

General Council meeting

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3

Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal members can participate remotely via Zoom and in-person attendance. Call 800-422-0232 for more information.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 6.....	4 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 20.....	4 p.m.

TRIBAL OFFICE CLOSURES

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. Offices also will be closed on Friday, Nov. 22, in observance of Restoration Day. Offices will close noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, and remain closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of Thanksgiving.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

REGISTRATION MUST BE MAILED AND RECEIVED BY:

MONDAY, NOV. 4

BALLOTS MAILED:

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

ELECTION DATE / RESULTS:

MONDAY, DEC. 9



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Friday, Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Indigenous Journalists Association
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Dec. 1	Oregon Newspaper Publishers Assoc.
Monday, Dec. 9.....	Dec. 15	2022 IJA General Excellence
Monday, Dec. 23	Jan. 1	2023 IJA General Excellence

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HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

#HSAM

For Head Start Awareness Month, we asked CTGR General Manager Angie Blackwell to share with us some history of Head Start in the Grand Ronde Community. Here is what she shared:

"Back in 1992 the Tribe didn't have a grant to fund Head Start services, so CeCe Kneeland, who was working in Education at the time, partnered with YCAP to offer a classroom in Grand Ronde. I was just wrapping up my associate's degree in Early Childhood Education so I applied for and was offered the teacher position. Tribal member June Olson was hired as our Family Advocate and Head Start parent, Donna Marner, was hired as our cook. At one time, Vikki Bishop was an aide and went on to become the first Head Start director when the Tribe secured its own Head Start grant. Our first classroom was housed in the Community Center until our building (which is now the Clothing Closet) could be renovated. Every Friday we had to take the entire classroom down and every Monday we had to put it back up. That was typical for Head Start back then, and we were the envy of all Head Start teachers in Yamhill County when we moved into the renovated house in the picturesque setting. Later a modular unit was purchased to add another classroom and in the early 2000's the program moved into the current ECE building." Program expansions in Early Childhood Education have led to the development of the new Child Development Center currently being constructed on campus.



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