

New flagpoles



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council members Steve Bobb Sr., right, and June Sherer prepare to hang a U.S. flag on one of two new flagpoles at Uyxat Powwow Grounds on Thursday, April 25. In the background is Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno with the Tribal flag to hang on a second flagpole. Before the flags were hung and raised, Bobby Mercier, Tribal Cultural Outreach specialist, sang a Veterans' Warrior song.

Graves teaches basket class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class, which is open to the public, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Elders' Activity Center.

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

Kick the Habit.

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Spirit Mountain Casino

Grand Ronde, OR

Wednesday, June 12

Synthetic Substance Abuse Training

for substance abuse professionals, care providers, administrative staff, and interested community members

Marijuana and Synthetic Cannabinoids
Methamphetamine and New Synthetic Stimulants
Opiates and Illegal Synthetic Opiates

9:00am-4pm
6 Hours of ACCBO, NAADAC and DHS accredited Continuing Education
for CADC, CGAC, CRM, CPS, CGRM

This 6 hour training will cover the epidemiology of Marijuana, Methamphetamine, and Opiates, along with new data regarding synthetic drugs of abuse, pharmacology, health concerns, and best practices in addiction treatment services.

PRESENTER: Eric Martin, MAC, CADC III, CRM, CPS is the Past-President and Director Emeritus of the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon. Eric has 28 years of experience in the addiction treatment field, teaches at the University of Oregon, and has received numerous state and national awards in light of his years of service.

Kratom
2c's
Plant Food
Bath Salts
K2
Spice

EMAIL TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR THIS NO COST TRAINING:
Jan.Kaschmitter@grandronde.org -- By May 22, 2013

Door Prizes

Community Town Hall

Synthetic Drugs of Abuse

6pm-8pm
2 Hours of ACCBO, NAADAC and DHS accredited Continuing Education
for CADC, CGAC, CRM, CPS, CGRM

This community town hall will present information on the state of drug abuse in Oregon and the emerging threat of new synthetic drugs of abuse.

PRESENTER: Eric Martin, MAC, CADC III, CRM, CPS
RECOVERY PANEL: Young people in recovery from addiction to synthetic drugs speak about their experiences and personal recovery.

Western BBQ Dinner
(subject to change)

Save Our Skookum (SOS)

Frequently asked questions

Q: What is the point of making members apply for Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid or other state coverage?

A: To save Tribal dollars. If you are eligible for a state plan, this would become primary and pays claims before Skookum, which saves Tribal funds.

Q: Does Tribal Council know you're doing this to the membership?

A: Yes. This was a directive from Tribal Council. (We are doing this FOR the membership ... to benefit everyone by keeping the plan sustainable.)

Q: What information can be submitted to the Skookum Secondary Payer Group if I don't qualify for the state coverage?

A: Income verification, such as a pay stub or tax information showing you are over the income limits would be acceptable.

Q: If I am an Elder receiving the Tribal Elder Pension, single family of one, do I have to apply?

A: No, not if you are a single family of one, receiving the Tribal Elder Pension. The Skookum Secondary Payer Group will verify your pension information with Member Benefits.

Q: If I am a married Elder receiving Tribal Elders Pension, and my spouse is working, do I have to apply?

A: If you are a family of two, receiving Tribal Elders Pension, the Skookum Secondary Payer Group will need to verify income information for your household to help determine whether or not you need to apply for OHP/Medicaid.

Q: If I have a primary insurance, do I have to apply?

A: No, not at this time. This will only affect Tribal members using Skookum as their only coverage.

Q: Isn't my Skookum Health Program benefit insurance coverage?

A: No, Skookum is not an insurance plan, therefore, it is not considered to be insurance by definition. You should not reference Skookum as insurance, as it is not. It is a benefit you receive from the Tribe because you are an enrolled Tribal member.

Q: What happens if I do not comply?

A: Your claims will be suspended in a pending status at Shasta and not paid until you fulfill your obligation. Once it is confirmed that you have fulfilled your obligation, we will instruct Shasta to process and pay your claims.

Q: I might be getting a job soon; if I do, should I drop my Medicaid?

A: Keep your Medicaid until you have new coverage in effect and notify Medicaid of your change in status.

Q: How do I apply for Medicaid?

A: Many states have an online application and eligibility information or you can call the Department of Human Services in your state to learn about what is available to you.

Q: Will there be Tribal staff available to answer my questions about applying for Medicaid?

A: Yes, there will be Tribal staff available to assist you with questions.

Q: Am I required to pay for insurance through my employer?

A: We encourage those Tribal members with alternate resources, such as employer sponsored insurance, to enroll in those plans and use Skookum as a secondary coverage to pay for any balances that are patient responsibility. But, at this time, you aren't required to enroll in your employer plan if there is an associated premium that you must pay. (But you may certainly choose to.) ■

Thank you to everyone that has responded to this effort and/or provided necessary documentation. We look forward to hearing from you! Please call with your questions.

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