

TERO Worker of the Month August 2020

Name: Robert Rife

Employer: Freyssinet Inc.

Position: Heavy construction/
flat work

Robbie first applied to the TERO Skills Bank in 2015, initially getting dispatched to a Spirit Mountain Casino kitchen remodel happening at the time.

Since then, Robbie has been dispatched to numerous successful projects, building his skill set in multiple facets including paving, plumbing, flagging and bridge work. Robbie was chosen as August's TERO Worker of the Month due to his consistent attendance record, positive outlook on new challenges he encounters and an overall good attitude.

When asked how TERO has helped him, Robbie said, "TERO has provided me with a safe place to work and amazing job opportunities. A big thank you to TERO and its employees. Most of my success has come from TERO. Thank you."

Way to go Robbie. Keep it up!



Robert Rife

Education Department develops plan for fall services

By Danielle Frost

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Just as public school districts have been doing around the state, the Grand Ronde Education Department has grappled with how to best serve students during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

After being closed to in-person services since March 16, the department has developed a response plan after consulting with General Manager David Fullerton and Tribal Council.

"Throughout the spring and summer, each program within the department has worked to provide as much service as possible while balancing the safety of employees, students and families," Education Department Manager Angela Fasana said. "The Education Department realizes this school year will pose new challenges for our students and families, (so) we are excited to announce the highlights for the newly adopted Education Department COVID Response Plan."

The plan became effective on Sept. 1 and will remain in place for the 2020-21 school year. Some of the highlights include:

- Technology Assistance Program: Allocation of \$500 to assist with the purchase of technology equipment to support Tribal member students in kindergarten through college.
- Distance learning with weekly physical distance visits for all preschool students.
- Internet classrooms for kindergarten through third-grade Chinuk Immersion Program students as well as kindergarten through 12th grade students in the community. The classroom will be on the



Angela Fasana

Tribal campus where students can bring their own devices to access the Internet.

- Academic coaching services for kindergarten

through 12th grade Tribal member students regardless of location, and academic advising services for kindergarten through 12th grade Tribal member students in the Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan areas. This will be a combination of virtual and physically distanced, in-person services.

- Continuation of activity boxes for Tribal member students, regardless of location, on a monthly basis.
- Adult Chinuk language classes offered weekly on a virtual platform.
- Education/career coaching services offered through Higher Education with a focus on assisting Tribal members with preparing for their education or careers. Virtual, as well as in-person options, will be available as long as it is safe to do so.
- Enhanced family support services with expansion of home visits.
- Continuation of literacy programs such as the Summer Reading Program. The Tribal Library will be offering a fall, winter and spring reading programs as well.
- Implementation of a mobile library for the local community.

"We are working diligently to develop these services and will roll out delivery as soon as possible, so stay tuned for more information on the CTGR Education Programs Facebook page," Fasana said. ■

St. Michael's offers brunch

St. Michael's Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance.

For more information or for kitchen and hall rental, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

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