

Honoring Wilds



Photo courtesy of the Education Department

Matt Bucknell, left, Tribal elementary lead, presents Margaret Wilds with a Pendleton blanket from the Tribal Education Department during her retirement lunch at Coyote Joe's Cafe in Willamina on Friday, July 1. As of July 15, after 13 years of employment with the Tribe, Wilds retired from her elementary tutor/adviser position with the Education Department's Youth Education Program. Wilds is a kind and gentle person who is adored by families and students and the Education staff thanks her for all her years of service and wishes her a wonderful retirement, Bucknell said.

Diabetes Wellness screenings set

A Diabetes Wellness Screening will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Contest Powwow at Uyxat Powwow Grounds near Fort Yamhill State Park.

Screening is open to Tribal members and spouses on the Skookum Health Care Plan. The screening is sponsored by Tribal Council and the Tribal Health & Wellness Center.

For more information, contact Bonnie Mercier at 503-879-2016. ■

Graves teaching weekly basket weaving class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves is teaching a basket weaving class every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Elders' Activity Center.

The class is open to the public.

For more information, contact Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org. ■

Tribal water quality probe taken

By Ron Karten

Smoke Signals staff writer

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office is seeking leads on a water quality probe taken from inside black PVC pipe submerged in three to four feet of water in Agency Creek.

Hoping to get the expensive equipment back for the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, the Sheriff's Office is saying that the equipment may have been mistaken for something discarded.

"Because the equipment was tied to a cinder block and submerged, the finder may have thought that the equipment was thrown away and did not realize its value," said Sheriff Jack Crabtree.

The probe has little or no resale value, but it will cost \$7,930 to replace, Crabtree said.

Information shedding light on the whereabouts of this equipment can be provided to Deputy Shane Rice at 503-434-7506. ■

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