

# A shot at returning to the classroom



Photos by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Willamina kindergarten teacher Miaja Lopez received a Moderna COVID-19 vaccination from Virginia Garcia Clinic certified medical assistant Jill Melara at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The event was hosted by the Yamhill Public Health Department and administered 100 doses to teachers in Willamina and Sheridan school districts. The Willamina School District welcomed first- and second-graders back to school for in-person instruction on Tuesday, Feb. 9.



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# Certificate of Appreciation

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service for its assistance in helping host a fire camp that battled the Echo Mountain Complex fire near Otis and Lincoln City in September 2020. At right, Peter Daugherty, director of the Oregon Department of Forestry, was accompanied by representatives from the U.S. Forest Service during the virtual presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Glenn Casamassa, a regional forester with the Forest Service, said he appreciated that the Tribe hosted the fire camp and provided food and security for the firefighters. Daugherty said the Tribe’s help was instrumental in helping to set up a fire camp in less than 24 hours while state employees also were trying to evacuate Lincoln City. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr., Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno participated in the virtual event. Mercier recalled how Grand Ronde felt “apocalyptic” during the raging forest fires that occurred in western Oregon. Tribal staff in attendance included General Manager David Fullerton, Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez, Communications Director Sara Thompson and interim Natural Resources Department Manager Colby Drake. Participants also thanked former Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson for his assistance. “Thank you for recognizing the partnership that we have,” Kennedy said.



Smoke Signals screenshot





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The Federal Tax Deadline to file is April 15, 2021

You are valued and please be assured we continue to be available to care for all your tax needs during this time of encouraged social distancing.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, we will not be scheduling any appointments in person at the Confederated Tribes in Grand Ronde, but will be available in the Willamina home office location.

We will continue to be doing taxes and accepting your documents via email, mail, drop-off, or by appointment at the Willamina home office location.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and encourage you to stay safe and healthy.

You may contact us at 971-237-1230

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From the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO)

Laxayam solchas-man ~ Hello Veterans!

Bi-Monthly Veterans Meetings 2021 Schedule		
Tuesday	February 16	2 p.m.
Tuesday	April 20	10 a.m.
Tuesday	June 15	2 p.m.
Tuesday	August 17	10 a.m.
Tuesday	October 12	2 p.m.
Tuesday	December 14	10 a.m.

Bi-Monthly Veterans Meetings

Beginning in February 2021, the Tribal Veterans Service Office will be holding a series of one-hour or less, bi-monthly meetings for all veterans in our local community. The meetings will focus on various, informative topics each month.  
(For now, the meetings will be virtual).

Topic: Tribal Veterans Service Officers (TVSOs) in Native Country

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Meeting Time: 2 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: 998 1048 8787

Register at: [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter meeting ID, and answer a couple of questions. An email will automatically be sent to you with your registration information.

Other Announcements:

Email Address ~ All CTGR Veterans send me your email address so I can include you on the CTGR Veteran Newsletter Distribution List (monthly) and email information updates (periodic).

February ~ TVSO will be calling CTGR veterans in Oregon during the month of February to discuss veterans’ benefits. Please have your DD-214, your current benefits and/or questions ready! (In return, you will receive a small token of appreciation for your time).

Memorial Day Gift ~ CTGR veterans in Oregon, please send or email me photos, stories, biographies, from your time in the service to receive a gift for Memorial Day due by May 21, 2021

Future Trainings ~ We are setting up a four-series set of behavioral health trainings throughout the year. These will be open to all veterans, families, and community members with a special invitation to the other Oregon Tribes.



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