024!

\*All events are subject to change, please look out for our official fliers on the GRHWC Facebook page





# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



## **Sunday, September 1**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Blair and Bridge streets in Sheridan.
- Officers responded to a found child in the area of Agency Creek Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 5 on Highway 22.

## **Monday, September 2**

- Officers responded to a crash near milepost 18 on Highway 18.
- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.

## **Tuesday, September 3**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle in the area of milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Ash Street and A R Ford Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of milepost 24 on Highway 18.

## **Wednesday, September 4**

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of King Road and Rock Creek Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Blair Street and Cherry Hill Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of 19th Street in Lincoln City.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers made a felony driving arrest on Highway 18 near milepost 24.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Yamhill River Road and Highway 18B.

## **Thursday, September 5**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Blair Street in Sheridan.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- A disturbance was reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde and Andy Riggs roads.
- A driving under the influence of intoxicants arrest was made in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Friday, September 6**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Rock Creek Road and Highway 18B.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Jahn Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Rock Creek Road and Highway 18B.
- Officers responded to a welfare check in the 1000 block of Highland Loop in Willamina.
- A driving under the influence of intoxicants arrest was made in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- Officers responded to a gunshot wound in the area of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Ead Creek Loop.

## **Saturday, September 7**

- Harassment was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of South Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 27 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 34 on Highway 18.
- A driving under the influence of intoxicants arrest was made in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.

- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 30 on Highway 18.
- An alarm was reported in the 8000 block of Fort Hill Road.

## **Sunday, September 8**

- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An animal complaint was reported in the area of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 42000 block of Fort Hill Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- A noise complaint was reported in the area of Tyee Road and Tilixam Circle.
- Trespassing was reported at Big Buck Campground.

## **Monday, September 9**

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 9500 block of Raven Loop.
- A disturbance was reported in the 28000 block of Dragonfly Drive.

## **Tuesday, September 10**

- Trespassing was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Wednesday, September 11**

- Fraud was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 1 on Highway 18.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Grand Ronde and Hebo roads.
- Theft was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

## **Thursday, September 12**

- A driving complaint was reported in the area of Highway 18 and Grand Ronde Road.

## **Friday, September 13**

- Officers responded to an illegal camp at Big Buck Campground.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 29000 block of Joe Day Way.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of Sheridan Road in Sheridan.

## **Saturday, September 14**

- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the area of Rock Creek Drive and A R Ford Road.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the area of Fire Hall and Andy Riggs roads.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 28 on Highway 18.

## **Sunday, September 15**

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the area of milepost 21 on Highway 18.
- A welfare check occurred in the 9600 block of Raven Loop.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of milepost 12 on Hebo Road.
- A noise complaint was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of milepost 2 on Highway 22.

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# GRAND RONDE POLICE LOG



POLICE LOG continued from page 14

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

## **Monday, September 16**

- Officers assisted with an emotionally disturbed person in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A gunshot wound was reported in the 33800 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers assisted an emotionally disturbed person at Big Buck Campground.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Tuesday, September 17**

- An animal complaint was reported in the area of South Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Trespassing was reported in the area of Ash Avenue and A R Ford Road.
- Officers responded to a welfare check request in the 25000 block of Southwest Beaver Court.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Andy Riggs and Grand Ronde roads.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of milepost 22 on Highway 18.

## **Wednesday, September 18**

- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- Officers responded to a lockout in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Yamhill Street in Sheridan.
- Illegal parking was reported near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 25000 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Thursday, September 19**

- A disturbance was reported in the 110 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 45500 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 45500 block of Southwest Hebo Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Bridge and Main streets.

## **Friday, September 20**

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported at 1100 N.E. Oaken Hills Drive in Willamina.
- A driving complaint was reported in the area of milepost 23 on Highway 18.
- A smoke check was requested in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.

## **Saturday, September 21**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of South Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of milepost 24 on Hebo Road.
- A driving complaint was reported on Hebo Road near milepost 20.
- Officers responded to an armed person in the 400 block of Viola Street in Sheridan.
- A suspicious person was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Sunday, September 22**

- A welfare check occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A welfare check occurred in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- An animal complaint was reported in the area of McPherson and Grand Ronde roads.

## **Monday, September 23**

- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 20 on Highway 18.
- Criminal trespass was reported in the 9600 block of Hebo Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 17 on Highway 18.
- A driving complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Tuesday, September 24**

- Officers responded to a cover request in the 400 block of Main Street in Willamina.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 28400 block of McPherson Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 22 on Highway 18.
- Theft occurred in the 26820 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft occurred in the 29700 block of Joe Day Way.

## **Wednesday, September 25**

- Officers assisted an outside agency in the area of Willamina Creek Road.
- A driving complaint was reported near milepost 18 on Highway 18.

## **Thursday, September 26**

- An animal complaint was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 28300 block of Andy Riggs Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 29800 block of Joe Day Way.
- Found property was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 51100 block of Hebo Road.

## **Friday, September 27**

- Citizen contact occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers attempted to locate a vehicle in the 24500 block of Southwest Grand Ronde Road.
- Officers responded to a hit-and-run in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Saturday, September 28**

- Officers responded to emotionally disturbed person in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Officers responded to a gunshot wound in the 9600 block of Tilixam Circle.
- A drug complaint was reported in the 26800 block of Salmon River Highway.

## **Sunday, September 29**

- A drug complaint was reported in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Theft occurred in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the area of North Street and Grand Ronde Road.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the area of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.
- Officers assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of N.E. First Street in Willamina.

## **Monday, September 30**

- Civil service occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Civil service occurred in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- Found property was reported in the 9600 block of Grand Ronde Road.
- An animal complaint was reported in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Officers served a warrant in the 120 block of Wind River Drive.
- Suspicious activity was reported in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.
- Officers assisted traffic in the 27100 block of Salmon River Highway.
- Civil service occurred in the 25200 block of Coyote Court.

Compiled by Grand Ronde  
Tribal Police Department Officer Austin Gomez



## Hotel room rate increase begins January 2025

As of January 2025, the Spirit Mountain Hotel at Spirit Mountain Casino will implement a revised pricing structure for the Elders discount, which has remained unchanged since the hotel's opening in 1997. The new discounted rates will be \$99 for mid-week stays, \$109 for weekends and \$129 for holidays.

This adjustment is necessary to better align room rates with the actual cost of room upkeep, while still offering competitive pricing, according to Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Executive Officer Camille Mercier.

The Tribal member discount will reflect a 10% discount on standard room rates. The RV park will offer Elders and Tribal members a \$10 discount off the standard rate at the RV lot.

"The changes ensure that we continue to provide valuable services while maintaining financial sustainability," Mercier said. ■

## Community Fund seeking nominations for annual 'ye?lan lima' award

Nomination letters for this year's 'ye?lan lima' (Helping Hand) awards are being accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund (SMCF) frequently celebrates the success and remarkable achievements of Oregon nonprofits. However, not often enough do individuals within these organizations receive the recognition they deserve.

The nominee may be a co-worker, a volunteer, manager/supervisor or someone affiliated with a partner nonprofit organization.

Due to the overwhelming number of requests in prior years to nominate a manager or director of a nonprofit, a third category was added to accommodate those nomination requests. The categories are non-paid volunteer, paid non-management staff and paid management staff.

The criteria for a nominee include one or more of the following qualities:

- Exhibits style and influence to motivate those with whom they interact.
- Performs work tasks in an exemplary manner that inspire others to excel.
- Consistently demonstrates outstanding conduct and performance of duties.
- Demonstrates dedication, superior reliability and cooperation in achieving the mission, goals and objectives of the nonprofit organization of which they are employed or volunteer.

The nomination letter is limited to one page and is not to exceed 250 words. Nomination letters must be emailed to [info@thecommunityfund.com](mailto:info@thecommunityfund.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, and must include a recent color photo of the nominee. JPEG format is preferred. Letters must specify which award category someone is submitting for their nominee.

Nominees must be currently working in the nonprofit sector and serving within Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington or Yamhill counties.

All nomination materials submitted will become the property of the Community Fund and will not be returned.

Applicants may not nominate themselves or their family members, and previous Helping Hand award winners are ineligible.

Each of the award recipients will receive a distinctive recognition award, a one-night stay and dinner for two at Spirit Mountain Casino, and a cash prize of \$500.

Winners will be selected in early December and awards will be delivered before Christmas.

For more information, email [info@thecommunityfund.com](mailto:info@thecommunityfund.com) or call 503-879-1400. ■

## Tribes will now be able to cover traditional health care practices through the Oregon Health Plan

SALEM – Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes, in partnership with Oregon Health Authority, have received approval for traditional health care practices to be covered through the Oregon Health Plan and the Children's Health Insurance Program, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Oregon is now one of the first four states in the nation to receive a first-ever approval to cover these traditional health care practices provided by Indian Health Service facilities, Tribal facilities and the Urban Indian Organization.

American Indian and Alaska Natives experience higher health disparities and a lower life expectancy than most other populations, and there is a direct correlation between historical trauma and negative health outcomes, according to an OHA press release.

"Better understanding of where ongoing health disparities stem from acknowledges the true history of the nation and state," it stated. "Honoring Tribal traditional healing practices with the Tribes of Oregon demonstrates a commitment by the state and federal government to support Tribes for improving health in Tribal communities utilizing their own Tribal-based practices."

Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, who was the first health director for the Tribe, said incorporating traditional practices into health care coverage is, "a long time coming."

"Oregon is now acknowledging our traditional healers," she said. "I'm so grateful this has finally happened."

Oregon Medicaid Director Emma Sandoe said the change is long overdue.

"This will help improve the quality of care, healthy outcomes and access to culturally-appropriate health for Tribal communities in the state," she said.

Oregon Tribes, Tribal entities and other academic advisors have met regularly since 2003 to gather information about Indigenous practices within Tribal communities that improve life and health outcomes.

"This is a great day for Tribal health programs," OHA Tribal Affairs Director Julie Johnson (Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone) said. "Our ancestors gave us the strength to endure survival for thousands and thousands of years, utilizing our traditional medicines, our cultural ways of life, our teachings of healing and wellness. We are grateful for our partnerships with the nine Tribes in Oregon and our Urban Indian Health program. They are the experts in our Tribal communities. We will continue to look to our Elders, cultural keepers and Tribal leaders to guide this work to improve health in Oregon."

For more information about the approval, visit [Medicaid.gov](https://www.Medicaid.gov). ■

**DUE TO ILLEGAL DUMPING OF TRASH IN THE RECYCLE BINS AND CONTAMINATION, THIS RECYCLING DEPOT IS ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING AND GOING AWAY.**

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## Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Survey

*The Tribal Court is receiving a Tribal Court Assessment, and the team wants to hear from you!*



Tribal Court Assessments are intended to evaluate tribal court needs, provide recommendations for court improvement and to receive dedicated tribal court funding.

Please take this brief survey!

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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. ■

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DIABETES PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

## SOUP Standoff



**Soup Makers:**

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Thursday, Nov. 7th

**5-7 PM**

**Grand Ronde Community Center**

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Charlene.Brewer@grandronde.org

Beginner

# Yoga


with Diana

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NOVEMBER  
12TH, 14TH, 19TH  
AND 21ST

Public Health Community Room  
12PM-12:40PM

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To sign up call Jenn at  
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Oregon Department of Human Services

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<b>Culture, Education and Wellness Manager</b>	\$62-67K/yr
<b>Reimagining Justice in Cully Project Coordinator</b>	\$60-65K/yr
<b>Early Childhood Family First Advocate</b>	\$50-54K/yr
<b>Two Spirit (LGBTQIA+) Program Coordinator</b>	\$27-29/hr
<b>Advocate for Youth Survivors of Sex Trafficking</b>	\$27/hr
<b>Family Parent Support Advocate</b>	\$24/hr
<b>Foster Care Support Specialist</b>	\$22/hr



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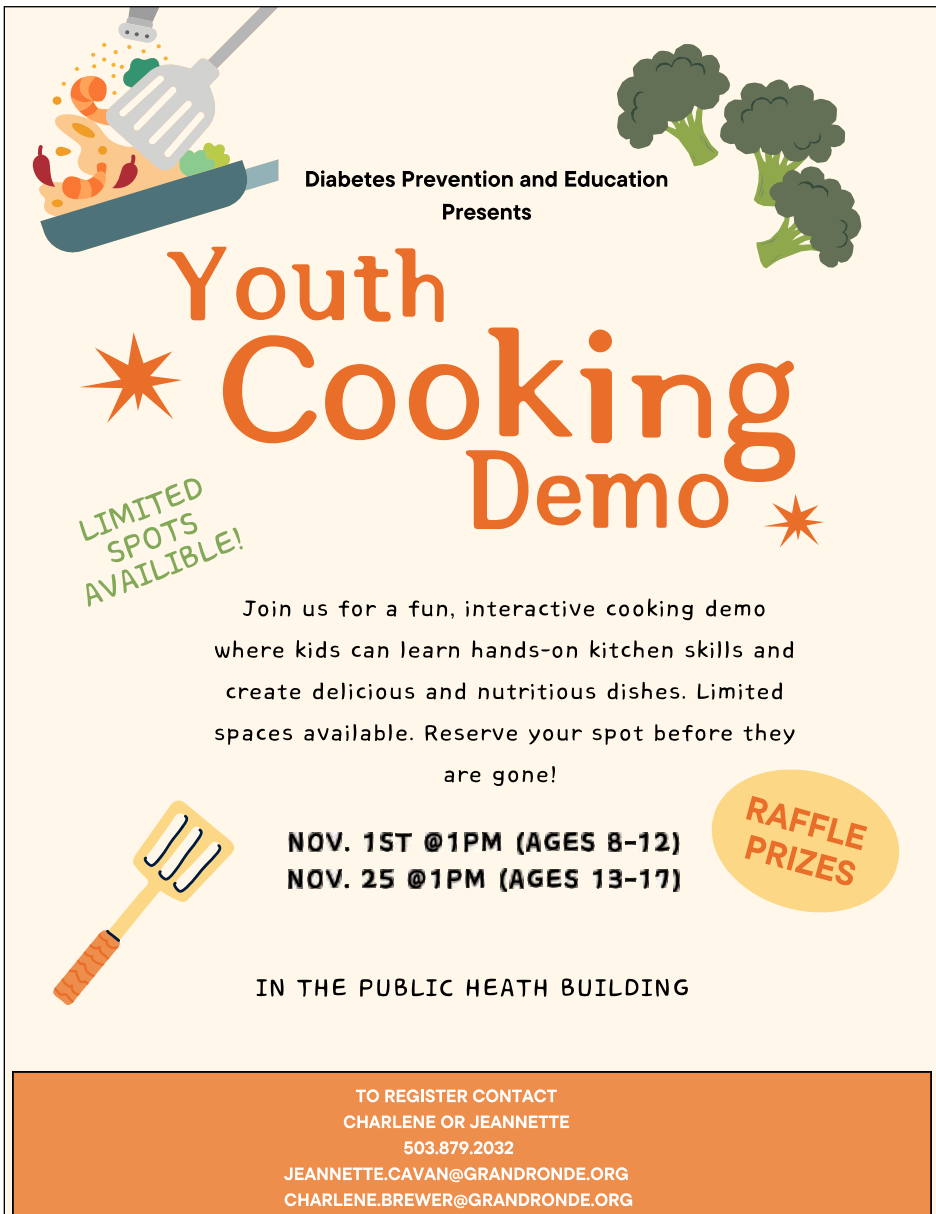
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Diabetes Prevention and Education Presents

# Youth Cooking Demo

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

Join us for a fun, interactive cooking demo where kids can learn hands-on kitchen skills and create delicious and nutritious dishes. Limited spaces available. Reserve your spot before they are gone!

NOV. 1ST @1PM (AGES 8-12)  
 NOV. 25 @1PM (AGES 13-17)

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NOVEMBER 2024

## GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER



NOVEMBER IS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

### WHAT IS DIABETES?

Diabetes is when there is too much glucose (sugar) in your blood. Two reasons this may happen is your body does not make enough insulin or your body is resistant to insulin.

### DIABETES RISK FACTORS

Prediabetes and type 2 diabetes share almost all of the same risk factors. If you already have prediabetes, this is an added risk factor that makes you more likely to develop type 2 diabetes. You're at risk for both prediabetes and type 2 diabetes if you:

- \*Are overweight or obese.
- \*Are age 45 or older.
- \*Have a parent or sibling with type 2 diabetes.
- \*Are physically active less than 3 times a week.
- \*Have non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).
- \*Have ever had gestational diabetes (diabetes during pregnancy) or given birth to a baby who weighed over 9 pounds.
- \*Are an African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, or Alaska Native person. Some Pacific Islander people and Asian American people also have a higher risk.

### HOW CAN I MANAGE DIABETES?

1. Make and eat healthy food.
2. Be active most days.
3. Test your blood sugar often.
4. Take medicines as prescribed, even if you feel good.
5. Learn ways to manage stress.
6. Cope with the emotional side of diabetes and learn to manage stress.
7. Go to checkups.

SMALL CHANGES TO YOUR LIFESTYLE CAN HELP TO PREVENT OR DELAY DIABETES, EVEN IF YOU'VE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH PREDIABETES. YOUR DOCTOR WILL HELP YOU CREATE A PLAN AND SET GOALS THAT WORK FOR YOU. THEY MAY ALSO REFER YOU TO A CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) RECOGNIZED, EVIDENCE-BASED LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM. DON'T HESITATE TO ASK FOR HELP ALONG YOUR JOURNEY.



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## HAPPENING THIS MONTH...

HELLO November

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

YOUTH COOKING DEMO AGES 8-12  
 PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING AT 1:00PM

TO REGISTER CONTACT CHARLENE OR JEANNETTE 503.879.2032

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

SOUP STANDOFF  
 COMMUNITY CENTER AT 5:00 PM  
 TO REGISTER CONTACT CHARLENE OR JEANNETTE 503.879.2032

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

DIABETES PREVENTION AND EDUCATION MEETING  
 PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING AT 11:00AM AND 5:15PM

OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN DIABETES PREVENTION OR HEALTHIER LIVING

NOVEMBER 12TH, 14TH, 19TH, AND 21

FOUNDATIONAL YOGA  
 PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING FROM 12:00PM-12:40PM  
 TO REGISTER CONTACT JENN AT 503.879.6701

MONDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

YOUTH COOKING DEMO AGES 13-17  
 PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING AT 1:00 PM  
 TO REGISTER CONTACT CHARLENE OR JEANNETTE AT 503.879.2032

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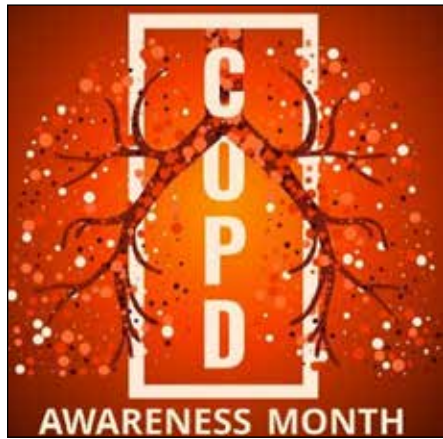
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

## World COPD Awareness Day set for Nov. 15



This November, COPD Awareness Month highlights the importance of early detection, management and prevention of a disease that is often silent in its early stages but can have severe, life-altering consequences.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease is a progressive lung condition that affects millions worldwide, yet many remain unaware of its symptoms and risk factors.

COPD refers to a group of diseases, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema that cause airflow blockage

and breathing-related problems. Over time, the disease leads to irreversible damage to the lungs, making it difficult for patients to breathe. This often results in chronic coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath and frequent respiratory infections.

The World Health Organization ranks COPD as the third leading cause of death globally, and it is particularly prevalent among smokers and people exposed to air pollutants.

### Who is at risk?

The primary risk factor for COPD is tobacco smoking, which accounts for about 85% of cases in developed countries. However, non-smokers can also develop COPD, especially those exposed to long-term irritants such as air pollution, workplace dust, and chemicals.

### The importance of early detection

Early diagnosis is critical in managing COPD effectively. Unfortunately, the disease often goes undiagnosed until it has significantly progressed. Many people attribute early symptoms, like a persistent cough or mild shortness of breath, to aging or lack of fitness, delaying a visit to the doctor.

The good news is that once diagnosed, COPD can be managed through lifestyle changes, medications and therapies. Pulmonary rehabilitation programs that include exercise, nutritional advice and education are highly beneficial. In severe cases, oxygen therapy or surgery may be required.

### Prevention and lifestyle changes

While COPD is a chronic condition with no known cure, its progression can be slowed and symptoms managed effectively. The most important step in preventing COPD is avoiding tobacco smoke. Quitting smoking not only reduces the risk of developing the disease but also slows the decline in lung function for those already diagnosed.

While COPD is a chronic condition, individuals diagnosed with the disease can still live fulfilling lives by managing their symptoms and adhering to treatment plans. Regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy diet and staying engaged with support groups or educational programs help patients stay proactive in their care. ■

# LONELINESS

## IN ADULT FOSTER CARE

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

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

THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS!

## November is National Diabetes Month

November is National Diabetes Month which also hosts World Diabetes Day on Nov. 14. This year, November will focus on diabetes and well-being, which emphasizes the importance of lifestyle changes, early detection, and community support in preventing diabetes and managing its complications.



With more than 37 million Americans living with diabetes and an estimated 96 million adults with prediabetes, this month-long campaign is vital for addressing the growing health challenge.

According to the International Diabetes Federation:

- 36% of people with diabetes experience diabetes distress.
- 63% of people with diabetes say that the fear of developing diabetes-related complications affects their well-being.
- 28% of people with diabetes find it hard to remain positive in relation to their condition.

### Understanding diabetes

Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects how the body turns food into energy. The most common types are Type 1, Type 2, and gestational diabetes.

- Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition that requires daily insulin administration.
- Type 2, the most prevalent form, is often linked to lifestyle factors such as diet, physical inactivity and obesity.
- Gestational diabetes occurs during pregnancy and can lead to complications for both mother and child.

Without proper management, diabetes can lead to severe health issues, including heart disease, kidney failure, vision loss and nerve damage.

For individuals with prediabetes—a condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes—lifestyle interventions can significantly reduce the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

Many Americans are unaware that small changes, such as incorporating more fruits and vegetables into their diet, getting 150 minutes of physical activity per week and managing stress can help delay or prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes.

### Special focus on vulnerable communities

Diabetes disproportionately affects certain populations, including African Americans, Hispanic and Latino Americans, Native Americans, and older adults. The CDC reports that racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes and experience complications due to limited access to healthcare, healthy food options, and education.

### The role of technology and innovation

The role of technology in managing diabetes has been transformative in recent years, and this year's National Diabetes Month will highlight the advancements that make diabetes care more manageable. Continuous glucose monitors, insulin pumps and smartphone apps that track blood sugar levels and diet are helping individuals manage their condition more effectively. ■

## DEMENTIA AND COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

- FORGETTING RECENT EVENTS, APPOINTMENTS, DATES, ETC
- CONFUSION ABOUT TIME AND PLACE
- SEEING OR HEARING THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE
- DIFFICULTY WITH FAMILIAR TASKS LIKE DRIVING, USING A PHONE OR REMOTE
- EMOTIONAL CHANGES LIKE BEING MORE IRRITABLE, UPSET, AND AGITATED
- LOSING TRAIN OF THOUGHT MULTIPLE TIMES IN A CONVERSATION
- MISPLACING THINGS FREQUENTLY
- PERSONALITY OR BEHAVIORAL CHANGES (BEING SUSPICIOUS OR WITHDRAWN)



# YOUTH STICK GAME

Join us and learn stick game, stick game songs and practice some of our cultural teachings!



### Details:

All Middle School and High School youth are welcome. Transportation home will be provided for the local area at 5:35pm.

### Location:

9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde, OR 97396  
Youth Education Building "J"

### Time & Dates:

- 09/26/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 10/10/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 10/24/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 11/07/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 11/19/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 12/05/24- 4:15-5:15pm
- 12/17/24- 4:15-5:15pm

## SURVEYING THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS



SCAN ME

<https://tinyurl.com/3nf7x98r>

### CONTACT INFORMATION

To learn more about this study, please contact:

Chris Mansayon  
Principal Investigator  
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.

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

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](http://www.SMARTReading.org).



Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
Academic Coach 6-12	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	11/04/24
Administrative Assistant – Natural Resources	8	\$24.69/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	10/28/24
Administrative Assistant – Youth Education	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	11/04/24
CFS Investigator	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	11/04/24
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Driver/Wellness Assistant	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
Environmental Health & Safety Specialist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	10/28/24
Epidemiologist & Data Analyst	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	11/04/24
Forester	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Health Promotion Specialist – Community Health	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Health Promotion Specialist – Public Health	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
IT Auditor	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
Licensed Practical Nurse – Adult Foster Care	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Licensed Practical Nurse Part-Time – Salem – Great Circle Recovery	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Mental Health Therapist – Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
Preschool Teacher	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	11/04/24
Recovery House Manager	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
SPED Teacher	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	11/04/24
Staff Accountant	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	12/31/2024

We have transitioned to a new applicant portal system. Returning applicants will need to create a new profile in UKG. Previous log-in credentials with Acquire are no longer valid.

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 benefits and competitive pay. POSTINGS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED & WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT NOTICE.

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3. External candidates.

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POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Events Coordinator	11/1/2024	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	11/1/2024	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	11/1/2024	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent I	11/1/2024	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent II	11/1/2024	\$18.82/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	11/1/2024	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Amore Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Assistant Banquet Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Bartender (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Hotel Front Desk Clerk/Night Auditor	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Player Services Representative I	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Floor Supervisor	Until Filled	\$23.24/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

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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.
- ✓ Please reference the Job Description for job duties, qualifications, and required knowledge/skills.
- ✓ Job postings are updated every Friday with remaining and new positions; applications must be received by 5:00pm on the following Thursday to be considered.
- ✓ Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- ✓ All positions are eligible for an incremental Hire-on Bonus

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

Call (503) 879-3737 for application assistance.