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# **Return to school**



Photo by Timothy J. Gonzalez

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department Lt. Tim Hernandez greeted students returning to Willamina High School on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Hernandez and Police Chief Jake McKnight handed out Tribal Police pens that listed the department's text number of 541-921-2927 on them. Tribal Council members Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Lisa Leno also welcomed returning students back to class at Willamina and then went on to do the same at Sheridan schools. Approximately 40 percent of Willamina School District students identify as Native American with most of them being from the Grand Ronde Tribe.

#### **Public Notice Open For Comment**

This is a Public Notice for Comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe's application for 2020 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 2020 LIHEAP application and plan and the associated policies, which are to be submitted by Sept. 3, 2018. You may call the Planning & Grants Development at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan.  $\blacksquare$ 

### Youth Ribbon Skirt Making Class

For the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk

Who: Tribal or Tribal Descendent Youth ages 10-18

What: We will be making Ribbon skirts to be worn by our youth for the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk to represent the Native American teens that are effected by suicide each day. Native American youth have the highest incidence of teen suicide than any other racial or ethnic group.

Where & When: Class 1- Youth Education 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 7

Class 2-Community Center 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 11

\*Please note that by attending the class and making a ribbon skirt you are committing to attend the <u>Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk with Youth Prevention in Salem on Sept. 28.</u> (Details for the walk to be announced)

\*Limit of 15 participating youth, so please call <u>503-879-2149 or 503-879-1471</u> to reserve your space for the walk (open to Tribal and Tribal Descendent Youth) and to R.S.V.P. for the class.







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**New items to our collection:** "Apollo 11," "Dumbo," "Mary Poppins," "Guardians of The Galaxy Vol. 2," "Toy Story 3," "The Founder" and more available on DVD and Blu-ray.

**Books:** "Have You Thought of Leonard Peltier Lately," "A Little War of Destiny: The Yakima/Walla Walla Indian War of 1855/1856," "Jurassic Park" and more.

**"Little Library" locations:** The Tribal Library oversees the 14 Little Library locations in and around Grand Ronde. Feel free to stop by any of these locations and grab a book for free.

**DVD selection:** Come check out the Tribal Library's ever-growing movie collection, with more than 1,800 DVDs/Blu-ray formats to choose from.

Book Review: "Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon.

"Everything, Everything" is about a young woman, Madeline Whittier, who has a rare genetic disorder, commonly known as "bubble boy disease" or Severe Combined Immunodeficiency. She's allergic to everything and doesn't leave her house. The only people she has contact with are her mother and her nurse, Carla. Everything changes for Maddy when a boy moves in next door.

The book follows the typical teenage romance storyline. They meet, they fall in love and then some conflict changes everything. That storyline is not necessarily a bad thing though. I thought both main characters were very likable. They are witty and a little too smart for their age. I found it to be an overall enjoyable book. For those who liked "The Fault in Our Stars" or "Eleanor & Park," they also will enjoy "Everything, Everything" by Nicola Yoon.

"Everything, Everything" also was made into a movie in 2017. It features young Amandla Stenberg, star of "The Hate U Give," and Nick Robinson, star of "Love, Simon." I also enjoyed the movie. Was it exactly like the book? No, but the acting was good and some of the scenes were really creative. The two characters communicate mostly through e-mails and texts in the book, but the movie puts a creative spin on those scenes that I thought helped push the story along. So, as far as movies based on books, this one was entertaining and enjoyable. — *Reviewed by Crystal Bigelow* 

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