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in this role,” she says. “Now, I’m stepping into a well-developed department where I am going to need to familiarize myself with all of the programs.”

Education is one of the largest Tribal departments with about 50 employees who work in Early Childhood Education, Youth Education, Higher Education, the Chinuk Language Program and at the Tribal Library.

Fasana, 47, was raised in Willamina and comes from the large, extended Leno family. She is the daughter of former longtime Tribal Council member Reyn Leno and Member Benefits Administrator Liz Leno. Her brother, Shonn, is the Tribe’s Housing Department manager.

She is married to husband, Ariaah, a Willamina High School teacher, and has two grown children, Cheyenne and Justin.

Fasana graduated from Willami-

na High School in 1990 and was the first in her family to attend college. She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Portland State University and a jurisprudence degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.

After graduating from law school, Fasana began working for the Tribal Attorney’s Office, where she stayed for three years before transitioning to the Tribal Court. There, she developed the Indigent Defense Program, Tribal Member Review Board and Court Appointed Special Advocate, Peacemaker and Mediation programs.

“I never applied for another job until now,” Fasana says. “I loved developing programs to promote more services for our Tribal members. Courts and the law can seem scary and overwhelming, and I wanted people to see it as a resource that was inclusive and culturally appropriate.”

Fasana says she first developed an interest in the law when she worked as an intern for the court

after high school.

“I did the first set of files and sat in on the first hearing,” she says. “That helped shape my path. I wanted to make sure the court kept that inclusive, Tribal feel.”

Although her job as Education Manager will be very different in some respects, helping children and families remains a constant.

“I’ve always enjoyed Tribal children and families, and I’m grateful to my ancestors for all that they have done,” Fasana says. “This is a good area to try and work to make things better for future generations. Kids and families have always been a priority for me. This is just another way to help.”

Fasana previously served as the Tribe’s liaison to the Willamina School Board from 2005-15, and was recently elected as chair. She resigned that position after starting the job as Education manager.

“I am a huge fan of education,” she says. “My grandma was a teacher and I planned to be a teacher when I was younger. I

was always the ‘teacher’ to my brothers Shonn and Dustin when we were kids. Education has been my lifelong passion and I’m looking forward to working with kids and families.”

Fasana says initial goals in her new job are understanding how all of the programs and grants work, and figuring out how to take the department and move it into the future while balancing goals and expectations.

“The Education Department was so meaningful to me when I was in college,” she says. “If I can be that to at least one kid, I will be tremendously grateful.”

General Manager David Fullerton says Fasana will bring more than 20 years of program development and management experience to the department, and that she also serves on several state and national advisory boards.

“Angie has strong leadership qualities and values that will contribute to our Education Department,” he says. ■

Elders raise \$2,229 for Johnny Wheels Band

A fundraiser held Friday, Sept. 20, at the Elders Activity Center raised \$2,229 to help purchase a wheelchair lift van for the Johnny Wheels Band.

The Elders offered Indian tacos and fry bread for sale, a 50/50 raffle, bake sale and music by Wheels’ band, The Swamp Donkeys.

“He’s a longtime community member that many of us are friends with and want to support,” said Elders Activity Center Secretary Virginia Roof-Kimsey.

Wheels is a singer, songwriter and harmonica player “inspired by the soul of the Pacific Northwest,” according to the band’s website, www.johnnywheelsband.com. After breaking his neck in a childhood accident, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down, he learned to manipulate his paralyzed diaphragm to not only sing, but also play the harmonica.


The Swamp Donkeys, Wheels’ bandmates, include guitarists Brandon Logan and Michael Rabe, drummer Doug Knoyle and bassist Taylor Frazier. ■

Fee assistance

Enrolled Tribal members can request assistance with test fees (i.e. GRE, SAT, LSAT, ACT) and admissions application fees. Contact Higher Education for more information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

Opportunity for comment on Grand Ronde Housing Department 2020 Indian Housing Plan (IHP)

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring. The Grand Ronde Housing Department (GRHD) has received multiple grants under this program which were active during 2019. **Comments on the Indian Housing Plan are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRHD office or by calling 503-879-2401, or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRHD no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019.** All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD. ■



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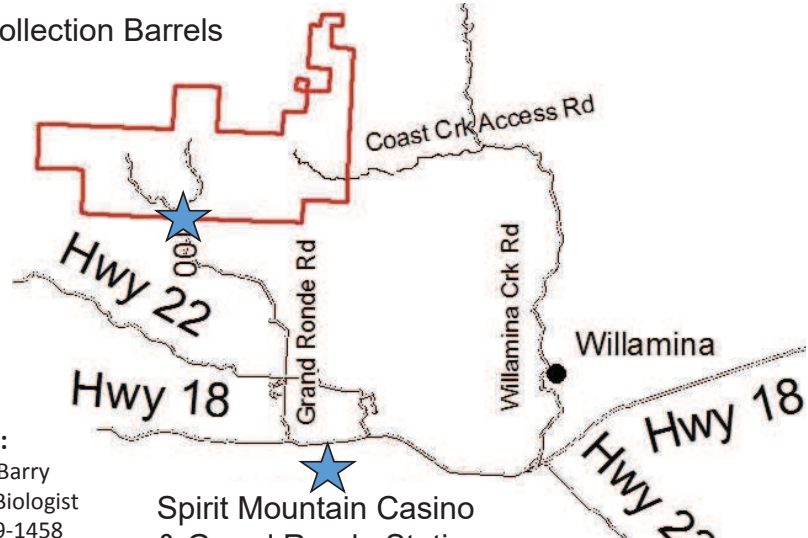
Grouse and quail hunters asked to return wings, tails for research

The hunting season for forest grouse and quail in Western Oregon is open September 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife asks successful grouse and mountain quail hunters to donate a wing and tail of each bird for biological research. The wings and tails provide information on hatch date, recruitment, age and sex ratios of the populations to help set next year’s hunting seasons.

Blue collection barrels are located at Grand Ronde Station and the intersection of Agency Creek Road and Yoncalla Road on the Reservation near the 4 mile marker. An entire wing and whole tail including small rump feathers should be removed. Paper bags are provided in the collection barrels for the parts, and hunters should mark harvest date, county taken, and general location.

Refer to the Game Bird Regulations for specific grouse and quail identification tips. It is illegal to shoot spruce grouse in Oregon.

★ Collection Barrels



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