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General Council briefed on construction projects

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Tribal Engineering and Planning Manager Ryan Webb briefed the membership on various capital improvement projects on and off the Tribal campus during a Sunday, May 7, General Council hybrid meeting held via the Zoom video conferencing application and in Tribal Council chambers.

“This is a great opportunity to talk about what we’ve done and what we have coming up, and celebrate all the great work we’ve been able to do,” Webb said.



Ryan Webb

He provided the Tribal audience with an update of Creekside Elder housing, the Tribal homeownership development, men’s transitional housing, domestic violence shelters, Wind River Apartments, wastewater treatment plant expansion, Warriors of Hope program

expansion, language education building, health care and vaccination clinic, Grand Ronde Fire Station upgrade, child development center, Tumwata Village, resident recreation center and electric vehicle charging stations.

“I think everyone would agree it’s been a busy year with a lot of construction work happening and some great buildings being constructed to house different services of the Tribe,” Webb said.

Projects

Creekside Elder Housing: The 24-unit project located at Hebo and Grand Ronde roads includes 12 two-bedroom, one-bath duplexes. Each unit is 1,120 square feet, with 18 market rate units and six subsidized units. Each one will have solar panels plus backup battery storage. The \$7.19 million project is funded with 80 percent Tribal dollars and 20 percent federal grant funds. The first unit will be ready for occupancy later this month and the final unit by the end of September.

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‘No more stolen sisters’



Photo by Kamiah Koch

A red dress display was set up in the Governance Center Atrium on Friday, May 5, to recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous People with ties to Oregon. Grand Ronde Tribal member Heather (Haller) Cameron was recognized on a dress as a missing Indigenous person since 2012.

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May 5 marked a somber occasion in Indian Country as Indigenous communities from throughout the United States and Canada gathered to remember those who are missing and murdered.

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s Warriors of Hope Domestic & Sexual Violence Program marked

the day by honoring their Indigenous relatives with singers, speakers and a moment of silence.

Eleven red dresses were displayed throughout the Governance Center Atrium where the event, which symbolizes missing and murdered

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Kennedy is featured speaker at Clackamas Community College



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OREGON CITY – As she looked out at the crowd of more than 100 people who had gathered to hear her speak, Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy summed up the moment: “Wow,” she said.

Kennedy was the featured speaker at Clackamas Community College on Tuesday, May 9, hosting the lecture, “Do You Know Oregon’s First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe.”

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Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy is gifted a photo of Clackamas Community College’s Wacheno Welcome Center building after her lecture “Do You Know Oregon’s First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe” that was held at the college’s Niemeyer Osterman Theatre in Oregon City on Tuesday, May 9. The building is named after the Wacheno family, who Kennedy is a direct descendant of, and Dan “Old Man” Wacheno signed the Willamette Valley Treaty as chief of the Clackamas on Jan. 22, 1855. On the right is college President Dr. Tim Cook.