

Grand Ronde Housing Department



Housing Board seeks community input

The Grand Ronde Housing Board is inviting Tribal members and Tribal housing residents to provide input to assist its members in carrying out its advisory role to the Housing Department and Tribal Council regarding policy guidance. The Housing Board meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Housing Department conference room, 28450 Tyee Road. Its chair is Matt Thomas. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 503-879-2401. ■

Grand Ronde police help catch suspected bank robber

Sheridan man led police on 25-mile chase through Polk County

By Danielle Frost
Smoke Signals staff writer

A Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department car was slightly damaged in a high-speed pursuit through Polk County on Friday, Sept. 29, but no Tribal police officers were injured.

The pursuit began in Salem, where officers there pursued Richard Louis Whittington, 43, of Sheridan after he allegedly robbed a Key Bank. He then drove his BMW on Highway 22 at speeds up to 100 mph. Whittington then continued on Red Prairie Road and crossed Highway 18.

Polk County deputies joined the pursuit and Grand Ronde police were dispatched to assist as well, Lt. Tim Hernandez said.

Spike strips were laid down to slow the suspect vehicle and then a

Tribal police officer used his vehicle to force the fleeing car into a ditch along Red Prairie Road.

“Our officer took the opportunity, while the pursuit was at slow speeds, to stop the suspect,” Hernandez said. “He did what he needed to do to get him off the roads so he didn’t hurt anyone.”

The Tribal patrol car sustained minor cosmetic damage in the incident, Hernandez said. An estimated damage amount had not yet been determined.

Whittington was being held at the Polk County Jail on three charges including reckless driving and attempting to elude a police officer. His bail was set at \$22,500.

Salem police and the FBI are investigating the alleged bank robbery. ■

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **Instructional Assistant**
Job #086-17
Early Childhood Education
Grade: 6
Closing date: Oct. 20

■ **College Intern**
Job #066-17
Youth Education
Grade: 3
Open until filled

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

■ **AFC Caregiver (on-call)**
Adult Foster Care
Grade: 5
Open until filled

■ **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
Behavioral Health
Job #065-15
Grade: 19
Open until filled

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL

■ **Psychiatrist**
Job #062-16
Behavioral Health
Grade: 23
Open until filled

■ **Audit Manager**
Job #077-16
Audit Services
Grade: 16
Open until filled

■ **Pediatrician**
Job #025-17
GRHWC
Grade: 23
Open until filled

■ **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**
Behavioral Health
Job #065-15
Grade: 19
Open until filled

■ **Disabilities & Education Services Coordinator**
Job #063-17
ECE
Grade: 10
Open until filled

■ **Teacher Aide (on call)**
Job #061-17
Early Childhood Education
Grade: 5
Open until filled

Internal applicants are

1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month Introductory period, receiving at least a “meets expectations” on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,
2. Grand Ronde Tribal members
3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or
4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment process

For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members

- a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end.
2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children and current regular employees.

Drug-Free Workplace Policy

- Effective January 1, 2004, all employees are subject to random drug and/or alcohol testing.
- All pre-employment offers.
- When there is reasonable suspicion.
- Post accident.

For a detailed job description, contact the Tribe’s job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877 TRIBEGR.

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Health and Wellness Fair



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Elder Cherie Butler, left, gets her blood pressure taken by Tribal Health Promotion Specialist Amber Case during the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Fair held in the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Atrium on Thursday, Oct. 5. Community Health, Behavioral Health, Dental, Pharmacy and Medical Laboratory/X-ray were some of the departments that had informational tables at the event.



Tribal Elder Alan Ham talks with Tribal X-ray Technician Niki Mosley during the Grand Ronde Health and Wellness Fair held in the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Atrium on Thursday, Oct. 5.