

IN THE FUTURE



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- sinəmakwst-mun (July)**
- Wednesday, July 24 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Thursday, July 25 – Tribal Council Candidates Forum, 5:30 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. All questions must be submitted by 5 p.m. July 25 by emailing stacia.hernandez@grandronde.org.

- stuxtkin-mun (August)**
- Wednesday, Aug. 7 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 15-17 – Annual Fish Distribution, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Natural Resources Department Fish Lab, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road. 503-879-2424.
 - Friday-Sunday, Aug. 16-18 – Grand Ronde Contest Powwow, uyxat Powwow Grounds. 9600 S.W. Hebo Road. Grand entries at 7 p.m. Friday, 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.
 - Wednesday, Aug. 21 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
 - Thursday, Aug. 22 – Annual Fish Distribution, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Portland Area Office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., Portland. 503-879-1881.
 - Friday, Aug. 23 – Grand Ronde Education Summit, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Spirit Mountain Casino, 26820 S.W. Salmon River Highway.
 - Friday, Aug. 23 – Community barbeque and outside movie night, 6:30 p.m. in Tribal housing.

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

Veteran reporter Nicole Montesano joined Smoke Signals staff in June

Staff writer Nicole Montesano joined the newsroom of Smoke Signals on June 24, after 30 years with the News-Register newspaper in McMinnville.

Montesano covered county government and politics for the last 10 years for the News-Register, along with writing about the COVID-19 pandemic beginning in 2020 and assorted other issues.



Nicole Montesano

Before 2014, Montesano covered the city of McMinnville for 14 years. She also spent several years covering courts, health and human services, and small towns. She also wrote a cooking column from 1998 through 2017.

Montesano said she is excited to join Smoke Signals.

“I feel incredibly lucky to be given the opportunity to write for a top newspaper about the history, culture and continuing journey of the Tribe,” Montesano said. “I look forward to learning more about the Tribe’s work.”

Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison said that Montesano was the ideal selection from the pool of candidates for the vacant staff writer position.

“Nicole has been a journalist working in rural communities for many years and understands how to connect with people,” she said. “During her first few weeks, she has shown her journalistic skill by covering a breaking news story and through her well-written copy that needs very little editing.”

Montesano grew up in southern Oregon, moving to the Willamette Valley as a teenager. She attended Western Oregon State College and graduated in 1992 with a degree in English.

She now lives in the Eola Hills outside Amity with her husband, Rick, two cats and a dog. She enjoys cooking, reading and gardening, and is slowly growing a small market farm.

She can be contacted at 503-879-1463 or nicole.montesano@grandronde.org.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is issuing marriage licenses and able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. Contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

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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