



September

- Monday, Sept. 2 – Labor Day holiday. Tribal offices closed.
- Sunday, Sept. 8 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council Swearing-In ceremony, 11 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

October

- Friday, Oct. 4 – Elders Fishing Trip, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Hebo Lake. 503-879-2233.
- Sunday, Oct. 6 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 5 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

Attention Tribal members!

The Member Services Department is offering a pickup option for the September per capita distribution and hosting a Tribal department/programs informational fair with light snacks and refreshments.

When: Friday, Sept. 13

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Tribal Community Center,
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Tribal IDs will be available.

**All checks not picked up by 4 p.m.
will be mailed out that day.**

WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be Sept. 17.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Smoke Signals:** www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:** www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **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/CTGRCFS/
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:** www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-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



National Indian Health Board to honor Kennedy

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy will receive an Outstanding Service Award from the National Indian Health Board during its annual Heroes in Health Awards gala to be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Temecula, Calif.



Cheryle A. Kennedy

The award honors an individual or organization whose work has had an effect on American Indian/Alaska Native health care.

“Chairwoman Kennedy’s commitment as co-chair of the Oregon Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee resulted in approval of Senate Bill 973, which includes recommendations designed to include support for Tribal nations to develop stronger community-based continuum of care to improve health and criminal justice outcomes for Tribal people cycling in and out of Oregon’s jails and hospitals,” states her nomination form.

“(She) has incessantly advocated for equitable health care in Indian Country. Her career as a health administrator working with Tribes spans several decades. She has served several terms on her Tribal Council, on many local state and national committees and boards, and provided expert testimony focused on improving the health and wellness of Indian people.”

Kennedy was the Tribe’s first health administrator, starting the Health & Wellness Department shortly after 1983’s Restoration. She also has served on Tribal Council for 21 years, most of them as Tribal Council chair.

In addition, she served as executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and is the Tribe’s longtime representative on the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services. ■



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy

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

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. ■

Clothes Closet open Friday mornings

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

Letters welcome

Letters should be exclusive to **smok signalz**.

Letters should be 400 words or less and must include the writer’s name, address, phone number and Tribal roll number. You will be contacted to confirm authorship.

All letters are subject to editing for space, grammar and, on occasion, factual accuracy. Only two letters per writer are allowed during a three-month period.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand and, rather than mentioning the other writer by name, should refer to the date of the letter published. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters deemed in poor taste will not be printed.

Send letters via e-mail to news@grandronde.org, or submit in person at the Tribal Governance Center in Grand Ronde, Ore., or mail to **smok signalz**, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR, 97347.