

Dunk tank fundraiser



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Asset Inventory Specialist Jerry George uses a water gun to spray people as Tribal Optometrist Andrew Ngo walks up to hit the target to dunk George during the dunk tank Clinic Party Committee fundraiser held on Thursday, Aug. 23. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George, Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi, Tribal Quality Improvement Manager Dawn Doar and Tribal Activities/Wellness Promotion Coordinator Kandee Little also took turns in the booth. The committee raised \$153 that will be used to host events for the clinic staff. The cost was \$2 for 3 balls or \$5 to push the target for a guaranteed dunk.

Public Notice Open for Comment

This is a public notice for comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe's application for 2019 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Funding. The Grand Ronde Tribe obtained a LIHEAP grant last year from the Division of Energy Assistance within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This grant program assists income-eligible Tribal members with energy assistance (utility bills, firewood, etc.), cooling assistance, crisis energy assistance, and weatherization (e.g. furnace repair, caulking, insulation).

The Tribe's LIHEAP service area includes Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook and Clackamas counties. If you are interested in obtaining services from the current program please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 for energy assistance and Tribal Housing at 503-879-2405 for weatherization.

The Tribe is taking public comment on the 2019 LIHEAP application and plan and the associated policies which are to be submitted by Sept. 3, 2018. The latest draft will be available for review at the Social Services Department at the Community Center starting Aug. 17, 2018. You also may call the Planning & Grants Department at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan. ■

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, contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

Casting call seeking Native American children

The feature film "Lorelei" is seeking child actors between 6 and 18 years of age for multiple large supporting roles and is seeking Pacific Northwest Native Americans to consider auditioning.

The story is set in a misty lumber town and follows Wayland, a recent parolee, who falls in love with Dolores and her children, who are members of a mixed-race family.

Auditions will go through September. It is a union job and pay Screen Actors Guild scale.

Interested children actors should submit their information to <http://smhcasing/lorelei-kids/>. Acting experience is not needed and there is no cost to sign up for an audition.

In addition, there will be a need for Native American children in several upcoming projects and having resumes on file will be helpful. ■

Tribal Council OKs agreement to work on statewide Native curriculum

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a data agreement with the Oregon Department of Education at its Wednesday, Aug. 22, meeting that will allow the Grand Ronde Tribe to participate in the implementation of a statewide Native American curriculum required by the passage and signing of Senate Bill 13 in 2017.

Senate Bill 13 was approved during the 2017 Oregon Legislature and calls upon the state Department of Education to develop a statewide curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon.

Gov. Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 13 into law on Sept. 18, 2017.

The statewide curriculum will cover such topics as Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events.

The bill allocates \$200,000 to each of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes to create individual Tribal curriculums.

Education Northwest is coordinating with the nine Tribes regarding their individual history curriculums.

Education Department Manager Leslie Riggs said during the Tuesday, Aug. 14, Legislative Action Committee hearing that the Grand Ronde Tribe is "well ahead of the game" considering it has already created curriculums to teach Grand Ronde history to fourth- and eighth-graders. The curriculum is currently being used by more than 90 schools, he added.

Riggs said that each Tribe's history will be integrated into a statewide curriculum.

Tribal Council also approved the agenda for the Sunday, Sept. 9, General Council meeting that will be held in the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. Spirit Mountain Casino will be

the subject of the main presentation.

In other actions, Tribal Council:

- Approved the Tribe's annual application for \$118,845 in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services that provides home energy assistance to low-income Tribal households in a seven-county service area. In 2017, the program served 166 households. Planning & Grants Manager Kim Rogers said the Tribe has been receiving the funding for more than a decade.
 - Declared Friday, Sept. 14, as the next per capita payment date.
 - Appointed Joann Mercier as an alternate to the Election Board with a term expiring in March 2020. She was one of 11 applicants for the position on the Election Board.
 - Approved the Plankhouse Thin Logging Unit that is estimated to bring the Tribe \$32,807 in revenue.
 - Approved including the King, Fort Yamhill and Nicoll properties in the 2013-22 Natural Resources Management Plan. Natural Resources Department Manager Michael Wilson said the Bureau of Indian Affairs will not approve timber sales on lands that are not included in an approved management plan.
 - And approved a lease agreement with the Indian Health Service for the Tribal Health & Wellness Center that will net the Tribe an additional \$479,804 in health funding.
- Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez also announced that there would be a membership update on the former Multnomah Greyhound Park property in Wood Village on Tuesday, Aug. 28.
- The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal website at www.grandronde.org and clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

Come to Iskam Mə̀kʰMə̀k-Haws and Learn About Food Preservation and Proper Storage



The Oregon State University Extension Service continues to offer a variety of food preservation classes this summer and into the fall. The classes are staffed by trained Master Food Preserver volunteers who provide instruction and hands-on opportunities for participants to practice safe food preservation techniques and build self-confidence and skills. The schedule of food preservation classes for includes:

- **Preserving Tomatoes and the "Laws of Salsa"** — Tuesday, September 11th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Spice up your life year round with flavorful tomato sauces and salsas that you preserve at the height of the tomato season. You will learn how to safely can tomatoes and salsa, which you will take home.
- **(On Hold For Now) Preserving Meat** — Saturday, October 6th from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Learn to properly field dress and process your wild game and learn ways to properly preserve your meat safely whether you are pressure canning, drying or smoking these low fat meats.

Pre-registration is required a minimum of 3 days before the scheduled class. Class size and childcare are limited and you must pre-register. Classes are free and include an instructional packet, recipes, and sample products to take home. The classes will be held at Iskam Mə̀kʰMə̀k-Haws, located at 9675 Grand Ronde Road in Grand Ronde. For more information regarding these classes contact Coordinator, Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663, or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org.



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