

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings
 DATE TIME
 Wednesday, Aug. 12.....5 p.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 26.....5 p.m.
Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:
 The Grand Ronde Community Clothes Closet would like to thank the K-5 Program for its donation of T-shirts and school clothes. Your donation is greatly appreciated.
Clothes Closet staff members
 Lori Walker-Hernandez & Daniele Powley

Tribe receives \$33,543 grant for Chachalu curatorial space

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has been awarded a \$33,543 grant from Oregon Cultural Trust that will be used for curatorial space during the Phase II expansion at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center.

The Tribe was one of 85 organizations to receive an Oregon Cultural Trust cultural development grant.

According to a July 22 letter sent to Tribal Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers, 165 Oregon cultural nonprofit organizations applied for grants and more than 50 percent of applicants received more than \$1.28 million in funding.

“The grant review process was rigorous and projects selected for funding reflect significant cultural projects and activities across the state,” said trust Executive Director Brian Rogers in the letter.

The Oregon Cultural Trust grant funds must be spent between Aug. 1 and July 31, 2016.

The Oregon Cultural Trust was founded by the Legislature in July 2001. The trust awarded its first round of grants in May 2003 and in July 2013 the Legislature renewed the cultural tax credit that helps fund the trust for six years.

As of July 2013, more than 24,000 Oregonians had donated to the trust through the tax credit and the trust had granted more than 1,000 awards worth \$14 million and developed a permanent fund for culture totaling almost \$20 million.

Free pet food available

A Cause For Paws, operated by Joni Kucewicz, distributes free dog and cat food between 10 and 11 a.m. Fridays in the back parking lot of Bonanza Antique Mall at the corner of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

Kucewicz started A Cause For Paws in September 2013 and to date 40 people have signed up.

“I feel many people are able to keep their pets because they know they have a resource for food for them,” she added. “Anyone is welcome.”

Kucewicz can be contacted at jonikucewicz@gmail.com. ■

Helpline Provides Free, Confidential Crisis Intervention and Resources

As 2012 begins, Oregon Partnership offers a reminder about our free, confidential alcohol and drug HelpLine (800-923-HELP; 800-923-4357).

Highly trained volunteers and staff provide compassionate assistance to people in crisis as well as to family members and friends concerned about loved ones.

The line operates 24/7, responding to those seeking crisis intervention and resources that help them heal.

YouthLine

A peer-to-peer crisis line for teens. Chat online www.OregonYouthline.org. Youth working under the supervision of an adult answer calls on diverse topics including substance abuse, depression, self-harm, dating violence and other issues, many of which have substance abuse as an underlying issue

Call 877-YOUTH-911 - (877) 968-8491

Ad created by George Valdez

General Council meeting

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