

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

Tribal Council approves loan for Spirit Mountain Casino virtual golf suite

By Danielle Harrison

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a \$893,600 construction loan to Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. at its Wednesday, Feb. 7, meeting for the construction of an indoor virtual golf simulator.

“TopGolf, the product we are looking at, is part of the national brand,” Spirit Mountain Casino Chief Operating Officer Clint Johnson said during a Tuesday, Feb. 6, Legislative Action Committee meeting. “People are probably familiar with the outdoor version but they also have a sister operation, TopGolf Swing Suite, a virtual golf simulator that you can play inside a building. These are very high-tech.”

The suite will be located inside Spirit Mountain Casino near the BetMGM Sportsbook. There will be four bays with a capacity of up to eight people per bay.

“We plan to hopefully start this later this month or early next month and expect to be done with it before the summer,” Johnson said.

Other uses for the golf suites

include renting them out for meetings, business retreats and major sporting events, as well as hosting indoor golf leagues.

“This will be a great tool for us, especially midweek as we’ve struggled to get people out here and we think this could be an amenity that will drive them out there,” Johnson said.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Declared a per capita date of Friday, March 8, for the time period of December 2023 through February 2024;
- Approved the purchase of a mortgage note from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 184 Loan for a vacant property in Grand Meadows in the amount of \$10;
- And enrolled two infants into the Tribe because they meet the requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Videos tab. ■

TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Scheduled Appointments Only	Walk-In Day
Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	

To schedule an appointment:
Call (503) 879-1424 or
CTGR Tribal VSO@GrandRonde.Org

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

COMMITTEE SUMMIT

Thursday, March 14, 2024
5:30 to 8 p.m.

Dinner Provided

Spirit Mountain Casino

For questions please contact:
Shannon.Ham-Teixeira@grandronde.org

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

Blackwell grew up in area

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Chemeketa Community College, and is a certified family life educator and professional coach.

She is the daughter of past Tribal Council member and key Restoration figure Candy Robertson and the great-great-granddaughter of Chief Solomon Riggs.

Blackwell grew up in Willamina and Grand Ronde, and currently lives in Dallas with her husband, Darren; and three dogs, Kira, Callie and Mayzie.

The couple has five children, six grandchildren, fifteen nieces and nephews, and 11 great-nieces and nephews.

She can be reached at angie.blackwell@grandronde.org. ■

ATTENTION GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MARCH 2024 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTION

Deadline Dates for March 2024 Per Capita

- Change of Address: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 **BY 5 P.M.**
- Change of Direct Deposit: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 **BY 5 P.M.**

PER CAPITA DIRECT DEPOSIT

Forms can be found:

- Online at: www.grandronde.org
- Or by contacting Kalene Contreras at 503-879-2204 or Kalene.contreras@grandronde.org

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changes can be made by:

- Calling the Member Services Department at 503-879-2116
- If you get voicemail your address will still be changed if you clearly state your:
 - Name
 - Roll #
 - Date of Birth
 - Last 4 digits of SS#
 - New Address

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 *ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING POSITIVE CHANGES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS?

APPLY TODAY

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PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO TRIBAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHANNON HAM-TEXEIRA@SHANNON.HAM-TEXEIRA@GRANDRONDE.ORG OR CALL (503) 879-2301.