

# ATTENTION

If you are currently receiving or are in need of SNAP benefits, Social Services provides an Oregon Department of Human Services caseworker who comes to Grand Ronde twice monthly on Wednesdays.

The caseworker may assist with applications, updates, child care, etc.

If you are in need of services, call 503-879-2034 to schedule an appointment or you can reach Michelle Carmona at 503-879-4523. ■

## 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 or community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for this year's planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail [barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org](mailto:barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org). ■

## 21st Annual

### TSERIADUN Village Honoring & Salmon Bake



### Culture Sharing – Salmon Bake – Potluck

**Tseriadun State Park**



Port Orford, Oregon

All are welcome to attend this ceremony including dancers, drummers etc.

**Saturday May 17th**  
Daily events include carving, weaving, beading, storytelling etc.  
Canoe Races - Shwa'la N'illi dene' canoe family invite you to come and paddle with us and several other coastal tribes. Ceremonies will begin at dusk & prayers will last into the evening with the ancestors around the fire.

**Sunday May 18th**  
Salmon Bake.  
Talking circle.  
History shared by tribal elders.

**Illahee Xing Native Arts**  
[FB.com/IllaheeXingNativeArts](http://FB.com/IllaheeXingNativeArts)

## Adult Foster Program



The Tribe's Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact the Adult Foster Program Director at 503-879-1694. ■



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Tribal Council member Ed Pearsall holds a piece of Tomanowos, the Willamette meteorite, and tells representatives from Willamette National Forest about it during the annual meeting between them and Tribal employees at Chachalu on Tuesday, April 29. Part of the meeting included a tour of Chachalu and its archives area.**

## Tribe holds annual meeting with Willamette National Forest

By Ron Karten

*Smoke Signals staff writer*

Managers from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde met with their counterparts from Willamette National Forest for a second annual meeting on Tuesday, April 29, inside Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center.

Just outside of the building's entrance, members of the Grand Ronde Land and Culture and Education departments worked on a Tillamook-style plankhouse, a cedar exhibit showing traditional plankhouse living.

Cedar for the exhibit and a sheath of cedar siding starting in the back of the building and growing around the outside was a gift from Willamette National Forest. Tribal Council contributed \$2.7 million for the first phase of the museum.

These signs of cooperation between the two governmental entities were complemented inside, where Willamette National Forest managers sought input from the Tribe about on-going, planned or re-

cently completed projects, and the Tribe discussed many of its own.

The 1855 Willamette Valley Treaty, many federal regulations and the overall federal trust responsibility to Tribes require the U.S. Forest Service to seek Tribal input through consultation on forest actions in the Tribe's ceded lands, which include Willamette, Siuslaw and Mt. Hood national forests.

More recently, Memoranda of Understanding have been signed among the parties leading to a specific and official level of cooperation.

Work for the meeting also included housekeeping questions about the best ways to work together.

For example, one issue asked whether the Tribe wanted consultations with each of the federal forests separately or all at once. Participants scheduled another meeting to work out policies. If they agree to see all three national forests in one meeting, this will be the first time the Tribe has met with all three at once. ■

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

As most of you are aware, Contract Health Services (CHS) is a federally funded program and a payor of last resort. With all of the health care changes recently, we would like to take a minute to remind you that ANY alternate resource you have needs to be utilized correctly. That means in order for CHS to cover a "patient responsibility," you must use providers who are in-network with whatever health care coverage you have primary, including the Tribal Health Assistance Program, Skookum. If you choose not to use providers who are in-network or receive services that are not covered, you will be responsible for any patient balance. Services include: Medical, Dental and Behavioral Health. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but to keep serving our Tribal community, we must exhaust all other resources available to our membership.

CHS also wants to remind you that there are some services that are not covered by CHS, but are covered by Skookum. If you choose to receive these services, you will be responsible for paying the co-payments. They are as follows: Chiropractic care, Naturopathic care, Massage and Acupuncture, as well as outpatient drug and alcohol treatment. This does not mean that you cannot use those services; it simply means that CHS will not be responsible for any patient balances. You can still keep those appointments; you just need to pay whatever your co-pay is. We understand that this can all be a little confusing, so please feel free to give us a call if you have ANY questions and we'll be happy to help.

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