

sinemakwst-mun (July)

- Monday, July 4 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Thursday, July 7 – 2022 Honor and Recognition Event, 5:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino. More info: youtheducation@grandronde.org.
- Friday-Sunday, July 8-10 – Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. úyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. Vendor contact: 503-983-6790.
- Wednesday, July 13 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 27 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, July 27 – Tribal Council Candidate Forum, time TBD, Tribal Community Center and Zoom. 503-879-2304.

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- Wednesday, Aug. 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow. úyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 18-20 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m., Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2424.
- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., limited in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via the Zoom teleconference application. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Grand Ronde Education Summit, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.

Tribal health care plan doesn't anticipate changes after Supreme Court ruling

By Danielle Harrison

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A recent landmark Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* might affect Tribal members who are living in states that have or plan to ban abortion following the ruling.

Although a majority of Grand Ronde Tribal members live in Oregon, Washington and California, where abortion is guaranteed by state law, there are approximately 350 Tribal members who live in 17 states that have or plan to ban abortion since *Roe* was overturned. For instance, more than 80 Tribal members live in Texas and about 60 live in Idaho.

Because of 1954's Termination and the subsequent diaspora to seek employment, Grand Ronde Tribal members live in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia.

While it cannot be easily determined how many of these Tribal members are female and/or of child-bearing age, those who need to seek the medical procedure will likely be affected.

Currently, the Tribal member health care plan covers 90 percent of costs for an abortion with a \$1,500 limit through First Choice Health.

When asked if the Tribe would expand its reproductive care option to cover expenses for Tribal members who might have to travel out of their respective state of residence for the procedure, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said she is not currently anticipating making changes to the program.

"Reproductive health is a very personal matter and those are con-

versations that we are happy to have with our individual Tribal members we serve," Rowe said in an e-mail.

While there has been discussion of Tribal Nations in states that restrict abortion becoming "sanctuaries" due to their sovereign status, it is highly unlikely to happen for several reasons, including the fact that private funds would largely be required to build and operate clinics because a majority of Native Americans and Alaska Natives receive their health care funded by the federal Indian Health Service.

Abortions are excluded from federal health care due to the Hyde Amendment, which restricts using federal funds for abortions except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life. Those federal exceptions are not being included in many proposed and adopted state abortion bans.

The June 24 Supreme Court ruling overturned 50 years of federal precedent that made it illegal to ban abortion until fetal viability and sent that decision back to individual states to decide.

The Supreme Court's ruling in 1973's *Roe v. Wade* recognized that the choice to terminate or keep a pregnancy belonged to the individual, not the government, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. It stated that *Roe* was based on the premise that the concept of "liberty" guaranteed in the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution includes the right to have an abortion. ■

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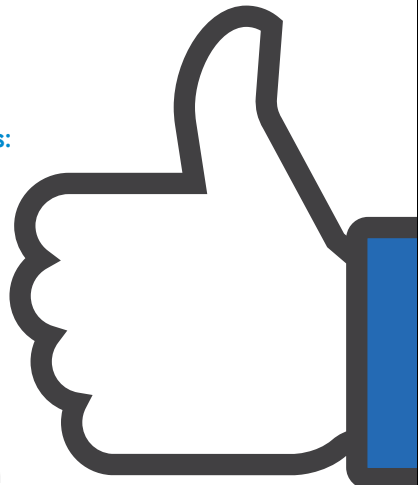
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