

Tribal Council OKs applying for three grants

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council approved applying for grants during its March 19 meeting that would increase Tribal police coverage, help fund the Youth Program and assist the Grand Ronde Community Garden.

The U.S. Department of Justice COPS grant request is for more than \$700,000 and would fund another police officer in the community for three years. A second officer and vehicle request were included to provide more coverage for the Tribe's forest Reservation lands. The Justice Department requires the Tribe to keep each officer on for at least 12 more months after their 36 months paid by the grant.

Planning and Grants Development Manager Kim Rogers said during the March 18 Legislative Action Committee meeting that this is the fifth time the Tribe has applied for the COPS grant.

The Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant application also includes an application

for the Tribal Youth Program at near the maximum \$500,000 amount spread out over three years.

The First Nations Native Agriculture & Food Systems Initiative AARP grant would possibly bring \$20,000 to the community garden effort. The Tribe would provide an \$11,251 cash match if the grant is received.

In other action, Tribal Council approved the enrollment of four new Tribal members – one infant and three non-infants.

Tribal Council also approved the 2014 Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority annual performance report, which will now be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Also included in the March 19 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed on the construction of the longhouse entry exhibit at the Chachalu Cultural Center and Museum with a cost not to exceed \$57,000.

Tribal Council also approved naming the new Women's Transition House *chxi-san*, Chinuk Wawa for "new day." ■

Tribe curating 'River People of the Willamette' exhibit

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SALEM — The Grand Ronde Tribe's Land and Culture Department is curating the upcoming "kuri-tsəqw tilixaλ: River People of the Willamette" exhibit at Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, 1313 Mill St. S.E.

The exhibit opens to the public on Friday, April 11, and runs through Saturday, May 26.

An invitation-only Tribal opening reception will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10. The reception will feature a presentation from the Canoe Family and speeches by Tribal Council members, Land and Culture Department staff members and administrators at Willamette Heritage Center. A buffet dinner hosted by the Tribe's Public Affairs Department also will be served.

The exhibit will concentrate on the Native peoples who populated the shores of the Willamette River, including the Clackamas, Multnomah and neighbors like the Kalapuya, since time immemorial.

"The Chinookan people of the Willamette River were one of the Tribes who signed the Willamette Valley Treaty in 1855," says Tribal Historian David Lewis. "They are interrelated with the other Chinookan peoples of the lower, middle and upper Columbia River, mainly Chinookan speakers, who controlled the trade and fishing on the river."

"The Tribes, Multnomah and Clackamas, occupied significant areas on the river that are now the cities of the Portland metropolitan region and Vancouver.

"They had many villages and towns up all of the tributaries down to Multnomah (Willamette) River to the Willamette Falls and managed the fisheries at the falls. In historic times, there were a number of chiefs and headmen who interacted with the explorers and settlers whose descendants remain important leaders in the Tribe today.

"They had a vibrant trade in the region with all of the Tribes travel-

If you go

ḵuri-tsəqw tilixaλ: River People of the Willamette'

Where: Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, 1313 Mill St. S.E., Salem

When: Friday, April 11 through Saturday, May 26

Cost: \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 55 and older, \$4 for students with ID and \$3 for youth 6 to 17 years of age.

More info: 503-585-7012 or www.willametteheritage.org

ing the Columbia and Willamette rivers, and Willamette Falls was the center of much of that activity. Area Tribes were interrelated by marriage and by the trade. As part of the Willamette Valley Treaty, they were removed to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation in 1856."

Lewis is working with Cultural Exhibits Supervisor Julie Brown and Collections Specialist Veronica Montano on selecting items for the exhibit.

"The exhibition will reveal new information about these Tribes who were removed to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation," says a promotional postcard sent out by Willamette Heritage Center.

"River People of the Willamette" will be the fourth Tribally curated exhibit at Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill.

In 2013, the Tribe put on "We Were Here First ... And We Are Here to Stay," in 2012 curated "Grand Ronde Women – Our Story" and staged "Grand Ronde Canoe Journey" in 2011.

"This is the fourth exhibit at Willamette Heritage Center in as many years that has prepared the way for exhibits at the new gallery at the Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center to be opened to the public in mid-June," Lewis said. ■

WIC to visit Tribe

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Family include a child under the age of 5?

You may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, you can get answers to nutrition questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative will be at the Tribal Youth Education Building on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 9 and 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-623-8175, ext. 2297. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Chachalu Cultural Center and Museum. Chair: Betty Bly.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders' Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services conference room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

Community resources

The Clothing Closet on the Tribal campus.

- 10 a.m. to noon Monday;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9600 Hebo Road, Grand Ronde.

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.
- Contact: 503-879-5731. ■

Transportation to Grand Ronde for Tribal members

The Portland Office has transportation day to Grand Ronde once a month for medical, dental appointments or enrollment cards. We need a minimum of 3 people to sign up. Please call Lisa

503-879-1881

We will leave at the Portland Office at 8 a.m.

Please call in advance for the scheduled monthly date

