



June

- Wednesday, June 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, June 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, June 28 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

July

- Friday, July 3 – Tribal offices will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

(Editor's note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe's COVID-19 coronavirus response going into the summer.)

Tribal Council appoints board, committee members

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council tackled its annual task of appointing Tribal and non-Tribal members to various commissions, committees and special event boards during its Wednesday, May 27, meeting.

Those appointed or re-appointed included:

- Jerri Schmidt to the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission for a term expiring in June 2023;
- Marline Groshong to the Ceremonial Hunting Board with a term expiring in March 2022;
- Faye Smith to the Culture Committee with a term expiring in March 2022;
- Siobhan Taylor to the Editorial Board with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Tammy Cook and Shelby Maerz to the Education Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Tracie Meyer, Josephine Ingraham and Tiny Gibbons to the Enrollment Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Harold Lyon and Angey Rideout to the Fish and Wildlife Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Bernadine Shriver, Darlene Aaron, Faye Smith and Lindsey Ness to the Health Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Linda Hale to the Housing Grievance Board with a term expiring in March 2023;
- Stephanie Craig and Angey Rideout to the Powwow Special Event Board with terms expiring in March 2022;
- Mel Holmes, Jon R. George, Khani Schultz and Jerry George to the Timber Committee with terms expiring in March 2022;
- And Albert Miller to the Veterans Special Event Board with a term expiring in March 2022.

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said that even with the appointments, there are

still positions on Tribal committees and special event boards that need filling. They will be advertised in *Smoke Signals*.

In other action, Tribal Council approved applying for three grants.

The first grant to Spirit Mountain Community Fund would provide \$100,000 to help construct two pre-school immersion classrooms as part of the Tribe's Language Education Building Project.

The second grant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development would help pay to renovate the Dental Clinic to enclose the operation rooms to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as purchase high-intensity ultraviolet light equipment that would sanitize the rooms at night. The grant also might help the Tribe purchase an ambulance for when it takes over operation of the fire station on Grand Ronde Road.

A separate grant to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would fund a biosafety cabinet at Health & Wellness and a specially designed health module to support COVID-19 prevention and contact tracing. It also could provide funding to help purchase the aforementioned ambulance.

Finally, Tribal Council sent proposed amendments to the Public Records Ordinance out for a first reading, which will solicit Tribal member comments and input.

The amendments would change the name to the Freedom of Information Ordinance and give Tribal members the ability to request Tribal records that identify them and give Tribal members the ability to supplement the records if they believe those records contain false or misleading information.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Food delivery



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Fresh n Local Foods delivery driver Ted Bowman, center, and volunteer Keith Spicer load boxes of fruits and vegetables donated by Farmers to Families to community members on the Grand Ronde campus on Tuesday, May 26. The event, coordinated by iskam makʰmæk haws, provided boxes at four sites – the Grand Ronde baseball field, Water's Edge RV Park, Wandering Spirit RV Park and Grand Ronde Village/ Kerleyville. Grand Ronde Food Bank Program Manager Francene Ambrose said there are no income restrictions to obtain a pre-packaged box whose contents will vary from week to week. Distributions will occur between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

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



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 June 16. Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

Highway 99W conducting transit feasibility study

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments is conducting a transit feasibility study to evaluate demand for transit service along the Highway 99W corridor from McMinnville to Junction City.

With connecting service to Lane Transit District, the Salem-Keizer Transit District and Yamhill County Transit, the potential service would tie together the three largest metropolitan areas in Oregon. In addition, it also would provide transit service to the currently unserved or underserved communities of Monroe, Adair Village or Monmouth/Independence along the corridor. A piece of the research is a public survey aimed at residents and potential riders along the Highway 99W corridor.

To participate in the transit survey, visit the link <https://tinyurl.com/hwy99w>. There also will be a raffle for a \$25 gift card. ■