Helping Hand awards

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually chooses two individuals to receive the Ye? lan Lima (Helping Hand) awards: one non-management staff member and one volunteer who are recognized for their outstanding service within the nonprofit community. For 2016, Dana Woolbright won the staff member award for her work as a rural outreach attorney for the Survivors Justice Center at Lane County Legal Aid and Advocacy Center in Eugene and Corey Eckley, a volunteer with Bridgeway House in Eugene, was chosen to receive the volunteer award. On Thursday, Dec. 22, Acting Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Louis King and Community Fund Board of Trustees member Val Hoyle presented the awards. ■



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Dana Woolbright, left, reacts to the news that she is a Ye? Ian Lima Award winner at the Legal Aid and Advocacy Center on Thursday, Dec. 22. Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees member Val Hoyle, middle, and Acting Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Louis King, right, presented the award.



Corey Eckley, left, listens as Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees member Val Hoyle reads a letter telling her that she's a Ye? lan Lima Award winner at Bridgeway House on Thursday, Dec. 22. Eckley has volunteered at the nonprofit for eight years. In the background is Acting Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Louis King.

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standing and "to strengthen the government-to-government relationships and facilitate communication and cooperation on matters of mutual interest."

The Grand Ronde Tribe becomes the first Tribe to enter into this type of MOU with the city.

"This has been a long time in coming," Tribal Council Vice Chair Cheryle A. Kennedy said during the Tuesday, Dec. 13, Legislative Action Committee meeting. "I appreciate all of the hard work that our staff has done."

The MOU states that the Tribe and city will form a Policy Committee that will discuss issues and reach further agreements. The committee will be co-chaired by a representative of the Tribe and the city, and will meet quarterly.

Earlier in the week, outgoing Portland Mayor Charlie Hales signed the MOU on behalf of the city.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an amendment to the Elders' Retirement & SSI Ordinance that will allow Tribal Elders eligible for federal Social Security benefits to qualify for the Elder SSD Program;
- Re-appointed Matthew Kirkland to the Spirit Mountain Gaming Inc. Board of Directors with a term ending in June 2019 and appointed Rebecca Knight to the

board with a term ending in June 2018;

- Appointed Bryan Langley to the Fish & Wildlife Committee with a term ending in March 2018;
- Approved the purchase and sale agreement for the 885-acre Coal Creek/Cole Creek/4H Park forestland property in Tillamook County. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners approved the sale agreement on Nov. 2;
- Approved a contract not to exceed \$120,000 with Kal Ent Inc. to provide accounting, payroll and financial reporting software implementation and training for the Tribe's Finance Department. Tribal Controller Linda Hanna said the Tribe is switching vendors for the service;
- And approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe because they meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Dec. 14 Tribal Council packet was an approved authorization to proceed that OK'd the forestland management plan for the new Tribally owned property in Tillamook County.

Tribal Lands Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach performed the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■



If you are interested in filling temporary vacancies on an "on-call" basis, you are encouraged to contact the CTGR Human

Resources Office.

WIC visits Health & Wellness Center

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5?

If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Health & Wellness Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be Jan. 17.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. When WIC clients arrive at the Health & Wellness Center, they should enter through the Wellness Department located at the back of the medical wing.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-623-8175, ext. 2297. ■

Bike helmets available

The Tribe's Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution. Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted. For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■ Applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen.

This is an excellent opportunity for our membership to supplement their income and gain experience while aiding us in continuing a smooth delivery of services.

To apply, please go to www.grandronde.org/about/employment and download an application. Applications can be delivered to Human Resources, mailed or emailed to empapps@grandronde.org

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Employment Service Center, Building C Attn: Human Resources, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 If you have questions about the temporary pool, please come by the office or call 503-879-2109

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