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CTGR TERO seeking construction workers and Indian-owned businesses

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is growing a list of Tribal member construction workers who are interested in obtaining job assignments on construction projects. In addition, TERO maintains a list of Tribal and Indian businesses (IOBs). IOBs are certified by TERO to become eligible to participate in contracting opportunities.

TERO preference requirements apply to all construction projects on the Reservation and a need for workers and contractors experienced in the building trades will create opportunities for employment and economic benefit.

Also, construction workers are needed for heavy highway construction on projects throughout the region. CTGR and ODOT negotiated an agreement that provides hiring preference to Indians who are dispatched to projects through TERO.

Those with experience in the construction trades will have immediate opportunities for employment. In addition, those seeking to begin careers in the construction trades may be eligible for training opportunities available, including on-the job training and apprenticeship assignments.

Applications and current training events are available at www.grandronde.org/tero. TERO is located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 (located on the second floor in the Adult Education building). For more information, call 503-879-2188. ■

Are you pregnant or plan on getting pregnant?

If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant and are eligible for the Skookum Health Assistance Program (SHAP), this is important information for you.

If you do not have primary health insurance coverage and are pregnant, you will need to apply for coverage through your state's assistance program and provide documentation about your eligibility before claims will be paid by SHAP. Most states have special programs for pregnant women and children.

Please contact Loretta Meneley, Certified Application Assister, for application assistance at 503-879-1359, or Tresa Mercier, Business Office manager, at 503-879-2008 or 800-775-0095. ■

Taco feed raises \$583

An Indian taco feed raised \$583 for the Grand Ronde Community Garden on Monday, Oct. 20, at the Elders Activity Center.

The total raised included sales and donations.

Nutrition Program Manager Kristy DeLoe said the garden harvested more than 2,716 pounds of food for the community in its first year of existence.

For more information about the Community Garden, contact DeLoe at 503-879-2018 or Kristy.deloe@grandronde.org. ■

Art Show & Sale set for Nov. 7-8

The Coastal Hills Student Art Show & Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at the West Valley Community Campus, 266 S.E. Washington St., Willamina.

All students from kindergarten through college may submit three pieces, but two of them must be for sale. Twenty percent of sales go to the local food bank.

A matting workshop will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6.

All art work is due by 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, to be included in the sale and all work must be picked up and money paid by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8.

For more information, e-mail joyceparmeter@gmail.com or check the Art Conspiracy West Valley page on Facebook. ■

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Nov. 3: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 4: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 6: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 7: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Nov. 19: 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 20: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 21: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.

