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- Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.

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- Monday, Sept. 6 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Sept. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Sept. 11 – Tribal Council Election Day. Ballots are due by 6 p.m. to be counted.
- Sunday, Sept. 12 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 24 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.

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

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service’s LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

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Making progress



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Construction continues on Chemawa Station in Keizer on Saturday, Aug. 7. The project is a joint economic development effort of the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes.

Massage at Health & Wellness Center

Mind, Body & Soul Therapeutic Massage started at the Health & Wellness Clinic.

Remember: Appointments for massage are not managed by the Health & Wellness Center staff.

To schedule an appointment, call 971-237-2561. ■

Tribe’s 477 program nominated for BIA award

By Danielle Harrison
Smoke Signals staff writer

Grand Ronde’s 477 Employment and Training Program has been nominated by the Northwest Region Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Workforce Development Division for a specialist award.

The award recognizes different 477 programs established by Tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. It is the first time Grand Ronde’s program has been nominated, Program Manager Michael Herrin said.

“Grand Ronde’s 477 Employment and Training program serves our six-county service area and has been assisting American Indian and Alaska Natives for over two decades,” he said. “Our primary purpose is to support Tribal members in securing employment. This is done through job search activities, resume building and practicing interview skills. The 477 program has worked with many internal Tribal departments and community partners to develop and support on-the-job training opportunities. There are many successful participants that are engaged in our community and are now able to support their goal of self-sufficiency.”

The 477 employment-related assistance includes case planning to address barriers to employment and assistance with work clothing, tools, transportation and job-related licensing and fees.

The rehabilitation portion provides culturally relevant services to Tribal members with disabilities to maintain or regain employment. Services include career exploration, job coaching, job search, work clothing and tools, transportation, licensing and fees, and on-the-job training. ■

District renames school after Native name for falls

OREGON CITY – Oregon City School Board members unanimously voted on June 21 to change the name of one of its middle schools to Tumwata, a name that means Willamette Falls in the Clackamas Tribal language that was later anglicized to Tumwater.

The school was formerly named after Peter Skene Ogden, a fur trapper and explorer best known for his aggressive tactics in competition with Native American Tribes.

The renaming follows a recent decision by Clackamas Community College to rename its welcome center after Chief Dan Wacheno, who signed the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 on behalf of the Clackamas and was removed to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

School Board member Steven Soll thanked students who consulted with Grand Ronde Tribal members in selecting the new name.

“It’s a really great piece of progress, and it so rightly honors and acknowledges Indigenous people, and it’s so instructive to the community and to students who will be going to that school,” Soll said.

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