

PREVENTION CORNER

Hello everybody!

We wanted to write about the annual Native Wellness Day and Round Dance. We had a great turnout from our community youth, as well as youth from Chemawa Indian School.

Our young men went to prepare and participate in the sweat. This included chopping wood and transporting it to the sweat site. They learned about their role in preparing for the Round Dance ceremony.

The young ladies were at the Community Center preparing the meal and making giveaway items for the Round Dance ceremony.

Our youth demonstrated leadership and commitment to learning and keeping Round Dance traditions. At the plankhouse, we had community members join our youth in listening to our keynote speakers. The discussion revolved around the importance of upholding culture by maintaining a healthy lifestyle with an emphasis on being alcohol and drug free.

The day turned into a great weekend of Round Dance. We had a total of 350 people attend the weekend. There was lots of singing, dancing and laughs that were shared among family, friends and community members.

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the men and women who have brought this ceremony to our community. We are so thankful for the learning experience and being able to share it with the youth and families of our community.

Coming of Age Ceremony

On March 21, we held a discussion about coming of age ceremonies in the Grand Ronde Tribe. We talked about the history of the ceremonies, knowledge that we had, knowledge we need and barriers that we may face in bringing this ceremony back. This was an initial meeting.

There will be another meeting at noon Thursday, April 11. We will provide lunch. Please call us if you are interested in attending.

If you have questions about Prevention, please contact us: Lisa Leno, 503-879-1471; Amber Mercier, 503-879-2162; Shannon Stanton, 503-879-1489; and Cristina Lara, 503-879-2040. ■



Free online learning source

The information includes:

- Everyday life
- Math and money
- Computer training
- Online classes

Work and career information

Check it out at www.gcflearnfree.org ■

ATTENTION YOUTH HUNTERS OR PARENTS OF A YOUTH HUNTER

HUNTERS EDUCATION OFFERED IN YAMHILL COUNTY

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12-17 YOU MUST HAVE A VALID CTGR HUNTING LICENSE TO PICK UP A HUNTING TAG. YOU MAY OBTAIN A VALID HUNTING LICENSE AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (NRD) AFTER YOU HAVE FULLY COMPLETED THE HUNTER'S EDUCATION COURSE AND SUBMITTED THE CERTIFICATE TO NRD.

YOUTH TAGS MAY INCLUDE:

- YOUTH CONTROL DAMAGE DEER
- YOUTH TRASK ANTLERLESS ELK
- COASTAL BUCK (NON DRAWING TAG)
- BOW ELK & DEER
- MUZZLELOADER DEER
- CONTROL DAMAGE DOE
- 1ST OR 2ND SEASON ELK
- CONTROL DAMAGE HUNTS



YOU MAY VISIT WWW.DFW.STATE.ORG TO REGISTER FOR THE ONLINE CLASS AND FIELD DAY. SPACE IS LIMITED. CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED APRIL-MAY.

CONTACT THE YOUTH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 503-879-2101 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE YOUTH SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM OR THE NRD AT 503-879-2424.

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Speaking for Children

I am for the child

Family

- I am for the child knowing the Grand Ronde Tribe will always be their family
- I am for the child feeling a sense of family in whatever community they reside in
- I am for the child maintaining a connection with their family whenever possible

Tribal Chair
Reyn Leno

To learn about participation opportunities within CTGR CASA, contact Adrea Korthase at 503-879-4623 or adrea.korthase@grandronde.org