

Education, Human Resources seeing leadership changes

The Tribe’s Human Resources and Education departments are experiencing changes in leadership.

Human Resources Director Patrick Dempsey is leaving Tribal employment at the end of October to become the executive director of Human Resources at the Quinault Beach Casino and Resort in Ocean Shores, Wash.

Dempsey, who oversaw the merging of Spirit Mountain Casino and Tribal governmental human resources functions, has worked for the Grand Ronde Tribe since January 2013.

General Manager David Fullerton announced via e-mail on Thursday, Oct. 4, that former Human Resources Department staff member Daphney Colton will take over as interim Human Resources director while the Tribe begins recruiting for a new director.

“I want to thank Patrick for his contribution to the organization and wish him well in his future endeavors,” Fullerton said. “Patrick did a great job leading our HR team.”

In addition, Education Department Manager Leslie Riggs resigned on Sept. 10 after working for the Tribe for more than 12 years in the Social Services and Education departments.

“My plan is to continue to work in Indian education, or just education, and so far I have been able to do so,” Riggs said via e-mail.

Higher Education Manager Bryan Langley is the acting head of the Education Department while the Tribe recruits for the open position. ■

Art tour seeking student entries

WILLAMINA — The Coastal Hills Art Tour, being held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10, is seeking works for its Student Art Show. All students are eligible and all art forms are eligible.

Matting assistance will be available from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in Room 6 of the West Valley Community Campus in Willamina. An entry form will be available at the workshop.

Four of a student’s maximum five entries must be for sale with students receiving 70 percent of the sale price. The other 30 percent is split equally among the West Valley Community Campus, food bank and Art Conspiracy.

For more information, contact Joyce at artconspiracy98@gmail.com or the West Valley Art Conspiracy on Facebook ■

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmək haws* – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19;
- And 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

In partnership with the Health & Wellness Center, the Farm Share Rx distributions occur from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. If you are interested in being placed on the waitlist, contact your clinic provider or call Rachel Peterson at 503-581-3855.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

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 monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center’s conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
 - **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first 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: Penny DeLoe.
 - **Enrollment Board** meets the third Wednesday of the month in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Ann Lewis.
 - **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: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
 - **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: TBD.
 - **Tribal Employment Rights Commission** meets 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in the Employment Services building, Room 118A. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
 - **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

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