

## Tribal police issue seven citations during grant period

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department officers issued seven citations for speeding violations and 18 warnings for various traffic-related violations during a High Visibility Enforcement Grant period that ran from Dec. 15 through Jan. 1.

Tribal officers worked 16 hours of overtime during the holidays, focusing on stopping impaired drivers and careless, reckless and other aggressive driving habits.

Sgt. Rod McAllister said that Tribal police stopped two subjects on New Year's Eve for operating a motor vehicle while their driving privileges were suspended and two other subjects were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

The grant was sponsored by Oregon Impact, the state Department of Transportation and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

"The primary intent of these heightened patrols is to prevent deaths, injuries and property damage caused by DUII drivers by removing them from the road," McAllister said in a press release. "Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department officers are trained to look for signs of impairment beyond just alcohol, as many other substances, legal or illegal, can impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely." ■

## UofO teaching program seeks Native applicants

EUGENE – The Sapsik'wala Teacher Education and the UOTeach programs at the University of Oregon are looking for Native American/Alaska Native students who want to become elementary or middle/high school teachers.

Application deadline for the 2018-19 academic year is Monday, Jan. 15.

The Sapsik'wala program offers full financial assistance to eligible American Indian/Alaska Native students. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe or have an enrolled parent or grandparent.

The program lasts 15 months with a support package of approximately \$50,000 per student. Prospective students must have completed an undergraduate education and apply through the admissions process of UOTeach. Students will earn a master's degree in education, as well as a teacher's license.

To apply and review the admission requirements, visit [education.uoregon.edu/uo-teach-k-12-teacher-licensure-and-masters-curriculum-and-teacher-admissions](http://education.uoregon.edu/uo-teach-k-12-teacher-licensure-and-masters-curriculum-and-teacher-admissions) by Jan. 15.

To learn more about the Sapsik'wala program, visit [education.uoregon.edu/program/sapsikwala-project](http://education.uoregon.edu/program/sapsikwala-project). The program is entering its 17th year and has a 100 percent graduation rate. The 81 alumni represent 41 Tribes. ■

## WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be Jan. 16,

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

## Tribe established the Court of Appeals in 2001

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for a federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals judge and been a professor of law at Lewis & Clark in Portland, teaching about Indian law, cultural resources protection and other subjects. He currently is a professor of law at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.

Gibson (Comanche) was the first Tribal liaison for the city of Portland, appointed by former Mayor Charlie Hales. She has worked as an attorney for Oregon and Washington Tribes and also graduated from Lewis & Clark College's Northwestern School of Law.

The Tribe established the Court of Appeals in 2001 and it has seen 77 cases filed since then, Fasana said.

"Cases before the Court of Appeals varies," she said. "Some years we do not have any cases filed. On average, the court will see one to two cases per year. The exception has been enrollment cases. In 2001, the court received filings for 31 cases as a result of the 1999 constitutional amendment. In 2015, the court received nine filings as the result of the enrollment audit and disenrollments."

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved the enrollment of two infants into the Tribe because they met the requirements outlined in the Enrollment Ordinance and Tribal Constitution.
- Approved the Natural Resources Department applying for two Bureau of Indian Affairs grants. The first grant, worth \$120,000, would supplement current Tribal staff working to meet requirements of the Endangered Species Act on properties the Tribe has acquired through the Bonneville Power

Administration's Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program. The second, for \$196,000, would help combat invasive species at the Rattlesnake Butte property near Junction City.

- Approved by Coalho Timber Harvest as presented by the Natural Resources Department. The plan is to harvest approximately 5.5 million board feet of timber from 124 acres of the Coal Creek/Cole Creek/4H property, which will net the Tribe about \$1.94 million after expenses and other fees.
- Approved an amendment to the Tribe's Native mascot memorandum of agreement with the Banks School District that adds the elementary and middle schools. The original agreement only applied to Banks High School.

Also included in the Jan. 10 Tribal Council packet were three approved authorizations to proceed and staff directives that directed staff to prepare and submit comments to the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's request to lethally take sea lions threatening endangered salmon in the Willamette River, authorized staff to negotiate and finalize a loan agreement with the British Museum regarding historical Native American items in the Summers Collection and directed Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez to create a folder in Laserfiche for the posting of Tribal committee and special event board minutes.

Cultural Resources Department Manager David Harrelson gave the cultural presentation to open the meeting, discussing what "culture" means to each person individually.

"I encourage you to look inward and seek those answers," Harrelson said. "Culture is who you are and where you come from." ■



# Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



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