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St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

Availability of transit grant funds

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is providing notice that eligible transportation providers may apply for federal 5310 grant funds allocated to the Tribe for the 2017-19 biennium by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Projects providing public transportation services to seniors and persons with disabilities are eligible for funding including those that also serve the general public. Thus far the Tribe has chosen to use these funds for the Cherriots Grand Ronde 2X route and Yamhill County Transit Area West Valley route through intergovernmental agreements.

Applications submitted for projects serving the Grand Ronde community must be submitted to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde not later than 4 p.m. Jan. 27, 2017. Contact Kim Rogers at 503-879-2250, kim.rogers@grandronde.org for more information. ■

February General Council meeting will be held at the Monarch Hotel

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and then rain.

Snow and ice removal started at 7 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, and continued all day.

"Facilities always makes the clinic patron entrances and Education access a high priority for snow and ice removal and then working our way out to the other properties as soon as we can," Mercier said.

"The Facilities crews have had a lot of practice this winter dealing with the extreme conditions. The Facilities team has been doing an outstanding job working hard to make the Tribal campus as safe as possible for all community members."

It is the second consecutive January General Council meeting to be affected by inclement weather. In 2016, the meeting was canceled when less than 30 Tribal members – a necessary quorum – attended because of rain falling in western Oregon over a cold air mass that created icy road conditions from Portland to Salem. The agenda for the Jan. 15 General Council meeting, which will be held at 11 a.m. in the Tribal Community Center, will include a presentation by Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe and the announcement of Elders Committee election results.

The Jan. 15 weather forecast is much more inviting with rain and highs in the mid-40s and low temperatures staying above freezing.

Conditions in Grand Ronde on Monday, Jan. 9, were still cold with snow covering the ground and slush covering the roadways. A Willamina School District bus slid off Highway 18 just east of Spirit Mountain Casino in the pre-sunrise hours. However, no children were injured.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center near Clackamas Town Center off of Interstate 205.

General Council will return to Grand Ronde in March and then hit the road for Eugene in April before concluding in May in Grand Ronde. ■

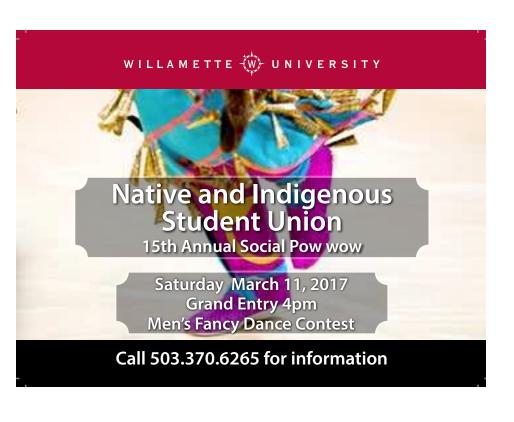
ELDERS' RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

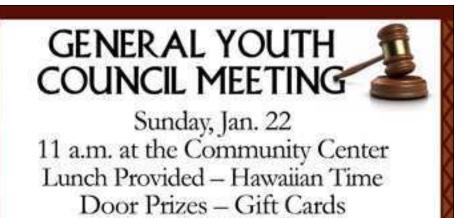
The Tribal Council adopted, on an emergency basis, amendments to the Elders' Retirement Program and Supplemental Security Income Program Ordinance at the Dec.14, 2016, Tribal Council meeting.

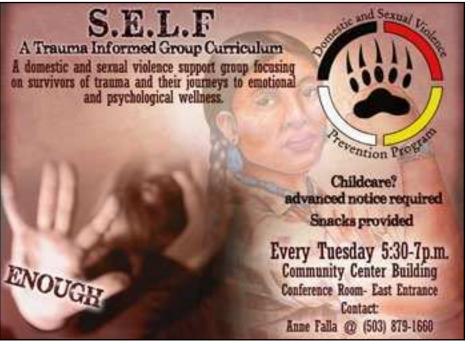
The primary purpose of the amendments is to add an Elders' SSD Program to allow Tribal Elders eligible for federal SSD benefits to qualify for the Tribal Elder SSD Program. The proposed amendments also clarify the current requirement that Elders may receive payment under either the Elders' Retirement, the Elders' SSI or the Elders' SSD Programs. Elders may not receive payment under more than one of these programs.

Tribal Council invites comment on the amendments to the Tribal Elders' Retirement Program and Supplemental Security Income Program Ordinance. For a copy of the amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by Feb. 15, 2017. ■







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