

Health care scholarship seeking applications

West Valley Hospital Foundation scholarship applications for students in medically related fields of study became available on Feb. 1 and applications must be returned by March 27.

Applicants must have a permanent residence in Polk County or be a current employee or family member of a current employee at West Valley Hospital, and must have applied to a college in their field of study before applying for this scholarship.

Visit www.salemhealth.org/scholarships and click on the West Valley Hospital scholarship link. Call 503-831-3456 for more information. ■

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

1,090 register to vote in constitutional election

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Of 3,945 potential Tribal voters in the March 14 constitutional election, 27.6 percent – 1,090 – registered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs by the Feb. 6 deadline.

For the two amendments to pass, 30 percent of those registered – 327 – must cast a ballot and two-thirds of those who vote must approve the measures.

The first proposed amendment would remove the BIA's role regarding Tribal constitutional elections. Currently, the Tribe is required to hold a federal election, Tribal members must specially register for such elections and even if approved by Tribal members, amendments to the Tribal Constitution need BIA approval before they become effective.

The second proposed amendment would institute a limit of three consecutive terms on future Tribal Council service. After three consecutive terms – nine years – a Tribal Council member would have to take a year off before being eligible to run again. The term limits, if approved, would not be retroactive and would not affect current Tribal Council members who have already served three or more terms.

In a September 2010 non-binding survey, Tribal members overwhelmingly endorsed the concept of term limits, with 701 saying they

liked the idea and 229 saying they didn't, for a 75.5 percent approval. Almost 61 percent of those responding to the survey said they favored two terms as the limit for Tribal Council service while a combined 93 percent favored a maximum of three terms or less as the limit.

In the last BIA constitutional election held in June 2012 regarding the creation of a primary process in Tribal elections, 1,108 Tribal members registered to vote for a 28.6 percent registration turnout of eligible Tribal voters. Of the 1,108 who registered, 630, or 56.8 percent, eventually voted.

Tribal voters endorsed the primary election idea 408-222, but it fell 2 percentage points shy of the two-thirds approval required to amend the Tribal Constitution.

An educational session regarding the March 14 Tribal Constitution election will be held during the Sunday, March 1, General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center.

The educational session will follow the scheduled economic development presentation.

Tribal members who cannot attend the March 1 General Council meeting can e-mail questions about the two proposed amendments to Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin at stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

Hospice seeking Native jewelry for fundraiser

The nonprofit Willamette Valley Hospice in Salem is planning a used jewelry sale in the spring as a fundraiser and is seeking donations from talented Native jewelry makers.

Those who would like to donate can contact Hospice board member Steve Bobb Sr. at 503-876-3118. ■

CTGR Tribal Youth Prevention, Youth Education and Cultural Education Programs

Family Tutoring Night

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For Who:

Native American youth

Reading Program for K-5th grades

Tutoring for 6th-12th graders including Home School

Where:

CTGR Youth Education Building

Dates/Days/Time:

♦ Thursdays 5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.

♦ Jan. 15 – March 12

Dinner:

Provided for those attending the tutoring and culture activities only.

Cost: FREE

Family Tutoring Night is an opportunity to build academic skills, receive homework support and culture activities in a safe and healthy environment

Contact Cristina Lara at 503-879-2040 or cristina.lara@grandronde.org

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde's tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bring drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.