

2017 Monte "Mouse" George, horseshoe tournament held during the annual "Riggs-Norwest" family reunion at the home Steve and Connie Bobb. Winner of the singles is Gregg Leno and winners of the doubles is Anthony "Homer" Henry and Brad Reid.



Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Optometry

Effective July 1, 2017, Tribal spouses on the Skookum Health Assistance Program will be required to pay overages above the Skookum Health Assistance Program limitations, as well co-pays when receiving optometry services at the Health & Wellness Center. ■

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the claim has dementia or blame past drug use, even if it was 20 years ago. It is really hard in this region as well because those types of comments live on with a person. ... So it is hard to climb out of that and they are not seen as credible." Shedding light on domestic violence can be difficult even in professional settings. Despite the recent reports that indicate that Native American women experience more intimate partner violence than any other ethnic group, Falla has noticed pushback.

"Until a few years ago, there were no statistics," she said. "So part of this is raising awareness. Native Americans get forgotten when it comes to reporting. If you're trying to disclose (a crime), law enforcement sometimes really doesn't know who to give you to. In some situations with my clients, it has taken months for them to be able to tell an officer, then they didn't get a good sense that they would get anywhere or that...the situation was credible."

Other issues that domestic or sexual violence victims may face is feeling as if they lack credibility due to past history or unfavorable experiences with police or the courts.

"There is a lot of extreme fear, embarrassment and shame," Falla said. "But there are people who will believe you and ultimately understand."

To help combat the problem of where to report, the U.S. Department of Justice created a Tribal Access Program, which provides federally recognized Tribes the ability to access and exchange information with national crime databases for civil and criminal offenses.

Tribal governments can access federal crime databases with information, such as criminal back-

ground records, outstanding warrants and domestic violence protection orders. The only Oregon Tribe selected to participate was the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Priority was given to Tribes that had a sex offender registry in accordance with the Adam Walsh Act and that are currently unable to directly submit data to national crime information databases.

The problem of missing and murdered Native women has become so prevalent that the U.S. Senate signed a resolution designating May 5 as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

The resolution states that Native women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average and that little data exists on the number of missing Native women in the United States.

"Often, these disappearances or murders are connected to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking," states a press release from the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

As far as Cameron's case goes, her family is seeking resolution to a life-altering event that has haunted them for more than five years.

"Heather can now be legally declared dead," Gleason-Shepek said. "So the next step for the family is to educate ourselves on the California legal process and determine if we are able to navigate it ourselves or if we will need to raise money to hire legal assistance."

Once Cameron is declared deceased, the Tribe will release her monies to a designated guardian of her estate, Gleason-Shepek said.

"We know that Heather would want her children to have this money," she said. "We hope to use some of the money to increase the reward (for information) and the remaining money would go to her children." ■

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Class is limited to participants 12 and older, Youth age 12- 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Supplies are limited to one pair per person, must be present to receive materials.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

TRIBAL COUNCIL Christmas Party

@ the Tribal Gym

- Following the General Council Meeting
- Visits with Santa from 11 a.m.-noon
- Meal at 1 p.m.
- Lord's Prayer
- Meals Served
- Door Prizes during meal
- Children singing

After children sing go to concession stand to receive a Tribal Council gift

-Return to gym to receive candy from Elders