



November

- Sunday, Nov. 4 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Meal, 5 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 541-480-5932.
- Monday, Nov. 12 – Veterans Day observed. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, Nov. 15 – Elders Fishing Trip, 8 a.m., Hagg Lake near Forest Grove. 503-879-2233.
- Sunday, Nov. 18 – 35th Restoration Celebration, 10 a.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway. 503-879-1418.
- Wednesday, Nov. 21 – Grand Ronde Restoration Day observed. Tribal offices closed.
- Thursday, Nov. 22, and Friday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving holiday observed. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

December

- Sunday, Dec. 2 – General Council meeting, 10 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Dec. 2 – Tribal Council Christmas Party, 11 a.m., Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day holiday observed. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

Adult Members’ Trust and Minors’ Custodial & Rabbi Trust Funds

Investments in the Adult Members’ Trust Fund and the Minors’ Custodial and Rabbi Trust Funds are updated each business day.

If you are a trust participant and/or if you are the parent/guardian of a minor member, you can access and review your balance and your minor child’s balance by visiting www.401Save.com.

To log-in, the initial User ID is your (or your child’s) Social Security number, and the initial Password is “00” followed by your (or your child’s) membership number. Once logged in, you can customize your User ID and password for security purposes. If you have any trouble logging in to or using the system, contact the 401Save Call Center at 1-888-700-0808 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:** www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Health & Wellness:** www.facebook.com/GRHWC
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:** www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Youth Education:** www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Grand Ronde Station:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:** www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty
- **Community Garden:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- **Food Bank:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- **Youth Council:** www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- **Social Services Department:** www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/
- **Children & Family Services:** www.facebook.com/CTGRFCFS/
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:** www.facebook.com/GrandRonde-Higher-Ed
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
- **Grand Ronde Cultural Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



Former Tribal Council member Valarene Grout walks on at 83

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Five-term Tribal Council member Valarene M. “Val” Grout walked on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the age of 83.

Grout was born on March 20, 1935, to DeWalt and Arvella Houck. Her great-grandparents were Dave and Turner LaChance Leno and John and Cecile Leno Warren. Her grandparents were John and Frances Leno Porter Houck and Abe and Maude Warren Hudson.

She and her husband, Peter Grout, had five children: Sharon Freund, Janell Haller, Richard Grout, Penny DeLoe and Boone Grout.

She was a resident of Tillamook, where she lived with her husband and mother. Her husband preceded her in death.

Grout served on Tribal Council from 1987-’92, ’93-’96, ’97-2000 and 2001-’04. She also ran for Tribal Council in 2004 and ’05.

In her final Tribal Council candidate statement in 2005, she said, “I learned that my success on the Tribal Council is best stated as a ‘team effort,’ as a team we can make the commitment to secure the Grand Ronde Tribe’s right to self-govern to control our own destiny and develop programs that have and will enhance the Tribal members’ quality of life. I am very proud to have been a part of this success through the years.”

She also served on the first Tribal corporation board of directors and sat on the committee that worked on the Elders assisted living facilities. She also was well-known for preparing meals for all of the



Valarene M. “Val” Grout

Tribe’s early powwows.

In her later years, Grout lived at the Elders assisted living facilities on the Tribal campus. In addition, she continued to remain active in Tribal affairs, attending General Council and Tribal Council meetings to express her concerns and opinions.

Bollman Funeral Home in Dallas assisted the family with arrangements. A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Tribal gym with a meal that followed at the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive. Interment occurred at the Tribal Cemetery.

Grout became the fifth former Tribal Council member to walk on in 2018. Other former Tribal leaders to walk on have included Marvin Kimsey in March, Wink Soderberg in June, Margaret Provest in August and Bob Mercier in September. ■

Restoration jammin’



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Elder Debi Anderson, right, pours a berry mixture into a jar during a canning session as Elder Barbara Feehan, left, looks on at the Grand Ronde Food Bank on Monday, Oct. 22. Several Tribal members worked on canning mixed berry jam for the upcoming 35th Restoration Celebration that will be held Sunday, Nov. 18, at Spirit Mountain Casino. Jams have been canned for several Tribal functions for at least 10 years. The goal was to can 250 jars of jam and 209 were eventually canned.

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic last year. **Remember:** Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff. To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■