

## Education News

### New national GED deadlines applied

As hard as it is to believe, summer is almost over and students have returned to school. For many adults, this is also a great time to return to school. In many areas, GED classes are booming as a result of increased interest in high school completion. New federal and state requirements, better job opportunities, and self improvement are the main reasons people are signing up.

Students who have already started the testing process, have an even more important reason to finish their requirements. In the past, Oregon has had an open-ended testing policy which allowed people to work toward their GED indefinitely. There is now a three year limit on the amount of time allowed to finish the five GED tests. All tests must be retaken if you fail to meet the new deadlines. The new criteria for test completion is as follows:

If your first test date is in:	You must complete requirements by:
1995 or before .....	December 31, 1999
1996 .....	December 31, 2000
1997 .....	December 31, 2000
1998 .....	Three years from the date of the first test.

Grand Ronde GED classes will begin on Tuesday, September 22 and continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays (except for holidays or bad weather) from 4 to 7 p.m. GED classes, co-sponsored with Chemeketa and instructed by JoAnn Leathers, are open to the community. CTGR tribal members may also access tutoring services by appointment by calling 879-2275.

### Moccasin and drum making classes

We are still hoping to offer a moccasin making class in Salem and a drum making class in Salem and Eugene. There is still not enough tribal members registered to run these classes, if you are interested call 879-2275.

### Youth drum dedication at pow-wow

The Youth Leadership Group, which was organized by Lisa Leno and Dustin Harmon, took part in a drum dedication ceremony at the Pow-wow. Clifford Latta, who donated the drum to the youth, received a saddle blanket as an expression of thanks from the youth. Dietrick Peters (pictured here) received a Pendleton blanket as thanks for his wonderful art work on the drum. His art represents the four directions of the medicine wheel and five feathers for the five Grand Ronde Tribes. The generosity of Tribal Council for providing a beautiful Pendleton blanket for the drum is also appreciated. Thanks also goes to the Peters family for putting the drum together.



### New student activities

Many colleges and universities will be hosting various activities for new and returning students:

• **Oregon State University:** *Welcome Brunch* for Students of Color on Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Eastern Oregon University:** *Native American Higher Education & Career Awareness Workshop for High School Students* on Oct. 2.

### Congratulations!

• **MICHAEL HALLER**, a recent graduate from Eastern Washington University in Cheney. Michael earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology/Chemistry. He was an excellent student and we look forward to working together again in the future when Michael enters Medical School.

• **DANA STEPHENS**, a recent graduate from Spokane Community College where she earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Water Quality/Hydrographer. She graduated with Honors, was the President of the Water Resource Club, and a Charter member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

• A belated congratulations goes to **LEANN DRUM** for the successful completion of her GED. We wish her continued success in her goals.

### Wellness sponsors "get-together" for girls

On August 24-26, a total of twelve tribal girls participated in the first Tribal Teen Girl Get-Together. This project was sponsored by the tribal Wellness program through a grant from the state to provide prevention education services to tribal children and youth.

Topics covered were: teen pregnancy, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, substance abuse, tobacco use, skin care, the dangers of tanning, dental care, HIV/AIDS, relationships and sexually transmitted diseases, hair and make-up care, and manicures. These classes were held for three full mornings, and all the girls participated fully in every activity.

Wellness would like to thank the following women for making these classes a success: Kathy Faber, Family Nurse Practitioner; Sheila Blackater, Dental Hygienist; Patti Tom-Martin and Sandy Van Woert, owners of Image Makers Salon; Julie Little, Registered Cosmetologist; Amelia Houg; Tessa Stewart; Crystal Szczepanski; Cindy Martin-Butler; Winema Wolf; Donna Standing Rock; Lisa Leno; Debbie Childers; and Peggy Biery.

Also, congratulations to April Griffin, who won a gift certificate from the teen survey drawing. The survey information will be used to develop educational classes and activities for teens.

### Cultural gatherers will meet

The first Gatherers' Association will meet on **Thursday, September 24** from 3-6 p.m. at the Siletz tribal office, 188 West "B" Street in Springfield, OR. An invitation is being extended to all Native people who gather, or who are interested in traditional gathering practices of Western Oregon tribes. This meeting would be valuable to Native people who would like to know more about

gathering foods, basket materials, woods for carving, and plants for medicinal or ceremonial use. Employees who work in cultural resource protection and natural resources may also be interested, as well as Elders and members of other tribal committees. For more information, please contact Shawn Hostler at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2319. "Ni xw a Nesayka Wawa."

### Co-op seeks Native artisans

The artisans working within the Oregon Maid store in Dallas are looking to expand into a multi-cultural cooperative. The objectives of the co-op is to provide the following to its members: improve bargaining power when dealing with other businesses; reduce costs; obtain market access and broaden market opportunities; and increase income.

The artisans are working with the Department of Agriculture and the Watermark Association of Artisans,

who were recently featured on the *Carol Duvall Show* on the Home and Garden Television channel.

The cooperative is looking to assist its members in creating income by retail consignment, wholesale trade shows, special catalogue orders, and classes for members and the general public. If you are interested in becoming a member, the group is holding a meeting. Contact Kimberly Zoutendijk at (503) 838-0899 for more information.

### Pre-paid legal service plan available

Tribal members have access to a legal service plan through Pre-paid Legal Services, Inc. (PPLSI). PPLSI is a large national company and can provide a large comprehensive range of legal services to members regardless of where they reside.

Membership participation is on a voluntary self-pay basis. The cost of this valuable service is only \$14.95 per month per head of household. Household coverage will include

head of household, spouse, and dependent children. This will cover non-member spouses and children as well. The service plan is comprehensive including help with existing conditions. Just like auto insurance or life insurance, you never know when you will need legal services. A Pre-paid Legal Plan is an affordable peace of mind. For more information call: Andy Jenness, Independent Associate, at 1-888-740-7150.

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September 21, 22, and 23:  
October 19, 20, and 21:  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
— SALEM —  
Oct. 5: 3 to 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 6: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Oct. 7: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Tanoos Tum-Tum program begins

The Tribe's Before and After School Care program — Tanoos Tum-Tum ("Little Heart") — began on September 8. Tanoos Tum-Tum is held at Grand Ronde Elementary School beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 5:15 p.m. This service is for tribal and Native students only. There are 25 openings available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 879-2318 for more information.