

Walking On...

Deborah Diane Marrington

Jan. 23, 1953 – May 20, 2025

Tribal Elder and longtime Tribal employee Deborah Diane Marrington passed away May 20, 2025, at the age of 72.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery shelter, followed by a burial in the same location. Bollman’s Tribute Center is assisting the family.

A full obituary will follow in a future edition of Smoke Signals.

Robert Burton “Bob” Duncan

Sept. 21, 1944 – April 10, 2025

Tribal spouse Robert Burton “Bob” Duncan passed away April 10, 2025, at the age of 80.

Robert was born Sept. 21, 1944, in Boulder, Colorado, to Jack and Leona Duncan. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to Oregon, which Robert called home for the remainder of his life.

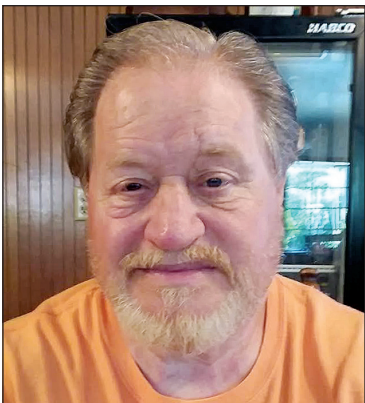
After graduating high school, he served in the United States Navy for four years as a Boatswain’s Mate. He married the love of his life, Julie White, on Dec. 12, 1969.

He loved fishing and hunting, as well as spending time with family and his German Shorthaired Pointer, River.

Robert is survived by his wife, Julie; daughters, Leighann Kohary, Susan Sanders and Erin Castro; along with seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Leona Duncan; sister, Sunday Staples; and brother, Jack R. Duncan.

An interment service will be held at the Grand Ronde Tribal Cemetery at 11 a.m. Friday, June 13. Lunch will follow at the Elders Activity Center. Bollman’s Tribute Center is assisting the family.



Tribal member’s work part of Portland art exhibit

Tribal member Matthew Williams (aka M. Earl Williams) is a part of the Blue Sky Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts’ Pacific Northwest Drawers program for 2025. He is sharing a set of photographs which seek a reconciliation between the self, the land and the painful histories they carry.

These can be viewed from noon to 5 p.m. Wed-Sat, through March 2026 at 122 N.W. 8th Ave., Portland. ■

Summer lunch programs and assistance offered in the area

A summer EBT program is available for anyone who currently receives SNAP benefits, TANF cash assistance, Medicaid, resides in foster care, or is attending a school with a free lunch program.

Benefits began being issued for families who are automatically eligible on Thursday, May 22. The online application opened on Friday, May 30. For more information, visit sebt.oregon.gov or call 503-945-5600.

The Willamina School District will be offering a free summer meals program in two different locations every Thursday in July.

Youth 18 and younger may pick up five meals at Tina Miller Park in Willamina from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. and at Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center in Grand Ronde from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.

The Willamina School District will also be offering free breakfast and lunch for youth at the Willamina Elementary School cafeteria Monday through Thursday, June 16 to July 24. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Meals must be eaten in the cafeteria.

For more information, call 503-876-2702. ■

NRD Spotlight

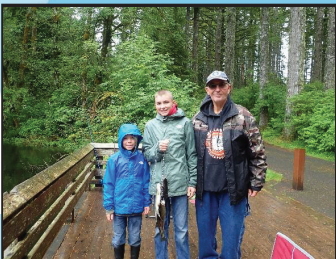
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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE
FAMILY FISHING DAY



The Hebo Ranger District invites You for the Family Fishing Day in the Forest

When: Friday, June 20
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Hebo Lake in Hebo, OR.

Fishing Contest and Prizes at 11 a.m. for Children (4-15 years old)

We will have fishing poles and reels, bait and free fishing lessons available.

Parking is free, and kids under 12 years old won't need a fishing license. For people 12 years and up, a fishing license is required for this event.

FLU/COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Please do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms or are positive for FLU/COVID
- Keep your social distance, 6 Feet apart.
- Clean your hands frequently.
- Face mask use is optional and for your own safety.

Thanks!!!





Elderberry Wisdom Farm
TEK Conservation Internship
Summer and Fall 2025

The Native American nonprofit, Elderberry Wisdom Farm is recruiting Interns interested in conservation careers to apply for Summer and Fall 2025 openings. We provide culturally tailored habitat restoration training, experiential service learning, and mentoring by integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into Mid-Willamette Valley habitat restoration, urban forestry and native plant nursery development practices. A \$3,000 stipend is provided for those completing the 9-week internship, or 200 hours of classroom education and experiential service-learning activities. Send resume and letter of interest or Q's to accounts@elderberrywisdom.org.

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