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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Some of you may have noticed the blue pinwheels as you enter the Tribal campus. These blue pinwheels represent hope and promise for our youth to have full and healthy lives.

Child abuse prevention begins with community readiness to stop child abuse and neglect before it happens. The following list includes ways that the community can work together to prevent child abuse:

- **Be empathetic:** Being a parent is hard work. Maybe offering a helping hand to parents who may be showing signs of stress and those parents you see losing patience with their children.
- **Be available:** All families need a helping hand at some point. Build relationships with your friends, family members or neighbors, and make yourself a resource for them if they need help or support.
- **Make your place of business child friendly:** Develop and maintain child-friendly spaces that engage the children of parents who may be conducting business with you.
- **Know your neighbors:** Be aware of what is happening in your neighborhood. Be present and active in your neighborhood helping parenting neighbors develop local social networks.
- **Be informed and get involved:** You are the first step in preventing child abuse.

Information was gathered from:

- www.co.marion.or.us/CS/CFC/ChildAbusePrevention/2013Calendar.htm
- polk.midvalleyparenting.org/news/view/child-abuse-prevention-month

Upcoming dates:

April 27: Third annual Healthy Families Walk/Run and Kids Fun Run for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Tribal gym. Family Movie Day will follow and will be featuring "Wreck-it Ralph"

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



University of Oregon store seeks artwork for sale

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History's museum store, Past and Presents, is seeking a limited number of artists interested in selling their original artwork on consignment in the store. Pacific Northwest Tribal members interested in the opportunity should submit five images of their work for consideration to tracey@uoregon.edu. The university's Museum of Natural and Cultural History protects significant collections, enhances knowledge and encourages stewardship of human and natural history through research, preservation and education. Past and Presents offers a comprehensive selection of regional books and gifts that reflect the museum's exhibits, collections and research, as well as the inspiration of the Pacific Northwest landscape.

For more information, contact Allie Gebauer at 541-346-1574. ■

Medicine Wheel, 12-Step Training returning

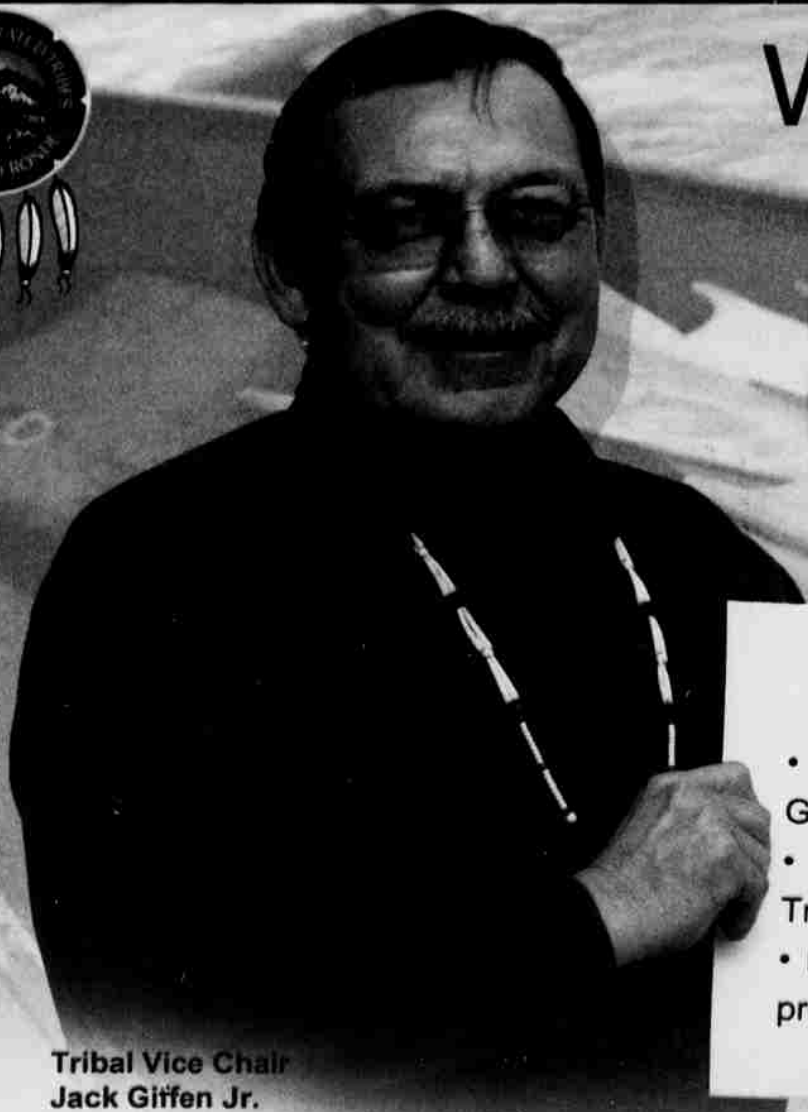
The White Bison Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Training Program is returning to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on Tuesday through Thursday, April 16-18, at the Tribal Community Center.

The purpose of the Medicine Wheel & 12-Step Training is to teach adults in recovery how to facilitate the Medicine Wheel and 12-Step program in their own communities. The curriculum takes about 16 weeks to complete when implemented in a two-hour weekly format. When participants return to their communities, they set up Circles of Recovery where others in recovery can meet on a regular basis to work their way through the curriculum.

Native Americans working in organizations that specialize in treatment, recovery and wellness, nonNative professionals working in Native American communities, counselors and therapists, prevention specialists, families and community members are encouraged to attend.

The event is sponsored by the Tribe's Behavioral Health and Social Services programs.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Karan Scharf at 503-879-2029. ■



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I am for the child

Pride

- I am for the child having pride in their Grand Ronde heritage and traditions
- I am for the child feeling pride in their fellow Tribal members and themselves
- I am for the child maintaining a sense of pride in who they are and what they do

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