

Tribe’s medication-assisted treatment facilities served 436 people

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I really wanted to do was to become self-sufficient, so that we would be able to work on health and wellness and not be reliant on casino dollars or other dollars out there so we would be able to function no matter what,” Rowe said. “I’m happy to say in 2024, we are able meet that goal and not rely on any gaming revenue that can be used elsewhere by the Tribe. That’s something that is powerful and that has been a goal for me and a goal for Health and Wellness that we’ve accomplished. I can’t say enough about it and how happy I am and proud to be a part of that.”

Other highlights of the presentation include:

Adult Foster Care lodges: The clinic is planning to open the vacant Black Bear Lodge in 2024, which will provide adult foster care services to six Tribal members. Currently, there is a waiting list so opening up additional rooms will help to alleviate that. Additionally, the clinic will build programming

Health & Wellness is financially self-sufficient as of 2024.

for hospice and palliative care for residents there as well as the broader Tribal membership who need those services.

Great Circle Recovery clinics: The Tribe’s medication-assisted treatment facilities in Salem and Portland have served 436 people. The Salem clinic has added mental health services, and a peer recovery center with a food pantry, clothing closet, career training and housing search area. There is also a shower and laundry trailer for unhoused clients who are utilizing services at the clinic.

A new mobile unit, funded by a state grant, will begin serving clients in a few weeks and is designed to be more efficient and include additional services to meet clients where they are.

Great Circle Portland opened in February and is continuing to

grow and expand its services to the community there, which has been hard hit by the opioid epidemic, Rowe said.

Shelter villages: There are two emergency shelter villages which opened in February 2023, one on the Tribal campus and one on Grand Ronde Road. There are a total of 25 housing units with 45 people admitted into the program. Six have received permanent housing transfers, five have received transitional housing transfers, 11 have sought behavioral health treatment and five have found employment. There have been 309 meals served.

Community transitions program: There are five different homes on four properties in Grand Ronde, Willamina and Salem. These provide for a variety of housing needs with both communal and private housing, and services which range from building daily living skills and offering mental health supports, to cultural opportunities and preparation for independent living. “It’s a huge step in our ability to support people in their housing journey and make sure they are capable and ready for independent living,” Rowe said.

Residential treatment and recovery services: Opening in summer 2024, these will provide addiction treatment services, intensive outpatient services, coor-

inated services with Great Circle Recovery and Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center, and broaden the Tribe’s substance use disorder care options. “This is something that is a gap for us, where we struggle to find these beds when people need services,” Rowe said. “This gives us the ability to have control and offer services in a way that are specific to us. ... Being able to bring this inside will give us the opportunity to really make a difference. This is much needed and a fast way to get people in and do treatment.”

After the 32-minute presentation, Rowe took 16 questions and comments from the audience.

“Thank you Kelly for that wonderful and thorough report,” Tribal Council Secretary Michael Cherry said. “It’s really good to hear and I’m excited to see all of the wonderful things that are coming up for our community.”

In other action, Angey Rideout won the \$25 gas card; Ramona Quenelle, Halona Butler, Rosemary Jameson, Deb Anderson and Lyliana Rideout won the \$50 door prizes; and Marie Quenelle, David Leno and Veronica Gaston won the \$100 door prizes.

The next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Ave., Clackamas, in person and via Zoom. The program report will be the Community Development Plan. A community input meeting will follow.

To watch the entire meeting, visit the Tribal government’s website at www.grandronde.org and click on the Videos tab. ■

Gas discount in Grand Ronde

Grand Ronde Tribal members, as well as Tribal and Spirit Mountain Casino employees, can receive a 30-cent per gallon discount on gasoline at the Tribally owned Grand Ronde Station convenience store.

There are, however, a few rules. Tribal members and employees must go inside and show either their enrollment card or employee identification card to receive the discount. ■

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Elder Center Newsletter

Providing activities for our Elders and Spouses!

Upcoming Events

Craft Days: Feb. 1, 6, 8, 15, 20, and 29
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Art Therapy: Feb. 13

Baking Day: Feb. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bake Sale: Feb. 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Valentines

Luncheon: Feb. 14

Shopping Trips: Feb. 7 and 21

Crab Feed: Feb. 27

Elder Day Trip: Feb. 28, leave 9 a.m.

Bingo: Feb. 15, 1 p.m.

Wills and trusts!

If you are in need of a will or trust done please contact the Elder center 503-879-2233.

We work with a local college and send your information to them. They will then reach out for comment!

Tribal Vendors

The Elder Center is looking at hosting Tribal vendors each month. First vending opportunity will be Feb. 2 and 16. If you are interested please call 503-879- 2233 to sign up. Vending will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Max of five vendors per event. Preference will be given to Elders.

Healthy Lifestyle Group

Join us every Monday at the Elder Center for a support group on healthy lifestyles. We talk about food, exercise and just support each other. No meetings on holidays.

Culture Activities

The Elder Center will be focusing on more craft classes being culturally based. We will also focus on more raffle prizes, etc being focused on supporting native artist and businesses.

Food For Thought

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention.”
~Kahlil Gibran

