



April

- Wednesday, April 21 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, April 23 – Walk-through event with information tables, goodies and door prizes, 4-6 p.m., Tribal Housing covered area. 503-879-2149.

May

- Sunday, May 2 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Zoom teleconference. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 5 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, May 19 – Tribal Council meeting, 10 a.m., Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day observance by invitation only, 1 p.m., West Valley Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-4555.

(Editor’s note: All events are tentative depending on the status of the Tribe’s COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic response.)

Police Department has non-emergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has created a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927. “Even though this is mostly designed for children, I don’t want adults thinking that they can’t use it as well.” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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2021 powwows canceled

By Dean Rhodes  
Smoke Signals editor

For the second year in a row, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will not be holding its two main powwows – the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow in July and the annual Contest Powwow held in August. “This was a difficult decision to make and one that we do not take lightly,” the Tribe announced on its Facebook page on Monday, April 12. “Over the past year, everyone has made significant progress against COVID-19. However, the ongoing gathering restrictions as well as the lack of time to plan these events if restrictions are lifted led to the decision to cancel.” The two powwows regularly attract hundreds, if not thousands, of visitors to the Grand Ronde area at úyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road. The Tribal government moved

into its third phase of re-opening in March that limits recreational activities to a maximum of 50 people and social distancing guidelines must be followed. The May 31 West Valley Veterans Memorial event is returning in 2021 with a 50-person limit. “We will miss gathering with everyone at powwow, but we must put the health and well-being of our community, and guests, at the forefront of our actions. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022,” the Facebook statement added. Reported new cases of COVID-19 in Oregon have been fluctuating between more than 700 to as low as less than 300 recently, according to the Oregon Health Authority. According to www.grandronde.org, the Tribe has vaccinated more than 13,000 people since the end of December and there were five new active cases detected by the Health & Wellness Clinic as of Monday, April 12. ■



COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Housing Grievance Board – 1 vacancy

Ceremonial Hunting Board – 2 vacancies

Culture Committee – 3 vacancies, 2 expiring

Fish & Wildlife Committee – 3 vacancies, 1 expiring

Powwow Special Event Board – 1 vacancy

Health Committee – 1 vacancy

Timber Committee – 1 vacancy

Please send completed applications to  
Stacia Hernandez, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347



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April 21st, 9:30 am - 11:00 am

If you have questions or to RSVP, please call:  
Amber Mercier at 503-879-1476  
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