



A screen shot of the Tribe's new website.

New Tribal government website officially launched

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Visitors to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's website www.grandronde.org will notice some changes.

The Tribe officially launched its newly designed site on Wednesday, July 24.

Tribal employees and Portland developer Subtext spent six months overhauling the old site, which had remained unchanged for approximately four years.

"It was time," Deputy Press Secretary Sara Thompson said. "Tribal Council felt it was necessary to give the Tribe's website a fresh look and we wanted to make it more mobile friendly."

Improvements that users can expect to see include a site that is easier to navigate on both desktop and mobile devices, includes more information about Tribal history and that offers increased opportunities to contact the Tribe through a number of different avenues.

"The new website still offers the same information while offering a more complete story of the Grand Ronde Tribe, our history and our culture," Thompson said. "It gives our website visitors opportunities to reach out to the Tribe through a number of different venues and gives us the ability to highlight more of the Tribe's great work."

A common complaint in the past was the difficulty watching Tribal Council meetings and livestream videos, especially on mobile devices. This should no longer be an issue with the more mobile-friendly edition, she said.

"The new website has a cleaner look, is more straightforward for the user and more comprehensive," Thompson said. ■

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Seven Tribal Council interviews have been posted at www.spreaker.com, *Smoke Signals*' podcasting host website. The interviews can be found by searching for "Smoke Signals podcasts" or by clicking on the links added to the newspaper's Facebook page.

Tribal incumbents Kathleen George, Denise Harvey and Jack Giffen Jr. and challengers Reyn Leno, Peter Grout, Victor Cureton and Lewis Younger sat down with *Smoke Signals* staff members Dean Rhodes and Jennifer Clark for interviews.

Candidates discussed such issues as economic development, a Tribal free press and how much of a voice the general membership should have in Tribal Council decision-making.

For more information, contact Rhodes at dean.rhodes@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1418 or Jennifer Clark at jennifer.clark@grandronde.org or 503-879-1461. ■

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. ■

Off on a journey



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Benjamin Powley, 14, helps Accounts Payable Specialist Kalene Contreras and Cultural Protection Specialist Dustin Hawk load up one of the trucks before the Canoe Family send-off for the Paddle to Lummi held at the Tribal Community Center on Monday, July 15. For photos of the Canoe Journey, check out page 13.

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