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General Council briefed on 2025 draft budget

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

Finance Officer Chris Leno briefed Tribal members on the draft budget for calendar year 2025 during the Sunday, Nov. 3, General Council meeting held at the Governance Center and on Zoom.

The draft budget portion of the meeting was held in executive session, which limits how much Smoke Signals can report on the details.

Leno's draft budget presentation ran approximately 55 minutes and he fielded 11 questions and comments regarding next year's Tribal spending plan.

Tribal members interested in obtaining the slides of Leno's presentation should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez at stacia.martin@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2304.

The November Tilixam Wawa also features a detailed look at the 2025 draft budget and adult Tribal members have until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, to submit written comments. The final 2025 budget will be adopted on or before Dec. 31. Written comments can be submitted to 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347; or emailed to chris.leno@grandronde.org.

In other action, the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, in Tribal Council chambers and on Zoom.

Leroy Good, Tynan George, Christopher Bailey, Jessica Holmes and Ashley Tuomi won the \$50 door prizes.

Esther Foster, Jacqueline Wilmot and Andrea Knight won the \$100 door prizes.

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



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Aiyana Woodward, 5, and her mother, Tribal member Malia Blanchard, peel backs off of decals to iron onto a T-shirt during the Warriors of Hope Program's Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in the Tribal gym on Saturday, Oct. 26. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Warriors of Hope: Men are also victims of domestic violence

By Nicole Montesano
Smoke Signals staff writer

Domestic violence is such a pervasive legacy of colonialism that it has become normalized in many Tribal families, speakers for the Tribe's Warriors of Hope Program said at an awareness event at the Tribal gym on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The Tribal program offers assistance with survivors of domestic and sexual violence.



At one of the event tables, participants ironed decals onto T-shirts that said, "Love shouldn't

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Tribal Council expresses appreciation, reservations about apology

By Nicole Montesano
Smoke Signals staff writer

President Joe Biden's apology in late October, for the nation's enforcement of a genocidal policy that forced Native American children into horrifically abusive boarding schools for more than 150 years, was important, members of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council said, but must be backed by actions.

Speaking at the Gila Indian River Community in Arizona on Friday, Oct. 25, Biden told attendees and the nation that the boarding school era

was "one of the most horrific chapters in American history. We should be ashamed."

He added that it was "a chapter that most Americans don't know about. The vast majority don't even know about it."

Treatment of the children at the schools was traumatizing and sometimes deadly, Biden acknowledged. "Their clothes taken off. Their hair that they were told was sacred was chopped off. Their names literally erased and replaced by a number or an English name. ... Children abused — emotionally, physically and sexually abused.

Forced into hard labor. Some put up for adoption without the consent of their birth parents. Some left for dead in unmarked graves.

"And for those who did return home, they were wounded in body and in spirit — trauma and shame passed down through generations."

Biden noted that "Tens of thousands of Native children entered the system. Nearly 1,000 documented Native child deaths, though the real

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

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. 20.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 4.....	4 p.m.

LETTERS

Dear Smoke Signals,

Some may have seen on the news that President Biden apologized to the Native Americans of our country for being forced into boarding schools back in the late 1800s through the early 1900s.

My grandmother, Cecil Rose Russell Porter, was one of those children. In 1908, she was taken from her home in Tiller, Oregon, and sent to Portland. From there she was sent to Chemawa Indian School in Salem. She was there until her 19th birthday even though she had many relatives who wanted to take her.

Cecil's mother, Rosalia Quintal Nipissing Russell, died giving birth to her. Relatives in Tiller took grandmother, her older sister Agnes and older brother Lewis in. Apparently, there was some trouble where she was living in Tiller, so the state stepped in.

We are fortunate to have many photographs from that time and a 60-page transcript from the Native American Archive Center in Seattle. Many times, grandmother's relatives in Yamhill County wrote letters begging for custody. Alas, the state children's services denied all that until she was 19.

Thank you, Mr. President, for stepping up and apologizing on behalf of the United States of America.

Most sincerely,
Bradley Kowing
Roll 1816



Cecil Rose Russell Porter

Correction — Smoke Signals accidentally misidentified Tribal Elder Carol Gleason as Tribal Elder Laura Gleason in an article about Bee and Barry Beads in the Nov. 1 edition. Smoke Signals regrets the error. ■

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices 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.

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 41st Restoration Celebration



November 22
Program

10:00 a.m. Doors Open
Tamanowas exhibit, Vendors
10:30 a.m. Grand Ronde Singers and Dancers (all are welcome)
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.

Contact
publicaffairs@grandronde.org

November 23
POWWOW

1:00pm 1st Grand Entry
5:00pm Dinner Break
6:00pm 2nd Grand Entry
10:00pm Closing

Emcee: Bob Tom, Arena Director:
Dietrich Peters, Headman: Chad Leno, Headwoman: Molly Leno
Host Drum: Bad Soul
Invited Drum: Battle Stone Singers

Specials: CTGR & Veterans Royalty, Sweethearts, Potato Dance, Switch Dance, Tiny Tots, and Golden Age

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Wednesday, Nov. 20	Dec. 1	Indigenous Journalists Association
Monday, Dec. 9	Dec. 15	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Monday, Dec. 23	Jan. 1	2022 IJA General Excellence
Monday, Jan. 6	Jan. 15	2023 IJA General Excellence

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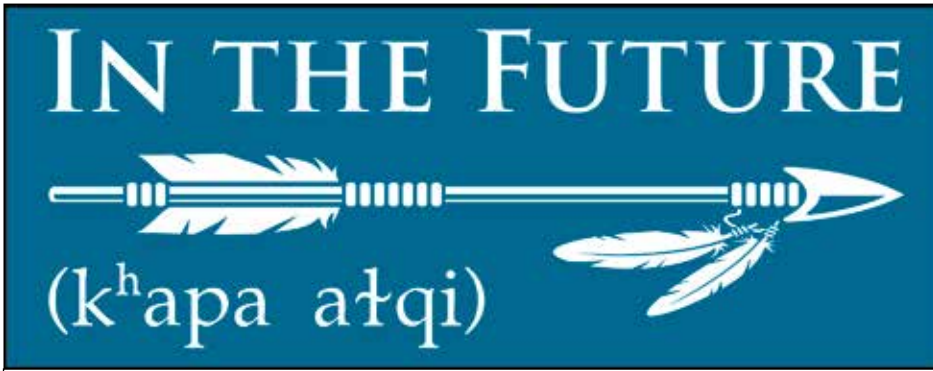
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taɫlam-pi-ixt-mun (November)

- Monday, Nov. 18 – Willamina School Board meeting, 7 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers. All are invited. 503-876-1500.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 800-422-0232.
- Friday, Nov. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Restoration Day.
- Friday, Nov. 22 – 41st Restoration Day celebration, doors open at 10 a.m., lunch served at 11:30 a.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Contact publicaffairs@grandronde.org for more information.
- UPDATED:** Saturday, Nov. 23 – 41st Restoration Powwow, doors open at 10 a.m., grand entries at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., dinner break at 5 p.m., variety of dance specials, Spirit Mountain Casino, 27100 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Contact 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.

taɫlam-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.

REMINDER

TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE TRIBAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME/DISABILITY & MEDICARE PART "B" PROGRAMS

IT'S TIME TO SEND US A COPY OF YOUR '2025' SOCIAL SECURITY AWARD LETTER!

If you haven't received your '2025' Social Security Award letter yet, please contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or online at www.ssa.gov

Your current SSA award letter must reach our office by Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 by 5:00 PM to avoid any future delays in your benefits.

Please send a copy of your 2025 SSA letter to:

CTGR Member Services
Attn: Shayla Myrick-Meyer
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Fax: 503-879-2480 - Email: Shayla.myrick-meyer@grandronde.org - 503-879-1364 or 1-800-422-0232 Ext. 1364

Hayu masi!

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to submit your yearly SSA award letter and/or notify the Tribe of any changes may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income & Disability payments and Medicare Part "B" reimbursements.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

BALLOTS WERE MAILED:
FRIDAY, NOV. 8

ELECTION DAY / RESULTS:
MONDAY, DEC. 9

More information available at:
WWW.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 p.m. will be mailed
- As always, please update address and direct deposit information for December distribution



Finance Department Member Benefits

CTGR Member Services

Requests for Descendancy Options

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Food Bank news

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

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

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

The Food Bank will hold November food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

The Food Bank will be open but not distributing food boxes on Friday, Nov. 22, which is the Tribe’s Restoration Day. Additionally, there will be a holiday-themed food box drive-through distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23. The offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 25 to Friday, Nov. 29.

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 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Employment Services building on the Tribal campus. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for more information.
- **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.

GRAND RONDE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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

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

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



2019 – A delegation from Grand Ronde, along with other Tribal officials from the Pacific Northwest, traveled to Portland for the city’s second annual Tribal Nations Summit. The goal was to build partnerships, strengthen collaborations and enhance diplomacy between Tribal nations and the city of Portland.



2019 File photo

2014 – The Tribal Council agreed to send two proposed amendments to the Tribe’s Constitution to voters and asked the Secretary of the Interior to schedule an election. The amendments were intended to institute term limits on future Tribal Council service and remove the Bureau of Indian Affairs from Tribal constitutional elections. Neither passed.

2009 – The Tribe was planning to hold a blessing for its new traditional plankhouse near uyxat Powwow Grounds, to kick off the 26th Restoration Celebration.

2004 – Smoke Signals told the story of Harriet Lindsay, a member of the Rogue River Tribe of Chief George’s Band, who arrived in Grand Ronde in her teens and became the common-law wife of General Phil Sheridan until he was called east in 1861, to help fight the Civil War.

1999 – The Tribe’s newly-remodeled health clinic was being set up to better serve patients by providing different check-in windows for walk-in patients and those with appointments. A triage system was set in place to give patients a quick diagnosis and streamline the process.

1994 – The Tribe secured a construction grant for nearly \$750,000 from the Economic Development Administration to make major improvements to the community water system, including installing a 500,000-gallon water tank and pipeline to deliver water to the Tribal headquarters.

1989 – Smoke Signals examined the history of Grand Ronde Tribal members just before and immediately after the Termination Act of 1954. Much of the Tribe’s land was sold and members struggled with unemployment, alcohol dependency, health problems and high school dropout rates.

1984 – The Tribe celebrated its first Restoration anniversary, with a feast, powwow, gifts and speakers.

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

ALZHEIMERS AWARENESS MONTH WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH NOVEMBER 2024



BINGO + BOARD GAMES

JOIN THE BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AT THE CHERYLE A. KENNEDY PUBLIC HEALTH BUILDING FOR ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY!

SNACKS, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, AND GIFT BAGS WILL BE GIVEN OUT!



CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 503-879-2078

Tribal Council approves grant application for peer support specialists

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved an application to apply for a grant that would fund four peer recovery support specialists to help people struggling with addiction at its Wednesday, Nov. 6, meeting.

The Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts is a grant that funds up to \$300,000 a year for the support specialists to work in tandem with the Tribe's Community Transitions program. There is already one specialist working in the department and if the grant is awarded, the Tribe would be able to use the funds for that position and to hire three already budgeted positions in 2025.

"These are positions that are already in the budget that we are looking at using other funds for to be able to hire for and move into this grant," Tribal Health Services Director Kelly Rowe said during a Tuesday, Nov. 5, Legislative Action Committee meeting.

Tribal Council member Lisa Leno said she appreciated the Tribe's commitment to hiring peer support specialists.

"I just wanted to comment how much I appreciate the peer support work that is happening in our community with people who have lived experience (with addiction) and who have been in this community for a long time and are in recovery,"

she said. "They are now giving back and (there are) monumental changes in our community happening and I really appreciate that."

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an annual amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Cleanup Cooperative Agreement for \$539,809 to cover work on the Portland Harbor site cleanup;
- Approved a contract with Oregon Retrofit LLC of Lyons to replace the original lighting in light poles in various locations throughout the Tribal campus, housing and in the Tribal community with energy efficient lighting;
- Approved a \$150,000 application to the National Association of County and Health Officials for CDC's Project Firstline, which offers educational resources in a variety of formats to meet the needs of healthcare workforce;
- Approved a land transfer agreement accepting a donation of the 5-acre Kimsey property, which is adjacent to the Tribe's Chankawan property in Marion County;
- And enrolled three infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements in the Tribal Constitution.

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

Gas discount in Grand Ronde

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

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

Veterans Day Luncheon



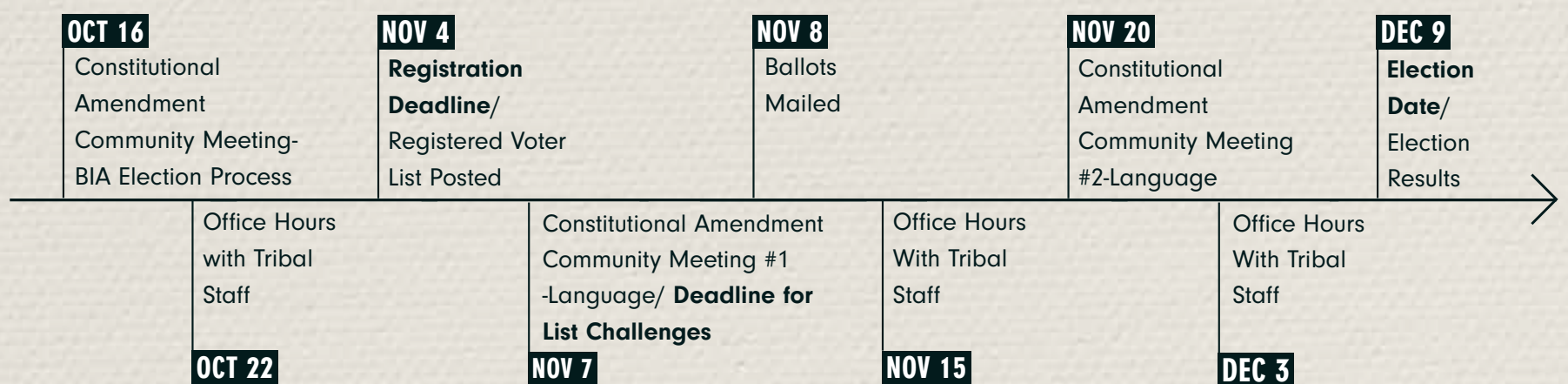
Photos by Kamiah Koch

Tribal Council member Lisa Leno serves lunch to U.S. military veterans during the Tribe's Veterans Day Luncheon held in the Community Center on Friday, Nov. 8. Veterans enjoyed a meal dished up by Leno and Grand Ronde Veterans Royalty, free haircuts and acknowledgements of their service from Tribal Veterans Service Officer Ramona Quenelle. The event was held by the Tribal Veterans Service Office. "Ramona did an amazing job of having lunch, haircuts, drawings and resource information," Leno said. "She does an amazing job and is a veteran herself."



Tribal member Abigail Ryan gives Tribal Elder and veteran Harold Lyon a free haircut during the Tribe's Veterans Day Luncheon.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TIMELINE



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.

'I formally apologize as president of the United States of America'

**APOLOGY continued
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number is likely to be much, much higher; lost generations, culture and language; lost trust.

"It's horribly, horribly wrong. It's a sin on our soul."

Yet, until this year, the federal government had never apologized for its actions.

"I formally apologize as president of the United States of America, for what we did. I formally apologize. And it's long overdue," Biden said. "It's long, long, long overdue. Quite frankly, there's no excuse that this apology took 50 years to make. The Federal Indian Boarding School policy and the pain it has caused will always be a significant mark of shame, a blot on American history."

Some Tribal council members praised Biden's words during a Legislative Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

"It really doesn't matter which side of the fence you're on politically; that was a beautiful moment," Tribal Council member Matthew Haller said.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was more reserved.

"Before it even started, someone asked me, 'What do you think about that?'" Kennedy said. "I said, 'Well, I think it's about time. It was something that happened that's been swept under the rug ... I equated it in similarity to the Holocaust; now people are questioning, did that even happen, and it's along those same lines. But for me, really, the proof is in the pudding.'"



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~ Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy

Kennedy said she recalls working with other Indigenous leaders in the Pacific Northwest to help draft language for the Indian Child Welfare Act, passed in 1978.

"It was passed, but with zero dollars," Kennedy said. "So, in essence, it just became writing words on a paper. And I said, 'So hopefully, that there will be funds that come with this acknowledgement, with this apology, and that we have the appropriations. ... Increase funding for the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Education, because they kept silent; they didn't publish this, they didn't teach those things.'"

Kennedy said she believes Biden was sincere and added "I believe all Tribes are probably watching this to see what happens with it. I think it's high time we all weigh in as Tribes and request those additional funds in those areas."

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George said that during a meeting of the governor's task force on Tribal consultation, some Oregon Tribal members questioned the timing of the apology.

"Some of them were about, 'Well, why now?' George said. "Even though it's been going on for 150

years, why the apology now, and why hadn't other presidential administrations ever apologized before then. I think we really have to thank (U.S. Interior Secretary) Deb Haaland for bringing the boarding school issue forward."

Tribal Council member Kathleen George said the apology was important, while the pain of those who were not and cannot be made whole by it must also be recognized.

"It's absolutely true that nothing, nothing can make up for the horrors that were forced on the Tribal people," she said. "And I also think it's important to recognize that this man, while in this seat of tremendous power, is the one and said out loud that day, 'It is wrong and a shame on this nation that no one in my role has stood up, acknowledged the shame and the horrors of that era, that belong to the United States.' He said those words out loud. And then also was the one who said out loud, 'And we apologize. We acknowledge nothing can repair the damage that has been done and that your people continue to suffer from it, and I unequivocally apologize.'"

George said she is sympathetic to people who were unmoved by

the apology.

"I completely understand and feel for those folks too, who rightly acknowledge that nothing can make up for that and that this is difficult because it comes so late; that is absolutely true," she said. "And I also think we need to acknowledge when people in power do the right thing while they're there. They take responsibility for their time in their seat and they say the words out loud that need to be said, and so for me, that was just important. To own the truth of the atrocities that occurred and spend time reflecting on them openly, with a nation, with the world watching, and openly say what words could be said, to apologize. So that's important ... while (remembering) all the people and families that still are harmed and suffering to this day in our heart."

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley issued a statement following the apology, saying he is fighting for funding for Tribal communities and programs.

"We need to learn from the mistakes of the past and continually consult Tribal communities to fully repair this lasting, generational damage," Merkley said. "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." ■

CTGR 2024 Winter Surplus Grand Ronde Fish Distribution

Natural Resources Department

Fish Lab

47010 SW HEBO 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

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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.

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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: _____

Event focused on the often-overlooked issue of abused men

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
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hurt.” As she worked on adorning her T-shirt, Tribal member Jessica Holmes said she has “dealt with abuse and stuff in the past, so I just wanted to see what the Tribe has to offer, regardless of whether it’s for female or male.”

She said she was glad to see programs available for both men and women.

This year’s event focused on the often-overlooked issue of abused men. Boys, as well as girls, are subject to physical, emotional and sexual abuse as children, leaving them with lifelong trauma, the risk of growing up to abuse others, and risk for alcoholism, substance abuse and suicide.

Although male abuse victims are less common than female victims, adult men can also be subjected to physical and emotional abuse. However, it is often much harder for men to find help, speakers told the crowd. In addition, they said, men are not always believed, and can find it deeply embarrassing and difficult to speak about their abuse or to ask for help.

Tribal member Joe Ulestad delivered the invocation and a drum song. Ulestad also talked about his own experiences with abuse and the difficulty of speaking out. He now works as a peer support specialist in the Tribe’s Behavioral Health department.

Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell attended as well as Tribal Council member Kathleen George.

“I’m just so proud of the work the Warriors of Hope are doing for our Tribal community,” George said. “This work is so important and so



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Joe Ulestad shares his story as a guest speaker at the Warriors of Hope Program’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month event in the Tribal gym on Saturday, Oct. 26.

needed. Everybody needs to know there’s a safe place they can go, with people to listen to them and believe them.”

Cousins and Tribal members Fabian Quenelle and Ferrell DeGarmo also shared their stories with the audience. All three men emphasized the importance, for men, of seeking healing for their pain, both for their own sakes and to become safer people for their families. It’s a hard thing to do, they acknowledged, but said there are fellow Tribal members who will hold out their arms to offer aid and belief.

DeGarmo said for generations now, people have been brought up to shut their feelings away.

“A lot of what colonization has brought to us, it has normalized not to do three things: Don’t talk. Don’t feel. Don’t trust,” he said. “So, we’ve

normalized ‘Whatever happens in the home, we’re not going to talk about it. We’re not going to have feelings about it.’”

But those beliefs only intensify the damage.

“When we don’t trust anyone, how can we work through our depression?” he said. “When we don’t talk, that depression sits in us. ... We’ve got to start talking — to therapists, to our peers, to our friends. That’s where we start to heal.”

Behavioral Health Lead Therapist Maret Banks told the audience that violence is pervasive throughout Indigenous communities.

“A lot of our work as therapists is unlearning the violence that’s been around us all our lives,” she said.

Symptoms can include separation anxiety, anxiety in response to certain sounds, generalized anxiety or panic, loss of identity, confusion about masculinity, shame, co-dependency, law enforcement involvement and “unhealthy attitudes and beliefs about women, sexual relationships and love,” and sexual disinformation, she said.

“One thing that sets men and women apart is that men have a much, much higher rate of completing suicide and substance abuse,” Banks said. “And we think that has a lot to do with society and not being allowed to have feelings about it. A lot of the victims of abuse I’ve worked with don’t know what they even like, how to relax or what makes them happy.”

Ulestad told the audience that when he realized he wanted help, it was hard to know exactly what to do.

“I didn’t know how to pray,” he said.

But eventually a friend invited him to a healing ceremony. He tried to decline. “I said no, I’m 400 pounds, my knees hurt,” he said, giving a litany of excuses. “The guy said, ‘No, you have to come sweat,’” promising aid for every issue that Ulestad raised. He went to the ceremony, and with his friend’s encouragement, began attending a regular men’s circle, beginning his long journey toward healing. Today, he said, he has been clean and sober for five years, and feels honored to work with other men who are seeking help for pain long

kept secret.

“Men, you don’t have to be calling the cops,” he said. “You can lean into one of us — get to the mountains, to the river, go to a lodge. There’s other ways to get help. We don’t got to be ashamed to heal, as guys, we don’t got to be ashamed to ask for help.”

The difficulty men often feel in speaking out or asking for help was a theme of the evening.

“There’s no shame — and this is going to the women, too, but especially the men — there’s no shame in healing, there’s no shame in reaching out,” DeGarmo said. “At one time, we weren’t the men to call on, but we are now.”

He noted that before colonization, “There was no shame in our culture, in our values. ... There’s no shame in saying, ‘I want to heal.’ I don’t want to keep carrying this on my shoulders because it’s a lot of weight.”

DeGarmo said he is speaking from experience.

“There was a point in my life where I needed to call for help,” he said. “Everyone around me opened their arms to me. I didn’t think that was possible because of the road I led myself down, the things I’ve done, the things I’ve destroyed.”

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer Clint Cardwell told the crowd that, “We are there for everyone.”

“It’s not always easy for me to ask for help when I need it,” he said, noting that can be a hard thing for men generally, let alone when they feel ashamed about the issue. “Anytime you see people in your life that need it, reach out to them.”

Prior to the arrival of European settlers, domestic violence was not a common feature of Indigenous cultures, DeGarmo said.

“A big part of this is acknowledging how impactful colonization has been with domestic violence,” he said.

Tales of broken families causing pain, he said, date back to the violence experienced by families targeted by land-greedy settlers. “One of my relatives remembered one of the last Indian wars,” DeGarmo said.

In one horrific incident, after settlers defeated the men of his relative’s band, DeGarmo said, they forced wives and children to watch as their husbands and fathers were hung.

“It started from there,” he said, as men and women blamed each other for failing to stop the atrocities perpetrated by settlers.

“I spent a majority of my life in survival mode, not acknowledging all the lateral violence that was going on around me. ... Our women sometimes feel they have to wear two hats; be the men and the women for our children,” he said.

Attending a men’s circle, he said, was a healing experience for him. The circles allow men to learn “to heal, to be safe people for (loved ones) to be around.”

As he spoke, his teenage son carried a shell of burning sage throughout the gymnasium, offering each person present the opportunity to smudge themselves with purifying smoke. ■

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Na'ya Gibbons, 4, brushes Uni the Unicorn's teeth while visiting the Tribe's Dental Clinic information table at the Fall Festival in the Tribal gym on Thursday, Oct. 31. The annual event had face painting, pumpkin decorating, door prizes, a pizza dinner, costume contest, a jam and trunk-or-treating in the parking lot. The festival was hosted by the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center in collaboration with the Tribe's Children & Family Services Program.

Fall Festival fun



Copper Chargualaf, 5, picks candy from the Tribe's Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program's trunk while trunk-or-treating in the parking lot outside the Tribal gym during the Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 31.



Willow Squetimkin, 8, left, and her cousin Harper Hernandez, 7, scream for applause as they compete in the costume contest during the Fall Festival.

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Stassi Villalobos, 10, gets slime from Tribal General Manager Angie Blackwell while trick-or-treating in the Governance Center Atrium on Friday, Nov. 1. Youth Education's hayu-munk skukum program students also visited the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Clinic, Employment Service Center and the Tribal gym for additional treats from departments the trick-or-treaters did not visit due to the cold and rainy day.

TERO holds annual appreciation lunch

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals editor

The annual Tribal Employment Rights Office Appreciation Lunch was held Saturday, Nov. 2, at Spirit Mountain Casino to honor and highlight employees and projects in 2024.

TERO Director Harris Reibach served as master of ceremonies, introducing speakers, presenting awards and announcing raffle winners while more than 200 attendees enjoyed lunch and desserts.

“We’re here to celebrate all of the good things we do at TERO and each one of you who contributes to that success,” Reibach said. “It’s fun to be able to connect with people whose names I’ve only seen on emails and whatnot. I’ve already heard some cool stories where people have met others here that they’ve only talked to on the phone in the past. That’s what it’s about, just getting together and connecting.”

Then, a moment of silence was held for past TERO worker and Tribal Elder Marcus Gibbons, who walked on Thursday, Oct. 31.

Tribal member Anthony Quenelle gave the invocation, then he and Reibach performed a drum and rattle song.

Reibach took a moment to acknowledge all who had come out for the event, and noted it was the first time they had invited primary contractors for various Oregon Department of Transportation projects that employ TERO workers.

“We’re really excited to have them here,” he said.



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Don Wabaunsee (Warm Springs) is gifted a Pendleton blanket after being named the 2024 Tribal Employment Rights Office Worker of the Year during the TERO Appreciation Lunch at the Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center on Saturday, Nov. 2. On the left is TERO Director Harris Reibach, and the blanket was presented by TERO Compliance Officer Duke Kimsey, behind Wabaunsee, and TERO Senior Administrative Assistant Caden Leno, right.



Tribal member Ferrell DeGarmo talks about his experience with the Tribe’s Tribal Employment Rights Office during the TERO Appreciation Lunch.

Administrative Assistant Caden Leno, Administrative Assistant Kristy Summers and Khofi Haws Lead Barista Ariel Hunt. Past TERO staff member Lori Sterling was also in attendance.

Lunch and dessert were followed by raffle prize drawings, an explanation of the various services TERO provides and project statistics, among other presentations.

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey spoke about her personal history with the program before it was known as TERO.

“TERO is very near and dear to my heart,” she said. “Working in the Human Resources department, we had all of these construction projects going on and I was like, ‘How are we tapping into our people and how are we getting jobs for our people?’ At that time, the HR director said she wanted me to oversee all of our construction projects and that’s all it took. I got involved with ODOT, with the union trades, and started looking at every opportunity pushing forward TERO.”

That work resulted in the creation of the Tribe’s workforce development program, a predecessor to TERO.

“Our whole goal was to empower our people and to get them living wage jobs, allowing them to realize they could do this whether they were male or female, they could do this and get paid really well

for it...It’s amazing to me today to see what Harris has done, what the team has done and where our TERO program is today.”

TERO Commission members and Tribal Elders Perri McDaniel and Tracie Meyer spoke on behalf of the commission. They said that Grand Ronde TERO has the best program that they have seen in Indian Country.

Reibach then introduced ODOT Assistant Director Serena Stoudamire Wesley and ODOT Office of Equity and Civil Rights Manager Angela Crane.

Reibach noted that Grand Ronde is one of only seven Tribes in the nation with a TERO that includes an agreement with the state department of transportation.

“We have a long relationship (with Grand Ronde) and we want to keep that relationship and just be ever present in that work and be there and accessible to everyone,” Wesley said.

“Thank you to Tribal Council, TERO commissioners, and Harris and your team for bringing us together to celebrate TERO workers and their support network, and know we are here to celebrate all of you today,” Crane said. “I want to share just how much this event has grown. I remember the first TERO celebration was down the road at the Elders Activity Center and it was a full house, maybe 25 people or so then and that was amazing... Looking around the room here today, just be proud of how much you’ve grown over the years.”

Toward the end of the event after open mic opportunities, the TERO Worker of the Year award was presented. Warm Springs Tribal member Don Wabaunsee received the honor for 2024. He works as a traffic control supervisor.

“A lot goes into making this decision,” Reibach said.

He told the audience that Wabaunsee has worked for TERO for the past six years.

“We have never received any complaints about Don’s performance,” Reibach said. “He is a key employee with every company he has worked for and always finishes the projects for the full duration...For that, we are proud to name him as the Worker of the Year for 2024.”

Wabaunsee said he was grateful to receive the honor.

“Thanks to my wife, to the TERO program and to everyone for being here today,” he said. “Thank you.”

He received a plaque, Tribal Pendleton blanket, \$200 gift card, a one-night stay at Spirit Mountain Casino with a meal and a \$50 gift card to the casino giftshop.

The event concluded with a final raffle and photos. ■

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Tribal nonemergency text line

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

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

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.

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

Emerald ash borer poses a concern for vital wetlands tree

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

The trees are a familiar sight along creekbanks, leaning over the water, shielding it from the worst of summer's heat. The Backyard Habitat Certification Program calls Oregon Ash a "wetland supertree" for its ability to stabilize soil, filter pollutants and provide food and habitat for a wide range of species including birds, numerous butterfly species, various other insects, crustaceans, waterfowl, and both land and aquatic mammals.

In part, it's because Oregon Ash is one of the few trees that can withstand the seasonal high water tables in wetter parts of the state, that "can exclude nearly all other tree species," according to the Oregon Department of Forestry. "In dense stands of Oregon Ash, understory vegetation is often sparse, consisting primarily of sedges (grass-like plants)."

In addition to their significant ecological value, the trees have a long history of use by Tribes across the state, including Grand Ronde.

Tribal Natural Resources Specialist Anna Ramthun noted that the trees are favored for making traditional canoe paddles.

According to the Oregon Readiness and Response Plan, "Ethnobotanical records report medicinal and ceremonial uses of ash (leaves, bark, twigs and roots) in addition to the use of ash trees as fuel. Records and artifacts also show that ash wood was used in the construction of tools, such as poles, canes and pipes. The Cowlitz used Oregon ash to make canoe paddles and digging sticks. The Karuk used the root fibers of ash trees to weave baskets. Traditional Costanoan Tribal wisdom suggested Oregon ash sticks and leaves would repel venomous snakes."

The Tribe still makes canoe paddles from ash wood. Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier said that in addition, buckets and trays were, and are, made from ash bark collected from young trees in the spring.

The young trees are typically cut down in order to harvest all of the bark and the wood is used to make handles for knives and other implements. The bark is carefully peeled off and either used immediately to make a gathering bucket, or rolled and stored for winter, when there's time to sit and work on projects.

"We use them now for berries and stuff, because it's pretty easy to gather the bark and make one in an hour or so," he said.

After folding and rolling the soft, malleable bark into a bucket shape, he said, holes are pierced in the edges and stitched together with fine lengths of spruce root or sinew.

In the winter, the bark is soaked to soften it and formed into trays or canoe bailers, Mercier said. Historically, the trays were filled with hot coals and used to parch tarweed seeds.

The Cultural Resources Department spends the spring and summer gathering materials such as bark from ash, maple and cedar, he said, and stores them in its workshop for Tribal members to use later.

However, ash trees are under threat from an invasive species; the emerald ash borer, a brilliant metallic green type of jewel beetle, whose larvae feeds on tissues found under the bark.

The beetle is originally from eastern Asia, and in its home territory, "Trees have to be fairly stressed out to be killed by it, because other species keep it in check," Ramthun said.

But trees in the United States, which did not evolve with the insect, have no such defenses and without effective natural controls, the borer kills both healthy and stressed trees, according to the state's readiness plan.

The borer was first found in the Midwest but has been moving west over the past two decades, and although it's been known to be in Oregon since 2022, originating in Forest Grove, it has now been found in Yamhill County.

According to the Oregon Department of Forestry, Yamhill, Wash-

ington, Marion and Clackamas counties are under a permanent ash material quarantine.

The state Forestry Department's readiness and response plan sounds a significant alarm, calling the borer "possibly the most destructive forest pest in North America."

Its establishment, "could devastate whole habitat types, such as ash swales and sensitive riparian zones, as well as reduce urban forest cover," the plan warns. "EAB has the potential to cause the local extinction of Oregon's native ash species. The loss of these trees could result in wide-reaching economic impacts, endanger important cultural resources, damage water quality and create direct human health impacts."

"It's been very destructive in the Midwest," Ramthun said. "I think it was first detected in Michigan about 20 years ago...It was causing about a 95% death rate in their ash trees. So that does understandably have folks fairly concerned about its progress as it spreads out from there."

The borer has been particularly destructive to ash and olive trees, Ramthun said, and is now known to have spread to about 24.6 square miles of the state.

"Around 10.4 (acres) are around the original site (and) includes the recent detection in Yamhill County," Ramthun said. "Oregon Forestry Department has released three biological controls; a little wasp that feeds on the larvae which

could slow the spread, not present in other states when it was introduced there," Ramthun said.

Four wasp species have been approved for use in the United States, to try to control the borers.

"In wetter parts of the Willamette Valley, ash is the predominant tree species and the loss of ash trees will likely result in significant changes," the Forestry Department stated. "Since ash trees often do not show symptoms during the first years of an infestation, EAB can go unnoticed for several years after it is introduced."

Typically, the department added, it is in the fourth year that "larval densities build high enough to cause rapid mortality of ash trees. Previous studies have suggested that ash populations in forested sites can go from health to nearly 100% mortality of mature trees within 6 years of an infestation."

The borer is often spread when infested firewood is moved long-distances by members of the public.

The state plan encourages cities and land managers to establish biodiverse tree species mixes, rather than relying heavily on single species such as Oregon ash, and to collect and store native ash seed to preserve its genetic diversity. The state also will have to decide whether to remove infested trees or commit to an expensive plan of potentially permanent insecticide treatment in order to save healthy trees. ■

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. ■



West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

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

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



Denny Linton

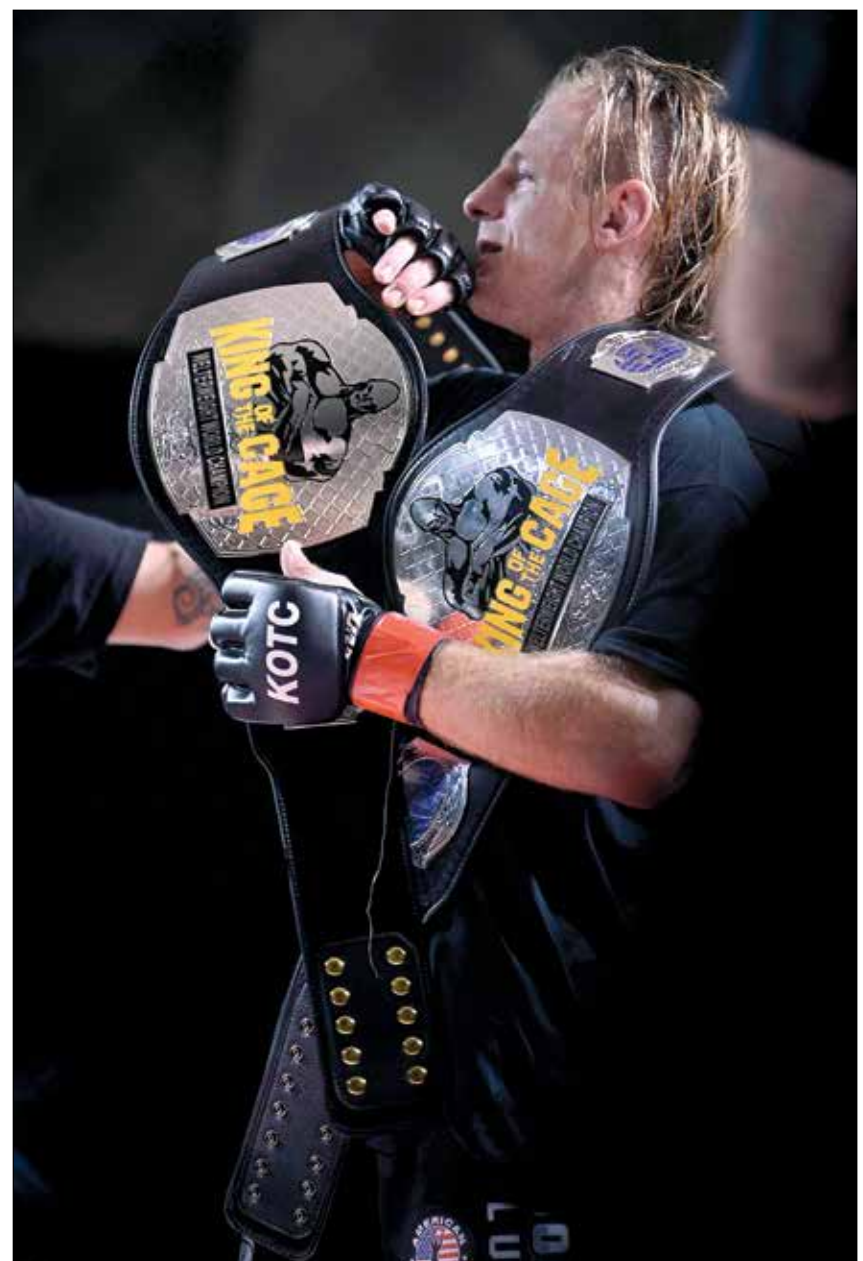
Fight life!

Tribal member Denny Linton prepares a punch as he fights Toby Misech during the King of the Cage Clash of Champions Lightweight World Title bout at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City on Saturday, Nov. 2. Linton won the fight by technical knockout in the third round to earn the KOTC Lightweight World Title. He also holds the KOTC Featherweight World Title. Linton's plan is to start training in April to fight in the Professional Fighters League, where he will have the opportunity to compete and win his way, in his weight class, to the 2025 Professional Fighters League World Championship bout for a \$1 million prize.



Tribal member Denny Linton gets a congratulatory hug from his sister Tribal member Brittny Wilkerson after winning his King of the Cage Clash of Champions Lightweight World Title fight at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Tribal member Denny Linton holds belts from the two King of the Cage titles he currently holds after winning the KOTC Lightweight World Title in the King of the Cage Clash of Champions mixed martial arts fight at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City on Saturday, Nov. 2.



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Outstanding award



Photo contributed by Toby McClary

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s Natural Resources Department received the 2024 Outstanding Contributor Award at the Long Tom Watershed Council’s Annual Meeting & Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 24. Pictured, from left, are Fire Management and Protection Program Manager Andrew Puerini, Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Long Tom Watershed Council Board Chair Taylor Evans, Restoration Ecologist/FW Policy Analyst Lindsay McClary and Natural Resources Specialist Anna Ramthun. According to the watershed council, the Natural Resources Department, “provided significant leadership and support for three burn sites in the Long Tom Watershed in 2023: Rattlesnake Butte, Camp Creek Hills and Coyote Oaks. The Long Tom Watershed Council has for many years prepared to bring good fire back to the oak and prairie ecosystems that depend on it. However, we rely on leadership and expertise from outside our organization to implement burns. The successful burns in 2023, totaling 122 acres, would not have been possible without the leadership and capacity provided by CTGR’s Natural Resources Department.”

Shooter training

On Monday, Oct. 28, the Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department hosted an active shooter training at the Grand Ronde Fire Station. The training was a response to Tribal Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandy Bishop and Tribal Lt. Brandon Trombla noticing a gap in the department’s ability to respond to an active threat incident. About 40 first responders participated in the training that involved several active shooter scenarios. Agencies that participated in addition to Emergency Services included Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, Polk County Fire District No. 1 and Yamhill County Emergency Management, as well as the Carlton, Independence and Yamhill Police Departments. Through a grant, bullet proof vests were purchased for all Emergency Services staff and they hosted an active attack integrated response class in May. The active shooter training tested the abilities of multiple first responder agencies to work together. ■



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Yamhill Police Department School Resource Officer Chris Livingston, left, tends to “shooting victim,” Artimus Johnson, during the active shooter training at the Grand Ronde Fire Station on Monday, Oct. 28. Tribal member Fabian Quenelle, right, played the “active shooter,” who Livingston neutralized during the drill.



Yamhill Police Department Traffic Officer A.J. Miller checks rooms as “shooting victim” Grand Ronde Emergency Services EMT/Firefighter Skip Fuller yells for help during an active shooter training at the Grand Ronde Fire Station on Monday, Oct. 28.

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Big Buck Campground update

Starting Sunday, Dec. 1, Big Buck Campground will be moving to an online reservation system. To make a reservation, visit: <https://app.fireflyreservations.com/kiosk/property/bigbuck> or scan the QR code:



With the new system, there will be a \$7 per night fee and a \$3.50 reservation fee for non-Tribal members. Tribal members making a reservation will need to check the Tribal member box on the website and provide proof of enrollment. Call 503-879-2424 for assistance.

The following rules still apply.

1. Camping is allowed in The Big Buck Campground only.
2. Campsite may be occupied for 7 consecutive days. Campers wishing to stay more than seven days must leave for 7 days and then request another stay. No camper may exceed more than 30 days in a calendar year.
3. Registered campers will be held responsible for the campsite and any visitors.
4. Open fires are permitted in the provided campfire rings only. Never leave a campfire unattended. Never move a campfire ring.
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6. No trash or items are to be left behind. Clean up will be billed to last registered camper if left unkempt. A \$150 fine will be issued to permittees that leave any solid waste or trash in their campsite upon leaving.
7. Vehicles may park in designated parking areas only. All vehicles must be listed on permit and may not block any access roads.
8. Registered recreation vehicle or accompanying vehicle must have current registration, license or valid trip permit. All appropriate identifying licensure is to be displayed in plain view. A copy of the appropriate licensure will be required prior to receiving permit.
9. A vehicle capable of towing the recreational vehicle or other camping structure (i.e. tent, tarp, etc.) must be available when campsite is occupied.
10. Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.
11. Do not feed wildlife. It is a violation of the law.

12. Reserved signs will be provided at your campsite upon arrival or will be provided to you with your permit. Leave signs on the picnic table upon departure. In the event you will be away from your campsite, post at camp entrance. This will inform other campers that this site is currently occupied.
13. Do not cut, chop or carve into live/standing trees.
14. No fireworks within the campground.
15. No firearms are to be discharged within 100 yards of Big Buck Campground.
16. Violations of the above policies could result in trespass from Big-Buck Campground.
A \$150 fine will be issued to permittees that leave any solid waste or trash in their campsite upon leaving.
As a common courtesy to your fellow campers, have all campsites vacated by 2 p.m. the day of departure.

Fire season:

Generally July-September, the following additional rules will apply:

1. Shovel, axe and fire extinguisher will be required at each campsite.
2. Depending upon the season severity, campground may be closed to all fires.
3. Open flame, of any kind, may be prohibited. This would include smoking and the use of briquettes.
4. The campground may be closed to all camping. CAMPER SHALL PROVIDE A SHOVEL, AXE AND AN APPROVED FIRE EXTINGUISHER RATED 4-BC WHILE CAMPING ON RESERVATION LAND. THE USE OF POWER EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED DURING FIRE SEASON, UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED. FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PRECAUTION A PERSON MUST ALWAYS HAVE THE ABILITY TO REMOVE ALL ITEMS AND IMMEDIATELY VACATE AS SOON AS DIRECTED. UNDER NO UNCERTAIN TERMS IS A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TO BE LEFT WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO BE INSTANTLY MOVED UPON NOTIFICATION. OBEY ALL FEDERAL, TRIBAL AND STATE LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Big Buck Campground is the only approved camping area within the reservation boundaries. Recreational camping permits, which are valid for up to a 7-day stay, are required. Camping permits can be obtained from our online reservation site picked up from the Tribe's Natural Resources Department. By obtaining a camping permit, you agree to follow campground rules. Camping at the Big Buck Campground is a privilege and service will be refused to those who abuse those rules. Residential camping is prohibited and will be considered trespassing. No form of dispersed camping is allowed. Big Buck Campground is patrolled by security and law enforcement.

THE PERMIT HOLDER AND THOSE ACCOMPANYING HIM OR HER SHALL IDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIMS, LOSS, INJURY, EXPENSES, DAMAGES, OR LIABILITY CAUSED BY, OR ARISING OUT OF, THE EXERCISE OF THIS PERMIT. ■

CTGR Clothes Closet Christmas Shop Event

Signups for the Grand Ronde Clothes Closet Christmas Shop will be open November 1 and close November 22.

This is for kids 1 to 17-years-old.

Parents will be able to shop on December 19th from 9 to 1.

Kids will be able to shop on December 20th from 9 to 11.

You must be signed up to shop. This is by appointment only so please make sure your here at your appointment time.

The clothes closet will also be closed for public shopping during the morning on December 20th for the kids to shop but will open up from 12 to 2 for everyone.

For more information, please call/text Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565.

The Elder Committee invites you to attend

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, December 6th 9-6pm

Indian Tacos \$10.00

Chachalu Gym
8720 Grand Ronde Road

For vendor space contact
Tammy.Cook@grandronde.org

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.



Happy birthday Kyle Strawick

Happy Birthday Jeffers descendant Kyle Strawick, son of Tribal member Larion Lynch. May our ancestors continue to watch over you and may your angels and guides always be near to you. We love you!



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

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9615 Grand Ronde Road
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503-879-4623
CourtPrograms@grandronde.org

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

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

If you would like to volunteer:

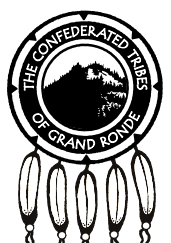
1. Indicate which program you are interested in (mark one of the boxes above).
2. Fill out the form below with your contact information.
3. Mail, drop-off or email the completed form to Tribal Court Programs Coordinator.

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/



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Walking On...

Cherylene Sylvia Morriss

Nov. 22, 1948 – Nov. 2, 2024

Tribal Elder Cherylene Sylvia Morriss passed away on Nov. 2, 2024, at the age of 75, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth L. Alvarez.

Memorial services were held Friday, Nov. 8, at Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence, Kansas. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Cherylene was born on Nov. 22, 1948, in Kansas City, Missouri, the daughter of Shirley May Hayslett.

Cherylene was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. You could always find her cheering for her children and grandchildren at their sporting events, performances and recitals. She was an avid crafter and enjoyed crocheting, knitting, sewing and beading in her spare time.

She married Allen M. Morriss on June 19, 1981, who survives her.

Other survivors include daughters, Shirley R. Twilliger (Jeremy), Elizabeth L. Alvarez (Daniel) and Katrina M. Morriss; and grandchildren, Stevie Drake, Andy Drake, Hannah Morriss, Seven Alvarez, Justice Alvarez, Carsten Alvarez, Mercedes Alvarez, Zoe Alvarez, Agape Morriss and Kadmiel Morriss.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirely Hayslett; son, Christopher Morriss; brothers, Daniel Hayslett and Dennis Hayslett; and grandson, Tobias Alvarez.

Warren-McElwain Mortuary in Lawrence, Kansas, assisted the family.



Kimberly Sue LaBonte

Dec. 26, 1967 – Nov. 1, 2024

Tribal Elder Kimberly Sue LaBonte passed on Nov. 1, 2024, at the age of 56.

Bateman Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham is assisting the family.

A viewing was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the funeral home.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the funeral home.

Robert Cecil Landon

Aug. 3, 1948 – Oct. 23, 2024

Tribal Elder Robert Cecil Landon passed away on Oct. 23, 2024, at the age of 76.

He was a good brother, provider, nice and easy-going. He will be missed.

Macy & Son Funeral Home and Creation Services of McMinnville is assisting the family.

Funeral service details were not available before press time.

Marcus Scott Gibbons

June 20, 1966 – Oct. 31, 2024

Tribal Elder Marcus Scott Gibbons passed away on Oct. 31, 2024, at the age of 58.

Bollman's Tribute Center in Dallas is assisting the family.

A viewing was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the funeral home.

A full traditional ceremony and burial occurred at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Klamath Tribal gym in Chiloquin, Oregon.

A memorial service will be held at Grand Ronde Tribal Plankhouse achaf-hammi at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

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Questions? Email caitlin.zimbrick@grandronde.org
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The Grand Ronde Clothes Closet is located on the Tribal Campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

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



Watchlist: ‘Activist leads horseback ride to mobilize Native American voters’

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

By Kamiah Koch

Social media/digital journalist

Leading up to the 2024 election, a lot of news coverage showed endless lines of people waiting to cast their votes. To provide a different perspective, an ABC News clip instead showed a group of Indigenous voters riding their horses to the polls.

Navajo Tribal member Allie Redhorse Young organized 100 voters to ride on horseback to their polling station in Arizona as part of a campaign to mobilize Indigenous voters.

“I have always been taught that when we are mounted on the horse, we carry this horse medicine,” she said. “It comes into our spirit, it re-centers us and brings us back into a spiritual balance. That is what I want our people to do here in the Navajo Nation, to be centered, to be grounded and to carry this medicine to the polling location.”

In the interview, Redhorse Young, sitting atop her horse, Lady Knight, emphasized voters to be grounded in their culture as they vote.

To Redhorse Young and others, the “Ride to the Polls” campaign began in 2020 to register new voters in person and online. This election was described as one of the most important rides of her life.

“Tribal sovereignty is at stake in this election,” Redhorse Young said. “We are defending it and making sure our Tribal sovereignty is respected, our lands, our water, our culture and our languages.”

Redhorse Young described the special nation-to-nation relationship between the Tribal governments and the federal government. As citizens of America and their Tribal nations, they are demanding that elected leaders live up to the signed treaty obligations and meet Native peoples’ demands.

You can watch the entire ABC News interview with Allie Redhorse Young on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMKT5FyN-HqY&t=87s. ■

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Must submit photos of progress when requested.

Bid deadline is Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. (deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to:
CTGR Royalty c/o Shannon Simi
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Shannon at 503-879-1358 or email shannon.simi@grandronde.org

*Bids and designs can be sent to the above email address.

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

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.

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OSU works with Tribes to build repatriation facility

CORVALLIS – The nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon and Oregon State University have worked together to build a university facility to facilitate the repatriation and return of Tribal ancestors and cultural items currently under the university’s stewardship.

Tribal leaders and university officials marked the transfer of ancestors in Oregon State’s stewardship to the facility earlier this month.

The facility will serve as a space to carry out consultations, repatriations and ceremonies to advance the university’s obligations under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), which safeguards and facilitates the return of Native American and Native Hawaiian ancestral remains and certain cultural items, a press release stated.

The act requires federally funded institutions in possession of such items to inventory the holdings, consult with lineal descendants and/or federally recognized Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations for identification and confirmation of affiliation to ancestral remains and cultural items for the purposes of repatriation, where possible, to descendant communities today.

According to the press release, the facility at Oregon State is believed to be the first time an academic institution in the United States has built a dedicated facility in collaboration with Tribes to advance NAGPRA responsibilities and facilitate the repatriation of ancestors and cultural items to their home communities.

“One of the ways in which institutions are building living relationships and creating repatriation policies that fit the needs of descendant communities is by putting Tribal nations and communities at the forefront of policy development,” Grand Ronde Tribal Historic Preservation Office Manager Briece Edwards said. “Oregon State University provides a recent example of creating repatriation and NAGPRA policies through a truly consultative and respectful process.”

Look for a longer article exploring this partnership in a future edition of Smoke Signals. ■

We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain.

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What to Expect:

- ✓ Snacks Provided
- ✓ Stick Game Songs

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:
11/19/24- 4:15-5:15pm
12/05/24- 4:15-5:15pm
12/17/24- 4:15-5:15pm



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. ■

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS



November 8, 2024

CTGR EMPLOYMENT

Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
Academic Coach 6-12	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
CFS Investigator	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Client Registration Specialist – Salem – Great Circle Recovery	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$34.84/hr.	11/18/24
Community Transition Case Manager	13	\$39.61/hr.	\$50.87/hr.	11/18/24
Environmental Health & Safety Specialist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Epidemiologist & Data Analyst	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
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
Help Desk Technician	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	11/18/24
IT Auditor	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	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
Peer Support Specialist – Social Services	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	11/18/24
Peer Support Specialist – Community Transition	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	11/18/24
Police Officer	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	Until Filled
Recovery House Manager	14	\$90,930.26/yr.	\$116,255.21/yr.	Until Filled
Social Emotional Learning Coach	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	11/18/24
Staff Pharmacist – On-Call	19	\$66.30/hr.	\$89.72/hr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Disorder Therapist – Portland – Great Circle Recovery	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	11/18/24
Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	12/31/2024

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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!

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POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Slot Attendant (*Part-Time)	11/14/2024	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
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
Cage Cashier (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
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
Events Coordinator	Until Filled	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist I	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Guest Safety Specialist II	Until Filled	\$18.55/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
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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.
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HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather.

Health & Wellness Center staff will make every attempt to call patients during closures. Also, sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org or follow the Tribe's primary page on Facebook. ■

Clinic employee spotlight

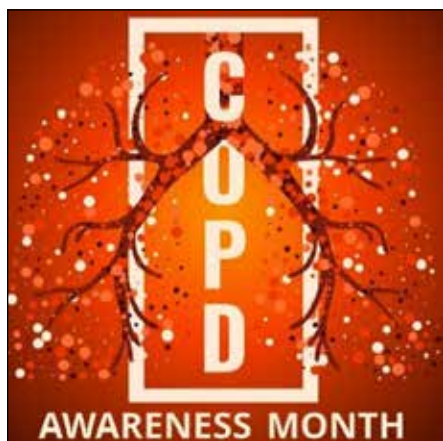
We welcomed Priscilla Nelson to our dental team in October. Priscilla is a Grand Ronde Tribal member and is excited to be working with her Tribal community. She has many fond memories of growing up in the area, and all of the powwows and family gatherings she attended. She says, "working for my Tribe feels like home."

Priscilla fills the position of front desk dental assistant and brings a lot of experience and certifications in the field of dentistry to the department.

Stop by and say hello the next time you are at the Health & Wellness Center.



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. ■

Attention Tribal members: This is an update on ID cards, past due bills and how to contact FCP.

Great news! We were informed that ALL cards are in the mail, so you should be seeing yours soon.

For those of our members who may be receiving past due bills, or have bills with dates of service prior to the TPA switch on July 1, 2024, contact FCPID at the information provided below:

Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID)
FCPID Customer Service: 715-478-4610
Fax number: 715-478-4799
Email address: fcpinsurance@fcp-nsn.gov

OR log into their portal:

<https://services.hi-techhealth.com/FP1/pages/signon.shtml>

If you haven't logged into the FCP Portal before, your username is GRC0100XXXX (if you live in the seven county service area) and GRT0100XXXX if you live outside of the service area. The XXXX will be your Tribal ID number, just like it was with Shasta.

Password is the Tribal members DOB: (mmddyyyy) no dashes or slashes. You will be asked to reset your password. It should be 11 characters: GRC(or T)0100XXXX (X = Tribal ID)

If you don't see your claims in the portal, use the email above or call FCP to talk with Customer Service.

We know frustration is high. We are in it with you and we thank everyone for their patience. Our hope is that things smooth out quickly.

hayu masi,
Your skookum Team

COMMUNITY HEALTH: BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM

REACH OUT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR SUPPORT IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER ARE EXPERIENCING ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ A RECENT DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA OR COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT
- ★ INCREASED DIFFICULTY WITH TASKS LIKE DRIVING, FOLLOWING A RECIPE, OR USING THE PHONE
- ★ INCREASED FORGETFULNESS, CONFUSION, OR LOSING TRAIN OF THOUGHT
- ★ FEELING OVERWHELMED AS A CAREGIVER OF A LOVED ONE STRUGGLING WITH BRAIN HEALTH CONCERNS OR MEMORY LOSS

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

- Early in home cognitive screenings
- Biweekly or monthly check ins
- Assistance with navigating the complexities of dementia care resources
- Strategies for preserving independence for those in the early stages of cognitive impairment
- Caregiver support groups, check ins, and resources
- Personalized support to fit your individual situation

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT COMMUNITY HEALTH AT 503-879-2078



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