

# Grand Ronde will not see reduced police coverage

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Unlike the rest of Polk County, the southern end of Grand Ronde will not be seeing less patrol service by the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Instituted on Monday, March 11, the Sheriff's Office patrol division has been reduced to two 10-hour shifts daily, leaving a four-hour gap. The reduction, said Sheriff Bob Wolfe, is in reaction to looming budget cuts on July 1 at the start of the county's 2013-14 fiscal year.

Polk County will see an \$800,000 to \$1 million general fund shortfall because of the loss of Oregon & California Railroad timber funding.

Wolfe said the contract force in Grand Ronde, which is funded by the Tribe, will remain on 24-hour duty, but that the four deputies assigned here will not be replaced from the main patrol staff when they take sick leave or vacation time starting on July 1.

"I am working with the Grand Ronde Tribal police chief regarding shift coverage on Tribal land," Wolfe said.

"We will get a heads up on that," said Tribal Police Chief Al LaChance Jr. "Jake (McKnight, Grand

Ronde Police Department sergeant) and I will be on-call, as will Oregon State Police. Realistically, Grand Ronde residents will not see a difference in coverage."

The Tribe's charitable arm, Spirit Mountain Community Fund, awarded the Polk County Sheriff's Office \$405,000 in January to ensure continued 24-hour police coverage in Grand Ronde and at Spirit Mountain Casino.

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, which patrols the northern end of Grand Ronde, pledged to help Polk County.

Polk County's decision to slash patrol hours also will not have a large effect on Yamhill County, Sheriff Jack Crabtree said. Like Grand Ronde, Willamina straddles the county line with about half of the city in Polk County, but the city contracts with Yamhill County for law enforcement services.

Ultimately, LaChance said, he lives in Tribal housing and if there is a police call at 3 a.m., "I'll get up and respond and Jake, who lives about 20 minutes away, will not be far behind." ■

*Includes information from the Yamhill County News-Register.*

## Notice to Tribal member artists

Spirit Mountain Casino is inviting Grand Ronde Tribal member artists to submit their original, artistic creations to be purchased for the Rock Creek Court.

This request is open to Grand Ronde Tribal members only. Pieces submitted for consideration must be the Tribal members' own creation and suitable for public display.

A completed copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained by contacting the Casino's Purchasing Department as listed below:

- RFP by e-mail, send request to sara.zalonis@spiritmtn.com.
- RFP by U.S. Mail, please call 503-879-3008.

Full details are available only to Grand Ronde Tribal members requesting the RFP.

**All requests for RFPs must be made no later than April 30, 2013.**

(A blind-selection process will be utilized. Artists are asked to not divulge submission information to any person except Casino Purchasing Department personnel.)



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Dolores Parmenter shakes hands with Mustafa Kutlay, of Ankara, Turkey, after gifting him a necklace at the end of the Marshall Memorial Fellows visit to the Tribal plankhouse on Sunday, March 10. All of the six fellows were gifted necklaces.

## Yamhill County seeking volunteer drivers

Yamhill County is seeking volunteer drivers to transport local veterans to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Portland.

Volunteers are unpaid, but a meal is provided for their time.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jim Cox at 503-472-4771. ■

## "If you were Tribal chair ..."



The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the "if you were Tribal chair ..." contest.

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as Tribal chair!

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win a **NEW LAPTOP!**

**CONTEST DEADLINE: MAY 1**

### Contest Rules:

#### GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All items for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level (MULTIPLE LOCAL ENTRIES OK).
- Submissions will not be returned and will become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish essays and posters along with the names and addresses of each student.
- Previous local and statewide winners may participate, but they will not be eligible for prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

#### POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in elementary school (grades 4-6) or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2012-13 school year.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

#### ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in middle school (grades 7-8) or being home-schooled at the middle school grade level for the 2012-13 school year.
- Essays must be 300 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

#### VIDEO or POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS:

- The video/PowerPoint contest is open to students enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2012-13 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and submitted on DVD or CD.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk.



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# 40 representatives of Tribe greeted group

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how the federal-Tribal relationship works and how Native Americans have reasserted themselves, recovering ever more rights while keeping traditions alive.

"It's always an objective of the Tribe to educate folks about the cultures, history and traditions of our people," said Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary. "In this case, we were fortunate enough to share our story with our friends from across the seas. They will share the memories of their visit with their friends and families and our story will be told worldwide."

The visit fosters "broader understanding of a global context," said Reeves, "and using that understanding to make changes in our own communities. We're stronger if we understand each other better."

Elder Dolores Parmenter, Greg Archuleta and Jordan Mercier presented the group with dentalia necklaces and more modern gifts. The Marshall group presented Leno with chocolates and a history book.

The group visited Washington, D.C., before coming to Oregon, where they also visited Tillamook and the state Capitol in Salem before heading east to South Dakota, Texas and New York, among many destinations on their 24-day tour.

Almost 40 representatives of the Tribe greeted the group in the plankhouse. Also on hand were Tribal Attorney Rob Greene and Social Services Manager Dave Fullerton, who brought Elder Eddie Larsen.

Others included Land and Culture Department Manager Jan Michael Reibach and his wife, Ronda, Youth Education Culture Specialist Travis Mercier, Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel, Youth Prevention Coordinator Lisa Leno, Youth Prevention College Intern Cristina Lara, Joe Marteneau, Chuckie Fryberg, Jacintha Stanley, the Ross family, and many others from Tribal drummers and dancers. Elders Linda Brandon and Laura Gleason joined the group at lunch time.

"As you go home, remember our story," said Taylor. "Keep us in your hearts." ■