

## Construction workers needed

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is seeking construction workers who are CTGR Tribal members and enrolled members of federally recognized Indian Tribes to participate in a workforce that is being prepared for deployment on construction projects. Projects are located on the Grand Ronde Reservation and on ODOT projects in various locations in northwestern Oregon.

TERO is looking for workers in the following job classifications:

- Carpenter
- Laborer
- Equipment operator
- Cement masons
- Truck driver
- Electricians
- Ironworkers
- Loggers
- Painters
- Asphalt workers

In addition, TERO is also seeking experienced Native American highway traffic control flaggers for assignments to projects. A limited amount of training positions in construction trades are available to candidates who meet apprenticeship requirements.

For an application to be considered for these opportunities or for more information, go to [www.grandronde.org/tero](http://www.grandronde.org/tero), e-mail at [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-2188. ■

# Tribe receives grant for wildlife inventory work

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The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was one of only three Tribes nationally to receive a three-year Administration for Native Americans environmental grant that will allow the Tribe to perform a fish and deer inventory on Tribal lands.

The grant will award the Tribe \$215,451 in the first year, \$103,828 in the second year and \$94,488 in the third year.

"This is an extremely competitive and difficult grant to get," said Tribal Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen. "We are one of only three in the nation to get it. Winning this grant is an extraordinary achievement on the part of Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers. I am very grateful for Kim's work and the opportunities he has provided for us."

According to the grant's project summary, the Tribe will perform Coho, steelhead and Pacific lamprey counts to establish harvest limits in the first year; do the same counts in the second year and "set only a conservative harvest limit and provide limited fishing licenses based on the counts"; and do the same counts in the third year to set a regular harvest limit under Tribal regulatory authority and provide fishing licenses based on the counts.

The grant also will help the Tribe perform a black-tailed deer inventory by funding the purchase of lab equipment to develop the capacity to process 750 samples and submit them to a contracted lab to determine individual deer through DNA identification for use in setting harvest limits.

In the second and third years, the Tribe will continue to collect and process 750 deer samples with the goal of setting regular harvest limits at the end of the last year.

"Oregon State University Lab currently performs this analysis and the final step would be far too expensive to equip for, but the Tribe can by project end create the ability to lower costs by over 90 percent and enable the Tribe to regularly issue licenses and hunts," the summary says.

There are approximately 750 licensed Tribal hunters and fishers. "With sufficient local supply they would be served as would Tribal family members and Elders," the summary states. "There has been a constant demand for deer as a food source and demand for salmon, steelhead and Pacific lamprey far exceeds accessible supplies." ■

## Patient Portal open for business

Clients of the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center now have a 21st century avenue through which to handle their health care needs.

The Patient Portal, a secure, confidential and easy-to-use website, opened for business in early February.

"The Patient Portal gives a patient and their family 24-hour access to their medical records," said Darin Riggs, Tribal Clinical Applications coordinator. "Patient Portal uses the latest encryption technology to deliver secure communications between patients and their provider team."

Patients can correspond with their provider team; view, download or share their personal health record, including such data as medications, immunizations and tests; obtain around-the-clock health and educational information; and maintain account data, including user name, password and access privileges.

In the future, Riggs said, patients will be able to request prescription refills and receive appointment reminders through the website.

To sign up, people should contact Patient Registration at the Health & Wellness Center and request a Patient Portal sign-up sheet.

People will need a valid e-mail address. A token will be assigned and patients will have 30 days with which to complete their portal registration. If the token expires, a patient will need to ask for a new one. ■

## CTGR Higher Education Program deadlines set

There are now only two Higher Education programs depending on whether you are full-time or part-time. The deadline for the Full-Time College program is at least 30 days before the start of classes. The deadline for the Part-Time College program is at least 10 days before the start of class.

Visit the Tribal website for more program information and an application. [www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/](http://www.grandronde.org/departments/education/higher-education/) ■

## Blood Pressure Screening



### Join us

The Community Health Education Center (CHEC) at Salem Hospital is teaming up with the Marion-Polk Food Share to provide a free blood pressure screening at Iskam Mekhmek Haws in Grand Ronde. Emergency food is still available this day during normal pantry hours.



Marion-Polk Food Share is an equal opportunity provider.

### Screening Information

Date: Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Location: Iskam Mekhmek Haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde  
Cost: Free  
For questions, please call the CHEC at (503) 814-2432.



## Best of Beans! Free Hands-on Cooking Class

**BONUS!** Take home ingredients to make one of the recipes at home.



Tuesday October 20

5:30pm

Iskam MəkhMəkh-Haws

Sign up TODAY!