

All bark (no bite!)



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Operator Morgan Walters with Recology of McMinnville spreads medium fir bark dust along the main entrance of the Grand Ronde campus on Wednesday, July 21. To complete the job, Walters said he will spread about 100 yards of bark dust to make the entrance more visually appealing.

Election Office open through Sept. 9

The Election Board office will be open every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through Thursday, Sept. 9. Office hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Election Office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

For convenience, blank signature verification forms will be placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Office door. Completed forms — with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver's license, member ID card, passport, etc.) attached — need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and your signature attached.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 28. Tribal members may submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 11.

The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 11. For Tribal members' convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center building during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a box in the Community Center where completed ballots can be dropped off. There will be ballots available, as has been done in the past, for those members who want to vote in person.

It is the voters' responsibility to ensure the ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day — be sure to allow adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by 6 p.m. Sept. 11. ■

Kick the Habit.

Call these numbers for free from anywhere in Oregon:
 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669)
 Español: 1-877-2NO-FUME (1-877-266-3863)
 TTY: 1-877-777-6534
 Or register online at: www.quitnow.net/oregon/

Are you frustrated with your diabetes control?
 Do you have questions about diabetes?
 Do you need help managing your diabetes?
 If so...
 Call the Medical Clinic today at 503-879-2002
 To schedule an individual diabetes education appointment



TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer, (TVSO) US Navy Veteran (IT2 SW)
 Phone: 503-879-1484 | CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org

CTGR Social Services Department, Attn: Tribal Veterans Service Officer
 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

VETERANS CRISIS LINE, CALL 1-800-273-8255 AND PRESS 1 OR TEXT 838255

VETERANS CORNER, August 1, 2021:

E-mail CTGRtribalVSO@grandronde.org to register for events and trainings!

All CTGR veterans send us your e-mail address so we can include you on the monthly CTGR Veterans Newsletter Distribution List and periodic e-mail information updates.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 2, 2021 until completed
 Coffee & Chat with the TVSO



The Tribal Veterans Service Officer will call all Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde veterans to review veteran Benefits the veteran might be eligible for. Reviewing and applying for benefits can mean more money in your pocket and/or more benefits that you qualify to use. In some cases, spouses can also benefit in case of the Veterans passing. The original plan was to take you out to coffee and meet with you face-to-face, but due to the pandemic, I do not want to risk anyone's health and safety. Because I still want to connect with you, I will be reaching out to you via a phone call (until face-to-face meetings are approved) to speak with you about your benefits or other related veteran topics. In return for

your time the TVSO will send you a gift card as a token of appreciation. Let's chat!

Sept. 1, 2021 at 10 a.m.
 Mindfulness Behavioral Health Training #3

Sept. 17, 2021 at 2 p.m.
 Cultural Class #2 – Cattail Cordage

Nov. 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
 Veterans Day Dinner

SAVE THE DATE CALENDAR:

Sept. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Paint with a Vet event (only 22 spots available)
 E-mail CTGRTVSO to register.

Sept. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 VISN Network Presentations – Meeting #3

Oct. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Native Wellness Behavioral Health Training #4

Dec. 2021 (Date/Time TBD)
 Veterans End of the Year Event



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIETNAM VETERANS - AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE?

The list of conditions presumed to be caused by Agent Orange exposure has recently expanded. Whether you were on land, air or sea, you may be entitled to compensation from the VA.

Blue Water Navy: Agent Orange Presumptive Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam.

1. Are you a Vietnam veteran (includes military, naval, or air service) who served in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975?

2. Did you serve aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia?

3. Do you have one or more of the Agent Orange presumptive conditions listed below: IHD, type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, respiratory cancers, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, soft tissue sarcomas, prostate cancer, bladder cancer, hyper thyroidism, etc.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office for more information.

