


# IN THE FUTURE



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**łun-mun (March)**

- Sunday, March 6 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 9 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 23 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.

**Ixłit-mun (April)**

- Sunday, April 3 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Monday, April 25 – Community Shred Event, noon, Recycling Depot near Tribal housing.

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

## Tribal Court judge appointed to circuit court by governor



**Cynthia Kaufman Noble**

MCMINNVILLE – Tribal Court Chief Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble has been appointed by Gov. Kate Brown to fill a vacancy on the Yamhill County Circuit Court caused by the retirement of John Collins.

Noble will serve out the remainder of Collins' term through Jan. 2, 2023. She has already filed to run in the May primary for a full term.

Noble was sworn in on Monday, Feb. 28. She has served as the Tribal Court chief judge since July 1, 2019, and resigned effective Friday, Feb. 25.

Previously, she was a McMinnville city prosecutor before being appointed Municipal Court judge in 2014.

Tribal Council met in executive session on Wednesday, Feb. 23, to discuss an interim chief judge position and is scheduled to appoint former Tribal Court Chief Judge David Shaw to the post for a period not to exceed 60 days during its next meeting on March 9. ■

## 'Grand Ronde leaders were left with no choice but to sign such an agreement'

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erwise modify the agreement the Tribe and state reached in January 1987 that limits hunting, fishing, trapping and animal gathering rights by Tribal members. It also would allow the Tribe and state to amend the agreement in the future by mutual consent.

In the mid-1980s, the Grand Ronde Tribe had been restored to federal recognition, but was still seeking return of Reservation land. Several factions in Oregon, including the Yamhill County Sportsman's Association, were concerned about Tribal member hunting and fishing rights and the Tribe agreed to a consent decree to elicit state support for the return of land, which occurred in September 1988 with the signing of the Grand Ronde Reservation Act.

"Grand Ronde leaders were left with no choice but to sign such an agreement," Kennedy testified. "I was on the Tribal Council during this time and I agreed with other Tribal members who believed that this bargain with the state was one made with 'a gun to our head.'"

According to a June 1986 report from then-Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier, misinformation about the Tribe's Reservation Plan was "reaching hysterical proportions." He also reported that Tribal Council thought that obtaining a land base was key and that "hunting and fishing was an issue that could have been taken up at a later date."

Under the decree, Tribal members' ability to hunt and fish is confined to Reservation land and nearby areas. Tribal members cannot hunt or fish in culturally significant areas or during appropriate times of the year for ceremonial purposes.

In addition, the Grand Ronde and Siletz Tribes are the only ones in the United States that cannot ne-

gotiate hunting and fishing issues with the state in which their respective Reservations are located, Kennedy said.

"The 1970s and 1980s were a time when Oregon Tribes and the state were frequently at odds on hunting and fishing issues," Kennedy testified. "Oregon Tribes had achieved victories in several Tribal hunting and fishing lawsuits and the state was frustrated with its losses in federal courts. Over several decades now, the Tribal-State relationship has improved dramatically. In particular, Grand Ronde has been recognized by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as an exceptional land manager and has worked diligently and successfully to restore critical wildlife habitat in western Oregon. And these accomplishments have been achieved while working under the unwieldy regulatory framework established in the Tribe's 1986 agreement with the state."

"Since circumstances have changed significantly over the past 35 to 40 years, the Tribes would like to have the ability to amend and modernize their hunting and fishing agreements with the state of Oregon. This can only occur if the Grand Ronde and Siletz reservation acts are amended."

Kathryn Isom-Clause, deputy assistant secretary of Indian Affairs with the Department of the Interior, said the department supports both the Grand Ronde and Siletz bills.

The hearing was chaired by Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii and vice chaired by Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

An identical bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader and co-sponsored by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici on Dec. 23, 2021. HR 6346 has been referred to the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples for consideration. ■

# Community Shred Event set for April 25

The next Community Shred Event, just in time for spring cleaning, will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, April 25.

People are asked to remove paper clips and binder clips from the documents they want shredded.

The drive-through event will be held at the Grand Ronde recycling depot on Tyee Road near Tribal housing.

For more information, contact Kim Mueller at kim.mueller@grandronde.org. ■

### CTGR TERO ANNOUNCEMENT



## TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

**9am - 4:30pm**

**Limited to 15 people. Mask required.**

**CTGR Employment Service Center**  
 9615 Grand Ronde Rd.  
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347  
 (Building C, Rooms A & B)

**No cost for Tribal members and \$115 for non-Tribal members.**

**Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2139 or 503-879-2188**

**You can also e-mail us at [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)**



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