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Agency: USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
Meeting: Polk County Local Work Group Meeting
Date: Jan. 27, 2023
Time: 9 a.m.-noon

Location: Hybrid meeting - Chemeketa Eola Northwest Wine Studies Center, 215 Doaks Ferry Road N.W., Salem, OR 97304, & Zoom. You must register for this event.

For more information and to register, please visit polkswcd.com.

Purpose: The Polk Soil & Water Conservation District and NRCS will hold the annual Work Group meeting to gather information for our future locally led programs. Farmers, ranchers, non-industrial woodland owners and operators, state and federal agencies, and agriculture and conservation organizations are invited to discuss natural resource problems on their land, general resource problems in Polk County and possible solutions. Your input is important. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can watch the recording on the website – Polkswcd.com.

Topics we will be focusing on are:

- Soil Health and Water Quality Principles
- Forest Resiliency in the face of Climate Change
- Oak Restoration for Wildlife

The USDA is an equal-opportunity provider, employer and lender.

For questions or concerns, please contact Evelyn Conrad with the USDA NRCS at 503-837-3689 or by e-mail at evelyn.conrad@usda.gov.

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made 48 hours before the meeting. Please contact Morgan Neil at 503-623-9680 for arrangements. ■

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Casino hosts Corvallis Manor residents

Spirit Mountain Casino hosted 10 elderly residents of Corvallis Manor on Tuesday, Dec. 13, as part of the newly formed northwest Oregon chapter of the national nonprofit Twilight Wish Foundation.

The 10 senior citizens live in a skilled nursing care facility. Their trip included lunch provided by the casino and the opportunity to play slots. Spirit Mountain Community Fund paid for the transportation to and from Corvallis.

Twilight Wish is a charitable organization whose mission is to honor and enrich the lives of seniors through intergenerational wish-granting celebrations. Since its founding in 2003, Twilight Wish has granted more than 4,718 individual wishes to seniors in the United States.

Wishes are granted to seniors who are older than 65 and have an income of less than 200 percent of the poverty level or are residents of a nursing facility and cannot make their own wishes come true.

The trip to Spirit Mountain Casino was the first wish granted by the northwest Oregon chapter. ■

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

We want to hear from you!

The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Comment Box is located at the entrance of the Health & Wellness Center, next to the drinking fountain. Share your experience, good or bad with us! ■



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