

Return of the fish



Photo by Danielle Frost

Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier, left, and Cultural Policy Analyst Greg Archuleta prepare a Coho salmon over an open fire to mark its return to Agency Creek, a 215-mile journey from the Pacific Ocean, on Monday, Dec. 23. Approximately 25 Tribal members and employees attended the ceremony held at the Agency Creek fish weir. After an invocation by Cultural Advisor Bobby Mercier, attendees ate the salmon and then placed the bones in a cedar bark tray to be deposited back into the creek. "Today we are being thankful to the salmon for returning," Bobby Mercier said. "It is something big for them to make this journey back and I'm praying that they continue to return here."

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have the dilapidated glass-encased grandstands demolished and removed. The Tribe is currently attempting to sell the remainder of the property.

Reibach said Wood Village, which plans to use the wetlands property as a park, still has due diligence duties to perform and the sale should close in January.

"It's a good deal for the Tribe, it's a good deal for the city and it's a good deal for the wetlands," Reibach said.

On the buying end, Tribal Council approved the purchase of a building at 3580 S.E. 82nd Ave. in Portland. The 20,000-square-foot lot includes a former dental office and parking lot, and is located west of Interstate 205 and southeast of Mount Tabor Park.

The proposed use and purchase price for the property were not disclosed during either the Legislative Action Committee or Tribal Council meetings. It will join the Portland Area Office on Southwest Barbur Boulevard as properties the Tribe owns within the Portland city limits.

- In other action, Tribal Council:
- Approved the 2020 budget, which outlines governmental spending for the next calendar year;
 - Appointed Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors, filling the seat previously held by Vice Chair Chris Mercier;
 - Approved an agreement with Dropbox, which will allow the Tribe to obtain an Enterprise

Account for the more than 20 Tribal accounts that are currently active. Dropbox is a file hosting service located in San Francisco;

- Approved a \$200,000 grant application for Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Brownfield Response Program funding for the Blue Heron property in Oregon City that the Tribe purchased in August. A brownfield is a former industrial or commercial site where future use is affected by possible environmental contamination;
- Approved an approximately \$174,000 contract with Portland architectural firm GBD for evaluation of the riverside approach at the Blue Heron property in Oregon City;
- Approved the fiscal year 2020 funding agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for a maximum \$132,711, which funds the Tribe's participation in the administration's processes;
- And approved the Fawn Thin Logging Unit that will consist of 13 cutting blocks and bring the Tribe an estimated \$91,200 in revenue.

Also included in the Dec. 18 Tribal Council packet were approved authorizations to proceed that nominated Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. to the Oregon Board of Forestry and increased the Medicare Part B payments to Tribal members to \$145 monthly and \$434 quarterly beginning in January.

To view the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Grand Ronde Editorial Board position openings

The Grand Ronde Editorial Board, a Tribal board assigned the duty by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") of overseeing its independent Tribal press (*Smoke Signals*), invites applications to serve on the Grand Ronde Editorial Board. There are two open board positions occurring in March 2020.

The five-member Grand Ronde Editorial Board is responsible to the Grand Ronde Tribal Council. It oversees the editor of *Smoke Signals* to ensure the independent Tribal press reports news free from any undue influence and free from any political interest, and that Tribal news employees adhere to the highest ethical journalistic standards.

The Editorial Board meets monthly. From time to time, additional special meetings may be held. Board members are expected to attend all meetings in person, although participation by telephone or video will be permitted. Each board member receives a monthly stipend for attending meetings. Travel reimbursement is limited to travel within the six counties of Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Tillamook, Multnomah and Washington.

Board members must be 18 years of age, have qualified experience in management and/or publications, be of good character and integrity, and certify that he or she will adhere to the standards of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association. Experience with and knowledge of Native American organizations is also preferred, as well as dedication to protecting and advancing a free press for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Applicants will be interviewed by the Grand Ronde Editorial Board before a recommendation is forwarded to Tribal Council. Terms run for three years.

Preference will be given to qualified Tribal members.

Submission deadline: Friday, Jan. 10, 2020

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest describing their qualifications, a résumé and three references to:

Grand Ronde Editorial Board
 c/o Smoke Signals
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 Phone: 503-879-1463
 E-mail: editorial.board@grandronde.org

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. ■

Attention All Artisans

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is seeking bids for our 2020-21 crowns and medallions.

Submit full design that includes:

- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde logo (including feathers)
- Court Year 2020-21
- Titles: Little Miss Grand Ronde
Junior Miss Grand Ronde
Senior Miss Grand Ronde
- Crowns and medallions must be completed and delivered by July 1, 2020



Must submit photos of progress when requested

Bid Deadline is Jan. 31, 2020 (deadline is firm and no bids will be accepted after 5 p.m.)

Mail bids and designs to:
 CTGR Royalty c/o Public Affairs
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Questions: Call Chelsea at 503-879-1418 or email chelsea.clark@grandronde.org

*Bids and designs can be sent to the above email address.