



Photo by Kendra Steele

Members of the Facilities and Health & Wellness departments combined to form a softball team that went on to win the 2013 Grand Ronde Slow Pitch Recreational Softball championship.

## Team D wins softball championship

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Since the first game on Monday, June 10, seven teams played slow pitch recreational softball in Grand Ronde.

Four teams were comprised of Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde employees and three teams were made up of community members.

Games were played on the Tribal campus so fans and spectators could watch.

After taking a two-week break for Canoe Journey, the final championship tournament was held.

Team D was comprised of two collaborating departments – Facilities and Health & Wellness. Team D came into the tournament with a 3-2 season record and ranked third overall.

Team E, a team of community

members with a 5-1 season record, was their championship tournament opponent.

Team D took a big lead in the first couple of innings, but Team E caught up quickly. In the last inning, Team E was trailing by only a couple of runs. Team D snuck by with an 11-10 victory, making them the 2013 Grand Ronde Slow Pitch Recreational Softball champions.

Congratulations to the champs, and thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to next year.

Team D players included Jesse White, Duke Kimsey, Jeffree Rogers, Gregg Leno, Eric Webster, Jeremy Galloway, Jim Holmes, Daniel Mooney, Shelby Hoyt, Donnette Spaulding, Egypt Leno, Kathryn Brunmeier, Colby Mercier, Jeff Larson and Dave Fullerton. ■

## School bond meeting set for Oct. 9

An informational community meeting to discuss the upcoming Willamina School District bond, Measure 36-158, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, in the Tribal Community Center.

There will be hot dogs and chili at 6 p.m. with the information meeting beginning at 6:30.

The Willamina School District is seeking \$5 million for improvements to the Oaken Hills campus. About a third of Willamina School District students are Native American.

For more information about the bond, contact the Willamina School District at 503-876-1500. ■

## Grants will strengthen and sustain healthy communities

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The Grand Ronde Tribe received a \$66,184 Public Safety and Community Policing grant will help pay for equipment and training for the Grand Ronde Police Department. Included in the grant are funds to pay for an automated license plate reader system for a Tribal patrol vehicle, said Tribal Planning & Grants Manager Kim Rogers.

A \$234,550 Justice Systems and Alcohol and Substance Abuse grant will help fund start-up costs at the under-construction women's transition house, including covering most of the cost of an existing counselor. The grant will be spent over a three-year period.

And finally, the Tribe received a \$394,732 Violence Against Women grant that will cover the cost of

hiring a domestic violence victims advocate/caseworker position and/or office over a three-year period, and other program costs including emergency shelter services and some legal assistance.

"These programs take a community-based and comprehensive approach to the root causes and consequences of crime, as well as target areas of possible intervention and treatment," said Associate Attorney General Tony West in a Department of Justice press release announcing the grants. "The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation programs are critical tools to help reverse unacceptably high rates of crime in Indian Country, and they are a product of the shared commitment by the Department of Justice and Tribal nations to strengthen and sustain healthy communities today and for future generations." ■

## Recreation Department hosting Walking Club

The Tribal Recreation Department is hosting a Walking Club, a competitive and social activity to track steps and miles walked per day.

The club focuses on low-level impact exercise for beginners with the goal of transitioning Walking Club participants into other fitness activities that are offered by the Recreation Department.

Levels of participation vary from individual and team steps, as well as individual and team miles. Teams consist of three individuals. Currently, 43 people are participating individually or as team members.

The Recreation Department encourages people to sign-up since it will be an ongoing activity. Pedometers are available to new participants one week after they sign up. At the end of each month, prizes are awarded.

In addition, Weighted Wednesdays are a way for people setting appropriate weight goals to reach their goal by the end of the month. Participants are encouraged to stop by the Youth Education Building to track their weight and body mass index.

Each weight is taken privately with only a recreation assistant present and all information will be kept strictly confidential. Like the Walking Club, prizes will be awarded each month to those with the most amount of fat percentage lost.

For more information or to sign up, contact Recreation Assistant Kendra Steele at 503-879-1921. ■

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