

Important notice to full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that they have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe BEFORE funding will be released for the term/semester. Verification can include a scholarship award or denial letter, e-mail verification that an application was submitted, a copy of the application or the financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions. ■

Help wanted

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 477 Employment and Training Program and Land and Culture Department have resources that can be utilized along with community members who have a passion for gardening or want to learn the art of agriculture.

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for next year's planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org. ■

Volunteers wanted

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old Willamina High School gym. The thrift store is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers. The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina. For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897. The youth center and thrift store are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■

Free online learning source

The information includes:

Everyday life

Math and money

Computer training

Online classes

Work and career information

Check it out at www.gcflearnfree.org ■

OPEN FOR COMMENT

GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP ORDINANCE

The Tribal Council is considering adoption of a Guardianship and Conservatorship Ordinance. The proposed ordinance was given a First Reading at the Sept. 25, 2013, Tribal Council meeting.

The purpose of the proposed Guardianship and Conservatorship Ordinance is to promote the general welfare of Tribal members by establishing procedures for the protection of property and welfare of those who are determined to be incapacitated as defined in the proposed Ordinance.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the Guardianship and Conservatorship Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed Ordinance, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by Dec. 2, 2013. ■

'Remember your little success stories that become big success stories'

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the conference.

Treva Roanhorse, president of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, said the conference's theme, "Weaving our roads together, binding our tradition, making our people stronger," was designed to "allow us to meet the needs of our Native people with disabilities so they become strong and more able to meet their goals."

The conference officially opened Tuesday, Nov. 5, with an afternoon grand entry that featured representatives from 47 Tribes entering the conference room and announcing their Tribal affiliation. Tribes represented were from Alaska to Arizona and from California to North Carolina.

Grand Ronde Vocational Rehabilitation Program employees Riggs, Michael Herrin and Dodie McKenzie and Tribal Council member Jon A. George led the grand entry, carrying a Tribal banner.

The Tribal quartet also performed a Grand Ronde blessing song. "We want to bless all the work you do," George said.

Klamath Tribal member Dalene McNair delivered the welcome prayer after a color guard marched in an eagle staff and U.S. flag while a flag song was performed by drum Four Directions of the Nez Perce



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Employment and Training Specialist Michael Herrin, left, Vocational Rehabilitation caseworker Dodie McKenzie, middle, VR/477 Employment and Training Supervisor Leslie Riggs, right, and Tribal Council member Jon A. George, back, lead grand entry of the 2013 Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation annual training conference at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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George, who worked as a vocational rehabilitation specialist for 14 years before being elected to Tribal Council in 2012, delivered the welcome address.

George welcomed conference attendees to the ceded lands of the Confederated Tribes of Grand

Ronde and then thanked Tribal Elder Patti Tom-Martin for hiring him 15 years ago.

George said his 14 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation with the Grand Ronde Tribe taught him to look at clients as people with capabilities and strengths. "And to treat them with dignity and

respect," he said. "Remember your little success stories that become big success stories."

Amy Roloff of the cable TV reality series "Little People, Big World" then delivered the keynote speech entitled "Dreaming Possible for Everyone."

Roloff's appearance at the conference was sponsored by the Grand Ronde Tribal Council.

Later that day, conference attendees had the opportunity to board a bus for a trip out to Spirit Mountain Casino.

At the Wednesday, Nov. 6, banquet and awards ceremony, the Grand Ronde Canoe Family and Tribal Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, an award-winning Native flutist, performed. Riggs accompanied Reibach on percussion.

During the three-day conference, attendees participated in breakout sessions that included such topics as "Access, Attitude, Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Tribal Communities," "The One-Minute Lie Detector: Encouraging Truthful Behavior in Clients," "Entrepreneurship as a Vocational Rehabilitation Option" and "Employment Outcomes: Aligning Targeted Client Preparation With Enhanced Job Development."

Also assisting in the planning for the conference were Grand Ronde Tribal employees Kalene Contreras and Barbara Gibbons. ■