

Health & Wellness offering vaccinations to youths

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center is now offering COVID-19 vaccinations for youths 12 to 17 years of age, Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe announced on June 15.

The Tribe is using the Pfizer vaccine for youths. To schedule an appointment, contact the clinic at 503-879-2032.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control recently expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to adolescents, meaning the two governmental organizations determined that clinical trials show the vaccine is safe and effective for children in this age range.

According to www.grandronde.org, the Tribe has vaccinated more than 20,500 people since it started receiving the two-dose Moderna vaccine in late December with more than 9,950 of those people being Elders 55 and older. ■

Public Notice Open For Comment

This notice is for comment on the Grand Ronde Tribe’s 2021 application for Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) funding. The Grand Ronde Tribe has operated the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program from the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for many years to help income-eligible Tribal members with energy assistance (electrical and gas bills). Congress approved funding to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills as part of the American Rescue Plan emergency assistance and now there is LIHWAP. Tribes and other eligible entities can model much of their Grant Implementation Plans on their LIHEAP plans as far as eligibility documentation and applications.

The Tribe’s LIHWAP (& LIHEAP) service area includes Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook and Clackamas counties.

The Tribe is taking public comment on the 2021 LIHWAP application and plan and the associated policies which are to be submitted by Aug. 9, 2021. The latest draft will be available for review at the Social Services Department at the Community Services Center starting July 15, 2021. If you would like to comment on the Tribe’s plan, please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 or Planning & Grants Development at 503-879-2250 with your comments on the plan or to obtain more information about the plan. ■

Broaden Your Horizons, Deepen Your Roots:

STUDY CHINUK WAWA

Fall 2021 – Lane Community College

CW101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa.
Tu/Th 4-6pm via Zoom – 4 credit hours

CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa.
M/W 4-6pm via Zoom – 4 credit hours

These courses will be online for the entire 2021-2022 academic year – please join us from wherever you are!

Lane Community College has two cost-saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa:

1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW101, after completion of CW 101 and CW 102.
2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no credit at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LOC Arts and Humanities Division.

Chinuk Wawa at LOC is presented in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde language program

Tribe receiving \$280,794 Homeland Security grant

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde will receive a \$280,794 Tribal Homeland Security grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Tribal Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers said the federal funds will be used to pay for staff time in Emergency Management and fund work on updating the Tribe’s emergency plans.

The grant award was announced on Friday, July 16.

The only other Oregon Tribe to receive funding was the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, which received \$135,000. The Seneca Nation of Indians received the largest grant of \$1.825 million.

In total, Native American Tribes received \$15 million in funding. ■



Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camps



Learn to speak Chinuk Wawa this Summer with the Chinuk Wawa Education Program! Three themed camps will be offered for youth in grades K-5 and 6-12 on a first come, first served basis! Camps will run from 8:00am-12:00pm in the Adult Education building in room 126. See below for camp and registration details. Tribal preference will be given. Transportation not provided. COVID safety measures in place, masks required.

JUNE- Games

Focusing on basic vocabulary and playing/creating games for a fun language learning experience!

June 22nd-24th- K-5 group
June 29th-July 1st- 6th-12th group
Registration begins May 24th



JULY- Canoes

Focusing on Grand Ronde’s canoes, songs, and dances through Chinuk Wawa, AND an opportunity to paddle in a canoe!

July 20th-22nd- K-5 group
July 27th-29th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 2nd

AUGUST- Berries

Focusing on different berries and local native plants, picking berries, & making homemade jam & fry bread!

August 16th & 17th- K-5 group
August 18th and 19th- 6-12 group
Registration begins July 30th



There are only 12 spots per camp! To sign up, please complete and return registration to
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