

Big turnout for Tribal Safety Day

By Brent Merrill

The Tribe's third annual Safety Day was held on Friday, March 10 in the Governance Center atrium. Guest speakers this year included: Kevin Hayes of the Polk County Sheriff's Department; Lt. Joel Harmon of the Willamina Fire Department; Matt Martinsen of Paula

Insurance Company; John Remmers, the Chapter President of the American Society of Safety Engineers (AFSE); Bob Langager, of the Executive Board of AFSE; and Chris Hernandez of Oregon OSHA Consultative Services.

The speakers each shared a message of personal and on-the-job safety. Each shared methods of improving personal safety at work, home and on the road.

More than 100 people participated in this year's event.

Tribal Safety Committee Chairperson Mary Alice Bowen hosted the day's events and passed out door prizes. The prizes included flashlights, road safety kits and smoke detectors.

Bowen, who has eight years of experience and training in safety management, earned a designation as a Registered Safety Officer from the International Board of Environmental Health and Safety in October of 1999.

Bowen said she was pleased with the increased turnout for this year.

She said the speakers were "great" and the subject matter "important."

The Tribe's Executive Officer Bob Martin recently appointed Bowen as the tribal Safety Committee's Safety Officer. Sheila Elliott-McDonald is the committee's co-chair and Cassandra Scott is the committee secretary.

Martin said Bowen is capable and well trained for her current position.

"She has the expertise and training someone in her position needs," said Martin.

"I would especially like to thank Jan Michael Reibach, the former chairperson for the committee, for his time, leadership and contribution during the past few years while serving on the Safety Committee," said Bowen.

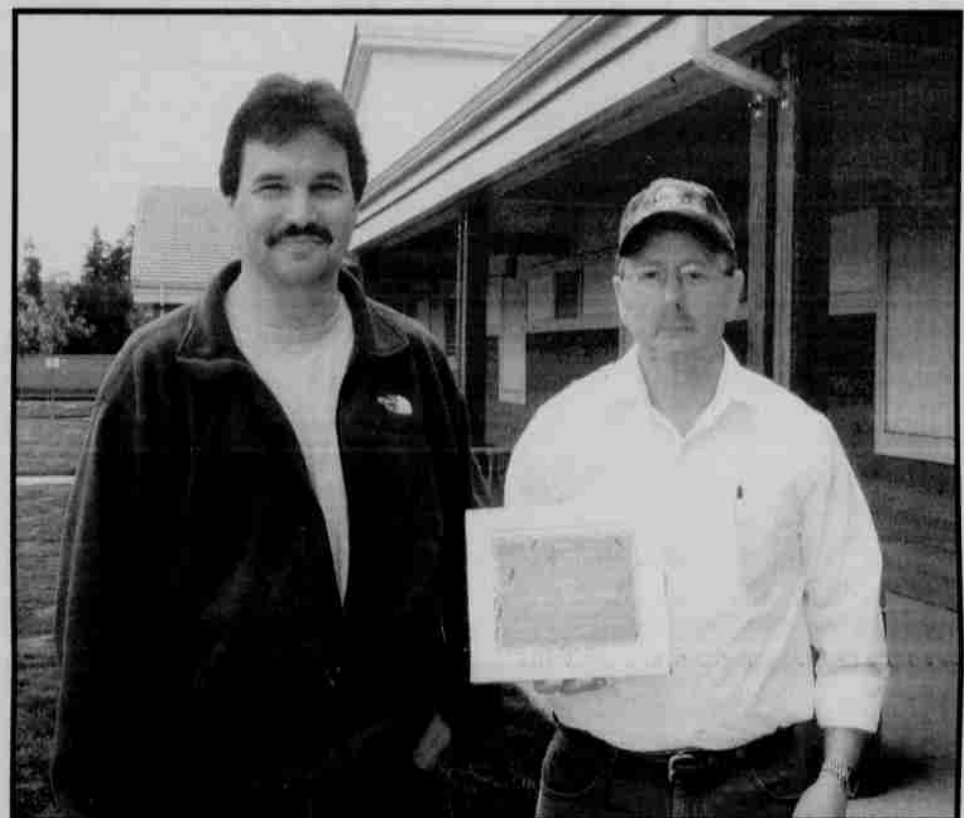


AWARD WINNERS

Staff member Kim Mueller (above) won the individual Safety Leadership award, and Natural Resources (below, shown by Jeff Nepstad and Cliff Adams) won for safety within a tribal department.



Mary Alice Bowen, Safety Committee Chair and tribal Safety Officer, hosted the Tribe's 3rd annual Safety Day.



House markers available

The Willamina Fire District covers a large rural area with hard to find driveways. There are times when they can see the fire, but can't find the driveway. Other times they have been on a medical call, but can't find the driveway.

For a small fee of \$10, the Willamina Fire District will create a reflective house marker sign and come out to your house to install it. If you live in the Willamina Fire District and are interested in purchasing a reflective house marker, please call 876-2004.



Eligibility for Kaleidoscope House

Kaleidoscope House is an organization assisting and serving Polk County youth, ages 12-17 by providing safe, temporary housing, resource assessments, and extensive family-based support during times of need.

Services are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The pager number is: (503) 373-4012.

Kaleidoscope House can accept the following youth:

- Any youth not formally convicted of a crime in the Juvenile Justice System.
- Any youth not currently receiving services from Services to Children and Families.
- Any youth whose parent(s) reside in Polk County or who has a permanent address within Polk County.
- Any Polk County youth, 12-17, who fall within the above mentioned criteria.

FREE SUBSCRIPTION

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Smoke Signals, Attn: Justin Phillips

9615 Grand Ronde Road ~ Grand Ronde, OR 97347

OLD ADDRESS:

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GRAND RONDE ROLL #:

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM



What does V.R. mean?

An EMPLOYMENT outcome.

What is the Tribal V.R. program?

The Tribal VR program is for eligible individuals who are interested in EMPLOYMENT/SELF EMPLOYMENT in an occupation that will enable them to meet their needs and live a more independent lifestyle. The program helps develop a vocational rehabilitation employment plan that matches an individual's interests, aptitudes, and abilities.

Who is eligible?

ALL of the following need to be fulfilled:

1. Is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
2. Resides within the Six County Service Area.
3. Has a chemical, mental, physical, or medical condition that prevents them from obtaining, maintaining, or retaining employment.

Purpose: To help people become independent through employment.

To learn more about eligibility and services:

Grand Ronde/Salem area

1/800-775-0095

Patti Tom Martin, ext. 3098
Celeste Wolf, ext. 3095.

Portland area

(503) 239-8859

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