



January

- Sunday, Jan. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Jan. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15 – Seagrass Skirt Making Class, 5 p.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2476.
- Monday, Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

2020 Contest Powwow date changes to Aug. 14-16

The 2020 Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 and not the following weekend as tentatively listed in the recently released Tribal calendar.

Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam said the Powwow SEB had been working to confirm the dates of the Siletz Tribe's annual powwow due to Aug. 1 falling on a weekend. Ainam received confirmation after the calendar was sent to be printed by the Publications Department. The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 instead of the originally estimated date.

In addition, the annual Agency Creek Round Dance is now scheduled for the weekend of April 3-4.

Tribal members are encouraged to check *Smoke Signals* for any events listed as "tentative" in the 2020 Tribal calendar as the event date approaches, said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.

"Since we have to work so far ahead when creating the calendar, some event dates were still tentative when we had to send the document to our contractor," Rhodes said.

For more information on the 2020 Contest Powwow, contact Ainam at 503-879-2037 or dana.leno@grandronde.org. ■

Tribal Court is now open during the lunch hour

The Tribal Court office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including the lunch hour. Tribal Court also provides notary services. However, to obtain notary services please arrive before 4:30 p.m.

For more information about Tribal Court and the services available, contact the court at court@grandronde.org or 503-879-2303. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- *Smoke Signals*: www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/
- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde: www.facebook.com/CT-GRgov
- Spirit Mountain Community Fund: www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness: www.facebook.com/GRHWC
- Grand Ronde Station: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- Grand Ronde Royalty: www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty
- Grand Ronde Education Programs: www.facebook.com/CTGREducation/
- Grand Ronde Community Garden: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden
- Grand Ronde Food Bank: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank
- Grand Ronde Youth Council: www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- Grand Ronde Social Services Department: www.facebook.com/CT-GRSocialservices/
- Grand Ronde Children & Family Services: www.facebook.com/CT-GRCFS/
- Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department: www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Tribal-Police-Department
- Grand Ronde Cultural Education: www.facebook.com/Grand-Ronde-Cultural-Education



Editorial Board adopts new *Smoke Signals* logo

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board voted unanimously during its Friday, Dec. 13, meeting to adopt a new logo for *Smoke Signals* that features a blue jay.

Blue jay is a fitting character to represent the Tribe's independent newspaper because in oral histories it is known as a teller and conveyor of information.

"You will find stories of blue jay throughout myths and Ikanum connected to Grand Ronde," says Cultural Resources Manager David Harrelson.

The Editorial Board – Chair Siobhan Taylor, Vice Chair Mia Prickett, Secretary Andy Jenness and members Monty Herron and Ron Karten – considered six logos designed by graphic designer Samuel Briggs III before arriving at a final decision.

The new logo debuts in the Jan. 1, 2020, edition of *Smoke Signals*, which has a new masthead. It uses the Trajan font, which is one of the oldest fonts known to mankind.

"This is the first significant design change we have made with the newspaper in more than 12 years," said Editor Dean Rhodes. "However, I think the new masthead is clean, more visually appealing and more modern in its look."

The new blue jay logo also will be used by the Editorial Board when it orders promotional materials, such as T-shirts, pens and other giveaway items.

Smoke Signals became an independent Tribal newspaper in January 2017 after the December 2016 passage of the Independent Tribal Press Ordinance. "Independent" means that although the newspaper is still funded by the Tribal government, Tribal elected officials and administrative staff cannot dictate news coverage.

The editor makes all editorial decisions and reports to the Editorial Board, which is vested with the responsibility of ensuring the newspaper operates free from undue political influence and adheres to the highest journalistic ethical standards. ■



Optometry hours

- 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday
- Please call to schedule your appointment at 503-879-2079 or 800-775-0095. ■

Love this newsletter. Nice pictures and great stories!

Great Tribal representation, keep up the good work, Masii!

Great Tribal newspaper. Have always loved reading front to back and back to front.

THE news source for news of NW Oregon's Indian Country!

Great information, a great paper on Tribal Life.

Haven't missed a issue in over 25 years. Keep up the great work of reporting Tribal news for the next 100 years!!!

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