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Fall festivities



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Four-year-old Kylie Gregg smiles as she sees her face painting results during the Fall Festival held at the Tribal gym on Thursday, Oct. 26. More than 350 people attended. It included a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, carnival games, a cake walk, trunk-or-treating, singing and dancing, and a pizza dinner. The event was hosted by the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center in collaboration with Children & Family Services.

Tribal Employment and Training 477/VR Administrative Assistant Tawnie Kimsey, left, hands out candy to 2-year-old Felix Maxfield as he trunk-or-treats with his father Cody Maxfield and mother Alicia Phillips during the Fall Festival held at the Tribal gym.



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Tribal Council is planning to approve a \$1.877 million supplemental budget to fund the construction of five houses in the home ownership development project on McPherson Road in Grand Ronde after a lending misunderstanding affected five potential buyers.

Council financing construction of five home ownership houses

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council is poised to approve a \$1.877 million supplemental budget during its Wednesday, Nov. 8, meeting to fund the construction of five houses in the home ownership development project east of Grand Ronde Road off McPherson Road after a lending misunderstanding affected five potential buyers.

Five Tribal member mortgage applicants who were interested in building in the Tribal project were incorrectly notified that a Housing & Urban Development Section 184-approved lender would not provide loans for new construction on Grand Ronde Tribal lands despite HUD guidelines stating that new construction is eligible for the federally-backed loans.

“With Section 184 financing, borrowers can get into a home with a low down payment and flexible underwriting,” HUD states on its website. “Loans can be used, both on and off Native lands, for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinance.”

The financial institution – 1st Tribal Lend-

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Four decades of Restoration to be celebrated

Ruby anniversary will be held on Nov. 19 at Spirit Mountain Casino

By Dean Rhodes and Danielle Harrison

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Nov. 22, 1983, is a day that will forever be etched in Grand Ronde Tribal history because it was the day that President Ronald Reagan signed House Resolution 3885, restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe to federal recognition.

The Tribe had been terminated 29 years before and his signature on the bill officially ended that dark time.

Now, the Tribe is preparing to celebrate 40 years of Restoration and all of the accomplishments that have come with it.

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Traditional dancer and Tribal member Chad Leno participates in grand entry during the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde 39th Restoration Celebration Powwow held at Spirit Mountain Casino in November 2022.

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