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Notice to Tribal member construction, contractors and workers

The Tribe is developing a list of Tribal member-owned construction companies and workers with road construction experience who are interested in performing construction work for the Tribe and on Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) projects.

The Tribe is negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ODOT to provide hiring preference to Tribal members, those with construction companies and individuals with construction experience to work on various ODOT road construction projects.

Tribal members seeking employment in the construction field should contact Steve O'Harra by calling 503-879-2113 or via e-mail steve.oharra@grandronde.org.

Please provide your name, enrollment number, phone number, type of work sought (unskilled laborer, concrete, paving, etc.) and any special skills or experience you may have.

The Human Resources Department will assemble a list of interested persons that will be distributed to ODOT. This list also will be distributed to general contractors selected to do work on Tribal projects.

Construction companies that are owned by Tribal members and wish to be included on this list are requested to call John Mercier at 503-879-2400 or via e-mail john.mercier@grandronde.org.

Please indicate your business name, address, telephone, fax, specialty, name(s) of Tribal members employed and roll number if available. ■

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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. ■

'This project has been long overdue'

HISTORY continued from front page

The Tribe signs an annual memorandum of understanding with the Willamina School District that makes the teaching of Tribal history possible. Tribal students make up approximately 30 percent of Willamina's student population.

The curriculum was created this summer by Tribal Land & Culture and Education staff, said former Education Department Manager April Campbell, who left Tribal employment on Sept. 9 to become the state's new Indian education specialist with the Department of Education.

"This project has been long overdue," Campbell said at the Sept. 8 General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

Kathy Cole, Cultural Education and Outreach Program manager, said the curriculum is designed to assist in educating teachers in how to connect with and teach Native students who often have to walk in two worlds — their Native culture and mainstream society.

Cole said the curriculum is designed for how Native students learn, which tends to be more visual and through physical activity as opposed to sitting and listening to a lecture.

The curriculum is compiled in a

several inches thick binder and also is downloaded on to flash drives.

Adult Education Coordinator Trinity Minahan said the curriculum comes with supplemental resources, such as a Native American reading list compiled by Tribal Librarian Marion Mercier, a specialized compact disc of Native music compiled by Land and Culture manager and award-winning Native flutist Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, maps created by Tribal GIS Coordinator Volker Mell and copies of the Tribe's seven ratified treaties and the Tribal Constitution.

The curriculum also encourages Willamina teachers to invite Tribal members and Elders into the classroom, as well as take a field trip to the Tribal campus.

Minahan said the Tribe is looking for feedback from Willamina teachers as they teach the curriculum so that it can be amended as needed and improved.

"Each lesson has a lesson feedback form for the teachers to fill out," Cole said.

Eventually, Minahan said, the Tribe would like the curriculum endorsed by the state Department of Education so that it can be taught to more grade levels in more school districts. Oregon school districts will be more likely to implement it in classrooms with the endorse-

ment, she added.

"When you actually look at this book, and this is just the history that will be taught in fourth grade, you can see how much work went into preparing for just one grade," said Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, a longtime proponent of teaching the history of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes in statewide classrooms. "I would like to acknowledge our Education staff for all the hard work that they have done."

Willamina Elementary School principal Carrie Zimbrick said the lessons are already being taught.

"They did a really fabulous job putting it together," Zimbrick said, adding that Willamina students also will learn more history about the state through use of a book titled "Get Oregonized."

Also during the Sept. 8 General Council meeting:

- Campbell received a Pendleton blanket from Tribal Council for her years of service as manager of the Tribe's Education Department;
- Tribal Finance Officer Julio Martinez made a presentation on how the Tribe calculates per capita payments. He stressed that per capita payments are based on current expenditures and revenues and the Tribe attempts to distribute as much money as it

can while taking care of its fiduciary responsibilities to operate the Tribal government.

- Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Randy Dugger provided the annual update on casino operations and revenue during an executive session that lasted more than an hour. Since the update occurred in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on the specifics of what Dugger said. The executive session was taped and can be ordered by Tribal members by contacting Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Stacia Martin at stacia.martin@grandronde.org.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Tribal Community Center.

Garry Williams won the \$100 door prize and Charles Haller, Clifford Olson and Wink Soderberg won the \$50 door prizes. Janet Phillips and Tonya Gleason-Shepek won necklaces donated by Tribal Council member Jon A. George.

Before the presentations started, Reibach, George, Kevin Simmons and Kalene Contreras drummed and sang during the cultural presentation.

The video of the Sept. 8 General Council meeting can be viewed under the Video tab at www.grandronde.org. ■