

Kalapuya Country



Photo by Siobhan Taylor

Tribal Council member Wink Soderberg stands with Warm Springs Secretary/Treasurer Jody Calica at the U.S. District Court Historical Society picnic on Aug. 17. Soderberg welcomed all to the gathering, which honored Tribal representatives and lawyers who have been involved in Native American issues in the federal courts in Oregon. He reminded those who attended that the gathering, which took place at a farm near Champoege, was in the ceded lands of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Paralympic funds



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, middle row left, and Paula Brown, deputy director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, display two checks totaling \$20,000 that the Tribe donated to the 2010 Paralympic Games on Thursday, Aug. 13. The money will help Oregon disabled veterans attend the games, which are taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia. Also in the photo are front row, Tribal Council member Wink Soderberg, left, and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., and back row from left, Tribal Secretary Jack Giffen Jr., Paul Evans, Oregon Office of the Governors' Policy Advisor for emergency preparedness, military and veterans' affairs, and Tribal Vice Chair Reyn Leno.

\$75 monthly bus passes are available

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to leave at 6:30 a.m. and the last bus will depart at 11:30 p.m.

The later time should be convenient for Spirit Mountain Casino patrons living in the Salem area who come out for Friday night concerts.

For Tribal Governance Center employees who would like to start taking the bus from Salem to work, the bus leaves the Salem Transit Mall at 6:30 a.m. The 5:10 p.m. return trip will drop passengers off at the Transit Mall at 6:20 p.m.

Cost is \$3 one-way or \$6 for a day pass, but \$75 monthly bus passes are available at Spirit Mountain Casino and the Tribal Governance Center front desk. The Grand Ronde 2X Express passes also are good on all bus routes in Salem. Purchases of monthly passes must be made with a check or exact change at the Governance Center.

In addition, Tribal and casino employees can set up automatic payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis to buy monthly passes through their respective Human Resources departments.

Transit District Director of Finance Pat Mercier estimates that an average commuter driving 65 miles daily between Salem and Grand Ronde and averaging 20 mpg with gas at \$2 per gallon will save more than \$1,000 annually, plus the wear and tear on their vehicle.

Most of the operating costs for the transit service between Salem and Grand Ronde are covered by federal Tribal Transit and state Special Transportation funds with fares and the state's Business Energy Tax Credit Program covering the

Weekdays (No service on Saturday, Sunday or holidays)

A	B	C	D	E	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
N.E. Park & Ride	Transit Mall	Edgewater/Rosemont	Rickreall Park & Ride	Arrive Spirit Mountain	Leave Spirit Mountain	Tribal Governance Center	Spirit Mountain	Rickreall Park & Ride	Edgewater/Rosemont	Transit Mall	N.E. Park & Ride
5:10a	5:30a	5:33a	5:50a	6:25a	6:30a	-	-	7:00a	7:12a	7:20a	*
*	6:30a	6:33a	6:50a	7:25a	7:30a	7:45a	8:15a	8:45a	8:57a	9:05a	*
*	7:30a	7:33a	7:50a	8:25a	8:30a	-	-	9:00a	9:12a	9:20a	*
*	1:30p	1:33p	1:50p	2:25p	2:30p	-	-	3:00p	3:12p	3:20p	*
*	3:15p	3:18p	3:35p	4:10p	4:20p	-	-	4:50p	5:02p	5:10p	*
*	3:45p	3:48p	4:05p	4:40p	4:55p	5:10p	5:30p	6:00p	6:12p	6:20p	*
*	5:30p	5:33p	5:50p	6:25p	6:30p	-	-	7:00p	7:12p	7:20p	*
*	8:00p	8:03p	8:20p	8:55p	9:00p	-	-	9:30p	9:42p	9:50p	10:05p
*	9:00p	9:03p	9:20p	9:55p	10:00p	-	-	10:30p	10:42p	10:50p	11:05p
10:20p	10:30p	10:33p	10:50p	11:25p	11:30p	-	-	12:00a	12:12a	12:20a	12:35a

Schedule times may change without notice by as much as 3 minutes to adjust to traffic conditions.
* Rt. 17-Market St., has 15 minute service between the N.E. Park & Ride lot and the Transit Center.



SNOW
Please check www.cherriots.org or 588-BUSS for the latest information on snow days.

BUS STOPS
Buses will stop at designated bus stops only.

DETOURS
We try to maintain our regular service as close as possible; however, weather, traffic and road construction sometimes make it impossible. Please watch for detour notices that are placed on the buses to notify riders of route changes. Remember, you can call the Cherriots Customer Service office at 503-588-2877 for updated information.

REMINDERS
Please:
• Have exact change if you're paying cash - drivers carry no change.
• Please pay as you board.
• Do not eat on a Cherriots bus.
• Drinks are allowed if they are in a hard-sided, spill-resistant covered container.
• No smoking on the bus.
• Use cell phones quietly and only as needed.
• Please use headphones with electronic devices.
• Offer your seat to a senior or person with disabilities.

rest of the expense.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Grand Ronde Tribal and community members to access mass transit for appointments, shopping and entertainment. Our goal is to decrease the carbon footprint while providing dependable, quality service," said Salem-Keizer Transit District Board President and Tribal member Shelley Hanson.

Buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts to serve elderly and disabled riders.

Under the new schedule, buses

leave the Salem Transit Mall for Grand Ronde at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. and 1:30, 3:15, 3:45, 5:30, 8, 9 and 10:30 p.m. They leave Spirit Mountain Casino for Salem at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. and 2:30, 4:20, 4:55, 6:30, 9, 10 and 11:30 p.m.

Another option, said Salem-Keizer Director of Transportation Development Stephen Dickey, is using the Market Street park and ride in Salem.

"During the day, the Market Street park and ride will have 15-minute service to downtown for a convenient

transfer to the 2X," Dickey said. "This gives people another option to park and ride from Salem as the Market Street park and ride, on the corner of Market and Hawthorne next to Interstate 5, is centrally located."

The only stop between Salem and Grand Ronde is near the Rickreall Park & Ride.

The new Salem-Keizer schedules were approved by the district's Transit Board on June 25.

For more information, visit www.cherriots.org and look for the Grand Ronde Express 2X route. ■