

Class helps deputy serve community

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On February 2, I was able to attend a Crime Prevention class for Community Policing held at the Public Safety Academy in Monmouth, Oregon. The class covered eighty hours and provided the front line officers the necessary training to be more effective in community policing.

I approached the Tribal Council in November of 1997 about attending the class. I told the Council what the class was about and they agreed that my attending the class would benefit both the community in which I serve and me personally as a Law Enforcement Officer. Sheriff Steele also agreed that this class was the training that I had been looking for to better serve the Grand Ronde community.

After I received approval from the Sheriff and Tribal Council, all I needed was the funding to attend. The Sheriff's Office training budget was already used up and I did not want to ask the Council to fund the class because they have already given so much to the Sheriff's Office. So I approached the Western Regional Community Policing Center. One week before the training started, Don Altermat from the Center called me and said that if I could have my application in by the next day, I could receive funding that would cover the cost of tuition for the course.

When I was awarded the scholarship to attend the class I expected the training to be good — but when I got to the first day of class I was shocked. The resource person for the day handed out the class schedule, and I thought there was no way we could cover all the material in just two weeks. But as the class went along I found that all of the instructors who were presenting different course topics were the tops in their fields. The instructors exceeded my

expectations in all the classes, and we indeed covered all the material. I learned all the necessary skills to be more effective as an officer. The instructors provided contact numbers and I felt that any one of them would help you if you had any questions about the material that they presented.

During the time I was off of patrol duty, Deputy Tom O'Brien changed his schedule so that he would be in the district during peak call times. When Deputy O'Brien was not on patrol in the Grand Ronde area the other county deputies covered all calls for service in the district. So with my being absent from patrol for the two weeks of the class, the community still received police coverage. You may not have even noticed my absence!

Since my return to patrol after the class we were able to put into practice some of the programs that I learned at the Community Policing Academy. The Polk County Sheriff's Office, the Service Integration Team, and the Polk County Juvenile Department were able to get a juvenile Sanction Court up and running. Deputy O'Brien and myself are working on other projects such as a neighborhood crime watch for the Grand Meadows Housing Park.

If you have any other ideas or questions about community projects that you would like to see in the Grand Ronde community, call me at the Grand Ronde Sheriff's Substation at 879-2420.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that made it possible for me to attend this training. Sheriff Ray Steele, Grand Ronde Tribal Council, Deputy Tom O'Brien, my fellow deputies who helped cover the service call while I was away, the Western Regional Community Policing Center for the scholarship that allowed me to attend the class, and the community I serve. Thank you all.

Meeting about Van Duzer corridor to be held

The portion of Highway 18 from Willamina to the Van Duzer Corridor is being studied to develop a 20-year plan for highway improvements. Public input and comments are a vital part of the study process. Please join the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) staff and steering committee at its first public **Open House on May 18, from 3:30-6:30 p.m.**

The Open House will be held at the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center. Informational materials will be presented and, while learning about the study, you will help identify issues and problems along this stretch of highway. The Open House is an informal situation where you can drop in at any time and discuss issue one-on-one with a staff or committee member. If you have any questions regarding the Open House or the study itself, call or write Wayne Rickert at MWVCOG, 105 High Street S.E., Salem, Oregon 97301. Phone: (503) 588-6177. (e-mail: wrickert@open.org)

Summer youth activity includes free lunch

Coyote Camp will be offered for the third year in Grand Ronde at the school starting Thursday, June 11 and ending Thursday, July 30. This free program, which originated as a need through the Grand Ronde Service Integration Team, will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Local area children in Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Field trips are being planned to the beach, fishing, roller skating, and the Dallas City Park. Sports activities will take place on Wednesdays. Library and crafts are also planned. Interested adults, middle school students, and high school students are welcome to have fun volunteering.

A free lunch service will be provided again this year at noon at GRES on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in June and July. This program is available free of charge to any youth, up to age 18, whether or not they participate in Coyote Camp.

NA Chamber meeting announces award

Small Business Development staff, and members of the Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce, attended the quarterly luncheon meeting at McMenemy's Old Kennedy School in Portland on April 24. The guest speakers included representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Low Income Native American Housing in Portland Oregon (LINAHO); Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network (ONABEN); United Indian Students for Higher Education (UISHE); and Title IX Indian Education Program.

It was publically announced at this meeting that **Patrick Borunda**, Director of ONABEN, will be awarded the "Minority Advocate of the Year" at the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Oregon Small Business Advisory Council's 1998 Oregon Salute to Small Business Awards Dinner on Friday, May 29.

How to Handle People with tact and skill class offered

In June, Career Track will be offering a seminar in Salem, Portland, and Eugene on "How to Handle People with Tact and Skill." The class will teach strategies on dealing with difficult people at work. The seminar will be held in Eugene on June 3; Salem on June 4; and Portland on June 5 and 6.

For the adult members of the Tribe, the fees for this class can be covered through the Adult Education program under its Skill Development Component. Non-tribal members are also welcome to take the class for a fee of \$79. If you are interested in taking this class, please contact Gayla at 879-2282 or 1-800-422-0232.

Seekers meeting to be held May 23

The cultural group *Seekers* will meet on Saturday, May 23 at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is new information for the group to share and discuss. *Seekers* is looking for people with artistic talents for a special project. Please bring some samples of your work to share with the group. *Seekers* is a community support group who shares a common interest in protection and preservation of cultural heritage. Please come, and don't forget your Native recipes!

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Providers:

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Dr. Shane Tolliver
Kathy Faber, FNP
Kathleen Marquart, PA

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Providers:

Dr. Eric Webster
Dr. Anthony Lucio
Linda Mann, RDH

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Hours: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Julie Moser, RPH
Faith Goodman, Pharmacy Technician

CLINIC CLOSURES:

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