

IN THE FUTURE



(k^hapa atqi)

kwayts-mun (September)

- Monday, Sept. 4 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 – Tribal Election Day. Ballots due by 6 p.m. 503-879-2271.
- Sunday, Sept. 10 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13 – Tribal Council swearing in-ceremony, 11 a.m., Tribal Governance Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 15 – Family Movie Night, 7:30 p.m., old powwow grounds. “Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse.” Popcorn and drinks provided.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Sept. 22 – Tribal offices closed in observance of National Native American Day.

taʔlam-mun (October)

- Sunday, Oct. 1 – General Council meeting. Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 4 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4-5 – History and Culture Summit, 8 a.m. to noon with afternoon breakout sessions and an optional plankhouse dinner Wednesday. Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center and via Zoom. Advance registration required for in-person events at www.chachalu.org.
- Monday, Oct. 9 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

To stay abreast of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.

Surf’s up!



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Mae Bennett, 9, surfs during the Grand Ronde Surfers Clinic at Devil’s Punchbowl State Natural Area at Otter Rock on Friday, Aug. 25. The event was sponsored by Youth Empowerment & Prevention. Surfing was taught by All Are We Water Collective, a nonprofit offering professional surf coaching for under-recognized communities. The 18 participants learned the basics about ocean awareness and safety, and were introduced to wave riding and surfing.

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From left, Jeremiah Alexander, 10, and Esten Kimsey, 13, attach surfboard leashes to their ankles as they prepare to surf during the Grand Ronde Surfers Clinic at Devil’s Punchbowl State Natural Area at Otter Rock.

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Election Office open through Sept. 7

The Tribe’s Election Board office opened on Monday, July 24, and will be open through Thursday, Sept. 7.

Office hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The office is located in the Tribal Community Center, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, and the phone number is 503-879-2271.

Blank signature verification forms have been placed in a hanging basket outside the Elections Board office door. Completed signature verification forms – with a notarized signature or legible copy of ID, including your signature (driver’s licenses, member ID card, passport, etc.) – need to be mailed to the Election Board for processing. The form will not be processed unless it has been notarized or includes a legible copy of ID and signature attached.

Ballots were mailed to voters with verified signatures on Wednesday, July 26. Tribal members can submit a verified signature card at any time up to and including Election Day on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Grand Ronde post office is no longer open to accept ballots on Saturday, Sept. 9. For Tribal members’ convenience, there will be a ballot box in the Governance Center during the election season and also on Election Day there will be a box in the Community Center where ballots can be dropped off.

Ballots will be available, as they have been in the past, for Tribal members who want to vote in person. It is the voter’s responsibility to ensure their ballot is received by the Election Board on Election Day and allow for adequate time for the ballot to reach the Election Board by Sept. 9. ■