

Inclement weather alert!

Please be sure to call the Health & Wellness Center before traveling in to appointments at the clinic during inclement weather. Health & Wellness Center staff will make every attempt to call patients during closures. Also, sign up for emergency notifications about Tribal campus closures on the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org or follow the Tribe’s primary page on Facebook. ■

Health & Wellness Center entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind. If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces. ■

POLK COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING

Agency: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: Polk County local work group meeting
Date: Jan. 26, 2024
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Chemeketa Eola Northwest Wine Cellar, 215 Doaks Ferry Road NW, Salem OR 97304
For more information: Morgan Neil, morgan.neil@polkswcd.com, 503-623-9680
Purpose: NRCS is holding a local work group meeting to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resource conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Polk County. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made 48 hours before the meeting. Contact Morgan Neil for arrangements.

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Walking On...

Edward Ronald Haller

July 1, 1933 – Dec. 22, 2023
Tribal Elder Edward Ronald Haller passed on Dec. 22, 2023, at the age of 90. Bollman’s Tribute Center in Dallas, Ore. is assisting the family. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, followed by a gravesite service at the Tribal Cemetery and a meal at the Tribal Community Center.

Harrison honored by Oregonian

Tribal matriarch Kathryn Harrison, who walked on in May at the age of 99, was honored by *The Oregonian* newspaper on Wednesday, Dec. 27, by being mentioned in its list of notable Oregonians who passed away in 2023. The newspaper noted Harrison’s humble beginnings and her accomplishments that occurred later in life, helping the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde attain Restoration in 1983. “She rose to acclaim later in life as a leader known for her courage, sense of humor and for her work to bring Tribal recognition and financial independence to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,” the newspaper said. Harrison joined the likes of Oregon legislator Dick Springer, winemaker Dick Erath and entertainer Walter Cole on the list of notable Oregonians who died last year. Harrison was the Grand Ronde Tribe’s eldest Elder at the time of her walking on.



Clothes Closet open

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances and pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items. For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

Tribe receives \$446,886 broadband federal grant

The Tribe was recently awarded a \$446,886 broadband National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant and has contracted with Native Network, a local internet service provider. The service will bring high-speed, fixed wireless internet to more than 500 homes in Grand Ronde. Additionally, there is the affordable connectivity program and qualified users can get up to a \$75 credit toward their internet service. To apply, visit www.affordableconnectivity.gov, follow the instructions and complete the enclosed “signup for internet service” form. ■



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