

Merkley meeting



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Tribal Council Vice Chairman Jack Giffen Jr. and Tribal Council member Denise Harvey met with Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley at his Washington, D.C., office on Thursday, Jan. 30. Giffen and Harvey talked with Merkley about getting the Grand Ronde Reservation Act amendment through the U.S. Senate while they were back east to attend the National Indian Gaming Association's 2014 Winter Legislative Summit. The U.S. House of Representatives approved the amendment on Jan. 13.

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:**
www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:**
www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed
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www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:**
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Grand Ronde Station:**
www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty
- **Spirit Mountain Stampede:**
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainStampede

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Land & Culture Department conference room. Chair: Betty Bly.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders' Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services conference room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

Council OKs agreement to start transportation service between Lincoln City and Grand Ronde

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved on Feb. 5 a memorandum of understanding with the Tillamook County Transportation District that will soon provide bus service between Lincoln City and Grand Ronde.

Tribal Planning and Grants Development Manager Kim Rogers said at the Feb. 4 Legislative Action Committee meeting that the service will cost the Tribe \$15,000 a year in transit funds that it receives from the state.

The service will provide three round-trips between Grand Ronde and Lincoln City Monday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, three round-trips between Lincoln City, Grand Ronde and Salem are planned. Currently, there is only weekday service to Salem, Rogers added.

Rogers said the agreement will run through June 2015.

The service is scheduled to start in March.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for \$129,426 to provide education and outreach and to enroll Tribal members in Cover Oregon.
- Authorized a one-year license agreement with Full Gospel Lighthouse Recovery Church to use space at the Chachalu Museum building.
- Appointed Sharon Wattier and Andrew Freeman to the Ceremonial Hunting Board and Annette Ingram to the Veterans Special

Event Board.

- Approved the enrollment of eight infants into the Tribe.
- Appointed Tribal Council Secretary Jack Giffen Jr. as the Tribal delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association and all remaining Tribal Council members as alternate representatives.
- Appointed Tribal Council member Denise Harvey to serve on the Chemawa Station Board of Directors.

Also included in the Feb. 5 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that:

- Approved spending \$5,000 to keep the Tribe as a member of the Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition.
- Approved Monday, March 24, as the date for the 2014 Tribal Committee Summit.
- Authorized nominating Tribal Historian David Lewis to the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History Native American Repatriation Review Committee.
- And approved working with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and Spirit Mountain Casino to host the board's quarterly meeting on June 23-25, 2015.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Land and Culture Department employees Eirik Thorsgard, Jordan Mercier, David Harrelson, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach and Brian Krehbiel performing the drumming and singing during the cultural presentation. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Social Services Committee

1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Community resources

The Clothing Closet on the Tribal campus.

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9600 Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.
- Contact: 503-879-5731. ■

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Doris Rose CPA PC

Will be returning to the PAO on
Wednesday, Feb. 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
To schedule your appointment,
call **503-293-4128**