

IN THE FUTURE



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taxam-mun (June)

- Saturday, June 8 – Youth paddle practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Devil’s Lake State Recreation Area. 503-879-2034.
- Wednesday, June 12 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Thursday, June 13 – Family Night Out, 4:30-8 p.m., Tribal gym and surrounding outdoor area. Call 503-879-2034 for more information.
- Wednesday, June 19 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Juneteenth commemoration.
- Wednesday, June 26 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Saturday, June 29 – Youth paddle practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Devil’s Lake State Recreation Area. 503-879-2034.
- Sunday, June 30 – Tribal Council nominations, 11 a.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.

sinəmakwst-mun (July)

- Thursday-Friday, July 4-5 – Tribal offices closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
- Monday, July 8 – Elder Honor Day, 12:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino.
- Wednesday, July 10 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Friday-Sunday, July 12-14 – Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow. uyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries traditionally start at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Monday-Thursday, July 24-27– Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., uyxat Powwow Grounds. nativewellness.com/nywwc2024.

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

Multiple agencies respond to high-speed crash outside Grand Ronde



Photo contributed by Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department

The Tribe’s Emergency Services Department and Tribal Police Department responded to a crash at exit 18B off Highway 18 in the early morning hours of Friday, May 24, along with other city, county and state law enforcement agencies. Both occupants of the vehicle were in critical condition following the crash.

By Kamiah Koch

Social media / digital journalist

In the early hours of Friday, May 24, Grand Ronde Tribal Police attempted to catch up to a speeding car on Highway 18. The driver of the vehicle was allegedly traveling at speeds exceeding 120 miles per hour.

When the driver attempted to take exit 18B, they lost control and the vehicle rolled several times.

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Emergency Services Department posted on their Facebook page sharing information about the crash and the multiple agencies that responded.

“The car left the roadway, drove through a field, became airborne and began to roll in an adjacent field,” the Facebook post said. “Upon CTGR Emergency Services arrival, the driver was found outside the vehicle, the car was on fire and the passenger was unable to get out of the vehicle on their own. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and extricated the passenger.”

Lifelight was activated for one of the vehicle’s occupants and the other was taken to a nearby hospital

via ambulance. Drones were used to search the surrounding area to ensure no other people were thrown from the vehicle.

According to Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight, the vehicle occupants were not known to be Tribal members.

Road closures were reported by community Facebook groups but all lanes had reopened as of 6 a.m. Friday.

In the Facebook post, Grand Ronde Tribal Emergency Services thanked the multiple agencies that responded to the scene including Lifelight, Grand Ronde Tribal Police, Oregon State Police, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Sheridan Fire District, Spirit Mountain Casino staff, Yamhill Communications Agency and Willamette Valley Communications Center.

“The whole team did a great job, including OSP, Polk County [Sheriff’s Office] and Salem Police Department,” Chief McKnight said.

The vehicle’s occupants were in critical condition following the crash and there is no new update at this time. ■



CTGR Member Services

Requests for Descendancy Options

1. Descendancy letter (no DNA testing)

2. Certificate of Descendancy (DNA testing required)

Process:

Submit completed application (digital signatures are not accepted) along with a copy of an original state certified birth certificate (we cannot accept copies) and proof of payment for the DNA from the Finance Department. Once application is received, Enrollment Office staff will process and setup the DNA appointment.

DNA at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center: Cost of DNA testing is \$35 and you must pre-register with the clinic prior to your appointment. To pre-register, contact Ashley Stonebrink at 503-879-1325 or Stacy Pond-Bissonette at 503-879-2096.

To request an application or if you have any questions, contact the following:

Memberservices@grandronde.org

Enrollment staff:

Tristin Armstrong 503-879-1619, Tristin.armstrong@grandronde.org
Nick Labonte 503-879-2490, Nick.labonte@grandronde.org

Please send completed applications to:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attn: Enrollment Office
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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