



October

- Saturday, Oct. 21 – “Preserving Meat” class, 10 a.m., Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-3663.
- Saturday, Oct. 21 – achaf-hammi (Tribal plankhouse) Birthday Celebration. 3-10 p.m. Near Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Thursday, Oct. 26 – Gift-making Workshop, 4-6 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.
- Saturday, Oct. 28 – Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Grand Ronde Police Station, 9655 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1824.

November

- Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 1-2 – Grand Ronde History & Culture Summit, 9 a.m., Grand Ronde gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2226.
- Sunday, Nov. 5 – General Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Nov. 10 – Tribal offices closed in honor of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 – 34th anniversary of Tribal Restoration. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 – 34th Restoration Celebration. 10 a.m. Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-1418.
- Thursday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving. Tribal offices closed.
- Friday, Nov. 24 – Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Nov. 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.

December

- Sunday, Dec. 3 – General Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Sunday, Dec. 3 – Tribal Council Christmas party, 11 a.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Monday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 27 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Sunday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Sobriety Event, 3 p.m., Northern Lights Theatre, 3893 Commercial St. S.E., Salem. 503-879-1489.

January

- Monday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Sunday, Jan. 7 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.
- Monday, Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2301.

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
- **Grand Ronde Youth Education:** 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/CTGRRoyalty
- **Veterans Special Event Board:** www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-of-the-Grand-Ronde-Community
- **Community Garden:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- **Grand Ronde Food Bank:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- **Grand Ronde Youth Council:** www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** www.facebook.com/grandrondepolice/
- **Children & Family Services:** www.facebook.com/CTGRFCFS/
- **Social Services Department:** www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/



Tribal Council appoints Community Fund trustees

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Effects of the Sept. 9 Tribal election that saw longtime Tribal Council member Reyn Leno retire from office continued during the Wednesday, Oct. 11, Tribal Council meeting as trustees to the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board were appointed. Tribal Council members Denise Harvey and Jack Giffen Jr. were re-appointed and Kathleen George, who was director of the Tribe's philanthropic entity for five years, was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Leno, who did not seek re-election after 21 years on Tribal Council.

Three of the positions on the Board of Trustees are reserved for Tribal Council members.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the 2018 Indian Housing Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan includes all eligible activities, planned outputs, intended outcomes and identifies who will be helped by the assistance;
 - Approved the 2018 self-governance funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior that will bring the Tribe \$2.778 million in funding;

- And approved the enrollment of one infant and one non-infant into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution.

Also included in the Oct. 11 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that approved a \$5,000 agreement with Native Networks to develop a preliminary report on the Tribe's current telecom capabilities and existing network, as well as authorizations appointing Tribal Council member Michael Langley to the Chemawa Station and Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. boards and Tribal Council member Lisa Leno to the Native American Youth Association Board of Directors.

Cultural Resources Cultural Adviser Bobby Mercier gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting, discussing the Chinookan-style burl bowl carving created by himself and Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel that was unveiled during the Friday, Oct. 6, 20th anniversary celebration of the Health & Wellness Center.

The entire meeting can be viewed on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Social Services offers clothing gift cards

The Social Service Department's program to provide school clothing for Tribal member children has funding in the form of Old Navy gift cards. To receive a gift card, contact Social Services for an application. The cards are for Tribal member children who have not accessed the program this year.

For more information, contact Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

School District seeks committee member

The Willamina School District is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Budget Committee through June 30, 2020.

Interested residents of the school district can find more information and the necessary forms on the webpage www.willamina.k12.or.us.

Approximately a third of Willamina School District students are Native American and most of those are Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■

SOCIAL SECURITY

Do you need assistance applying for Social Security or retirement benefits

Contact Julie Singer 503-879-1347

Julie's office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m - 5 p.m.

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