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## Scrambling for treats



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**Frankie Hostler, 2, is handed an egg by her cousin and Tribal member Aleah Patterson as Frankie collects eggs during the Tribal Housing Department Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 8. Children in four age categories hunted for about 2,000 stuffed plastic eggs. See more photos on page 12.**

## General Council briefed on fentanyl dangers and awareness efforts

By Danielle Harrison

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**E**UGENE — Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe briefed Tribal members on the dangers of fentanyl and efforts the Tribe is undertaking to combat the deadly drug during a Sunday, April 2, General Council hybrid meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application and in the Lane Community College Longhouse.

“The fentanyl crisis that is going on is truly in every community, it isn’t just in Grand Ronde,” Rowe said. “It is only one of the opioids out there that is impacting families, loved ones and friends. It’s everywhere. It’s a horrible thing.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. It’s a major con-



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**The dangers of fentanyl and efforts the Tribe is taking to combat the deadly drug were discussed during the General Council meeting, held at the Lane Community College Longhouse in Eugene on Sunday, April 2. Signs warning about the drug are displayed around the Tribal campus and Grand Ronde community.**

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## Enrollment pause ends before it begins

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**T**ribal Council has decided to forgo a planned yearlong pause on enrollments set to begin this month.

The announcement was made exactly two weeks after a planned pause was announced at the end of the March 22 Tribal Council meeting.

The pause would have affected any enrollment actions containing a blood quantum component until April 28, 2024, including original applications, blood quantum correction applications and Restoration Roll corrections – essentially anything that had to do with enrollment.

“Since then, we have had some great conversations with Tribal members and amongst ourselves as a council,” Tribal Council Secretary Michael Langley said during the Wednesday, April 5, Tribal Council meeting. “We’re grateful to everyone who came forward and shared their voice, their stories and their vision for the future of our Tribe.”

“Tribal Council has taken what we have heard and developed a path forward for immediate action. First, Tribal Council will not be moving forward with a pause on enrollment. Second, Tribal Council has directed staff to move the enrollment applications that are currently waiting to be processed forward, with the legal blood quantum currently on file.”

Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said that new enrollment applications also will continue to be accepted.

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## Meeting continues to address enrollment issue

By Kamiah Koch

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**T**he Tribe added another meeting on Tuesday, April 4, to the long line of meetings held the last several years to address Grand Ronde enrollment concerns.

Tribal Council Chambers were transformed into a new seating arrangement, bringing Tribal Council members and approximately 40 people together in an informal circle. Another 130 people joined the hybrid meeting over Zoom.

Tribal Council members in attendance included Secretary Michael Langley, Michael Cherry, Jon A. George, Kathleen George, Lisa Leno and Brenda Tuomi.

A PowerPoint was presented by Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and Tribal Senior Staff Attorney Holly Partridge.

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