

Tribal police collect 28.5 pounds of prescription drugs

Grand Ronde Tribal Police collected 28.5 pounds of prescription drugs during a four-hour period on Saturday, Oct. 28, as a participant in National Drug Take-Back Day.

The day was sponsored by the Tribal Police Department, Health & Wellness Pharmacy and the Drug Enforcement Agency. It was the 14th opportunity in seven years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

In April, Americans turned in 450 tons of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the Drug Enforcement Agency and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. In the 13 previous Drug Take-Back events, more than 8.1 million pounds of prescription drugs have been turned in.

Americans are now advised that disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash creates potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about disposal of prescription drugs, visit the DEA website or contact Sgt. Rod McAllister at 503-879-1826. ■

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in Room 204 in the Tribal Governance Center. Chair: Siobhan Taylor.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Michael Mercier.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Matt Thomas.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

LIHEAP program open in service area

The Tribal Social Service's LIHEAP – Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program – is open to eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

This is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and is designed to help low-income households with home heating costs.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

School District seeks committee member

The Willamina School District is seeking a volunteer to serve on the Budget Committee through June 30, 2020.

Interested residents of the school district can find more information and the necessary forms on the webpage www.willamina.k12.or.us. Approximately a third of Willamina School District students are Native American and most of those are Grand Ronde Tribal members or descendants. ■

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