

Groups form Helping Hands, set March 13 meeting

iskam məkʰmək haws, The Clothes Closet, Empowerment Outreach Ministries, Lighthouse Church and A Cause For Paws have joined forces in an effort to support local families.

The group, named Grand Ronde Helping Hands, seeks to bring together those who are supporting families in Grand Ronde to share services and resources, and create a resource guide.

Helping Hands' next meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, March 13, at The Clothes Closet at the end of Blacktail Drive near the Elders Activity Center. If you provide any type of services to families in the community, consider attending. The group is looking for meal site calendars, food box sites, clothes closets, showers and laundry services.

There also will be a collection day at iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Donations of men's clothing, small kitchen appliances, school supplies and pet items are being sought, as well as tents, sleeping bags, pillows, warm blankets, rain gear and heavy jackets to restock the shelves.

Helping Hands continues to seek a volunteer with graphic arts skills to create a logo that represents all of the organizations. The logo would be used on business cards, a banner and possibly a website, and the artist possibly would receive a small honorarium.

For more information, contact Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or by e-mail at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■

Council approves Cultural Resource Reserve Fund

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The Grand Ronde Tribe now has a Cultural Resource Reserve Fund to ensure the Tribe's ability to preserve, manage and protect cultural resources into the future.

Tribal Council unanimously approved creation of the fund on Wednesday, Feb. 22. The initial contribution to the fund is \$3.28 million from the Tribal Government Operations Trust Fund, which required a unanimous vote from council to pass.

During the Tuesday, Feb. 21, Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said the money for the fund has been set aside for about a year in anticipation of the fund's approval.

Finance Officer Chris Leno clarified that the original amount set aside was \$3 million and the additional \$284,150 represents the interest that has accrued in less than a year.

"We hope that this will grow fast along with the rest of our endowments," Chris Leno said.

Tribal Council will assess the Tribal budget every June 30 to determine if any supplement from the fund is needed to support cultural resources protection and management programs. In addition, the Finance Officer will review the fund's policy at least once a year and suggest changes that align with the intent of the fund.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Adopted a resolution opposing Gov. Kate Brown's 2017-19 proposed budget plan, which would reduce Oregon's general fund allocation to veterans by \$10 million. Ballot Measure 96, which more than 80 percent of Oregon voters favored during the November general election, allocated a percentage of Oregon Lottery proceeds to fund programs for veterans. The Tribe is opposing the proposed budget because it undermines the purpose of Measure 96 in giving Oregon veterans more funding;
- Approved an amendment to the Trust for the Benefit of Minors Pursuant to 1999 Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan. The plan establishes a trust to safeguard distributions and assets for Tribal minors who qualify for Social Security benefits. Staff Attorney Deneen Aubertin Keller said that the amendment will fix a

language discrepancy in the plan to help some disabled minors become eligible for Social Security benefits. She said the amendment will not affect those already receiving benefits under the plan;

- Approved an investment of \$10 million with Baird Capital Global Fund I-DE LP, a Delaware-based partnership established to make venture capital investments. The investment opportunity was originally structured with an offshore account in the Cayman Islands, but Tribal Council had concerns about Tribal sovereignty issues regarding an account overseas;
- Approved a per capita payment date of March 10. As of the Tribal Council meeting, the distribution amount was not known;
- Approved applications for three grants: One to the Department of Justice for \$300,000, which would go toward Tribal officers' salaries as well as a new police vehicle and body camera software; the second to the Department of Justice for \$622,083 that would go toward the Indian Alcohol Substance Abuse Program, which would continue to support the women's transition house while adding support for the men's transition house; and the third to the Department of Health and Human Services for \$540,684 that would go toward a five-year plan to improve health and wellness in children from birth to age 8. Included in the grant application are funds to hire a pediatrician;
- And approved the enrollment of six infants because the children meet the enrollment requirements outlined in the Tribal Constitution and Enrollment Ordinance.

Also included in the Feb. 22 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed that authorized General Manager David Fullerton to move forward with research and development of cannabis industry opportunities. As part of the authorization, Fullerton will form a project team that will report back to Tribal Council 45 days from approval.

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

To view the meeting in its entirety, visit www.grandronde.org and click the News tab and then Video. ■

Community Health Program

Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.



CTGR Recreation Department

Gymnasium-

All non-business hour access

*Security must be notified before accessing Tribal Facilities

*You must show ID upon request. If you cannot provide an ID, you may be asked to leave the Facility

Hours of Operation:

6am – 9pm Monday – Sunday

*Hours of Operation are subject to change without notice due to scheduled events.

Fitness Center Access:

Tribal/Community	6am – 8am & 5pm - 9pm (Monday-Friday)	Contact Security
	8am – 5pm (Monday-Friday)	Contact Recreation Staff
	6am – 9pm (Saturday/Sunday)	Contact Security

*Access is granted to Tribal/Community Members *only* during the hours above. Everyone who enters fitness center must sign-in.

CTGR Employees Access by Employee Badge

*In the event your employee badge does not grant access to the gym, contact Security. Show your employee badge, and the officer on duty will let you in.

Age Access Policy: MUST Be 18 years or older to be in the Fitness/Weight room Center
 (For Fitness/Weight room) Youth 13-17 may use the Fitness Center with adult supervision (over 18)
 Youth 8-12 may access the Fitness Center with adult supervision, but may not use equipment.
 Youth ages 7 and under are not permitted in the Fitness Weight Room

Age Access for Gymnasium: Youth under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult

Please note: Youth Access policies are in accordance with existing safety ordinances adopted by Tribal Council

Contact information:

Recreation Staff	Recreation Specialist	(Harris Reibach)	503-879-1369
Facilities	Administrative Assistant	(Holly T.)	503-879-2195
Security			971-901-1031
Facilities	Manager	(Tyson M.)	503-879-2418
Police/ Police Emergency			503-879-2123/911



Student Union slates powwow

EUGENE – The Native American Student Union at the University of Oregon will be holding its 49th annual Mother's Day Powwow on Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, on the EMU Lawn. A community salmon bake also will be held on Sunday, May 14, at the Many Nations Longhouse, 1630 Columbia St.

In addition, the Student Union will be hosting Native activist and rapper Frank Waln on Thursday, May 11, at a location to be determined.

All events are free and open to the public.

The powwow will have more than \$7,000 in prize money to be awarded in 14 dance categories.

For more information about the powwow or to donate funds to sponsor the event, contact Fundraising Chair Jordan Connell at 541-720-4012 or via e-mail at asuonasu@uoregon.edu.

The Mother's Day Powwow honors cultural heritage and celebrates the mothers in the University of Oregon community. ■