

Grand Ronde deputies busy in area

By Deputy Tom O'Brien

Deputy VanLaanen has been busy working traffic on Highway 18 the last three months. He, with Yamhill County deputies and Oregon State Police have worked various hours attempting to enforce traffic laws.

The results of his efforts were put together for our quarterly report to Tribal Council. The amount of speeding violations generated is truly amazing. Many motorists can count on being in traffic court in both counties during the holidays. Sadly, another local resident has become a fatality statistic, too.

Now that the summer months are behind us, the roads are not as crowded, but might be considered even more dangerous with the advent of winter weather. Highway 18 offers few options for safety in many locations. With one lane traffic conditions and congested intersections to contend with, accidents are going to occur. We can minimize the hazards by simply slowing down and exercising patience.

While Jeff was working the highways, I was attempting to hold down the fort answering calls for service. My hours varied during this three-month period, as well. We had our fair share of crimes that needed immediate attention.

Some neat things occurred, too. Both Jeff and I have attended several meetings with members of Polk and Yamhill County Service Integration Teams. Summer field trips for the Grand Ronde area youth were arranged through the cooperation of these service agencies, along with the Willamina School District and many volunteers. One such trip took eighteen youngsters on a tour

of the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth.

Through the cooperation of service agency teams and local citizens volunteering their time we were able to target some local families in need of a helping hand. Clothing, food, and even shelter was provided. We both participated and saw a lot of effort by folks within our community this summer. It is apparent a good many things are occurring because of the efforts of the integrated services and local volunteers.



The first Grand Ronde annual health fair was presented at the Grand Ronde Elementary School. Boating and general safety classes were presented to the children. Volunteers finger printed more than 400 children that day. The children received safety instructions on various subjects, from dangerous items found in the house to dealing with strangers. Life Flight sent a helicopter from Portland and the children got an up-close look at the crew and equipment.

Exciting things are occurring within the community. Both Jeff and I are delighted in being a part of it. We now have the opportunity to communicate directly with the community through *Smoke Signals*. Look for our column, we will attempt to answer your questions and keep you updated with news from the Grand Ronde Sheriff's Office.

Band instrument donations wanted

Grand Ronde Elementary School is in need of band instruments for the 4th/5th grade band program. Only a few instruments are available for a modest rent through the school district, so most of the students are required to rent instruments from a music store. This can be too much of an expense for many students and keeps them from participating in the band.

Do you have any used instruments you would be willing to donate to the school? The instruments could be placed in a rental program but at such a reasonable price that all students could afford to rent them. The money collected from rentals would be used to purchase more used instruments. Most needed instruments are youth sized flutes, clarinets, trombones, coronets, and trumpets. The school would show their appreciation by advertising who donated which instruments to the school. The students would show their appreciation by working hard to learn to play the instrument to the best of his or her ability.

To donate a band instrument, please contact the school at (503) 879-5210.

Coming Soon: Great American Smokeout

Attention smokers! November 21 is the Great American Smokeout. If you have been wanting to quit smoking, here is your chance. The Dental Clinic, in cooperation with Spirit Mountain Casino will be sponsoring events throughout the day including a free kickoff continental breakfast, which will be held at the Legends banquet room and will feature a motivational talk by Klamath tribal member Dr. Don Dexter. "Quit Kits" will be provided for all attendees. Door prizes, games, and the support you need to take this big step will all be a part of the event for the day.

If you have been wanting to quit, plan to attend. You can begin today to plan your strategy for quitting. Here are some ideas for preparing for the big day:

- Cut back on smoking even before you quit.
- Switch brands to one you do not like.
- Smoke a low-tar, low-nicotine brand, but don't smoke more of them.
- Don't smoke when you first experience a craving. Usually cravings only last a short time. If you can get through the craving, you may not want to smoke at all.
- Stop carrying cigarettes with you, and make them difficult to get to.
- Stop buying cigarettes by the carton.



So plan now to join the Great American Smokeout. For more information on the events for the day and to sign-up for the breakfast, please call Tracy in the Dental Clinic at 879-2020 or 1-800-775-0095.

Willamina Coastal Hills Art Tour

The Fifth Annual Coastal Hills Art Tour takes place in Willamina on Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than twenty local artisans from Willamina, Sheridan, and Grand Ronde will display and sell their works in storefronts along Main Street and in studios during the Tour. In addition to area artists, the Tour features a tea room at the historic Andrew Kershaw House, an old fashioned hayride, antiques, and music showcasing local talent. Tea and dessert provided by Pointeks Bakery and the Cheesecake Lady will be for sale in the Tea Room.

Regional interest in the Tour has increased each year since its beginning in 1991. The Coastal Hills Art Tour attracts visitors from as far away as central Washington and Southern Oregon and attendance has increased.


The local studios of several artists will be open during the Tour. Internationally known watercolor artist Judy Buswell, will hold her annual sale; and nationally acclaimed sculptor, Walt Mendenhall, will host an annual studio tour of his metal sculpture and design; Geneva Spees, northwest Oregon artist and instructor in oil and acrylic, will have her studio open; and Joyce Marvel-Benoist's hand-painted silks and cottons will be on display.

The Art Tour features a variety of art forms. In addition to the artists mentioned above, other participating artists include: Julie Biller, stained glass; Bill Boyson, ceramics; Dudley and Genevieve Carson, stippling and watercolor; Blythe Eastman, ceramic sculpture; Betty Frownfelter, watercolors; Larry Godsey, photography; Barbara Millikan, clay sculpture; Nancy Nunley, bonsai; Margaret Saucy, quilts; Ed Terriere, woodcrafts; Janet Wood, handsewn decorations; Dana Wilson, basketry; and Gary Wooden, woodworks. These artists and quality crafters will be on hand Friday and Saturday during the Tour to meet and talk with visitors.

Area authors, Jerry Easterling, Linda Fink, and Clarence Wright will be present in the Kershaw House "Second Story" to sign and sell their books.

The Tour is free. A small fee is charged for the hayride and Tea Room. To begin the Tour, visitors should come to the Kershaw House Tea Room or the Information Booth in Willamina, where they will receive a map and directions.

November 8 and 9
10 to 5 daily


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