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September

- Wednesday, Sept. 2 Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, Sept. 7 Tribal offices closed in observance of Labor Day.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 Special Tribal Council meeting to vote on fourth supplemental budget, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Sept. 12 Tribal Election Day.
- Sunday, Sept. 13 General Council meeting, 11 a.m. Being held remotely using the Zoom teleconferencing program. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 Tribal Council swearing-in ceremony, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 Tribal Council meeting, 11 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 25 Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30 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 pandemic response throughout 2020.)

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. ■

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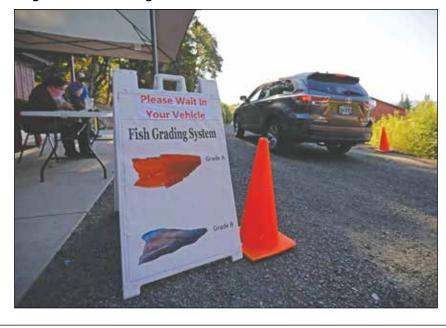
Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:

Go fish!



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Natural Resource Department Field Biologist Matt Zimbrick loads bags of frozen salmon filets into the back of a truck during the 2020 Fish Distribution on Thursday, Aug. 27. Six thousands filets, from Chinook, Coho and steelhead salmon were available to be picked up by Tribal members on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 27-28, and Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. A fish distribution will be held at the Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, for those who preregistered before Aug. 26.



Fall disbursements will bring number of coronavirus relief payments to eight

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has heard the needs and concerns of the members and made the decision to extend assistance under the COVID-19 Payment Relief Program for three more months. ... The Tribe's COVID-19 Payment Relief Program will have provided \$4,400 to Tribal members since its creation in March with the goal of helping them ease the financial burden surrounding the pandemic and helping them provide essential needs for their families."

Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said Tribal members will have to fill out another application to receive the funding and that the application will be available in mid- to late September.

The fall disbursements will bring the total number of coronavirus relief payments to eight and help Tribal members affected by the pandemic and the absence of June and September per capita distributions because Spirit Mountain Casino was closed from mid-March through May 31.

The payments are classified as general welfare disbursements and are not taxable.

Tribal Council approved the first supplemental \$1.8 million budget on April 23 and \$400 payments were mailed out and deposited directly into Tribal members' bank accounts on April 29.

Tribal Council approved a second \$1.9 million supplemental budget on May 21 that sent another \$400 virus relief payment to adult Tribal members.

The third \$8.1 million supplemental budget was approved on June 18 and allocated \$600 to each adult Tribal member in June, July and August.

Tribal members have until Thursday, Sept. 3, to submit written comments on the proposed fourth supplemental budget. Comments should be sent to Finance Officer Chris Leno at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. ■