

## Tribe hosting Cancer Coalition

The Northwest Tribal Cancer Coalition will be meeting from 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 20, on the Tribal campus.

Meetings start at 10:45 a.m. at the Health & Wellness Clinic and move over to the Tribal Community Center at 11:45 a.m.

Hotel accommodations are available at Spirit Mountain Lodge, 27100 S.W. Salmon River Highway, Grand Ronde. Attendees should ask for the federal rate.

For more information at the meeting, contact Eric Vinson at [evinson@npaihb.org](mailto:evinson@npaihb.org) or 503-416-3295 at the Northwest Tribal Comprehensive Cancer Program of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. ■

## Youth Canoe Club

Every Wednesday 4- 5 p.m.,  
Youth Education Building

Contact Lisa Leno at 503-879-1471 or Travis Mercier at 503-879-2143 for more information.

## Coordination of benefits saves the Tribe money

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde provides health coverage to Tribal members under the Skookum Health Plan. Because the Skookum Health Plan is entirely funded by Tribal dollars, the plan must be as efficient as possible.

One of the ways that we can be more efficient is to verify if Tribal members have other health coverage. If a Tribal member has other insurance coverage such as an employer's health plan, Medicare or any other private insurance, those plans should pay for health care services before the Tribal plan pays. This saves the health plan money and ultimately benefits all Tribal members.

As a result, CTGR will be working with Shasta Administrative Services, the Tribe's new health care claims administrator, to verify health care coverage for all Tribal members. In most cases, any other coverage you may have, whether it is with an employer, a spouse's employer, other commercial insurance coverage or Medicare, should always be primary to Skookum. Tribal funds should always be the payor of last resort. In the next month, you will be receiving an audit letter from Shasta via the mail regarding other coverage. All Tribal members are required to return the completed form to Shasta. If your completed form is not returned to Shasta, within the designate time frame on the letter, then your claims will be denied until the information is received.

Our ultimate goal is to reduce the cost of health care for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and make sure resources are spent efficiently and effectively. If you have questions about anything you receive from Shasta or you need help with your health care claims, please contact them at 800-880-5877, e-mail to [question@shastatpa.com](mailto:question@shastatpa.com) or on the Web at [www.shastatpa.com](http://www.shastatpa.com). Your help is appreciated. ■

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### Home Energy Efficiency Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority's new TEEPEI program provides energy education services, and funding for home energy saving projects, and home energy-generation projects

Enrolled Tribal members living in Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington counties may apply for the energy project funding.

All Tribal members are eligible for the free Energy Saving Kit, available soon!

**If you are interested in:**

- Making your home more energy efficient
- Lowering your monthly utility costs
- Replacing appliances with energy efficient ones
- Using alternative sources of energy to heat and cool your home

**Then we want to hear from you!**

To receive an application packet, and learn more, phone us at (800) 422-0232, x 2445.

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## Elder Foster Program



The Tribe's Elder Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact the Elder Foster Program director at 503-879-1694.

## Eighth-place finish



Submitted photo

Tribal member Synon Allen (No. 34), 16, played for the Neah Bay (Wash.) Lady Reds girls basketball team that won the Tri-District Championship this school year and took eighth at the 16-team Washington Interscholastic Activities Association 1B basketball tournament held in late February in Yakima. In the tournament, Neah Bay lost in overtime to Columbia 41-39, beat Wishkah Valley 33-22 and Moses Lake Christian 42-34, and then lost to Almira/Coulee-Hartline 39-30 to take eighth place. Allen is the daughter of Marcel Allen and Rose Jimmicum, and granddaughter of Tribal Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy.

### Aven James-Scott Cox

Born March 2, 2009.  
Parents: Steven Cox & Valerie Haller  
Big Sister: KaleighAnn  
Great-grandpa and grandma Keith & Judy Drake.



### USDA Distribution

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April 20: 2 to 7 p.m.  
April 21: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
April 22: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393.