

# 'Thank you for your commitment and service to the Tribe'

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34 years of service. Mercier was one of the first employees hired by the Tribe when she was 19 years old.

"Thank you for your commitment and service to the Tribe," General Manager David Fullerton said.

Two more Merciers – Tribal Librarian Marion and Public Works Coordinator John – were honored for reaching their 28th year of service to the Tribe.

All Tribal Council members were present. Secretary Jon A. George gave the invocation and Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy thanked employees who attended the lunch.

"It is such a good feeling to see our staff come together," Kennedy said. "It is not often we are able to do this. It really gives me a good glimpse of just how many employees we have. ... I know a lot of folks here have been burning the midnight oil, and I appreciate all of that work."

Achieving the 23-year mark in service were Social Services Department Manager Dana Ainam, Acting Human Resources Department Manager Daphney Colton, Asset Inventory Specialist Jerry George, Employee Benefits Administrator Tammy Gould, Records Clerk Hollie Mercier and Compensation/HRIS Administrator Candy Scranton.

Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh reached 22 years of service. Rounding out employees reaching or exceeding two decades of employment by reaching the 21-

year mark was Dental Assistant Donnette Spaulding.

Other employees recognized for their service of five years or more during the ceremony included:

**19 years:** Chinuk Language Specialist Crystal Szcepanski.

**18 years:** Planning & Grants Development Manager Kim Rogers and Acting Procurement Department Manager Nathan Rolston.

**17 years:** Home Improvement Coordinator Donald Coon.

**16 years:** Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight and Help Desk Administrator Willie Mercier.

**15 years:** High School Adult Education Chinuk Wawa Teacher Kathy Cole.

**14 years:** Early Head Start Home-Based Visitor Shawn Bobb and Early Childhood Education Cook Rebecca Goeserich.

**13 years:** Early Head Start Teacher Jessica Cruickshank, Home Improvement Coordinator Loyal Hamilton and Gaming Commission Compliance Manager Rose Smith.

**12 years:** Technology Technician Joe Loomis and Purchased/Referred Care Specialist Tauni McCammon.

**11 years:** Senior Staff Attorney Jennifer Biesack, Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel, Housing Administrative Program Manager Joan Dugger and Wellness Driver Arnaldo Moralez.

**10 years:** Billings/Auditing Specialist Desiree Allen, Cultural Education Specialist Flicka Lucero and Youth Education Administrative Assistant Isaiah Sherwood.

**9 years:** X-ray Technician Niki Mosley.

**8 years:** Tribal Employees Rights Office Secretary Keri Kimsey and Chinuk Wawa Teacher Jeff Mercier.

**7 years:** Security Officer Daniel Hyatt, Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White and Pharmacy Technician Stephanie Wolfe.

**6 years:** Secretary/Medical Assistant Jamie Adams, Pharmacy Technician Cindy Brickell, Fire Prevention/Silviculture Technician Logan Kneeland, Maintenance Technician Brent Buckner and Maintenance Technician Nicholas Kimsey.

**5 years:** Swing Shift Housekeeper Sean Sell, HVAC Technician Daron Pond Jr. and Payroll Administrator Michelle Peterson.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez handed out certificates of appreciation while Tribal Council members shook employees' hands.

Tribal employees were treated to a catered lunch, which included prime rib, salmon, turkey, sage stuffing, mashed potatoes, fresh

vegetables, green salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, rolls and several dessert options. Raffles were conducted throughout the event that included gift cards from Costco, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, Target, Dutch Bros, Amazon, Lowe's and Best Buy, along with framed and signed Portland Trail Blazers' jerseys, Beats headphones, a Microsoft Surface Pro and Nike gear.

The event also included an ugly sweater contest, face painting and caricaturists.

Winners in the ugly sweater contest were Nutrition Program Manager Kristy Criss-Lawson, first place with a \$100 gift card; Employee Relations Specialist Steve O'Harra, second place with a \$75 gift card; and Employment and Training Specialist Khani Schultz, third place with a \$50 gift card.

All employees received a holiday bonus check of \$200 on Dec. 13.

Employees recognized during the service awards received an additional bonus check and those reaching the 10-year mark also received their choice of a Tribal Pendleton blanket or additional \$100. ■

## Name changes in court

Tribal Court provides both minor and adult name changes to enrolled members for a filing fee of only \$30. If you have any questions or would like to request a packet, contact Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

## Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line.

"We learned in our last school meeting that kids would like a different way to communicate with the police if they have a non-emergency situation," Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight said. "We all know kids love to text so my officers and I decided this would be a great tool to utilize."

The new text number is 541-921-2927.

"Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don't want adults thinking that they can't use it as well. If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line. When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require people to call 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

## TRIBAL COURT FACILITATION SERVICES

Tribal Court offers Court Facilitation Services. Court staff will offer help to people who do not have an attorney and who would like assistance with court-related paperwork. Court staff are not attorneys and cannot provide legal advice or assistance. This service is open to the community and is offered by appointment only from 9 a.m. to noon every Friday. If you would like to schedule an appointment, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303 or by e-mail at court@grandronde.org.

Court Staff May Not...	Court Staff May...
Apply rules and laws to the facts of a specific case.	Provide basic information applicable to all parties about court procedures, rules and practices.
Interpret the meaning of ordinances, statutes or rules in an attempt to explain how those rules may apply to particular situations.	Refer people to specific statutes or court rules that govern routine court practice or procedures.
Recommend one procedure or form over another.	Provide instructions and forms developed by the Tribal Court.
Substitute their own words for a customer's words on a form or draft a legal document of their own.	Indicate where to provide information on a form. Fill in blanks under the direction of a customer on forms selected by the customer.
Take sides, recommend the services of a specific attorney and offer opinions about possible outcomes of court matters.	Provide court schedules and information on how to get matters scheduled or refer to Oregon State Bar or local legal aid offices for legal assistance.

## Youth Education Holiday Hoops Clinic



**WEDNESDAY JAN. 2, 2019 AT THE TRIBAL GYM**

**CLINIC 9 A.M. TO NOON**

**3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT AT 1 P.M.**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**

**Clinic Information:**

- Camp check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Camp will be focused on fundamentals & development
- For Boys & Girls grades 6th–12th
- Register for camp with Youth
- Education Permission Slip

**3 on 3 Mini Tournament:**

- Must attend camp to enter
- Co-Ed MS & HS Divisions
- 2 loss elimination tournament
- Players can be placed on a team

**For more information contact:**

**CTGR Youth Education 503-879-2101.**