

At Black Bear Lodge: There's room at the inn

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The Tribe's Adult Foster Care program has room for more.

The three five-unit lodges built at the west edge of Elder housing have five openings, all now at Black Bear Lodge, the first of the three. The other lodges are Cougar and Elk.

The program's office remains open in Black Bear where the units are kept fresh and clean.

The openings come, ironically, because the facilities are flexible to residents' needs, and because they serve a variety of different kinds of needs.

Residents are welcome into the foster care lodges on a permanent basis, as long as they are "somewhat ambulatory," according to Administrator Valerie Burnell-Blehm, meaning that they can get along with a one-person assist. They also are welcome, however, for 100-day respites following a hospital stay or surgery, or following particularly strenuous periods in their lives.

Some residents come and go, and some walk on during a stay.

Resident activities have included shopping trips, some to the Oregon Coast, visits to a pumpkin patch, lunch or dinner at the casino every Monday, bingo parties and visits to the Elders' community center next door where they enjoy many Elders functions. They make and sell crafts, all with 24-7 staff coverage and medical assistance.

In the foster care lodges, said Burnell-Blehm, "We are very careful about how we combine people in a lodge. The mix of people is very important; how they gel together.

"We have really exceptional caregivers who love our people. We really strive for a very peaceful, home-like atmosphere; we have holiday dinners when we invite families to join us."

The program also encourages volunteers, said Burnell-Blehm. At the moment, they are looking for a dancing partner for a female resident and also a fishing buddy for one of the men.

There are no age requirements. Residents may be Tribal members or indigenous people with or without Tribal affiliation.

"There are a lot of opportunities to become a resident," said Burnell-Blehm, who can be reached at the Black Bear Lodge at 503-879-1694. ■

Elders' bingo moves

Bingo at the Elders' Activity Center has been moved to the second and fourth Fridays of the month instead of the first and third Fridays.

Potluck starts at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. ■

DRUG, ALCOHOL AND TABACCO FREE VALENTINES DANCE

FEBRUARY 12TH



Featuring our own
local DJ
TONE BONZ

WHERE: CTGR TRIBAL GYM

TIME: 7pm to 10:30 pm

AGES: 14 to 18 (students only)

We are proud to announce that our Young Amateur Photographer Joel Selwyn from Grand Ronde will be taking back drop pictures... one pose per person

Sponsored and Chaperoned by the Social Services Youth Prevention Program.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Shannon Stanton 503-879-1489 or email

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde's Tribal Community and our Culture by not displaying gang affiliation, or by bringing drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.

Win big prizes for helping wildlife

Help collect biological samples from deer and elk and your name will be entered into a drawing for six gift cards.

3 prizes for deer: \$125 gift card to Cabela's

3 prizes for elk: \$125 gift card to Cabela's

Why: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Natural Resources Division, in cooperation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and USDA Veterinary Services, is collecting biological samples from deer and elk to learn more about diseases that may be affecting our deer and elk herds. The Tribe will test for a variety of diseases primary among these are the following:

Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected in Oregon. We want to catch this disease early if it shows up in Oregon as it can have devastating effects on deer and elk populations.

Adenovirus Hemorrhagic Disease has been detected throughout Oregon. Samples will help determine where adenovirus is found in Oregon.

How to participate:

- Allow the Tribe's biologists to collect samples of brain stems, lymph nodes and tooth samples from elk and samples of blood, brain stems, lymph nodes, muscle tissue and tooth samples from deer.
- All samples must be collected within 48 hours of death, 24 hours preferred.
- Bring hunter-harvested animals to the Tribe's Natural Resources office at 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **After hours or on the weekend call 503-560-4426.**
- If you are unable to bring an animal in we may be able to come to you to collect samples. Please contact the Tribe's biologists for more information.
- Hunters will need to provide the general location (within a mile) of where the animal was killed (to be used in the event that a disease is found).
- Your name will be entered in the drawing for each useable sample we are able to collect, up to three entries for each deer and up to two for each elk.
- Fresh road-kills can be reported to the Tribe's biologists so we can pick them up for sampling. Your name would then be entered for any useable samples we collect from the road kill.
- Tribal and nonTribal community members are eligible to participate.
- Animals must be harvested legally.

Drawing will be held at the April Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting at the Natural Resources office. Prizes are sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Fish and Wildlife Committee.

The Fish and Wildlife Committee and Natural Resources Division thank you for your help in gathering information to help us maintain our deer and elk populations. Happy hunting!

For more information: Natural Resources Division, 47010 S.W. Hebo Road, Grand Ronde, Rebecca McCoun at 503-879-2396, Lindsay Belonga at 503-879-2387 or Kelly Dirksen at 503-879-2382. ■

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Trading at the River, Acrylic on Canvas, 9"x12" (November 2010)

A Gathering of Native American Businesses & Tribal Enterprises

DATE: April 20-21, 2011
LOCATION: Spirit Mountain Casino
Grand Ronde, OR

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2011 marks the 9th year of Trading at the River. This is one is very special. We will gather on the banks of the Yamhill River at Grand Ronde, Oregon where ONABEN was born two decades ago.

We have much to celebrate about our past and much to talk about for our future. Like the historic gatherings that occurred here and in many places among the traders of this region, Trading at the River is a place where connections are made, business-to-business, tribe-to-tribe, and from past to present.

The 9th annual Trading at the River conference will include:

- An intensive **Business Development Conference** with community discussions, workshops, symposiums, and celebrations.
- A **Trading at the River marketplace** of ideas, products, and services - the famous traditional gathering of Indianpreneurs.
- A **gathering of emerging and established Native CDFI's** convened by the newly established Pacific Northwest Native Capital Development Peer Group which will explore ways of generating new forms of capital to support Native entrepreneurship and tribal-individual joint ventures.
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- A **Founders recognition luncheon** that will highlight the last 20 years of tribal economic development.
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President & Creative Director, AD PRO
Former Tribal Chair, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of CA

CLARA PRATTE (invited)
National Director, Office of Native American Affairs
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