Cover Oregon and Tribal Communities: Working Together for You

Cover Oregon opened Oct. 1, but its Tribal community partnerships were already up and running and will continue to be important in the months and years to come.

For the last two years, representatives from Oregon's nine Tribes have helped shape Cover Oregon and how its programs will help American Indians and Alaska Natives across the state get quality health insurance that can be used at your local Tribal or urban Indian clinic.

Cover Oregon is an online marketplace for Tribal communities and others to find health insurance and get financial help to pay for it. Even if you receive services from your Tribal or urban Indian clinic, Cover Oregon will work for you.

"Once all of the bugs are worked out of the online system, the opportunity for all Native Americans to access low-cost subsidized insurance is incredible. At Grand Ronde, it promises to reduce Tribal expenses for Tribal Skookum, out-of-pocket costs to Grand Ronde members and improve the effectiveness of Contract Health Services. We are excited about having the opportunity to continue to help our membership to meet their health care needs." – General Manager Mark Johnston

Having health insurance is important because it protects you and your family from large medical bills by paying for some or all of the costs of medical care. Even if you get services at your Tribal or urban Indian clinic, health insurance protects you in case you need a hospital stay or specialty care.

Many choices are available through Cover Oregon, including private plans, the Oregon Health Plan and Oregon Healthy Kids. If you are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe and sign up for insurance through Cover Oregon, you can expect:

- **To help your Tribal community:** Getting health insurance helps fund Tribal or urban Indian clinics;
- **Consistent care:** You can continue to get care from your Tribal or urban Indian clinic;
- **No cost for doctor visits:** You will never have to pay for any service you receive from a Tribal or urban Indian clinic. Also, you might qualify for no cost-sharing at any doctor or provider if you meet certain income requirements;
- **Flexible enrollment:** Special monthly enrollment periods allow you to sign up or change plans.

For more information on benefits to you and your Tribal community, contact Cover Oregon or get in touch with a Tribal or other community partner who can tell you more.

You also can contact Loretta Meneley, Certified Application Assister at the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Center, at 1-800-775-0095 or 503-879-1359. To be sure you're working with a certified agent or partner, visit CoverOregon.com or call 1-855-CoverOR. Language assistance is available. ■

Walking On...

Milton Roy Sherwood Jr.

May 14, 1965 – Nov. 1, 2013

Tribal member Milton Roy Sherwood Jr. was born May 14, 1965, in Redding, Calif., where he was raised. He walked on Friday, Nov. 1, at the age of 48.

He was a wonderful son, brother, uncle, father, papa and friend to many. He worked construction and landscaping for more than 30 years. He was a giving and selfless person. He loved to visit yard sales and find treasures, as well as listen to all kinds of music. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his ex-wife and forever friend, Danyel; his children, Kristine, Justin and Daniel; grandchildren, Mason and Emmitt; parents, Milton Sherwood Sr. and Hazel Porter; stepfather, Tom Porter; three sisters, Debbie, Patty and Cheryl; and one brother, Kenny. He also leaves behind his dogs, Junior and Rock.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ricky, who walked on in 2005.

Funeral services and burial were held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at McDonald's Chapel in Redding, Calif.

Workshop facilitators for micro-enterprise business classes wanted

MERIT is a microenterprise program that provides business training and one-on-one business counseling to residents of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties who are in the process of starting their own businesses.

A microenterprise is defined as a very small (or micro-) business, having fewer than five employees (usually a single self-employed person or family), minimal capital needs, and whose owner has some social, cultural, economic or physical barrier to overcome that prevents access to traditional business training and counseling resources.

We are looking for individuals who possess the best practices in workshop facilitation, instruction and classroom management to facilitate discussion and student information exchange on the topic of business development.

Our goal is to create a safe, interactive, non-critical learning environment that encourages self-reflection and learning. We are looking for individuals who will build trust with each student to ensure they become completely engaged in the course to the best of their ability.

Application Instructions: Please send your resume and a bio to the MERIT Program manager Mona Edwards at medwar44@chemeketa.edu. ■

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. ■

NAYA MARKETPLACE

Join Native small business vendors and artisans from around the Pacific Northwest as they display their goods, including beadwork, regalia, fine jewelry, pottery, woodwork, and more.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: BY ARTIST LILLIAN PITT

Native American vendors are encouraged to register

NAYA Marketplace Details:

- **The NAYA Marketplace will be held Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Native American Youth and Family Center at 5135 NE Columbia Boulevard in Portland, Oregon**
- **To register as a vendor, please contact CJ Williams, Microenterprise Coach, at cjw@nayapdx.org**
- **For more information about the NAYA Family Center, check out our website at http://nayapdx.org/ or our Facebook page.**

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Come to the ... Oregon Tribal Histories and Sovereignty Curriculum Design Summit

When: Friday, Dec. 13

Where: CTGR Tribal Gym, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. – Dinner at 6 p.m.

What: The summit is an opportunity to discuss the design for a statewide Indian Histories and Sovereignty curricula aligned to Oregon curriculum standards and common core standards. The summit will help to draft educational content for fourth-, eighth- and 10th-grade curriculum units that will guide the writing and completion of the curriculum.

Indian and nonIndian students who receive education about Tribal Histories that respects and upholds Tribal sovereignty will be better informed and aware citizens, and will understand how to fulfill their roles as citizens of both the United States and sovereign nations, and work together as local, state and national leaders.

Learn about the project and share your voice.

All who support Indian Education for all Oregonians are welcome to join in this event.

Please begin to register here: https://docs.google.com/a/lclark.edu/forms/d/11P5Wg_6X8thQREjqlxDvAK_80gmfcVh6W6RHiVMSJtI/viewform

For more information contact: Se-ah-dom Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce, Yakama), Lewis & Clark Graduate School, at 503-768-6155 or 503-307-2620 or e-mail at edmo@lclark.edu.