


# IN THE FUTURE



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**taɬlam-mun (October)**

- Sunday, Oct. 1 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in 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](http://www.chachalu.org).
- Monday, Oct. 9 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 11 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

**taɬlam-pi-ixt-mun (November)**

- Sunday, Nov. 5 – General Council meeting, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, Nov. 8 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday, Nov. 10 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Sunday, Nov. 19 – 40th Restoration Day celebration at Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Doors open at 10 a.m., meal served at 12:30 p.m., powwow begins at 5:30 p.m. [publicaffairs@grandronde.org](mailto:publicaffairs@grandronde.org).
- Monday-Friday, Nov. 20-24 – Tribal offices closed in observance of Restoration Day and the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Wednesday, Nov. 29 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

To stay abreast of future Tribal events, visit [www.smokesignals.org/calendar](http://www.smokesignals.org/calendar).

## Chat with the Chief



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Chief Jake McKnight, right, removes elk burgers from the grill with the help of Tribal Police Department Lt. Tim Hernandez during Chat with the Chief at the police station on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Approximately 200 elk burgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks were served. It was the last Chat with the Chief event for 2023.**

## Willamina School District sees attendance increase

WILLAMINA – Willamina School District Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick reported that the district had a student population of 892 during the Monday, Sept. 11, School Board meeting.

Willamina finished the 2022-23 school year with 876 students.

Zimbrick said there were 378 students at the elementary school, 190 at the middle school and 324 at the high school. The largest class was 70 first- through third-graders, 64 seventh-graders and 88 high school juniors.

“Numbers are up,” Zimbrick said. “We haven’t seen numbers like this in 10 years.”

She cited the district’s Career Technical Education program and the Chinuk Wawa language program among reasons why enrollment is increasing with incoming transfer students.

The Willamina School District includes about 40 percent Native American students with many of those youth being Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■

*Includes information from the Yamhill County News Register.*

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**SUMMIT**  
THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE  
2023

**EVENT LOCATION**  
Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center  
8720 Grand Ronde Rd.  
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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\$75 registration fee with an optional Plankhouse dinner (+\$25). Free Zoom option available for those that cannot attend in person. Rooms will be available at Spirit Mountain Casino.

**Registration |** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-history-and-culture-summit-registration-673386385807>

Find more information at [Chachalu.org](http://Chachalu.org)

**OCTOBER 4TH + 5TH**