



April

- Wednesday, April 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

May

- Sunday, May 3 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 13 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 27 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day. Tribal offices closed.
- Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day ceremony, noon, Tribal Community Center and West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

(Editor’s note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe’s coronavirus response going into May.)

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 April 21.

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/
- **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



Tribal response to virus leaves spring, summer events in limbo

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

As the Grand Ronde Tribe’s response to the coronavirus pandemic continues, spring and summer events and programs are either being postponed, canceled or re-evaluated.

The Tribe has already postponed the early April Agency Creek Round Dance, April 5 General Council meeting that was to be held in Eugene and the annual Tribal Housing Easter egg hunt that was to be held Saturday, April 11.

It has also postponed the Student Youth Employment Program, which hoped to hire approximately 60 ninth- through 12-grade Tribal students over the summer to work in various Tribal governmental departments.

Cultural Resources also announced the postponement of its annual internship program at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, which is currently ground zero regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States.

Because of an agreement struck in 2000, the Tribe agreed to drop its lawsuit to have Tamanowas returned to the Tribe in exchange for annual religious access to the meteorite and an annual internship program for Tribal high school students.

The Tribe also has postponed its annual ceremony with the Willamette Meteorite in New York City that often included a contingent of Elders.

Moving into May, the annual mək^h mək Mania event sponsored by the Tribe and Marion-Polk Food

Share has been postponed.

The Tribe’s fishing season off the removable platform at Willamette Falls, originally set for April 15 through May 31, also is on hold. The kickoff meeting with fishermen and women scheduled for March 30 was canceled.

“I don’t know a way to fish and get folks there and back in a boat while staying six feet apart,” said Tribal Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen. “Additionally, the action is not without risk and it doesn’t seem like the best time to put people in harm’s way. Not a good time to visit the emergency room.”

The fish ceremony, held last year on May 18 in West Linn, also has been postponed.

The annual Memorial Day event held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial remains in limbo. Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. sounded hopeful that conditions will improve enough before the May 25 event so that it can be held as usual.

And during a Wednesday, April 8, Facebook Live event, General Manager David Fullerton said decisions on events scheduled for early July – the Veterans Powwow/ Summit and Elder Honor Day – will be made in early May.

The scheduled Sunday, May 3, General Council meeting remains tentatively on, according to www.grandronde.org.

According to the Tribal government’s website, the Health & Wellness Clinic has conducted 30 coronavirus tests on Tribal patients and 28 have resulted in negative findings with two tests still outstanding. ■

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Date: April 23, 2020 4-6pm
Location: Employment Service Building C (ESB)
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347
Dinner will be provided
To register, please email or call:
503-879-2135
tiny.gibbons@grandronde.org

Revised Information

Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest Program Enrollment for 2020-21

What: Meet and Greet

This is a Meet and Greet session for interested families to learn about the Chinuk-Wawa Early Childhood Language Nest. This is the time to meet the staff, learn about our philosophy, goals and curriculum. This session is **mandatory** for enrollment consideration.

Who:

Potential incoming 3-5 year olds for 2020-21 school year

When/Where:

This will be through an online format. Contact us for more info.
Deadline to sign-up is April 29th

*This is a mandatory session if you would like your child to be considered for enrollment in the program for the 2020-21 school year.

To sign-up or for more information please contact Jeff Mercier (503) 879-1633 or jeffrey.mercier@grandronde.org.