

Help decorate Grand Ronde

STROLL FOR SANTA is a walk-a-thon to raise money to purchase Christmas decorations for the Grand Ronde community. This annual pledged walk is from Sheridan to Willamina (6 miles) on **Saturday, September 13** with sign up from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The event begins in the Memorial Plaza parking lot in Sheridan, ending at Coyote Joe's in Willamina. There will be prizes and refreshments! Pledge sheets are available.

The Stroll For Santa is just one fund-raising activity, others need to be developed — for example, bingo. The decorations will be displayed throughout the streets of Grand Ronde.

However, a committee needs to be formed consisting of community members and businesses to decide where, how, and who will purchase and display these decorations. We are encouraging all interested persons to join this committee and bring your ideas and suggestions to the table.

If you are interested in the committee or need a pledge sheet please contact: Sheila Herber at 879-2492; Barbara Lake at 879-2476; or Perri McDaniel at 879-2487.



The facts and risks related to teen pregnancy

- * The United States has one of the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the industrialized world.
- * The younger the teen mother is, the older the father is likely to be.
- * Nationwide, 30% of the pregnancies to 15 year old girls were fathered by someone at least six years older.
- * The health risk to teenage mothers are serious consideration as well; teen mothers are more likely to have serious complications during pregnancy and delivery. An adolescent pregnancy increases the risk of infant mortality 2 to 3 times the norm; and the risk of fetal retardation is doubled.
- * The teen mother has a higher risk of cesarean section, an operation which is 20 times as risky in a teen.
- * The mortality risk is 60% higher in a teen pregnancy, a 30% rate of toxemia exists during pregnancy and anemia occurs 3 to 10 times more often than usual.
- * The percentage of teens receiving little or no prenatal care fell from 19.9% in 1993 to 15.7% in 1994.
- * Many times a teen will be afraid or in denial of pregnancy and try not to eat to remain slim. Inadequate nutrition results from this behavior, including lack of vitamins A, B, and C, lack of calcium and proteins.
- * 20% of teen pregnancy happens one month after a teen becomes sexually active and 50% happens in the first six months.
- * The highest risk occurs when a teen becomes sexually active.
- * We are usually pointing fingers at male teens, but statistics say that most teen pregnancies are not teen-teen pregnancies, but adult-teen pregnancies. In a 1990 California study, 306 births involving teenage girls between 11 and 15 were fathered by adult males over the age of 25.
- * The suicide risk for pregnant female teens is 10 times greater than the norm.
- * A recent study determined that 84% of the fathers of children born to adolescent mothers live apart from their children.
- * Only one-third of these fathers report visiting their children at least once a week one year after the child's birth.
- * Even with more stringent child support enforcement, society continues to allow fathers to neglect their parental responsibilities. Adolescent mothers will earn half the income of those who become mothers over the age of 20.
- * Over 73% of teen mothers drop out of school, 44% will never graduate, and 49% of teen fathers drop out of school as well.
- * Studies indicate that teenage fatherhood, like teenage motherhood, is likely to be repeated from one generation to the next.

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Kid's don't arrive with an owner's manual

Polk County Services Integration Team and Chemeketa Community College will offer a two-month course entitled "Parenting With Love and Logic," which will be held Monday evenings during the months of October and November. Key learning concepts include:

- SHARED CONTROL:** Gain control by giving away the control you don't need.
- SHARED DECISION-MAKING:** Provide opportunities for your child to do a great amount of his or her own thinking and decision-making.
- EQUAL SHARES OF CONSEQUENCES AND EMPATHY:** An absence of anger causes a child to think and learn from his or her mistakes.
- MAINTAIN YOUR CHILD'S SELF-CONCEPT:** Increased self-concept leads to improved behavior and improved achievement.

Tuition for this class is free. The class is limited to 30 people. Call Wade White for more information at (503) 623-6142.

2nd annual Community

Health Fair

"Safety First"

Friday, September 12 * 1 to 6 p.m.**
Grand Ronde Elementary School

Family services provided *** Learning techniques and self awareness

Special presentation from 6 to 8 p.m.:
"Managing conflict at home"

Child care and dinner provided.

Co-sponsored by the Tribal Community Resources program.

- *** Free Immunizations for kids
- *** 3 & 4 yr. old screenings (vision, hearing, language)
- *** Fingerprint IDs for kids
- *** Life Flight
- *** Fire Truck
- *** Medic Unit
- *** K-9 unit (police dog)
- *** Dental screening
- *** DARE
- *** Water safety
- *** Safe kids
- *** Baby care info for new moms
- *** Disability challenges
- *** Blind demonstrations
- *** Teenage pregnancy prevention
- *** WIC eligibility
- *** Blood pressure checks
- *** Insurance information
- *** Hearing tests and displays
- *** Prizes for kids and adults



Open to all community members.

We encourage all parents, guardians, grandparents, and community members to participate and assist children. All Grand Ronde students will be attending.

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- RAPTORS
- WATERFOWL
- CUSTOM & EXOTIC DISPLAYS
- QUALITY RESTORATIONS & REPAIRS

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