

Oregon State of mind



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley, left, and Trinity Minahan, right, Tribal Adult Education coordinator, gift Luhui Whitebear a Pendleton blanket during her farewell gathering at Adult Education on Monday, Sept. 23. Whitebear has worked for the Tribe for 10 years and resigned her position as the College Advising and Scholarship Coordinator for a new job as the Longhouse Coordinator at Oregon State University. Monday, Sept. 23, was her last day.

Walking On...

Wallace "Wally" West

Dec. 14, 1963 – Sept. 21, 2013

Wallace "Wally" West walked on Saturday, Sept. 21, at his sister Judith Meyer's home in Grand Ronde. He was 49.

Born on Dec. 14, 1963, in Hood River, Ore., Wally attended Cascade Union High School in Turner, Ore., before joining the military in 1982. During that time, Wally was able to travel and see many places, but always kept in touch with his family.

Wally married his wife, Jolene, on April 26, 2003. He served on the Grand Ronde Color Guard for a time. Wally was working for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at the time of his death. He was a proud Grand Ronde Tribal member.

Family and laughter were most important to Wally. He loved hunting and the outdoors, music and family gatherings. He also loved the Lord and was a very spiritual man.

Wally was preceded in death by his father, Wesley W. West, and his stepfather, Damon "Pops" Davidson.

Survivors include his wife, Jolene West of Dallas, Ore., and his mother, Marion Davidson of Independence, Ore. Wally's surviving sisters and brothers include Joyce DeHart and her husband, Dillard, of Independence, Ore.; Wesley West and his wife, Dee, of Salem, Ore.; Gloria Turman of Spokane, Wash.; June Olson of Happy Valley, Ore.; Judith Meyer of Grand Ronde, Ore.; Wilbur West and his wife, Susan, of Aumsville, Ore.; and Joannie West of Independence, Ore.

Wally had a large extended family who loved him, including many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.



What is an internship?

An internship (full-time/part-time) is a real-world experience related to your career goals and interests. It may, but does not have to be related /connected to your academic major or minor. Internships can be done during the academic semester and/or summer. There are several varieties of internships: some are paid, some are not and some offer credit towards graduation (from Stonybrook University's Career Center). Internships can be what helps you stand out in your job interviews after college. Most employers look for a combination of formal education and experience. Not only are you gaining valuable hands-on experience, you are also networking and making connections to professionals in your future career field. CTGR Higher Education encourages students to explore internship opportunities to supplement their college education. ■

Grand Ronde Gaming Commission positions

The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission is seeking applications to fill the remainder of a Commission term expiring in June 2015. The Tribal Gaming Ordinance requires this position to be filled by a Tribal member. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission regulates all gaming related activities associated with Spirit Mountain Casino. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age. Commissioners may not hold elective or managerial Tribal positions, and may not be employed in or own any interest in or gamble in a gaming operation authorized by the Tribal Gaming Ordinance. Commissioners are independent contractors and expend approximately 30-40 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities, at a minimum. The Commission generally meets on the second and third Fridays of each month. Appointment is contingent upon successful completion of a background investigation. Applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Doane at 503-879-2393. Closing date is Oct. 10, 2013, 5 p.m. ■

Make Parenting a Pleasure training set

The seven-week Make Parenting a Pleasure training will be held beginning Monday, Oct. 7, in the Tribal Community Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The training is free and includes child care and meals.

Participants will share parenting experiences, increase their knowledge of early child development, discover a broader range of positive and effective parenting and coping alternatives, learn about community resources and create a parenting support network.

The training is sponsored by the Tribe's Children & Family Services program and Mid-Valley Parenting of Polk County.

For more information or to register, contact Amber Amouak at 503-879-2147. ■

DO YOU WANT TO WORK? WOULD YOU LIKE ASSISTANCE? HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN HIRED?

THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS TWO PROGRAMS THAT ASSIST TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WANT TO WORK AND LIVE IN THE 6 COUNTY SERVICE AREA

THESE PROGRAMS ARE 477/EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND THE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM WORKS WITH TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH A DISABILITY THAT HAS BEEN A BARRIER TO GAINING OR RETAINING EMPLOYMENT

THE 477 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM SUPPORTS TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH JOB RELATED SERVICES
477 CAN SERVE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN MARION, MULTNOMAH, POLK, TILLAMOOK, WASHINGTON AND YAMHILL COUNTY.

TRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CAN SERVE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN MARION, MULTNOMAH, POLK, TILLAMOOK, WASHINGTON, YAMHILL AND CLACKAMAS COUNTY

FOR INFO CONTACT:
THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT
503-879-2034 OR 1-800-242-8196
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND TO DETERMINE WHICH ONE CAN BEST ASSIST YOU