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Tribe to face PGE in court over access to Willamette Falls

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Tribe is set to face Portland General Electric in federal court on Monday, April 21, over the utility company's effort to condemn and take ownership of 5 acres of public land at Willamette Falls, located between Oregon City and West Linn.

Although the Department of State Lands is the defendant, the Tribe is also arguing opposition, as an intervenor in the lawsuit.

The Tribe says condemnation could mean the end of its fishing platform, where ceremonial fishers have revived the tradition of dipnet fishing for 15 salmon and steelhead per year. Tribal members also fish for lamprey at the base of the falls.

PGE says it must seize ownership of the property for maintenance and safety reasons, a claim

the Tribe disputes.

"The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde feels this case is about many things, including justice and the protection of one of Oregon's most significant landmarks," Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said. "We remain committed to protecting our interests and the public gem that is Willamette Falls. We look forward to presenting our case at trial."

The Siletz Tribe is siding with PGE, arguing the utility would force Grand Ronde to share its platform. Grand Ronde attorneys say appeasing other Tribes is the real reason for PGE's condemnation effort, an allegation the utility denies.

Tribal Council Chairwoman

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Healthy Food Box distribution may end

By Katherine Warren & Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff

Cuts to the U.S. Department of Agriculture funding by the Trump Administration have thus far resulted in a cancellation of a grant that the Tribe uses for its monthly Healthy Food Box distribution.

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said the Tribe is continuing to distribute the boxes using the remainder of its 2024 funding from the USDA.

"While the 2025 USDA funding has been terminated, we are pursuing every avenue possible to keep the program moving forward," she said. "We will keep the membership updated on any future changes."

Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Lawson said the loss is not expected to affect the recently added weekly produce market at the Elders Activity Center, as it is funded through the Nutrition Department budget and proceeds from the produce sales, Lawson said.

The weekly produce market is open every Fri-



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Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose stocks shelves on the first food distribution day at iskam mək^hmək-haws in December 2014.

According to Ambrose, iskam mək^hmək-haws gets most of its food from the Oregon Food Bank and they have had funding cuts, which has resulted in the Grand Ronde Food Bank losing its core items for the pantry.

day, unless other events interfere with it, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for Elders, then 12:15 to 1 p.m. for everyone.

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General manager Angie Blackwell left March 27

Editor's note: This story is appearing in the April 15 edition as the announcement was not made until after the April 1 issue was scheduled for printing.

By Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff writer

General Manager Angie Blackwell announced Thursday, March 27, that she was leaving her position.

"I want you all to know that I have appreciated the work we've done together over the past year," Blackwell wrote in an email to employees. "Thank you for welcoming me into your departments and programs. I've enjoyed learning about your work and I admire your dedication to this community. There are so many things left to do and I'm excited to follow your progress from afar."

She added that "I'm leaving with dignity and self-respect, just as I have conducted myself and treated others over the past 10 years. I wish you



Angie Blackwell

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General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, May 4
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, April 16.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 30.....	4 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. In-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom.

Reppin' IGA



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Grand Ronde Tribal Council member Denise Harvey, second from right, is sworn in as Indian Gaming Association treasurer at the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention at the San Diego Convention Center Wednesday, April 2. On her left is IGA Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. and on the right is IGA Secretary Christie Modlin. Harvey has served on the board in various capacities since 2018 and was the first Grand Ronde Tribal member ever to be appointed. During the tradeshow, she participated as a panelist on philanthropy in Indian Country and Native women in Tribal leadership. During the philanthropy panel, she noted that the Spirit Mountain Community Fund's Hatfield Fellowship is the only one of its kind among various Indigenous gaming foundations. The convention was held from Monday, March 31 to Thursday, April 3, in San Diego, Calif.



From left, Spirit Mountain Casino CEO Camille Mercier, Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board member Lisa Watson, Tribal Council member and SMGI Board Vice Chair Kathleen George and Tribal Council member and Indian Gaming Association Treasurer Denise Harvey attend the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif., held Monday, March 31 to Thursday, April 3. Additionally, Harvey was honored Tuesday, April 1, as one of 13 Indian gaming matriarchs in a "Matriarchs of Indian Gaming – Honoring Our Women Warriors," awards ceremony. "I was quite surprised by that and honored by the women that I was standing up with, who are all very well known in Indian Country, and it was an honor to be represented with them," Harvey said.

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Wednesday, May 21	June. 1	2022 IJA General Excellence
Thursday, June 5	June. 15	2023 IJA General Excellence

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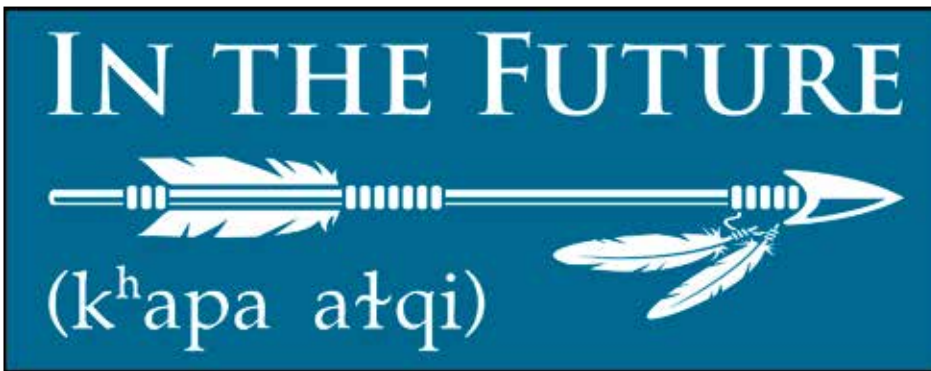
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lakit-mun (April)

- Wednesday, April 16 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, April 19 – Tribal Housing Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., Tribal Housing covered area. Bring your own basket. Mini powwow to follow from 11-2 p.m. at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym.
- Tuesday, April 29 – Community Smudge Walk, 5 p.m. Meet at the Visionaries statue in front of the Governance Center. All are invited.
- Wednesday, April 30 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

qwinəm-mun (May)

- Sunday, May 4 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, May 17 – Fire Safety Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Grand Ronde Fire Station, 28480 McPherson Road.
- Monday, May 26 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Meal served at noon in the Tribal Community Center.
- Tuesday, May 27 – Community Smudge Walk, 5 p.m. Meet at the Visionaries statue in front of the Governance Center. All are invited.
- Wednesday, May 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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

Police and medics respond to gunshot victim in Grand Ronde

A Sheridan man was shot multiple times at a residence located on Southwest Lachance Road in Grand Ronde in the early hours of Thursday, March 27.

According to a Monday, March 31, press release from the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, the suspect in the shooting, Cesar Flores, 41, has been arrested on charges of unlawful use of a weapon and assault in the first degree. He remains in custody at the Yamhill County Jail, with a bail set at \$750,000.

The Sheriff's Office said that detectives confirmed that the victim and the suspect were both coworkers and acquaintances at the time of the incident.

The shooting was originally reported in a post on the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, which said that deputies and medics responded to the incident. The wounded victim was transported to a nearby hospital and their condition is not known at this time.

The suspect was originally re-

ported to be a Woodburn resident but was not named.

"He initially fled the scene though he was briefly in contact by telephone with 911," Yamhill County Sheriff Sam Elliot said in the Facebook post. "After several hours of intensive efforts to locate him, the suspect turned himself in to law enforcement."

The Sheriff's Office is still investigating but stated there is no danger to the public at this time related to this incident. Alcohol was a factor in the alleged altercation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective J. Cerda at cerdaj@yamhillcounty.gov or at the Sheriff's Office's business line, 503-434-7506.

Elliott ended the post by thanking the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, Grand Ronde Emergency Services, Newberg-Dundee Police Department, Salem Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Office and Woodburn Police Department for their assistance in the case. ■

Grand Meadows lot available for lease

Lot #5 in Grand Meadows is now available for lease. Applicants must be pre-approved for a new manufactured home. The lot size 55' x 100' (pre-approved manufactured home must fit size of lot).

Sale will be preceded by a lottery system. To be included in the lottery, the leasing application and preapproval letter from the lender must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 16.

The leasing application is on the Tribal webpage, www.grandronde.org, or applicants can stop by the Grand Ronde Housing Department, 28450 Tyee Road, between 8-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Monday to Friday and pick up an application. ■

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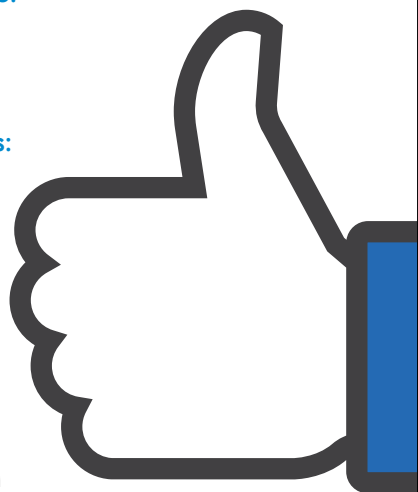
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- Ceremonial Hunting Board – Must be a ceremonial hunter (1)
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- Fish & Wildlife Committee (2) • Powwow Special Event Board (1)
- Health Committee (1)

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Applications also available in the Tribal Governance building:

Located at the Tribal Council office near the security desk.

Food Bank news

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed in the Veterans House, Acting Chair: Pamala Warren-Chase.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held in May via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **Elders Committee** meetings have been paused. Meeting times will be updated when information is available.
- **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 Monday 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.



2020 – With COVID spreading throughout Oregon and the nation, Tribal Council voted unanimously to establish a COVID-19 relief payment program for Tribal members. Reading from a prepared statement, Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier said the program would “assist with offsetting the impacts to members from the pandemic including assistance with rent, mortgage, basic living expenses and medication.”

2015 – The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək^hmək haws – held a grand opening ceremony to commemorate the partnership between the Tribe and Marion-Polk Food Share in building and operating the new food pantry on Grand Ronde Road. It included 3,300 square feet to store produce, canned goods and frozen foods.



2015

File photo

2010 – Spirit Mountain Casino hosted a celebration to honor Sue Shaffer, former longtime chairwoman of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, for her years of service to Indian Country. Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh and other state officials attended and praised Shaffer’s work. Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden and Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye sent letters praising her as well.

2005 – Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski signed a compact with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, to allow an off-reservation casino, leading to concerns among other Tribes. Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said the Tribe would “once again pursue the option of moving within Grand Ronde’s aboriginal territory, including Portland, which was ceded to the U.S. government in a treaty signed in 1855.”

2000 – Tribal Council held a series of community meetings across the state in March to gather information about Tribal member needs. The meetings included an overview of the Tribe’s capital projects during the prior 10 years.

1995 – The Tribe signed an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stating the Tribe would continue its upkeep of Nelson’s checkermallow plants it had moved. The previous year, the Tribe had found endangered Nelson’s checkermallow plants growing on the site where it intended to build its new Spirit Mountain Casino and transplanted 299 of them to a different location on Tribal property.

1990 – Willamina High School freshman and Tribal Youth Shonn Leno qualified for the Oregon National Team that was headed to Idaho to wrestle in the biggest free style tournament in the world.

1985 – The Interim Tribal Council presented its final report to Tribal members, noting that, “We have completed Phase I and have entered into Phase II of our three-phase plan” to recover from termination. It included setting up meetings for nomination and election of a Tribal Council on March 23, 1985. “We would hope and pray that we have laid the groundwork for the Tribe to acquire a homeland where we, too, like our ancestors, can make our living, gather our food, build our homes and raise our children and grandchildren, and, yes, be laid to rest. ... We feel that our path to a better future can be no more arduous than our path through our past,” the Interim Council wrote.

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

STORY IDEAS?

Do you have Tribal story ideas you would like to see in Smoke Signals?

Please share your suggestions at news@grandronde.org or by calling Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663.



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Tribal Council approves Public Safety Ordinance amendments

By Danielle Harrison & Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff

Tribal Council approved amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance to help protect vulnerable adults at its Wednesday, April 2, meeting.

The unanimous vote came as part of a package vote on recommendations from the Legislative Action Committee.

The Public Safety Ordinance amendments include a mandatory reporting requirement for Tribal employees to report instances of Elder and vulnerable adult abuse, create a system for a Tribal board to issue emergency protective orders and placing civil penalties on those who commit abuse and fail to report abuse.

“This has been a project that’s been talked about for many, many years and I just want to thank Michael Cherry for when she was on council,” Tribal Council member Denise Harvey said during a Tuesday, March 25, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “She took this, ran with it and got it done. It was a lot of work and a lot of meetings and I just wanted to thank her because this has been a project that we’ve talked about for a long time and just never could get through

(before).”

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved accepting a \$25,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture for the Tribe’s Native Plant Nursery;
- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Grand Ronde Tribe and the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center of Portland;
- Approved a cooperative funding agreement of \$138,550 between the Tribe and Bonneville Power Administration. The Tribe has had these annual agreements with BPA dating back to 2010;
- Approved a \$5,000 Tribal credit card for Silviculture/Fire Protection Technician Maxwell Lynn and a \$5,000 Tribal credit card for Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Lawson;
- Approved a resolution requesting an election on removing the Bureau of Indian Affairs from its elections. See story at right;
- And approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements under the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

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

Tribal Council approves moving forward with constitutional amendment election

By Danielle Harrison & Nicole Montesano

Smoke Signals staff

Tribal Council is moving forward with the process of removing the Bureau of Indian Affairs from its elections.

The council voted six to two to approve a resolution requesting the BIA conduct an election to amend the Tribal Constitution to remove the federal agency from the constitutional amendment process.

Tribal Council Vice Chair Chris Mercier and Tribal Council member Denise Harvey cast the opposing votes. Mercier said in response to an audience question, “I feel like the timing isn’t good. We’ve got a lot going on.”

The last time the question of removing the federal government from the amendment process was put before Tribal voters was March 2015. The proposal was defeated by a vote of 381 to 230.

During a Tuesday, March 25, Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council member Tonya Gleason-Shepek said she was in favor of the proposal.

“I support passing this amendment,” she said. “If (Tribal members) have any questions, feel free to contact me. I definitely think that the BIA is a hinderance in our elections and honestly jeopardizes the integrity a lot of times in our elections. I believe that our Tribal Election Board is fully capable of running much better

elections, so just reach out (to me) if you have any questions.”

Currently, the BIA election process requires that all eligible Tribal members register to vote ahead of the election. If passed, the amendment would remove that requirement. Having a two-thirds majority approval with at least 30% of eligible voters casting ballots would remain the same.

The Tribe is planning an educational meeting for the membership at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, to learn more about the amendment. The meeting will be in Tribal Council Chambers and on Zoom. Online participants must register in advance at https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_un6OCf-2WQQmDUZYsSCb5hQ.

In prior meetings, it was stated that the Tribe is moving forward with the amendment process now in order to avoid having conflict with Tribal Council elections in September.

Tribal members have only agreed in sufficient numbers to four other proposals to change the constitution: The 1999 enrollment amendment, in 2008 when they increased the relinquishment of membership from another Tribe from one to five years, in 2022 when they agreed to ban disenrollment actions unless fraud or dual enrollment can be proven, and when the lineal descendent amendment was approved in December 2024. ■



TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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Tuesday	

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2025 Contest Powwow

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Artist will receive \$350 and a powwow jacket.

Deadline to submit is 5 p.m. Friday, May 9

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‘The falls were home to Grand Ronde’s ancestors’

**PGE continued
from front page**

Cheryle A. Kennedy said in a declaration to the court that PGE “originally cooperated with Grand Ronde’s efforts to construct a fishing platform at Willamette Falls,” until other Tribes objected.

“During a meeting in June 2018, PGE’s Chief Executive Officer, Maria Pope, informed me that PGE would not support the fishing platform construction due to claims raised by other Tribes with whom PGE has business relationships,” Kennedy said.

**Willamette Falls is
second-largest
waterfall in the U.S.**

At 1,500 feet long, with a 42-foot drop, Willamette Falls is the second-largest waterfall, by volume, in the United States, and the largest in the Pacific Northwest. It forms a tight curve in the center of the Willamette River, but according to the World Waterfall Database, “prior to the development of the Oregon City area, it is thought the falls may have spanned as much as 2,500 feet across.”

Although it has been described as a national treasure, the falls is surrounded by industrial buildings and have been difficult to view for the last century.

The falls have been important to Indigenous people since time immemorial as an ideal site for fishing for salmon and steelhead, and for catching lamprey.

“The falls were home to Grand Ronde’s ancestors from the Char-cowah village of the Clowewalla (Willamette band of Tumwaters) and the Kosh-huk-shix Village of Clackamas people who managed a fishery there,” Kennedy said in her declaration. “Following the Willamette Valley Treaty, members of the aforementioned Tribes and bands were forcibly removed from Willamette Falls and relocated to the Grand Ronde Reservation.”

Willamette Falls, where the Oregon Trail ended, also proved important to settlers arriving in the 1800s. In 1889, the Willamette Falls Electric Company built a hydroelectric dam there, today run by Portland General Electric, which was formed in 1892. The settlers saw a useful resource in the falls, which were soon surrounded by industrial buildings.

In 2018, the Tribe obtained a permit from the state to construct a temporary fishing platform to catch 15 ceremonial salmon annually. PGE appealed the permit. Initially, the utility granted permission for Tribal members to cross its land to the platform construction site. However, it later revoked permission and threatened trespassing charges. Tribal members now use a more dangerous route, taking jet boats over the rapids to avoid PGE’s property.

Tribal member and ceremonial fisher Jade Unger said he was one of the first Tribal members to go through training offered by the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department to learn to fish safely from the platform.



Smoke Signals file photo

Tribal member and ceremonial fisher Andrew Freeman takes his turn using a dip net while fishing off the Tribal fishing platform at Willamette Falls in Oregon City in April 2019. The Tribe says Portland General Electric’s effort to condemn 5 acres of public land at Willamette Falls could mean the end of its fishing platform, where ceremonial fishers have revived the tradition of dip net fishing for 15 salmon and steelhead per year.

“It’s not something that any of us really grew up with; maybe a few people in the Tribe, but a very few,” Unger said. “So, I was very excited about that, to restore our historical practice. I’m Whitewater Chinook; so that’s in my heritage, my history. ... Having an opportunity to help restore part of that past and be a part of that is just an honor.”

Unger noted that the Tribe uses modern safety precautions, rather than precisely recreating history.

“We have way more safety gear than was traditionally used,” he said. “We’re required to wear life jackets and helmets and to be tied off ... I don’t feel that it’s inherently dangerous. It’s not like it would have been on wooden planks that were probably slippery.”

There is a learning curve to dip netting, Unger explained.

“It’s hard; it’s physically taxing; there’s a lot of pressure you have to hold against the net to keep it stable,” he said. “There’s techniques to it, how you hold the net.”

The fish are used ceremonially, Unger said, including for the important First Fish ceremony held every summer.

“The first fish is taken back to Grand Ronde and eaten that day, and the bones and anything that isn’t eaten is returned to the river,” he said.

The other 14 fish are served at Tribal events throughout the year.

Unger said he also catches lamprey, an eel-like fish that in pre-contact times supplied much-needed fat to Indigenous diets.

“That’s a pretty cool experience,” he said. “You go where the rapids end, and tie your boats up, and then make your way across the rocks to where the lamprey are climbing up the rocks.”

Many people grab hold of the fish wearing cotton gloves, but Unger said he and a cousin “invented, or more likely rediscovered, a new technique ... ‘cause if you go in the water and reach in, they just freak out and all start writhing, and let go and then the water washes them away, so we just put a net out, and they wash right into the net.”

In 2019, the Tribe purchased the

23-acre site containing the former Blue Heron Paper Mill, renamed tumwata village in honor of its location next to the falls. The Tribe is in the process of demolition and cleanup of extensive environmental hazards. Its vision calls for restoring “long-lost natural basalt landscape and water channels,” and the riparian habitat, as well as providing “access to the falls for members of the Tribe and the general public.”

**PGE resolution declared it
needs ownership of the land**

In 2021, the PGE board of directors passed a resolution declaring the utility needs to own the 5 acres surrounding the falls. It offered the Department of State Lands \$150,000 for the property. When the offer was refused, PGE filed a condemnation lawsuit in federal court in 2022.

In court documents, PGE says the 5 acres “are necessary to meet a number of requirements under PGE’s FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) license. The requirements relate generally to public safety and regulatory compliance.”

It said those include identifying and salvaging fish according to its management plan, constructing and operating lamprey passage ramps, maintaining the fish ladder, maintaining and operating the Abernathy Channel, managing the dam and “managing and controlling public safety.”

The Tribe noted the Federal Power Administration first licensed the project in 1960, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a new license in 2005.

“At the time PGE’s license was issued, the falls were already regularly accessed by Native American Tribes for cultural purposes, specifically for lamprey harvesting,” Assistant Tribal Attorney Kimberly D’Aquila wrote. “The practice has been authorized under rules set by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for almost 30 years. PGE asserts that the acquisition is necessary for maintenance and operation of its project, which has been in operation for over a century.”

The Tribe believes PGE’s lawsuit has nothing to do with maintenance or safety.

“Grand Ronde maintains that PGE’s true objective is to secure fee title to the defendant property in order to void the registration, which is opposed by a few other Tribes, including those with whom PGE has significant business relationships,” D’Aquila wrote. “...PGE intends to provide its own easement to Tribes that do not wish to seek a waterway authorization or fishing rule from the state of Oregon. The evidence will show that PGE is misusing its condemnation authority under the FPA (Federal Power Act) by employing it as a substitute for a quiet title action.”

That violates federal law, D’Aquila noted.

“PGE’s Board adopted the resolution authorizing this condemnation ... after 15 minutes of discussion” and “without considering any evidence that demonstrated a safety or operational necessity for acquiring full ownership of the condemnation property,” she wrote. “None of the materials or information presented at the July 28, 2021, board meeting addressed safety or operational concerns related to the property, nor will there be any credible evidence indicating that these issues were raised in prior board meetings.”

PGE attorney Erick Haynie wrote that “PGE ... cannot act ‘arbitrarily, capriciously, or in bad faith’ when exercising its condemnation authority to secure control over lands demonstrably needed to facilitate safe hydroelectric operations and comply with its regulatory obligations.”

Siletz sides with PGE

The Siletz Tribe joined PGE’s suit as a “friend of the court,” after Federal Judge Michael Simon denied the Tribe’s request to join as an intervenor.

“The Siletz Tribe believes that the placement of Grand Ronde’s fishing platform ... places Siletz fishers and gatherers in increased danger in exercising their treaty fishing and gathering rights,” the Tribe wrote in a brief to the court. “The areas where fish and lampreys can be caught and gathered in reasonable numbers at Willamette Falls are extremely limited, and each area has substantial safety and danger concerns.”

It continues, “PGE proposed a reasonable permanent cultural practices easement that will allow all affected Tribes to exercise cultural practices at Willamette Falls on an equal basis...Grand Ronde rejected that option and continues to assert exclusive access at Willamette Falls and to deny other Tribes any rights to access the falls.”

Thompson dismissed those complaints as invalid.

“Grand Ronde utilized a state permitting process to build a temporary fishing platform at Willamette Falls that is installed and removed each year for harvest of 15 ceremonial salmon,” she said. “There is no exclusivity to that process. This same process is available for any and all Tribes to utilize in the same manner.” ■

General Council briefed on capital improvement projects, Community Development Plan

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

EUGENE — Tribal Engineering & Community Development Department Manager Ryan Webb briefed the membership on various capital improvement projects on and off the reservation during a Sunday, April 6, General Council meeting held via Zoom and at the Lane Community College Longhouse in Eugene.

"This was another busy year for my department," Webb said. "The work that we've done doesn't always correlate to new buildings that you're seeing on the reservation in Grand Ronde, but there's a lot of other work that really... allows us not only to do work here today, but in five and 10 years down the road."

He was joined by Community Development Manager Kristen Svicarovich, who briefed Tribal members on the Tribe's Community Development Plan.

"It's a great honor to be here today to talk about the Community Development Plan and a lot of the goals we were able to achieve this year as a part of that," she said. "For those not familiar with the Community Development Plan, it was adopted by Tribal Council in 2021 and was the result of a three-year community engagement process. When I joined the Tribe three years ago, it had already been adopted and really my goal and task was to do implementation and ensure that progress was being made."

The Tribe launched the Community Development Plan effort in May 2018 to help guide the decisions and setting of priorities for the Tribe as the 50-year mark of Restoration approaches in 2033.

Svicarovich discussed the plan's 2024 program successes, new offers and amenities, and ground breakings and ribbon cuttings.

Programmatic successes included various Tribal land acquisitions, the new shawash-ili?i skul (Tribal school) opening, Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center programming, the Tribal Grants Program success rate of 40%, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund reaching \$100 million in giving, the 15th birthday celebration of Tribal plankhouse achaf-hammi and the Gathering of Grand Ronde Tilixam. The multi-day, annual event promotes effective healing and is utilized as a planning model for Tribal communities addressing effects of historical and inter-generational trauma.

"There were a little over 80 participants and really an opportunity for the community to come together and grow and heal, and talk about things that are important to folks in Grand Ronde," Svicarovich said.

New offerings and amenities in 2024 included a youth GONA event, nature playground construction next to the Elders Activity Center on the Tribal campus, a dog park near Tribal housing, passage of the lineal descent constitutional



Ryan Webb

amendment and the acquisition of Fort Yamhill State Heritage Area near the uyx-at powwow grounds.

"It was one of the really big highlights this year," she said. "The work was happening all throughout 2024 to work with the Oregon state Parks Commission and there was a legislative change that was needed for the land acquisition to happen, so it was a tremendous amount of work that (was completed) by our Lands Department."

Capital improvement projects

Webb provided the Tribal audience with an update of Creekside Elder housing, the Tribal homeownership development, Wind River Apartments, the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic, Grand Ronde Fire Station remodel, Early Care and Education building, resident and recreation center, electric vehicle charging stations, community paths grant, the tumwata village project in Oregon City, and transportation planning and improvement.

"I'm really excited to give this presentation today to touch on a lot of the things that we did accomplish last year and are rolling into this year," Webb said.

Creekside Elder Housing: The 24-unit project located at Creekside Drive and Grand Ronde Road includes 12 two-bedroom, one-bath duplexes. Each unit is 1,120 square feet, with 16 market rate units and eight subsidized units.

Each one has solar panels plus backup battery storage and is rated by the Energy Trust of Oregon as a net-zero home, meaning that over the course of a year, tenants should pay next to nothing in utility bills.

The \$7.19 million project was funded with 80% Tribal dollars and 20% federal grant funds. A grand opening was held in January 2024 and all units are now occupied.

Homeownership development phase one: The project is located at McPherson Road east of Grand Ronde Road. Construction began in 2021 and a ribbon cutting for the development was held in spring 2024. Currently, 19 of the 20 homes are sold and occupied. Home sizes range from two- to four-bedroom, 1,200- to 2,000-square-foot on 10,000-square-foot lots. Each unit is solar-ready. The project was funded by federal sources and Spirit Mountain Casino revenues.

Phase two, which will include an additional 32 homes, has been approved for infrastructure and utilities. A groundbreaking will be held in the summer.

Wind River Apartments, phase 3: There will be up to 45 units within 10 apartment buildings located adjacent to the Tribe's

Housing Department offices at 28450 Tyee Road. The apartments will contain a mix of one- and two-bedroom market rate and low-income, solar ready units. There are plans to explore adding solar panels with Energy Trust of Oregon.

Design and permitting is complete, and construction is expected to start this summer. The project will cost approximately \$15.5 million.

Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Clinic: Located adjacent to the current Health & Wellness Clinic, the new 10,000-square-foot building broke ground in March 2023 and was completed in 2024. The \$7 million project is primarily grant funded.

The 8,400-square-foot interior includes a reception area with vaulted ceiling and children's play area, spacious medical and dental exam rooms, high-tech labs, a break room and administrative offices.

Outside space includes an 800-square-foot concrete patio and a covered, 700-square-foot fish pit area. Adjacent but indoor next to the fish pit is a community kitchen that is set up to accommodate streaming nutrition classes with offsite Tribal members.

Grand Ronde Fire Station expansion: This \$8 million project was funded through American Rescue Plan Act funds and includes a 20,000-square-foot expansion with office space, classroom, living quarters and four bays for fire equipment and engines. Construction began in May 2023 and was complete in 2024.

Early Care and Education: The 26,000-square-foot building includes 12 classrooms, a new kitchen, outdoor play areas and support areas, and is located behind the old powwow grounds near the existing Tribal gym.

The project was funded with federal, Tribal and grant funds and was approximately \$16 million. Construction began in December 2023 and was completed in March.

Resident and recreation center: The new 48,000-square-foot building will be located at the Smith property across from Tribal Housing Department offices. Design is underway and expected to be complete in summer, with a groundbreaking in the fall. So far, the Tribe has secured \$27.5 million in grants for the project.

It will include a gym, recreation center, training rooms, event space, craft room, swimming and therapy pools. Outdoor facilities will include athletic fields, a skate park, splash pad and a playground.

Electric vehicle charging stations: All buildings on campus will have electric vehicle chargers added in the future, with all new buildings constructed as EV charging ready. One solar charging station was installed at the Tribal Governance Center in 2023. Two more will be purchased with six chargers located on campus and

two electric vehicles added to the Tribal fleet for employee use.

The chargers and stations are being funded through an Oregon Department of Transportation Carbon Reduction Grant.

Multi-use path from Grand Ronde to Spirit Mountain Casino: The Tribe received a \$206,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation's Community Paths Program for a feasibility study for a pedestrian/bike connection between Grand Ronde Road and Spirit Mountain Casino.

tumwata village: Located at the former Blue Heron Paper Mill site in Oregon City, much of the work this year has been focused on getting a land use decision and approval for the Tribe to redevelop the property. The plan was adopted by the city at the beginning of 2025.

At the same time, work has been ongoing for designing the infrastructure and utility improvements that will be phase one. The Tribe was awarded \$2 million in federal funding to assist with the efforts.

Additionally, environmental cleanup efforts continue. So far, 28 structures have been removed with 16 more planned for 2025, which will make demolition approximately 75% complete.

Webb also gave a brief update about the projects Public Works Coordinator John Mercier has been working on during the past year. Mercier completed the Long-Range Transportation Plan update from 2019 and that was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Approximately \$98 million is projected to be spent on transportation planning in the next 20 years.

In the area of transportation improvement, a culvert on Agency Creek was upsized to allow for better fish passage. Several LED street light upgrades were completed as well, with an estimated annual savings of \$40,000.

After his presentation concluded, Webb fielded 12 questions and comments from the audience.

"Thank you for sharing all of the amazing work that you do," Tribal Council member Lisa Leno said. "We really appreciate it."

In other action, door prize winners were Leroy Good, Josephine Ingraham, Daniel Stroebel (donated winnings to the Veterans Committee), Misty Carl and Darlene Aaron, \$50 each; and Kayla Leno, Albert Jeffers and Patty Jenness, \$100 each.

Additionally, Terri Warren won a camas gift basket donated by Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 4, in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom, with a program report from the Emergency Services Department/Resiliency Program.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

No federal food deliveries for April to food bank

FUNDS continued
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Local food bank organizers said USDA funding losses are affecting them as well. Demand is up, while funding is being cut, they said.

Grand Ronde Food Bank (iskam mək'hmək haws) Coordinator Francene Ambrose said, "Nineteen semi-truck loads (from the USDA) were coming to Oregon in April loaded with frozen meat, eggs, milk and produce. They were cancelled last Thursday morning."

That means no federal food deliveries for April, Ambrose said.

"We get most of our food from the Oregon Food Bank and now they have had cuts," she said. "This means that we have lost our core stuff for the pantry. We do get donations from retail stores directly for our pantry from Safeway, Win-Co and Dollar General. We do get our bread from Dave's Killer Bread out of Clackamas as well as Bimbo Bread Company. Oregon Food Bank has been partners with Fred Meyer, Safeway, Costco, Walmart and more. However, the ordering for those places has been going down."

Stores are trying to cut back on waste, Ambrose said, which also affects donations.

"When it comes to them ordering for the shelves, they base it off their online orders and not on what is actually getting sold in the stores themselves as well," she said. "All pantries are seeing decreasing options overall across the board and it doesn't look like it's going to get better anytime soon."

The food bank provides mobile delivery on Wednesday, and clients can also go into the lobby to pick up produce and other items. Every Friday, clients can pick up food boxes at the food bank.

Food banks in nearby Willamina and Sheridan, where many Tribal members live, have also been affected by the USDA funding cuts.

Grand Sheramina Food Bank Manager Judy Adams said she

How to help local food banks

Money is one of the most helpful items to donate to local food banks, Grand Sheramina Food Bank Manager Judy Adams said, because "I could get a lot more food than they could with the same amount."

However, food items are also welcomed, according to Adams and other food bank managers. Highest on the list are proteins such as canned meat and peanut butter, protein bars and protein drinks.

Easily heated meals such as chili and microwavable macaroni and cheese, carbohydrates such as rice, frozen items and jam or jelly to go with peanut butter, are also in high demand.

Contact information for local food banks is as follows:

iskam mək'hmək Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose: 503-879-1322.

Grand Sheramina Food Bank Manager Judy Adams: 503-313-5702 or 503-843-3133.

Willamina Food Bank Manager Katie Kendall: 971-241-3173.

Smaller donations may be left in the Little Free Pantry outside, at 340 B St. For large donations, call Kendall to coordinate delivery. ■

received a letter from Yamhill Community Action Program, saying that five semi-trucks filled with food were recently canceled due to federal funding cuts. Adams said the food had already been ordered when the funding was canceled. The loss affected YCAP's ability to supply local food pantries.

Adams said Grand Sheramina Food Bank receives 4,000 pounds of food every week from YCAP, and she has already seen a decrease.

"We receive an order form monthly and that used to be six pages long, and now it's been cut to one and three-quarter pages," Adams said.

At the same time, the number of people coming in for emergency food has increased significantly.

The food bank has also lost some of its other resources. Franz Bread Company, located in Portland, had been the main source of bread donation, Adams said, but the bakery burned down six months ago. iskam mək'hmək haws has been offering extra bread to Adams to help compensate.

Adams said her program's warehouse, formerly filled with food donations, is now about one-third full.

"These are some very scary times and it doesn't seem to be getting

better anytime soon," Adams said.

Willamina Food Bank, which primarily provides produce and bread, is part of the Marion-Polk Food Share Program. Manager Katie Kendall said currently, she receives 20 to 32 banana boxes full of produce and bread weekly from Marion-Polk Food Share but was recently informed that the program is seeing a 25% funding cut.

Kendall said demand has increased, from 25 clients per week to 60 to 65, and she expects it continue growing.

Schools may also be affected, however, Willamina School District Superintendent Mike Gass said things are still moving forward.

"We will be offering our summer lunch program still this summer in the two locations at the Willamina City Park as well as at Tribal housing in Grand Ronde."

Gass said he is watching news reports closely and the meals the district offers to students will still be provided.

"They may see some changes in the items that are available," Gass said. "If I wouldn't eat them, the students won't either."

Gass explained that he regularly eats in the cafeteria and only had positive things to say about district Nutrition Services Director Lynne Shore.

Shore recently was in Washington D.C. testifying to Congress about the cancellation of the federally funded Farm to School grant, which provided funds for purchasing food grown or processed locally within 400 miles of the school district, she said.

The district received the grant in March 2023 and used it to help offset the cost of milk.

In addition, she said, the district has a state-funded Farm to School grant that she uses for purchasing locally made food, such as pizzas from Carlton and tortillas from Eugene.

Shore said it's unclear how school lunch programs will be affected long-term.

"It will come down to how the federal budget proposal goes," she said.

Shore said there is also currently a bill before the Oregon Legislature, House Bill 3435, that would make school meals free to all students.

The bill is currently in the House Joint Committee on Ways and Means, which means it is under review and has not yet been sent to the full legislative body for approval. ■

POWWOW VENDORS WANTED

The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

Interested vendors are asked to apply online at www.grandronde.org.

For more information or assistance call 503-879-5211, 503-879-2037 or 503-879-4533. ■

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers for two of our programs:

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(open to all community members)

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1. Indicate which program you are interested in (mark one of the boxes above).
2. Fill out the form below with your contact information.
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**ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT**

The Tribal Council has moved forward with a first reading of amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance at the Tribal Council meeting held on March 19, 2025.

The amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance will (1) Update sections of the ordinance including the duties of staff section, the committee section, the Tribal roll section, the application section, the proof of descendancy section and the publication section; (2) Add sections to the ordinance including a waitlist section, a 2025 open enrollment section, and an enrolled in error section; (3) Remove the blood degree correction section and other unnecessary references to blood quantum; and (4) other minor technical changes. Tribal Council invites comments on the amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance.

For a copy of the ordinance, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by May 1, 2025. ■

**PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCE
OPEN FOR COMMENT**

Tribal Council has determined that Elders and vulnerable adults in our community have a heightened risk of abuse and there is a need to increase protections. Therefore, Tribal Council adopted amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance on an emergency basis at a meeting held Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

The amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance will provide for (1) mandatory reporting, (2) emergency protective orders, (3) civil penalties for those who commit abuse and fail to report abuse, and (4) other minor technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comments on the amendments to the Public Safety Ordinance. For a copy of the ordinance, contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Send comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by email to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Friday, May 16, 2025. ■

Clothes Closet open

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elder Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances and pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items. For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

STI Awareness and Prevention Event

April 16th from 12-1PM at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building
Snacks will be provided.

The more we talk about STI's the more we can reduce the stigma and be better informed on how to protect ourselves and others. This event will help to learn about prevention, testing, and sexual health.

Let's stop syphilis together!
Get tested at Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building

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'Wasn't my decision'

**GENERAL MANAGER
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all well."

Blackwell told Smoke Signals that her departure "wasn't my decision."

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy released a statement saying that, "We have appreciated working with Angie over the past year as the Tribe's general manager and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Bryan Langley will be stepping into the general manager role in the interim."

Kennedy added "We appreciate the hard work and dedication of each and every member of our team and our staff. Working together, we will continue to bring services to our members and move our Tribe forward."

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson declined to say whether Tribal Council had voted to terminate Blackwell's contract.

"This is an employment related issue and we are not able to comment beyond the statement that Cheryle issued," she said.

Several employees, who are also Tribal members, wrote emails in support of Blackwell, quoted below with their permission.

"I'm sad to see you go," Tribal 477/ Employment & Training Specialist Tiny Gibbons wrote. "I can say that you are a Tribal member in every sense of what that means. Your family is a good family and I will say that I wish you well and many prayers over you. I'm happy you reached your dream job and love your strong support."

Tribal Shelter Advocate Teresa Henry wrote, "What a huge loss for our Tribe! Thank you for your lifetime of service to our Tribe and all in this community. I appreciate you so very much and I know so

many others do too. I look forward to seeing what you do next!"

Tribal Homeownership Coordinator Michele Plummer wrote, "What a huge loss for this organization and our Tribe! I am saddened and quite honestly very disappointed with regard to good leaders being 'let go.' Angie led with much needed transparency, honest, humility, wisdom, and a genuine and true love and care for this organization, this membership, our community and our Tribe. She was the best GM we have had in the 14 years I have worked here, period."

Plummer continued, "This pattern of good leaders being let go is difficult to watch, process and experience, not only as an employee and Tribal member, but as a human being. I pray that it stops and that people start doing the right thing even if it's scary, because sometimes the right thing is hard to do, but it's necessary. I am heartbroken for how this has played out and it's hard being powerless to do anything about it. The time she took to learn our departments and programs helped her make informed decisions, understanding a whole story before deciding, always making herself available, upholding the truth and doing the right thing no matter what – that is what makes a true leader, that is what we need."

Blackwell, 57, was hired as general manager in February 2024, after several years as the Tribe's Early Childhood Education Program Manager. She has also served as a Tribal Council Vice Chair and Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director, and ran her own business, "Blackwell Family Resources LLC," as a family life educator.

The general manager reports directly to Tribal Council and has authority over most Tribal departments for day-to-day operations. ■

COMMUNITY HEALTH

ELDER JUSTICE

Do you feel respected as an elder?

Studies show that a significant amount of Native American Elders (one in three) are actively experiencing physical, emotional, spiritual, sexual, and/or financial maltreatment/abuse/disrespect

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"we respect/honor our elders"

If you or someone you know is experiencing disrespect and would like support, make a confidential report by calling

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Promposal time



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member Marianne Blanchard, right, accepts a certificate and flowers during her “promposal” Monday, April 7. Her Dallas business, Indigenous Arts Tattoo Company, has been nominated for a 2025 Community Award by the Dallas Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Blanchard was surprised while she was helping teach the Culture Committee cultural craft classes in the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building. The banquet is Friday, June 20.



Dallas Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center Treasurer Sarrah McMaster, left, and Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center Executive Director Tara Townley present Tribal member Marianne Blanchard with a “promposal” Monday, April 7.

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Emergency Services responds to Willamina fire

At approximately 11:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services crews were gathered at Spirit Mountain Casino, along with Grand Ronde Tribal Police and SMC staff to take part in an active shooter training at the casino.

Just before midnight, Emergency Services crews were dispatched to a fire in the 200 block of First Street in Willamina, interrupting the training. Upon arrival, crews found a fully involved vehicle fire with fire extending to a nearby structure. Crews quickly extinguished the car fire and worked rapidly to force entry into the building to minimize damage.

The structure was a commercial building with wood framing, and metal roofing and siding. This type of construction is known to hold heat and can complicate extinguishment, according to an Emergency Services social media post about the incident. Crews were on the scene for about 2.5 hours, ensuring the fire was completely extinguished before being cleared.

“I am proud of the crews, not only for their quick response to the fire mitigating extensive loss, but also for the amount of training the crews continually put in to ensure they are providing the best service to the community as possible,” Emergency Services Chief Steve Warden said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. In the post, Emergency Services thanked the Sheridan Fire District, Grand Ronde Tribal Police, Oregon State Police and Yamhill County Sheriff’s Office for their assistance on scene. ■





Children & Family SERVICES

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Get as much information about foster care as you can. Children & Family Services offers opportunities to talk one-on-one with certification staff to ask questions and learn more before attending required training. You can also review our certification standards, which offers guidance and expectations of being a resource provider.

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Becoming a resource provider will bring changes to your life. Because of that, it is important that every member of your household considers what that will mean to them. The following is a list of questions that can help you make the right decision with your family:

- Does everyone in our family believe that resource care is right for us?
- Are you comfortable maintaining and making cultural connections?
- Are you willing to attend cultural events in Grand Ronde?
- Do we have friends or family that will support us in this decision?
- Do we have space in our home for a child?
- Is there an age group or gender that would work best with our family?
- Any special needs a child may have that we would not be comfortable taking on?

For information contact:

Audra Sherwood
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APRIL 30TH

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4/14: ~~OPEN 7AM TO 4PM~~
 4/15: OPEN 7AM TO 4PM
 4/16: NO REGULAR MEAL SITE
 PIZZA PARTY @ NOON
 4/17: NO REGULAR MEAL SITE
 BOXED LUNCH @ NOON
 4/18: MEAL SITE CLOSED BUILDING
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

503-879-2233 NO HOME DELIVERIES 4/16, 4/17, AND 4/18

Ancestor exhibit



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal member and artist Stephanie Craig speaks during the opening reception for her “Hands of the Ancestors” exhibit at Linfield University’s Linfield Art Gallery in McMinnville Wednesday, April 2. The exhibition features Indigenous basketry, belongings and photos corresponding to Craig’s traditions and practice. “The pieces on display are created using traditional materials such as hazel, maple bark, cedar roots, rushes and grasses — plants carefully gathered and prepared with respect, following ancestral protocols,” she said. “Every basket, tool and fiber reflect the intricate relationship between Indigenous people and the land, embodying the stories, songs and teachings embedded within these practices.”

A baby basket made in 2023 by Stephanie Craig is on display in the “Hands of the Ancestors” exhibit at Linfield University’s Linfield Art Gallery in McMinnville.



TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO

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Elder Abuse Awareness Resource Fair and Walk

June 16th, 2025
 11am to 1pm Resource Fair
 Walk Noon
 Elder Activity Center
 48940 Blacktail Drive
 Grand Ronde, OR

Let's End 1 In 10

Grand Ronde Contest Powwow

Save the date | August 15–17

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

SHAWASH-ILI?I SKUL

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Shawash-ili?i Skul

If you have any questions, please email chinukwawaedu@grandronde.org

Are you interested in learning more about what we do at Shawash-ili?i Skul and jump starting your little’s exposure to language? Beginning in May, Shawash-ili?i Skul will be hosting chinuk wawa language and culture socializations for littles 2 years old and younger every third Tuesday of the month.

Socializations are scheduled for the following dates from 5:00 to 6:30PM at the Chinuk Wawa Skul Building behind Adult Education:

MAY 20TH
 JUNE 17TH
 JULY 15TH
 AUGUST 19TH

Produce market



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Wid Thompson picks a head of cabbage while shopping during the produce market at the Elders Activity Center Friday, March 28. Tribal Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Lawson recently started the cost-to-you market that takes place every Friday, except for weeks that other events interfere with the market. It's opened from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for Elders only, then from 12:15 to 1 p.m., shopping is open to all. Thompson traveled from Aumsville to shop at the market.



Produce is displayed for sale at the produce market at the Elders Activity Center Friday, March 28. Each week, a list of produce and pricing is posted on the CTGR Elder Activity Center Facebook page.

Tribal nonemergency text

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. ■

Tribal Employee To Receive Oregon Parenting Educator Award

from Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative at Oregon State University



Quotes from the Early Head Start families Tracy serves:

"We are so excited she is getting this award-very deserved!"

"My family loves her so much. We are so happy for her."

"Violet loves Teacher Tracy!"

Tracy Haas has been nominated to receive an award from Oregon State University's Hallie E. Ford Center for Healthy Children and Families Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative. She will be honored with the Oregon Parenting Educators Direct Service Award at the Oregon Parenting Educators Annual Conference, which will take place in Corvallis on April 28 and 29, 2025. Tracy has served as a Family Educator for families enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Early Head Start home-based program since February 2018, providing supportive, trauma-informed care to the children and families she serves.



GRAND RONDE HEAD START PRESCHOOL



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



GRAND RONDE
Youth Empowerment & Prevention

BOYS WITH BRAIDS
GRAND RONDE
2025

MAY
3RD
8AM - 4PM

REGISTRATION
Scan the QR code to register for the event



BOYS WITH BRAIDS
Oregon

The Conference is focused on empowering our native boys and men with braids as well as those without.

CONTACT US
503-879-2034
yep@grandronde.org
9615 Grand Ronde Rd., Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Amy Lang's **BIRDS+BEES+KIDS**
Children & Family Services Presents:

THE BIRDS & THE BEES

When, What & How

You'll learn:

- What they need to know by when.
- How to communicate with kids of any age with confidence.
- The best ways to start the conversations.
- Simple tips to make the talks easy, fun, and actually happen!

DINNER PROVIDED

Please RSVP

Tuesday, April 29th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

THE COMMUNITY CENTER

RSVP: Amber - 503-879-1479

amber.zimbrick@grandronde.org



About Amy Lang, M.A.
Award-winning author and speaker Amy Lang helps parents of all beliefs become their kids' go-to birds and bees source. Learn more about Amy [here](#).



Defensive Driving Training



Safety on the road is a responsibility we all share. Stay Alert!

When: Thursday, April 17, 2025

Where: CTGR Employment Service Center Room 118

Times: 8am, 10am, and 1pm

The course training will cover the following:

- Distracting Driving
- Prevent Accidents
- Review CTGR Fleet and Assigned Vehicle Policy



Tribal member's work part of Portland art exhibit

Tribal member Matthew Williams (aka M. Earl Williams) is a part of the Blue Sky Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts' Pacific Northwest Drawers program for 2025. He is sharing a set of photographs which seek a reconciliation between the self, the land and the painful histories they carry.

These can be viewed from noon to 5 p.m. Wed-Sat, through March 2026 at 122 N.W. 8th Ave., Portland. ■

Cedar Circle Home Visiting



Now Enrolling Families for Services

Requirements: About Cedar Circle Home Visiting

- Tribal Member or Tribal Descendants
- No referral needed
- Sign-up period: Prenatal- 3 months of age (please reach out for exceptions).
- Service length: Prenatal- age five*
- First home visit will mark the official enrollment of family.
- Service area within Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, Polk, Marion, Yamhill and Tillamook County.

Cedar Circle is a home visiting program that will support parents, caregivers, and babies prenatally through 5 years of age. In this program you will be connected with a Family Support Specialist that will share information about child development and parenting, promote healthy and nurturing parent-child relationships, and provide information and referrals to strengthen families. Our Family Support Specialists have access to supplies for their families to help them meet their needs.

*Children will be able to graduate at age three, services will be available through the age of five if Family Support Specialist (FSS) sees fit.

Interested in enrollment?
Jenn Clark
Cedar Circle Home Visiting
Family Support Specialist
503-879-6713



Contest Powwow vendors wanted!

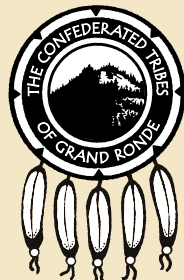


The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow Committee is seeking vendors for the 2025 Contest Powwow, which will be held Friday, Aug. 15 to Sunday, Aug. 17.

Interested vendors are asked to apply online at www.grandronde.org.

For more information or assistance call:

503-879-5211 • 503-879-2037
503-879-4533



Ad by Samuel Briggs III

GRADUATION CAP BEADING

With Marcel



April
17th, 2025
2:00pm - 6:00pm
@Public Health
Building

A basic black cap will be provided for the first 20 people to arrive



Beads will be provided and available, but you may bring your own as well.



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HAYU MUNK SKUKUM YOUTH ENRICHMENT

SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP

Apply online starting April 4th at www.grandronde.org/employment

HAVE QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
YOUTHENRICHMENT@GRANDRONDE.ORG OR
EMPLOYMENTTEAM@GRANDRONDE.ORG

APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE: [HTTPS://WWW.GRANDRONDE.ORG/EMPLOYMENT/](https://www.grandronde.org/employment/)
OPENS APRIL 4TH AND CLOSES APRIL 18TH

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR? TRIBAL MEMBER YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14-18 AT THE TIME OF EMPLOYMENT AND FINISHING 8TH-12TH GRADES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR (SOME JOBS MAY HAVE A MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: COMPLETE APPLICATION ONLINE AND PROVIDE TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION
COMPLETE INTERVIEW
COMPLETE ONBOARDING PROCESS
ATTEND ORIENTATION (FIRST DAY OF WORK)
ATTEND 4 MANDATORY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS (DATES, TIMES, LOCATION TBD)
COMPLETE EXIT 500-WORD ESSAY OF WORK EXPERIENCE AT END OF INTERNSHIP

WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED FOR THE JOB THAT I HAVE APPLIED FOR? ONCE THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED, A FOLLOW UP EMAIL WILL BE SENT WITH KEY INFORMATION AND NEXT STEPS.

WHAT TYPES OF INTERNSHIPS WILL BE OFFERED? THERE WILL BE A LIMITED NUMBER OF INTERNSHIPS AT VARIOUS CTGR DEPARTMENTS. ALL INTERNSHIPS ARE PAID POSITIONS.

TRIBAL YOUTH, DO YOU NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION? WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! IF YOU NEED SUPPORT IN THIS AREA, PLEASE EMAIL [YOUTHENRICHMENT@GRANDRONDE.ORG](mailto:youthenrichment@grandronde.org).



Tribal member Jade Unger holds up his catch of eulachon smelt while fishing on the Sandy River in Troutdale Thursday, March 27.



Tribal Aquatic Biologist Brandon Weems uses a digital hanging scale to weigh a bucket of eulachon smelt while fishing on the Sandy River in Troutdale Thursday, March 27.

Smeltn' time!

Several Tribal members and Tribal Natural Resources Department staff took advantage of the one-day opportunity to harvest eulachon smelt on the Sandy River in Troutdale Thursday, March 27. Fishing was allowed with dip net only. That same evening NRD received 1,500 pounds of smelt, an equivalence of about 1,500 fish, that were confiscated by Oregon State Police. NRD held a fish distribution for those Friday, March 28.



Eulachon smelt lie in a bucket after being caught from the Sandy River in Troutdale Thursday, March 27. There was a 10-pound limit per dipper.

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo



Tribal member Erin Bernando, left, smiles as her catch of eulachon smelt is emptied into a bucket by Tribal member, and her cousin, Jade Unger, while fishing on the Sandy River in Troutdale Thursday, March 27.

Save the Date

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Date: August 22, 2025
Time: 4:00pm
Location: Grand Ronde Tribal Gym



FOOD

RIDES

PRIZES

RESOURCE BOOTHS

Please note: This is just a save the date, formal invitations will be sent out closer to the event date.

Spring carnival



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Sade Rand, 4, watches as she gets a temporary tattoo during the Tribe's Education Department Spring Carnival in the Tribal gym Thursday, April 3. The annual event featured games, button making, a photo booth, free books and boxed dinners.



Satara Blanchard, 15, grabs a pack of Goldfish crackers as she fishes during the Tribe's Education Department Spring Carnival in the Tribal gym Thursday, April 3.

TO SEE MORE PHOTOS AND VIDEO





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Fresh Foods Distribution

One Box per Tribal Member Household

April 24th

10am-2pm

- One food box per tribal member household (tribal member must be present-or- complete permission slip), 3 boxes max per vehicle.
- 400 boxes are available in Grand Ronde, first come first served (distribution begins at 10 am and ends at 2pm or earlier if all boxes have been distributed).
- Distribution will be at the GR Procurement Building (see map for driving directions).
- 100 additional boxes are available at the Portland Office. Portland office 2 boxes per vehicle max.

Questions? Contact Public Health
503-879-6701
publichealthdepartment@grandronde.org





West Valley Veterans Memorial Application

Deadline is January 15, 2026

Name (as desired on memorial): _____ DOB: _____

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

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

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

DOE: _____ Place of entry: _____

DOS: _____ Place of seperation: _____

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

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

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

Any applications received after January 15, 2026, will be kept on file for inclusion to the Memorial in 2027.

Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.



IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON CIVIL COURT

FILED ✓ APR - 7 2025 TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of:) Case No. 25C0009
BEARFACE, BRANDON TAYLOR) ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE
PETITIONER) NAME

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on March 13, 2025;

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOW:

- The Petition does does not meet the requirements of the Name Change Ordinance, Chapter 303 and the Petition is dismissed granted;
- The Court has does not have jurisdiction over the Petitioner and subject matter of the Petition herein;
- The Petitioner is is not over 18 years old;
- The Petitioner is is not an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;
- Petitioner has has not petitioned or been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- The Petition for Name Change is not granted and is dismissed without prejudice.
- The Petition for Name Change is granted and Petitioner's name is changed from BRANDON TAYLOR BEARFACE to **BRANDON QUENELLE**.
- The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;
- The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment Office and to the State Department of Vital Statistics Office in the state in which Petitioner was born.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Patrick Melendy
Patrick S Melendy
Chief Judge

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON CIVIL COURT

FILED ✓ APR - 7 2025 TRIBAL COURT

In the Matter of:) Case No. 25C0008
WATERS, JOHN WILLIAM) ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO CHANGE
PETITIONER) NAME

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change filed by Petitioner on March 10, 2025;

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOW:

- The Petition does does not meet the requirements of the Name Change Ordinance, Chapter 303 and the Petition is dismissed granted;
- The Court has does not have jurisdiction over the Petitioner and subject matter of the Petition herein;
- The Petitioner is is not over 18 years old;
- The Petitioner is is not an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde;
- Petitioner has has not petitioned or been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- The Petition for Name Change is not granted and is dismissed without prejudice.
- The Petition for Name Change is granted and Petitioner's name is changed from JOHN WILLIAM WATERS to **LIAM JOHN WATERS**.
- The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;
- The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment Office and to the State Department of Vital Statistics Office in the state in which Petitioner was born.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Patrick Melendy
Patrick S Melendy
Chief Judge

MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT GROUP

GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATE – MAY 5, 12, 19, 26

TIME – 2:30PM - 4:30PM

AMY REID LPC

JOIN US FOR A 4-WEEK GROUP COURSE

The main concept behind the mind-body-spirit connection is that we are all more than just our thoughts. We are also our bodies, our emotions, and our spirituality - all these things combine to give us identity, determine our health, and make us who we are.



Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde



Institute for Applied Ecology

LAE Volunteer Opportunity

Champoeg Volunteer Days

Help restore habitat for First Foods at Champoeg State Heritage Area

Saturdays monthly (see below)

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Champoeg State Heritage Area

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 remove invasive weeds like tansy ragwort, while contributing to the recovery of the land. Thanks to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District for funding this project.

Dates: Saturdays on May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16

Times: 9am - 1pm

Where: Champoeg State Heritage Area, Oregon

What: Planting native plants in a First Foods harvest area

RSVP: Contact Evan at evan@appliedeco.org

A restroom is available on site, and limited carpooling from Corvallis is available. Learn more at 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.



4950 SW Flout St, Corvallis, OR 97333
541-753-3699
info@appliedeco.org

Paddle Practice Days

April 22nd - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

May 10th - Mother's Days Paddle / location and time TBD

May 14th - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

May 20th - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

June 6th - 10:00am to 2:00pm @TBD

June 14th - Father's Day Paddle / location and time TBD

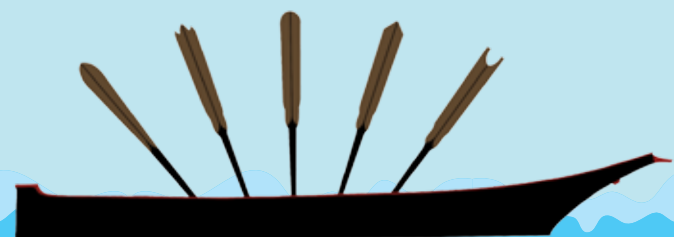
June 24th - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

July 8th - 1:00pm - 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

July 19th - 20th @ Siletz River (in place of Rooster Rock)

August 26th - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park

August 28th - 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ East Devils Lake Park



Hosted by GRHWC

Tribal member exhibit, 'Hands of the Ancestors,' open through May 2

"Hands of the Ancestors," an exhibit by Grand Ronde Tribal member artist Stephanie Craig, is featured in the Linfield Gallery in the Miller Fine Arts Center through Friday, May 2.

The exhibition features Indigenous basketry, belongings and photos corresponding to Craig's traditions and practice.

"Hands of the Ancestors' is an immersive exploration of cultural continuity, resilience, and the sacred connection between people, land and tradition," she said. "This exhibit highlights the artistry and legacy of Native basketry, showcasing how these woven forms are more than objects — they are vessels of memory, identity and knowledge passed down through generations. At its heart, this exhibit emphasizes the idea that our ancestors' hands are still with us, guiding each weave, stitch and braid. The pieces on display are created using traditional materials such as hazel, maple bark, cedar roots, rushes and grasses — plants carefully gathered and prepared with respect, following ancestral protocols. Every basket, tool and fiber reflect the intricate relationship between Indigenous people and the land, embodying the stories, songs and teachings embedded within these practices."

Linfield Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. ■

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Want to be one of the first Tribal members to receive smok signalz? Want to receive the Tribal publication on your computer instead of waiting for it to arrive in the mail?

Want to get up-to-date and in-the-know about the Grand Ronde Tribe before anyone else? In an effort to be more efficient and reduce printing and postage costs, smok signalz electronic subscribers receive a PDF (portable document format) version sent to them instead of a newsprint version sent via the mail. All you need on your computer is Adobe Acrobat or another program that can read a PDF and you're set.

Why would you want to do that? The PDF version is available before the newspaper is sent to our printing contractor in Salem. You can read the paper on your computer or print out a copy of individual pages yourself. And you will receive Tribal news much faster than the current standard mailing utilized by the Tribe.

If you would like to receive an emailed PDF version of smok signalz and stop receiving a mailed newsprint version, send your email to esubscription@grandronde.org. Stopping mailed delivery of the newspaper will not affect other Tribal mail. ■

UPDATED INFORMATION

Community Fund seeking Hatfield Fellow applicants

Applications for the 2025-26 Hatfield Fellowship program funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund are being accepted through Friday, May 2.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.

Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members from any Tribe in the United States who are currently living in the Pacific Northwest. Preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2025 and be 21 or older.

For more information, visit thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.

The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. ■

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE OFFICIAL K-5 SIGN-UP WEEK OF APRIL 21-25!

*****IMPORTANT UPDATES TO SHARE*****

REGULAR TRIBAL FOUR TIER PREFERENCE POLICY

(PLEASE NOTE, FOR TRIBAL DESCENDANTS WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR YET AND HAVE NOT SUBMITTED PROOF OF DESCENDANCY AND WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR TIER TWO PREFERENCE, AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE OR LETTER FROM MEMBER SERVICES WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED TO YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU APPLY)


WORKING PARENTS PREFERENCE POLICY

AN UPDATED LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR(S) WILL NEED TO BE ELECTRONICALLY UPLOADED TO THE ONLINE SIGN-UP FORM THE WEEK OF OPEN REGISTRATION VERIFYING THAT PARENTS ARE WORKING FROM 8AM-3PM AND/OR 3PM-5:35PM IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THIS PREFERENCE. ATTACHED IS THE WORKING PARENT POLICY TO REVIEW.

NEW! K-5 PROGRAM SCHEDULE CHANGES:

PROGRAM HOURS: 8AM-3PM
AFTER-CARE: 3PM-5:35PM

6-12 SUMMER YOUTH CENTER: KEY INFORMATION AND SIGN-UPS FOR FUTURE SUMMER ACTIVITIES WILL BE OUT STARTING APRIL 21ST. MORE TO COME!




Volunteers Wanted

Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services is looking for Volunteers


If you are interested in helping to service your community, please apply by visiting [Emergency Services](http://www.Grandronde.org) at www.Grandronde.org

Volunteer Opportunities include:

- Fire fighter
- Water Tender Driver
- EMS
- Auxiliary
- Chaplaincy



Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Emergency Services
9615 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347 503-879-3473



LAKTI-MUN APRIL SPECIALS

PRIMROSE
WHITE CHOCOLATE, MACADAMIA NUT, COCONUT MOCHA

LILAC
LAVENDER, COCONUT LATTE

DAFFODIL
TANGERINE, STRAWBERRY, PINEAPPLE, PASSION FRUIT (GOLD LOTUS)

POPPY
GRAPEFRUIT, CRANBERRY, PINEAPPLE, VANILLA (BLUE LOTUS)

FORGET-ME-NOT
LAVENDER BLUEBERRY LEMONADE

OREGON STONECROP
CHOCOLATE VANILLA PROTEIN (IGRAM SUGAR!!!)

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. ■

Grand Ronde Editorial Board position openings

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") of overseeing its independent Tribal press (Smoke Signals), invites applications to serve on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board. There are two open board positions with terms that expire on March 31, 2028. The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of Smoke Signals to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Indigenous Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members. Submission deadline: **5 p.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025**

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

Grand Ronde Editorial Board
c/o Smoke Signals
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Phone: 503-879-4663
E-mail: editorial.board@grandronde.org

Shawash-ili?i Skul

MEET & GREETs

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The Shawash-ili?i Skul will be holding our annual meet and greets for prospective families interested in enrolling their child for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note that it is **required** for parents or guardians to attend one of the offered meet and greet times prior to submitting an application to the school.

Meet and greets will be hosted at the Chinuk Wawa Skul or over zoom the following days and times:

Tuesday, April 15th in person at 5pm

Wednesday, April 16th in person at noon

Tuesday, April 22nd over zoom at 5:15pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281321948?pwd=nGxbTubjAlQnkBC3bsB4UWwGDaSn4E.1>

Meeting ID: 892 8132 1948
Passcode: 492087

We will have availability in our k'wichiti kindergarten classroom, q'alas 4 to 5 year old classroom, and our lilu 3 to 4 year old classroom only. Space is limited!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JUSTINE FLYNN AT (503)879-1857 OR JUSTINE.FLYNN@GRANDRONDE.ORG




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. Share your experience, good or bad with us. ■



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

FAMILY FISHING DAY




The Hebo Ranger District invites You for the Family Fishing Day in the Forest

When: Friday, June 20
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Hebo Lake in Hebo, OR.

Fishing Contest and Prizes at 11 a.m. for Children (4-15 years old)

We will have fishing poles and reels, bait and free fishing lessons available. Parking is free, and kids under 12 years old won't need a fishing license. For people 12 years and up, a fishing license is required for this event.

FLU/COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms or are positive for FLU/COVID
- Keep your social distance, 6 Feet apart.
- Clean your hands frequently.
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Senate commemorates 50th anniversary of Indigenous self-determination

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan resolution Monday, April 7, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

The legislation was led by Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, who serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii, who serves as vice chairman of the SCIA.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, signed into law in 1975, fundamentally reshaped federal Indian policy by promoting Tribal self-determination through Tribal involvement and oversight of programs and services administered to them on behalf of the U.S. government.

“This resolution celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act,” Murkowski said. “Congress unanimously passed this law 50 years ago, which began a transformation of the federal-Tribal relationship. Because of ISDEAA and the expansion of self-determination and self-governance across many agencies, Tribes have raised the quality of life of their people, boosted local economies, improved health care delivery, and designed and implemented services that are better tailored to their unique communities – including in job training, transportation, housing, social services, forestry, and more.”

“More than five decades ago, President Richard Nixon stood before Congress and called for a new era of Tribal self-determination – ushering in the most successful federal policy for Native people in our nation’s history,” Schatz said. “For decades, administrations from both parties have strengthened Tribal sovereignty and self-governance. But today that progress is at risk, as recent actions threaten to make it harder for Tribes to access federal funding and for the government to fully uphold its trust and treaty obligations. Instead of moving backward, we should commemorate this anniversary by continuing to build upon its legacy.” ■



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Watchlist: ‘FBI announces new resources to solve cases of missing, murdered Indigenous people’

(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

One of Portland’s local news channels, KPTV FOX 12, shared a segment reporting the FBI is boosting resources across the country to address unsolved crimes in Indian Country, including cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people.

“With these added resources, unsolved violent crimes in Native American communities will be getting much more attention,” FOX 12 reporter Mikhala Armstrong said. “For one sister, that could bring answers to a missing person’s case spanning nearly eight years.”

Armstrong interviews Kimberly Loring Heavyrunner, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe and sister to Ashley Loring Heavyrunner, who has been missing since 2017.

Armstrong states Heavyrunner’s disappearance is part of the ongoing crisis in Tribal communities with Indigenous people being murdered or missing at disproportionate rates.

“Throughout Indian Country if you tell a story of a loved one going missing, it’s the same template of all other stories,” Kimberly Heavyrunner said. “It’s as if you’re telling one story, you’re telling them all.”

Armstrong’s coverage provides a graph showing there are a total of 4,300 open investigations in Indian Country in 2025.

“To address this growing crisis, the FBI announced Tuesday (April 1) that it intends to surge additional resources, including temporary duty assignments that rotate over the next six months in several different areas nationwide, including Portland,” Armstrong said. “They call it ‘Operation Not Forgotten.’”

Many in the Tribal community are hopeful these additional resources will be “transformational” in the ongoing search for missing Native relatives.

Heavyrunner is hesitant to trust the FBI to solve her sister’s case.

Tribes all across the country have experienced generations of broken promises from the federal government.

“I really hope they can find our missing,” Heavyrunner said. “I hope they can work hard to look for our missing people, but it’s really hard to find that hope with the FBI, it’s really hard.”

You can watch the entire FOX 12 segment on Operation Not Forgotten at www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoxVVT_TzAk. ■

LONELINESS

IN ADULT FOSTER CARE

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Hall of Legends at Spirit Mountain Casino

Call for Tribal family photos for the Hall of Legends at Spirit Mountain Casino electronic display

We are excited to invite all Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde members and their families to submit your family photos for inclusion in a special electronic display in the Hall of Legends at Spirit Mountain Casino. This project is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and preserve the legacy, history, and culture of our community through shared moments captured in pictures.

Photos submitted should have a connection to CTGR and can showcase any aspect of Tribal life, including familial gatherings, school events, sports teams, cultural ceremonies or other significant occasions. We encourage you to label your submissions with as much information as possible, such as names, dates, locations and the story behind the moment.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Submission details: Ensure photos are clearly labeled with information about the event or gathering, the individuals featured and any other relevant context.
- Photo considerations: While we will make every effort to include all submitted photos, inclusion is not guaranteed. Photos will be reviewed for quality, content and appropriateness. Please refrain from sending original photos, as they will not be returned.
- Photo adjustments: To ensure a high-quality display, our team reserves the right to make general improvements to photos, such as cropping, sharpening and adjusting focus or clarity.

This is a unique opportunity to celebrate our shared heritage and strengthen the bonds of our Tribal community. Submit your photos and the photo submission form no later than **Wednesday, April 30, 2025**, by mailing to: Hall of Legends Submissions, Spirit Mountain Casino, ATTN: Carter Tollas, 27100 SW Salmon River Hwy., Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Help us honor the past, present and future of the Grand Ronde people.

You can also visit the Spirit Mountain website at SpiritMountain.com, then scroll to the bottom of the page to the “get in touch” header, and click the “Hall of Legends” link to submit online.

We look forward to seeing the stories your photos tell! ■

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Tribe offering support to incarcerated members

Grand Ronde Tribal members who are incarcerated, have been recently released from prison or are involved in addiction treatment programs don't have to face challenges alone.

The Tribe has a post-prison/post-treatment peer support specialist, Tribal member Joe Ulestad, who is also a certified recovery mentor.

“I want our members who are incarcerated or need help to know we haven't forgotten about them and we're here to help,” he said. “They can call me, email or text.”

Ulestad can be reached at joe.ulestad@grandronde.org, by text/call at 971-237-5262 or on his office line, 503-879-1389. ■

Culture Committee Cultural Craft Classes

10-4pm

~~April 7th @ CTGR Public Health Building~~
May 18th @ CTGR Community Center
 June 9th @ CTGR Community Center
 July 6th @ CTGR Community Center
 August 3rd @ CTGR Community Center
 September 14th @ CTGR Community Center
 October 12th @ CTGR Community Center
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 December 14th @ CTGR Community Center

Come make new projects, work on old projects!
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Questions? Please reach out to the Culture Committee:
 Pamala Warren-Chase @ Pamala.warren-chase@thecommunityfund.com
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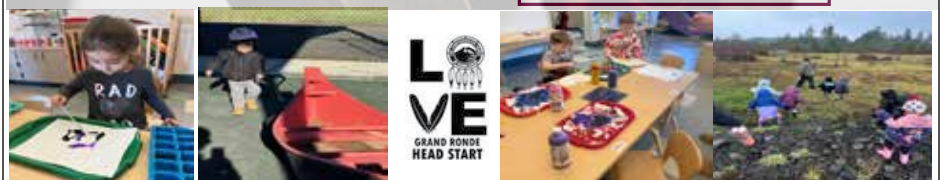
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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 1, 2025
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 503-879-2404

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGR).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Thursday, May 1, 2025, the CTGR will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HUD Indian Housing Block Grant competitive (IHBG-COMP 24ICOR05300) funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, to undertake a project known as Wind River Apartments Project, for the purpose of constructing two low-income, fourplex rental apartment housing, on an open and largely flat vacant lot. The work will also include excavation, site grading and site utility connections to existing utility lines in the street. Landscaping of the area around the new buildings is also included. Location: 100 Wind River Drive, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Estimated total cost: \$5,300,000 Grant amount: \$ 2,961,635

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The CTGR has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA) on file at the Public Works Department, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with the decisions are invited to submit email comments to Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org. All comments received by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, will be considered by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The CTGR certifies to HUD that Cheryle A. Kennedy in her capacity as Tribal Council Chairwoman consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and allows the CTGR to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (A) The certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; (B) the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (D) The grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (D) Another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD designated HUD Seattle Regional Office, 909 First Ave., Suite 200, Seattle, WA, 981074-1000 to the attention of Director of Grants Management, Tom Carney, or via email at: Tom.Carney@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Chairwoman
 Confederated Tribes of the
 Grand Ronde Community of Oregon
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347-9712

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. ■



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StrongHearts advocates can help by providing culturally appropriate support and advocacy.



Call or Text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)
Chat Online www.strongheartshelpline.org



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“HONOR OUR CHILDREN” MINI POWWOW



Saturday, April 19, 2025

11:00am - 2:00pm | Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym
 8720 Grand Ronde Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Please join us at Chachalu for singing and dancing after the Easter egg hunt in Tribal Housing.

Emcee: Fabian Quenelle
Arena Director: Anthony Quenelle
Host Drum: Bad Soul

*Lunch provided
 Vendors
 Raffles
 Activity Tables*

For more information call, text or email Alex W. at 541-921-0610 or alexandria.warren-masters@grandronde.org

All are welcome and regalia is not required!
 THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY & CULTURE BY NOT DISPLAYING GANG AFFILIATION & BY NOT BRINGING DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR WEAPONS TO THIS EVENT.

Gas discount

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.

Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■



Are you frustrated with your diabetes control?
Do you have questions about diabetes?
Do you need help managing your diabetes?
If so...

Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002
To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment

TERO Worker of the Month March 2025

Name: Anthony Ream
Employer: Wildish Standard Paving Co.
Position: Journeyman Laborer

Anthony first joined the TERO program back in 2016. Before being referred out to any contractors, Anthony took full advantage of the many trainings TERO has to offer; such as flagging, first aid, forklift, OSHA 10, heavy equipment operating and grade reading courses.



Anthony Ream

After obtaining all of his certifications in these trainings, Anthony was referred out to Wildish Standard Paving Company, where he has learned many more skills and is working on getting certified as a traffic control supervisor to broaden his skills.

We asked Anthony what his experience has been like working with TERO and he said that TERO has helped in so many ways, not only with gaining all of his certifications, but has been a great support system throughout his employment with Wildish. He goes on to say that getting the opportunity to work for Wildish has changed his life and put him on a path as a man proud of himself and his career, and a great supporter of his family.

Anthony would like to thank Duke, Kristy, Jacob, Caden and Harris for all their support and guidance along his career path. Before TERO, he couldn't find a well-paying, steady job and now he has a great career to look forward to.

TERO is very proud to award the March TERO Worker of the Month to Anthony for utilizing all the resources that TERO has provided for him and representing our program in a good way.

Great job Anthony, thank you for your hard work and dedication!

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



Serving urban Natives,
infant to elder, in Portland
and Vancouver

Open Positions

- Development and Communications Director** \$120-140K/yr
- Housing Development Manager** \$100-120K/yr
- Family Shelter Assistant Manager** \$70-75K/yr
- Cully Business Development Coordinator** \$60-65K/yr
- Cully Economic Development Coordinator** \$60-65K/yr
- Resident Services Coordinator** \$25-27/hr
- Supportive Housing and Retention Advocate** \$25-27/hr
- Foster Care Support Specialist** \$24/hr
- Early Head Start Teacher's Aid (On Call)** \$18/hr



All jobs are located in Portland or Vancouver.

Visit nayapdx.org/about/jobs to learn more.

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GRHWC PROJECTED lush lamatsin EVENTS 2025

January

Pajana 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, 2025
@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

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

Walking On...

Patricia Anne Martin (Tom)

July 6, 1949 – March 21, 2025

Tribal Elder Patricia Anne Martin passed away Friday, March 21, 2025, at the age of 75.

Patricia “Patti” Tom was born on July 6, 1949, in McMinnville, Oregon. Patti was unbelievably caring, nurturing, optimistic and funny. She was an absolute joy to be around, even when she was “saucy and feisty” later in life. She was always there for anyone who needed her and was always helpful and caring to anyone who needed anything.

Despite being one of the nicest and warmest, she could hold a grudge like no other....and was still upset at an umpire from Pioneer Little League who in the late ‘70s “had no clue on balls and strikes” while her then 10-year-old son, Justin, was pitching.

Patti was a member of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and very proud of her Tribal roots. She was dedicated to the cause of Tribal Restoration throughout the late ‘70s and the early ‘80s.

Patti and her sister-in-law, Sandy Van Woert, worked together for several years as hairdressers after beauty school and co-owned and operated the Image Makers Salon for several decades in Salem. Patti met John Martin while still in beauty school and told Sandy about this “cool dude” she met while cruising the gut. When Patti relayed to Sandy that his name was John Martin, Sandy replied, “He’s a total nerd.” Patti asked how she knew that, and she had to share that John was her brother!

After carpal tunnel surgery, Patti retired from the hair business and returned to college and eventually ended up working for the Tribe in the Vocational Rehabilitation program and spent many years serving on the Grand Ronde Health Committee. Finally, Patti worked with her husband at the steel fabrication shop they owned, Zephyr Engineering.

Education was very important to Patti, and in 1982 she started her college journey by enrolling at Chemeketa Community College. Twenty-one years later, after earning her associate degree, she graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science in social science. She then went on to get her master’s degree from Western Oregon University in Rehabilitation Science. What amazing dedication!

Patti’s family would like to thank all the professionals that were there for her over these last few years. So, here’s a huge shout out to Carol, Carol, Carol, Carol, the “real” Carol, and finally Carol. You know who you are! Your care, dedication and love are so appreciated!

Patti absolutely adored her husband of 48 years, John, who passed away in 2017, and their son, Justin. She dedicated her life to them and was the most amazing wife and mother.

Patti is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Justin and Jennifer Martin; sisters, Kathy Tom (Louis King) and Vicki Lawrence (Dave); brother, Michael Tom; sisters-in-law, Sandy Van Woert (Wayne Cooper) and Suzie Hurley (Bill); and several nieces and nephews: Darrel Lawrence, Devin Lawrence, Ryan Tom, Mason Keppinger, Kelly Jo Martin, Tyson Van Woert and Miranda Van Woert.

There was a service for Patti at Virgil T Golden Funeral Home in Salem Thursday, April 10, followed by a celebration of life.



Leonette Margaret Galligher

Nov. 26, 1939 – March 28, 2025

Tribal Elder Leonette Margaret Galligher passed away Friday, March 28, 2025, at the age of 85.

A family mass was held Sunday, April 6, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Grand Ronde, followed by a dinner.

A celebration of life was held Monday, April 7, in the Tribal gym with a private interment at Rest Lawn Memorial.

Bollman’s Tribute Center in Dallas assisted the family.



Roger Allen Bly

April 29, 1944 – April 6, 2025

Tribal spouse Roger Allen Bly passed away at Salem Hospital at 4:37 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the age of 80.

He was surrounded by his two sons, Rod Bly and Arch Bly; his wife, Betty Jean Parazoo Bly; and granddaughter, Josie Wolf.

Last rites were performed.

Before his passing, Roger lived in Grand Ronde Tribal Elder housing with Betty.

He was born in Forks, Washington, and grew up in various cities across the Northwest, graduating from Springfield High School in Springfield, Oregon, in 1962.

During his career as a telecommunications contractor, Roger worked all over the state of Wyoming for 25 years, from tiny towns to large cities, including Evanston and Laramie.

Please send flowers to West Valley Funeral Home (formerly Adamson’s) in Sheridan, care of the Bly family.

Donations can be sent to Shriners Hospitals of America.

Private funeral services were held Wednesday, April 9. There will be no public services.

Roxanne Gayle Teeter

April 15, 1960 – April 8, 2025

Tribal Elder Roxanne Gayle Teeter passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the age of 64.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 25, at the Tribal gym, followed by a gravesite service at the Tribal Cemetery, with a meal to follow at the Elders Activity Center.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home in Forest Grove is assisting the family.

RISE & SHINE! IT'S A

MONDAY MEET UP

UNDER THE COVERED AREA IN
**Tribal Housing
6th-12th Grade**

**MONDAY MORNINGS
9:50AM - 10:20AM**

FREE BREAKFAST FOR YOUTH

TYPES OF IN HOME SERVICES

Home Health Care

Home health care providers services in a patient’s home to treat an illness or injury. These services are provided by licensed nurses, therapists, home health aids. Insurance **may** cover home health care if the patient is homebound or needs intermittent skilled nursing or therapy (care at least once every 60 days, but no more than once a day for up to three weeks). Requires referral from healthcare provider.

SERVICES CAN INCLUDE:

- Nursing Care for wound care, medication administration, pain management, and more
- Physical, Speech, Occupational Therapy
- Activities of Daily Living Assistance
- Medication Management

Home Care Services

Home care is care that allows a person to stay in their home. It can be for people who are chronically ill, recovering from surgery and do not qualify for home health care, or have a disability, or are aging and wish to stay home. Home care services, are not covered by insurance, but covered out of pocket by the person receiving the care.

SERVICES CAN INCLUDE:

- Personal care such as helping with bathing, washing hair, or getting dressed
- Household chores such as cleaning, yard work, laundry
- Cooking or delivering meals
- Money management
- Medical transportation

Grand Ronde Community Health

Community Health provider a community approach for improving the overall health, preventing disease and reducing health disparities by addressing the whole person. Services and support is offered to Tribal Elders and Native Family Caregivers.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Medical Transportation
- Care Management
- Medication Delivery
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Life Alert Services
- Home Safety Visits
- Elder Justice Support
- Wellness Checks
- Dementia Care Support
- ER/Hospital Discharge Calls
- Any many more....



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

New acupuncture/massage service at Health & Wellness Center

Heidi Manning, acupuncture and massage therapist, is now seeing patients at the Health & Wellness Center.

Heidi has been licensed in acupuncture since 2005 after completing a masters of acupuncture degree at Bastyr University. She has been a licensed massage therapist in Oregon since 2017.

In addition, she completed a craniosacral therapy program at Bastyr University in 2004 and employs it as needed. She enjoys practicing acupuncture, massage, cupping, moxibustion, gua sha, Chinese dietary therapy, Chinese herbal medicine and engaging with her clients in a meaningful way.

She specializes in pain management, infertility and gynecological problems, digestive issues and psycho-emotional health issues, especially as they relate to trauma.

Heidi also enjoys working with animals in the state of Oregon under a referral from a veterinarian. She has worked with dogs, cats, cows and horses.

The scheduling links are:

Established patient acupuncture
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=1887600>

New patient acupuncture and massage
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=10379732>

30-minute therapeutic massage
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=1646500>

60-minute massage with cupping or moxibustion
<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=12567238&appointmentType=26011180>

Heidi Manning Acupuncture & Massage
 541-992-5175 (cell)



GRIEF & LOSS GROUP

GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salem BH Team: Amy Reid LPC

DATE – JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23

TIME – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

JOIN US FOR A 4-WEEK GROUP THAT PROVIDES A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE TO EXPLORE GRIEF AND LOSS.

Service offered at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building



Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Becky Johnson

Becky Johnson is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist able to work one-on-one with any HWC-eligible patient at the Cheryle Kennedy Public Health Building. Becky has been licensed as a dietitian since 2019 after completing a Master of Science in Human Nutrition degree at Oregon Health & Science University and dietetic internship with the Veterans Administration Portland Health Care System. Becky has previously work as a dietitian and nutrition services manager at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City and dietitian and health education manager with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians in Canyonville. She enjoys working with individuals of all ages, using the power of food and nutrition to create personalized eating plans and set goals to improve or maintain health. This includes both managing chronic health conditions (such as chronic kidney disease, heart disease, food allergies/intolerances or digestive problems) or promoting optimum nutrition at different life stages (such as early childhood, youth athletes, pregnancy, or older adulthood).

Contact Details

For appointments contact the Public Health Department front desk at 503-879-6701 OR contact Becky directly at 503-879-6711 or Becky.Johnson@grandronde.org.

Service offered at the Cheryle A. Kennedy Public Health Building



Behavioral Specialist

Taylor Gustafson

Taylor works with children and their families to address challenging behavior seen in the home, public and/or school. **She currently has openings and is welcoming new clients.** Together, Taylor will work with the child and parent(s) or guardian(s) to address concerns and recommended healthy changes that have been shown to lower the specific behavior being addressed. Taylor has the ability to work with schools and programs the child is engaged in to help create collaboration and consistency across locations. Taylor received her bachelor's in psychology at Western Oregon University. She has worked in the field for 7 years and has partnered with The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for 4 years. She has education and training in working with a multitude of diagnoses including multiple levels of Autism. Taylor incorporates a whole person approach when creating a tailored plan for each client.

Contact Details

For appointments contact the Public Health Department front desk at 503-879-6701 OR contact Taylor Directly at 503-879-1697 or Taylor.gustafson@grandronde.org



HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

Health & Wellness Tribal DNA testing information

Clients must be fully registered with the clinic prior to the testing. It can take three to five business days once all their information is submitted.

The patient cannot schedule with the lab until after registration is complete.

Unregistered patients cannot show up with papers in hand and do the test the same day.

The link for the registration form is [registration-form-use-for-all-2023-24.pdf](#) ([grandronde.org](#)) or it can be emailed and mailed. Patients should contact registration at 503-879-1325 or 503-879-2096.

To complete registration, a copy of a state birth certificate and a copy of a parent's Tribal identification is needed.

Registration information can be mailed to the address on the form, faxed, emailed or dropped off at the clinic.

The link for the registration form can be found on the Tribe's main website [www.grandronde.org](#), under "Services – Health and Wellness." The link to print the form is on the bottom of the page, called "New Patient Registration Form."

Once everything is submitted and the registration process is complete, the patient can schedule with lab. ■

National Youth Violence Prevention Week 2025: April 28- May 2

National Youth Violence Prevention Week is a time to learn about stopping violence before it starts. Youth violence is when young people hurt others physically or emotionally. This can include bullying, fighting and gun violence. Violence can cause serious harm to health and well-being. The good news is that there are ways to prevent it.



Why youth violence prevention matters

Violence can hurt young people in many ways. It can cause:

- Physical injuries like cuts, bruises or broken bones
- Stress, anxiety and depression
- Trouble in school or work
- Problems with family and friends

When young people feel safe, they are healthier and happier. Preventing violence helps them succeed in life.

How we can prevent youth violence

There are many ways to stop violence and keep young people safe. Here are some things we can do:

- 1) Teach respect and kindness- Young people should learn to treat others with respect. Being kind and understanding can help prevent fights and bullying.
- 2) Speak up- If you see violence or bullying, tell a trusted adult like a teacher or parent. Speaking up can stop the violence from getting worse.
- 3) Build strong communities- Schools, families and neighborhoods should work together to create safe spaces. After-school programs, sports and community events can help young people stay out of trouble.
- 4) Learn healthy ways to handle anger- Everyone gets angry sometimes, but violence is not the answer. Taking deep breaths, talking to someone or walking away can help calm down tough situations.
- 5) Support mental health- Sometimes violence happens because young people are dealing with stress or sadness. Getting help from a counselor or therapist can make a big difference.

What you can do

- Parents: Talk to your kids about kindness and respect. Set rules about how to solve problems without fighting.
- Teachers: Encourage students to speak up about violence and bullying.
- Young people: Be a role model. Show others how to solve problems without hurting anyone. ■

National Autism Awareness Month

April is National Autism Awareness Month. This is a time to learn about autism and to support people who have it. Autism is a condition that affects how people communicate, learn and interact with others. People with autism are unique and have different strengths and challenges.



What is autism?

Autism is a brain condition that people are born with. It is not something you can catch like a cold. Autism affects how a person:

- Talks or understands language
- Socializes and makes friends
- Reacts to sounds, lights or textures
- Learns and solves problems

Some people with autism may talk a lot, while others may not talk at all. Some may like certain routines and get upset if things change. Everyone with autism is different.

How can we support people with autism?

There are many ways to help and include people with autism in our communities including:

- Be kind and patient — People with autism may think and act differently. Be patient and try to understand their needs.
- Communicate clearly — Use simple words and be direct. Some people with autism may take longer to respond, so give them time.
- Respect their space — Loud noises or bright lights can be overwhelming for some people with autism. Be mindful of their comfort.
- Encourage inclusion — Invite people with autism to join activities at school, work or in the community. Small gestures can make a big difference.
- Learn more about autism — The more we learn, the better we can support people with autism. Talk to families, teachers and experts to understand autism better.

What you can do

- Parents: Teach your children to be kind to people with autism.
- Teachers: Help students understand autism and create an inclusive classroom.
- Community members: Support events that promote autism awareness and acceptance.

By working together, we can make the world a better place for people with autism. This National Autism Awareness Month, let's learn, support and spread kindness! ■

SELF CARE AS A CAREGIVER

Why taking time for self care is extremely important as a caregiver



Why is self care important?

Practicing self-care is essential for caregivers to maintain their physical, emotional, and mental health while fulfilling their caregiving responsibilities. Here are some practical ways caregivers can incorporate self-care into their daily lives:

Prioritize Rest

Caregivers should establish a consistent bedtime routine and ensure they are getting enough sleep. If caregiving duties are affecting sleep, consider asking for help or hiring respite care during night hours. Short naps during the day can also help recharge energy and improve alertness, especially when nighttime rest is limited.

Take Breaks

Caregivers should carve out time each day for brief breaks, even if it's only for a few minutes. Use this time to step outside, enjoy a cup of tea, or simply relax in a quiet space.

Seek Support

Reaching out to loved ones for emotional support, companionship, or even just a chat can help reduce feelings of isolation. Connecting with other caregivers who understand the challenges can provide a sense of community and valuable advice. Many support groups meet in person or online.



Practice Self Compassion

Caregivers often feel guilty or inadequate, but it's important to remember that self-care is not selfish. Practice self-compassion by acknowledging that you are doing your best and that your well-being is important too.



Health & Wellness Center entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces. ■

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. ■

CLEAR Clinic

All services are



Services Provided.

- Criminal record expungements.
- Eviction expungements and tenant advocacy letters.
- Court fines and fee waiver petitions.
- Legal name and gender marker changes.
- Referrals for other legal services.

Wednesday, April 16, 3-7 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 12-4 p.m.

At the Grand Ronde Tribal Gym

* There is an Oregon State police charge of \$33 for finger printing for all criminal expungements
Cash, Card or Money order



Position Title	Grade	Min. Start Wage	Max Start Wage	Closing Date
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Therapist	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Dementia Care Specialist	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	Until Filled
Enrichment Coordinator	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	04/14/2025
Executive Assistant - Finance	11	\$32.74/hr.	\$42.16/hr.	04/07/2025
Family Support Specialist - Public Health	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention) Entry	5	\$18.86/hr.	\$24.07/hr.	Until Filled
Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention) Intermediate	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	Until Filled
Forestry Technician (Fire Suppression/Prevention) Engine Boss/Crew Boss/EMT	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Foster Care Recruitment Specialist - Social Services	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	04/14/2025
Infant/Toddler Teacher	10	\$29.76/hr.	\$38.39/hr.	Until Filled
K-6 Math and Science Teacher	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	04/14/2025
Licensed Practical Nurse - Portland - Great Circle	12	\$36.01/hr.	\$46.31/hr.	Until Filled
Lodge Caregiver - Part-Time & On-Call * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Lodge Caregiver - Full Time * \$500 Hire-On Bonus after 120-days	7	\$22.36/hr.	\$29.00/hr.	Until Filled
Mental Health Therapist - Behavioral Health	12	\$74,901.04/yr.	\$96,316.53/yr.	Until Filled
Milieu Safety Technician - Part-Time - Sheridan - Great Circle Recovery	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	04/07/2025
Naturopathic Physician - Public Health	23	\$194,035.03/yr.	\$272,804.81/yr.	04/07/2025
Peer Support Specialist - Portland - Great Circle Recovery	9	\$27.05/hr.	\$34.95/hr.	04/07/2025
Physician - Health & Wellness	25	\$226,851.26/yr.	\$330,026.39/yr.	Until Filled
Recovery House Scheduler - Sheridan - Great Circle Recovery	6	\$20.75/hr.	\$26.42/hr.	04/07/2025
Restoration Technician - Equipment Operator - Limited Duration/Seasonal - Natural Resources	8	\$24.60/hr.	\$31.84/hr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Disorder Therapist - Portland - Great Circle Recovery	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
Substance Use Disorder Therapist - Salem - Great Circle Recovery	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	Until Filled
Tribal Navigator - ODDS - Limited Duration	10	\$61,901.69/yr.	\$79,848.88/yr.	04/14/2025
Youth Crew Leader - Limited Duration - Natural Resources	3	\$20.00/hr.	\$20.00/hr.	Until Filled
Youth Crew Member - Limited Duration - Natural Resources	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	Until Filled
Summer Youth Internship 2025	1	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	04/18/2025
Temporary Pool	2	\$16.00/hr.	\$16.00/hr.	

Current Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employees should apply using their grandronde.org email.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde offers generous benefits and competitive pay. POSTINGS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED & WILL BE REMOVED WITHOUT NOTICE.

INTERVIEWS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING RANKING ORDER:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members.
(Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the screening and interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end)
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.
3. External candidates.

Apply online at: www.grandronde.org

NOW HIRING WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS



Competitive Wages + National Dispatch + Overtime + Hazard Pay + Training

Application period:
Feb. 21 - April 18

CTGR Natural Resources

Forestry Technicians:
Entry Level / Intermediate / Engine Boss / Crew Boss / EMT

Visit www.grandronde.org/employment/ or scan the QR code to apply.

Contact Andrew Puerini at 503-879-1696 or Jim Pinder at 503-879-2332



Ad by Samuel Briggs III



POSTING TITLE	CLOSE DATE	WAGE/SALARY
Food Runner (*Part-Time)	4/11/2025	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Mountain View Sports Bar Waitstaff	4/11/2025	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Prep Cook (*Part-Time)	4/11/2025	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Slot Technician Lead	4/11/2025	\$25.45/hr. DOE
Assistant Food & Beverage Manager	Until Filled	\$48,329.22/yr. DOE
Banquet Server (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Bar Porter (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Bartender	Until Filled	\$16.50/hr. DOE + Tips
Casino Beverage Waitstaff (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips
Cleaning Attendant	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Cook	Until Filled	\$18.29/hr. DOE
Executive Steward	Until Filled	\$63,586.43/yr. DOE
Host/Hostess Cashier (*Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Pro Shop Host	Until Filled	\$18.02/hr. DOE
Surveillance Agent III	Until Filled	\$21.22/hr. DOE
Table Games Dealer (Full-Time & *Part-Time)	Until Filled	\$14.70/hr. DOE + Tips

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

*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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