

Marketplace seeking vendors for waiting list

The Tribal Elders Committee is the new governing body of the Grand Ronde Tribal member Marketplace held the first weekend of every month at Spirit Mountain Casino.

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member who would like a chance to sell your crafts, the committee would like to place your name on a waiting list of possible vendors.

There will be a meeting at noon Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Elders Activity Center for current vendors. If you are interested in being a vendor, you are encouraged to attend. There is, however, no guarantee that you will become a vendor.

For more information, contact the Elders Activity Center at 503-879-2233. ■

Grand Ronde Royalty

Royalty participants and their parent or sponsor must attend all required events (powwows, parades, fundraisers, organizational meetings and others). Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Coordinator. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from Royalty. Royalty participants are expected to stay for the duration of the events. This includes helping set up for events, such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Coordinator. Participants are expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty participants must be willing and able to dance. **Remember: You are all part of a team and are expected to treat yourselves, running mates and others with respect at all times.**

GRAND RONDE ROYALTY COURT

Participating in Royalty Court is an excellent opportunity for Tribal girls and young women to learn our traditions and powwow protocol. Participants represent the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all young woman ages 5-18 to join. Participants must provide their regalia.

Serving on Royalty Court requires a considerable commitment from the participant and her sponsor; travel, fundraisers, classes and meetings are required for all competing participants.

- Little Miss Grand Ronde — 5-10 years of age
- Junior Miss Grand Ronde — 11-14 years of age
- Senior Miss Grand Ronde — 15-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
5. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
6. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): _____

Why do you want to participate in Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

**Return this application to: Grand Ronde Royalty, Attn: Jackie Manyhides, P.O. Box 419, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1**

Questions?: Contact Jackie Manyhides at 406-540-2917 or e-mail jackiemanyhides@gmail.com

Tribal K-9 Officer Nixwa helps Yamhill County in drug arrest

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal K-9 Officer Nixwa assisted the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 7, helping to confiscate more than \$16,000 in marijuana, methamphetamine and cash.

Deputy Jerry Druery stopped a black BMW with California license plates for failing to signal a turn at the intersection of Main and Lamson streets in Willamina at 10:17 p.m.

Druery contacted the driver and suspected that controlled substances were inside the car. He contacted the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, and Nixwa, a Belgian Malinois, and Police Officer Patrick McConnell were dispatched to the scene.

Nixwa sniffed the vehicle and alerted for the presence of drugs, which turned out to be six pounds of marijuana and approximately 1.4 grams of meth. There also was \$873 in cash inside the car.

The car's driver, Darren Andrew Meinert, 29, of California was arrested for delivery and possession of marijuana and possession of meth. He was lodged in the Yamhill County Jail with a bail of \$15,000.

Last April, McConnell and Nixwa received certification from the National Police Canine Association in Tucson, Ariz. They were certified

for narcotics detection and patrol apprehension.

"When we returned to Oregon," McConnell said, "the decision was made to use Nixwa as a narcotic detection K-9 only."

Nixwa also received certification from the Oregon Police Canine Association in early November.

Nixwa is trained to detect the odors of meth, cocaine, heroin or any derivatives of those narcotics. He presents a passive alert, meaning he sits when he detects one or more of the odors. Since June 2014, Nixwa has been deployed eight times and assisted in seven arrests, which resulted in the seizing of more than \$17,000 in illegal drugs, McConnell said.

"Nixwa is just getting started with working on keeping drugs out of our community and assisting other agencies with keeping drugs out of their communities," McConnell said.

"Unfortunately, this will become more and more common with the upcoming legalization of marijuana in our state," said Yamhill County Sheriff Tim Svenson. "Criminals will be attempting to abuse the system any way they can to make a profit. Whether it is medical marijuana or legalized marijuana, it will be a challenge to police the black market sales and keep money from being diverted to illicit enterprises." ■

Help needed identifying plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help identifying veteran's plots. If your family member or friend is a veteran and we do not have a veteran's flag present on their plot on holidays, please inform us.

We will do our best to mark all plots of veterans. Contact Adam Leno at 503-879-5525 or adam.leno@grandronde.org. ■

WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC. JUST COME ON IN!

We will check your child's teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
Phone 503-879-2020

Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00-5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30



STORIES OF GRAND RONDE ROYALTY PAST AND CURRENT



The Land and Culture Department is launching a new Oral History project beginning March 1st, 2015. This project will highlight the stories of our past and current royalty contestants and facilitators. We encourage any Tribal Members who have participated in Royalty to share their experiences so they will be available for future generations by becoming part of the Tribe's archives here at Chachalu. What we accomplish today is tomorrow's history.

Please contact Bradley Leno at 503-879-2194 to set up a time to share your story.

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