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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde now owns a minority stake in SAM Medical Products located in Wilsonville.

## Tribe purchases stake in medical products company

WILSONVILLE – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has purchased a minority stake in SAM Medical Products, a Wilsonville company known for developing and manufacturing innovative medical products used for emergency, military and hospital care.

Grand Ronde Tribal Director of Economic Development Titu Asghar said the investment in SAM Medical Products is part of the Tribe's continuing efforts to diversify its economic portfolio beyond gaming — Spirit Mountain Casino — and timber harvesting from its more than 10,000-acre reservation southwest of Portland.

SAM Medical Products was started by Dr. Sam Scheinberg and his wife, Cherrie, in 1985. Dr. Scheinberg, who was a trauma surgeon during the Vietnam War and an orthopedic surgeon on the Oregon Coast, saw a need for better splints that were lightweight, but strong, reliable and reusable.

Today, SAM Medical Products is committed to bringing innovative solutions to market that meet the challenging needs of emergency medicine, the military, law enforcement and hospitals around the world, Scheinberg said.

The SAM Splint is the most popular emergency splint in the world, favored by emergency crews, armed services personnel, outdoor enthusiasts and rescue teams.

The company's product lines focus primarily on fracture management and wound care, and include the SAM Splint, SAM Pelvic Sling II, SAM Soft Shell Splint, Blist-o-Ban, BursaMed, the SAM Chest Seal and the SAM Casualty Card. The company's products are distributed globally in more than 60 countries. For more information about SAM Medical Products, visit [www.sammedical.com](http://www.sammedical.com).

SAM Medical Products has 30 employees at its corporate offices and manufacturing site located in Wilsonville.

Asghar said that this action continues the Tribe's practice of investing in Oregon and in its ceded homelands. It also honors the Tribal cultural philosophy of planning seven generations into the future for the well-being of its more than 5,000 members. ■

### Request for Proposals HVAC Repair & Services The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Grand Ronde, Oregon

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority seek the services of a qualified Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) contractor to provide hands-on maintenance and repair services for HVAC units throughout the Tribe's and Housing Authority's buildings.

Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing Larry Leith at [Larry.Leith@grandronde.org](mailto:Larry.Leith@grandronde.org). A mandatory pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, at 9:00 (PST) at the Grand Ronde Governance Center, located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore., 97347.

Respondents shall provide an electronic or written proposal by 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 8, to Larry Leith, Procurement Manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore. 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■

## 'Honoring Our Rivers' seeking submissions

"Honoring Our Rivers: A Student Anthology" is seeking written and visual art submissions from kindergarten through 12th grade and undergraduate college students about Oregon's rivers and watersheds.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday, Jan. 31.

"Honoring Our Rivers" is Oregon's only statewide student anthology focused on rivers and watersheds. Students selected for publication receive the honor of having their work appearing in print before a statewide audience and may have opportunities to present at events throughout the state.

Submission guidelines are one entry per student, written works should be typed or printed clearly (no more than 500 words), digital entries are encouraged and artwork and photography must be original and black-and-white only.

Submission forms must include a signature and parents must sign for students younger than 18. Submissions will not be returned and "Honoring Our Rivers" reserves rights and permissions for printing and reproductions.

This year's anthology is sponsored by a \$3,000 grant from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Visit [www.honoringourrivers.org](http://www.honoringourrivers.org) for complete submission guidelines. Submissions should be sent to Willamette Partnership/Honoring Our Rivers, 2550 S.W. Hillsboro Highway, Hillsboro, OR 97123. ■

### Jan. 31 training session to examine sexual assault

The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will sponsor a Tribal Sexual Assault Dynamics Training session from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 31, in the Tribal Community Center.

The training will provide an overview of sexual assault, examine how the portrayal of American Indian/Alaska Native women today contributes to sexual assault in Indian Country, provide tools for effective and appropriate responses to sexual assault and explore options for a community response.

For more information, contact Nursing Supervisor Terri Andries at 503-879-4616 or [terri.andries@grandronde.org](mailto:terri.andries@grandronde.org).

Refreshments will be served during the training. ■

## Prevention corner

Some of our friends and family use drugs and/or alcohol. There may be times when friends or family members ask or pressure you to use drugs and/or alcohol. It is important to understand that drugs and/or alcohol may drown out the problems we have for the moment but they don't get rid of them. Here are some ways you might say NO to these pressures:

I have better things to do!

No thanks it makes me feel sick.

I just remembered I have to do something.

No thanks, but if you change your mind you can come join me later.

Sorry but drugs are not for me!

NO! (You don't always need to give a reason not to use drugs and alcohol).

Youth Prevention staff will be attending the "It's Your Game; Keep it Real" sexual health curriculum training. This curriculum was chosen based on the results of the Community Needs Assessment conducted in May 2012. This evidence-based sexual health curriculum will be implemented in the Willamina School District for 7th and 8th grade students beginning in Spring 2013.

#### Family movie night:

"The Odd Life of Timothy Green"

Jan. 18 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Tribal gymnasium.

#### Canoe Family Meeting:

Feb. 2 in the Tribal Gymnasium from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Any questions or needed resources contact the Youth Prevention team:

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