18 DECEMBER 1, 2017 SMOKE SIGNALS



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M. (closed Monday - Friday: noon – 1 P.M.) Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Family Fun Night @ the Library: 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. Holiday themed activities and treats.

Saturday Movie @ **the Library:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, for a holiday movie.

Donations: Our thanks to the K-5 Program and Tina Gilbert for their contributions to the Tribal Library collection. We appreciate the generosity of our friends of the library.

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Youth Spotlight

November 2017

Student: Grave Gibbons

Grade: Junior at Willamina High School

Reason: Academic success

Activities: CTGR Youth Education Program, Native Club and Sexual Health Advisory Board youth representative

Plans After High School: Chemeketa Community College: focus on something sports- or music-related as he has a love for basketball and music.

From: Klamath Falls. He lived in Bend for eight years and moved to Grand Ronde when he was 13.

Reasons Behind His Academic Success: "I decided mentally to get stuff done so I can play basketball. I figured it was time to stop messing around and just get stuff done. It just hit me out of nowhere, this is almost the end of high school for me. What's the point to fail at the end? I am making better choices, better progress and am proud of it. Another reason is because of Mrs. Patricia Rhodes. I really appreciated her. She believed in me."

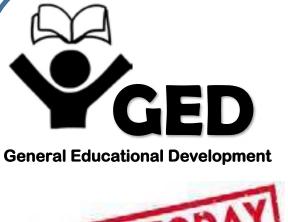
Advice to Students Who Are Struggling in School: "Keep doing what you need to focus on in school. Pay attention. I'm a kid, I still don't like school work, but I have to kick myself to get it done. You can go far in life if you do good in school. If you drop out, you have to push harder in life. You have a better chance if you do good in school. You need to push yourself to the limit, and find the strength within yourself to do it."

Anything You'd Like to Add: Just thank you to everyone who loves me and has helped me, especially Patricia Rhodes, Tiffany Mercier, Chris Bailey, Matt Zimbrick, Tim Barry, Vincent Chargualaf and Todd Hakman (current and past Youth Education staff).

From Youth Education Department: We are incredibly impressed and proud of Grave. Like all teenagers, he has faced struggles and challenges throughout his school career. We definitely feel that his success has been a group effort with a team consisting of Grave, Willamina High School staff and our Education staff. We feel that the biggest contributing factor, besides his choice to work harder and apply himself, is the amazing involvement and constant communication with his mother, Barbara Gibbons. We have seen Grave grow so much just within the last school year, and we couldn't be more proud of him!

First-quarter academic excellence

Madison Aaron: As & Bs Moses Mercier: As & Bs Darien Leno: As & Bs Isabelle Grout: All As.



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