# T.R.C.I. TUMBLEWEED



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Pay Dates: 6/8, 7/6, 8/10, 9/7, 10/5, 11/9, 12/7

### <u>FUNDRAISERS COMING SOON!</u>

### **Chens Chinese Fundraiser**

Please join The Paradigm Shift Club in supporting the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and local business Chens Chinese Restaurant

- Limit 2 Meals Total Per AIC
- \$15 & \$16 Per Meal (see order form on units for details)
- Order forms must be received to Recreation by THU, July 6th
- All CD28's received will be processed after July Payday
- Open To All Incentive Levels



### **Bulk Food (Granola & Trail Mix) Fundraiser**

Please join the Paradigm Shift Club in supporting local organization Made To Thrive by purchasing Granola and Trail Mix

- Incentive Level 3 Only
- Order forms will be distributed to units in July

Disclaimer: The Paradigm Shift Club will be purchasing bulk granola and trail mix and packaging 1LB bags. Club members will weigh and vacuum seal all product upon delivery.

#### Fruit & Honey Nut Granola

Ingredients: Rolled oats, Sunflower Seeds, Raisins, Dates, Wheat Flakes, Brown Sugar, Crisp Rice, Coconut, Almonds, Whey Powder, Soy Fiber, Non-Fat Milk, Inulin Fiber, Coconut Oil, Honey



#### Antioxidant Fruit and Nut Trail Mix

Ingredients: Currants, Walnuts, Goji Berries, Pecans, Apples





### Upcoming PSC Summer Events





- Ping Pong Championship (Incentive Units): June 20\*
- 3 on 3 Barketball Championship (Incentive Units): June 26th
- Weight lifting Championship (Incentive Units): July 10<sup>th</sup>
- Chens Chinese Delivery (All Incentive levels): July 24th July 27th
- Tip Barketball Tournaments (All Units): Month of July



- Tip Basketball Championship (Incentive Units): August 7<sup>th</sup>
- Bulk food, Delivery (Incentive level 3): August 21" 25"











### June Karaoke Night Schedule

(Tentative June Schedule)

Thursday June 1st

 $\underline{\text{Unit 2}}$  – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday June 8th

Min. – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>

<u>Unit 5</u> – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

<u>Unit 10</u> – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup>

<u>Unit 11</u> – 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### A Letter from the Corrections Ombudsman:

In 2022 the Oregon legislature funded an independent Corrections Ombudsman position located in the Governor's Office. One of the primary purposes of this position is to strengthen procedures and practices which lessen the possibility that objectionable corrections actions will occur.

The Corrections Ombudsman has the power÷ to investigate, on complaint or on the Ombudsman's own motion, any action by the Department of Corrections (DOC) or any employee thereof without regard to its finality. However, pursuant to ORS 423.425, the Ombudsman may decide not to investigate complaints that are trivial, frivolous, vexatious, or not made in good faith, as well as those that are too long delayed or could reasonably be expected to be resolved through a different administrative process.

The position is located within the Governor's Office and is not accountable to and does not report to the DOC in any manner. All communications to the Ombudsman are confidential and **no** person who files a complaint to the Ombudsman pursuant to ORS 423.400 to 423.450 shall be subject to any penalties, sanctions or restrictions because of such complaint. If any person willfully obstructs or hinders the proper and lawful exercise of the Ombudsman's powers, or willfully misleads or attempts to mislead the Ombudsman in inquiries under ORS 423.400 to 423.450, a Marion County Circuit Court judge, on application of the Ombudsman, shall compel obedience by proceedings for contempt.

Because the modern version of this position is new, it will take some time to establish the office and build the Ombudsman team. While I am processing and replying to all complaints, please be advised that this is a very slow process. For now, please take the survey below and kyte or write a letter with your answers to the address below.

- 1. How many people on your contact list have tried to get validated with the IC Solutions phone system?
- 2. How many have been successful so far?
- 3. What stopped them from getting registered (they have a prepaid phone, can't get a credit card, system is too complicated, etc.)
- 4. How long have you been waiting for someone to get validated (ex. "I haven't talked to my partner in six weeks because they can't get validated).
- 5. What other DOC issues are important to you?

Please send responses by kyte or letter to-

Adrian Wulff Corrections Ombuds 900 Court St. SE Suite 254 Salem, OR 97301

Hotline Number- (833)-685-0842

Thank you, Adrian Wulff, LPC Corrections Ombuds







### Paradigm Shift Club Dominoes Tournament April 25th, 2023

TRCl's prison wide Dominoes tournament was held Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the visiting room. This was the Paradigm Shift Clubs' second event which included incentive and non-incentive housing units in a game tournament. The club is striving to serve all incentive levels with games and activities to foster an inclusive culture. Dominoes is a staple activity in prison as you can usually find AIC's playing a game at any time of the day. The tournament included 64 participants across 11 housing units. The group shared popcorn, lemonade, and good conversation. Each game was met with focus and intensity from all participants. The winners, from Unit 14, Jose Sanchez-Valenzuela and Parrish Chang, played 4 total games on their road to the championship. The final game, between Unit 14 and Unit 26 (TRCM) was quick and friendly. The participants had a blast and both final winners received unique hygiene products that aren't sold on the institution's canteen. The event concluded without any hiccups, except for some sad faces.







TRCI Dominoes Champions

Jose Sanchez-Valenzuela (left)

Parrish Chang (right)



### Deep Thoughts with Cambell

### The Glass is Already Broken

By Stephen and Ondrea Levine:

Once someone asked a well-known Thai meditation master, "In this world where everything changes, where nothing remains the same, where loss and grief are inherent in our very coming into existence, how can there be any happiness? How can we find security when we see that we can't count on anything being the way we want it to be?" The teacher, looking compassionately at this fellow, held up a drinking glass that had been given to him earlier in the morning and said, "You see this goblet? For me this glass is already broken. I enjoy it. I drink out of it. It holds my water admirably, sometimes even reflecting the sun in beautiful patterns. If I should tap it, it has a lovely ring to it. But when I put this glass on a shelf and the wind knocks it over, or my elbow brushes it off the table and it falls to the ground and shatters, I say, 'Of course.' When I understand that this glass is already broken, every moment with it is precious. Every moment is just as it is, and nothing need be otherwise."

Excerpted from Stephen and Ondrea Levine's book, Who Dies? An Investigation of Conscious Living and Conscious Dying.

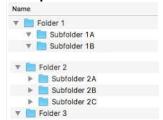
#### **Law Library News**

In an effort to minimize the likelihood of device and file corruption, thumb drives assigned to AICs by the Law Library will now be replaced every two years. Each AIC will be required to sign a new Removable Media Usage Acknowledgement Statement (CD 1761) every time your legal thumb drive is replaced.

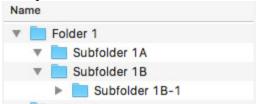
Over the next few months, every AIC with an assigned legal thumb drive will be placed on call out to review their saved files and a Library Coordinator will transfer the files to a brand-new, unused thumb drive. If you do not approve the transfer of your files to a new legal thumb drive, you will not be allowed access to a legal thumb drive until you accept a new one or release from DOC custody, whichever comes first.

The new legal thumb drives have larger storage capacity. AICs will now be limited to two levels of folders on the legal thumb drive. (See example below.) You will be expected to reorganize your existing folders when transferring to the new thumb drive. This will aid you in organization of your files and assist Library Coordinators in auditing your thumb drive each quarter (every 3 months).

#### **Example of 2 folder levels - Authorized:**



#### Example of 3 folder levels – NOT authorized:



We know this may be an inconvenient change for some AICs, but we are confident that the new replacement process will limit device and file corruption in the future. If you have questions or concerns, please kyte the Law Library.



### **NBA 2K23 Tournament**



### April 17th, 2023

The most recent installment of the Paradigm Shift Clubs' PS4 video game tournaments was NBA 2K23 on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in TRCI's visiting room. In an isolated prison environment where housing units individually provide entertainment and activities, the video game tournaments are a place for AIC's to socialize and compete with a broader audience. The Paradigm Shift Club initially proposed the idea last year to administration, but the first event didn't take place until January, 2023. Since then, AIC's frequently request different video game tournaments for the club to host. The format is now streamlined and requires minimal support from security staff as all participants are Incentive Level 3. Club members prepare popcorn and serve soda during events along with handling the setup and logistics. As aforementioned, the prison design doesn't allow AIC's to participate in many activities across units, but AIC's are eager to compete on a larger scale for bragging rights across the institution. The club offers a unique prize for the top two winners of each event that AIC's aren't able to purchase on canteen, which is an insulated Tervis mug with choice of logo. NBA 2K23 winner and past Madden 23 winner, Carrol Ballard (pictured below), grew up playing sports games and absolutely loves the tournaments because he's participating in activities he's enjoyed his whole life as they offer a sense of normalcy to prison. His collection of mugs is growing fast as he's now won a Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks mug (Dallas, TX native).

Active gamer and club staff liaison, J. Cambell, enjoys the video game tournaments because they provide a pro-social activity that brings AIC's together from across the institution. He will continue to support the tournaments and make new games available for the population to compete against each other. The PSC hopes to continue this positive trend and offer future tournaments, including but not limited to golf, soccer, baseball, wrestling, hockey, fighting, etc.

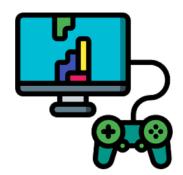


**PSC** members with tournament participants



1st Place Winner: Carrol Ballard (Right)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: Steven Allan (Left)



### Great News from the

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### **PS4 FREE TO PLAY**

### \*\*As of August 1st, 2023\*\*

PS4 play on the incentive units will be free of charge

If you would like to use or continue to use the PS4 between now and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 or if you currently have unused tickets, please read the information below.

- Until August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 AIC's will continue to be charged to play the PS4
- Tickets will no longer be sold after May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Any unused tickets after July 31<sup>st</sup> are non-refundable (That is, if you don't use them you lose them)
- If you are transferred out prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, upon request, you will be refunded for any unused tickets



### **Financial Services**

### Informational Briefing

Savings Options for Adults in Custody

## What is the Transitional Savings Account (TRSA)?

- Funds in the TRSA are protected from debt/obligation collection and garnishment.
- Established per SB844/ORS 423.105 as a means for AlC's to save funds for release from ODOC custody.
- 5% of each eligible deposit is applied into an AIC's TRSA until the account reaches **\$500**.
- AIC's may elect to transfer funds into their TRSA by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request form (CD1832) up to \$500.
- AIC's may continue a 5% deduction of their eligible deposits beyond \$500 if court- ordered financial obligations (COFOs) are satisfied.
- Funds in the TRSA are not available to AIC's until reentry into the community (no exceptions).

### What is the General Savings Account (GS)?

- Funds in the GS Trust Account are not protected from debt/obligation collection or garnishment.
- Established as an optional means for AIC's to save funds outside of the TRSA.
- AIC's may elect to transfer funds into the GS Trust Account once per calendar month by submitting a Trust Account Transfer Request Form (CD1832).
- Funds in this account are not available until the AIC releases from ODOC custody; an exception may be granted by the CFO or designee per OAR 291 Div. 158.

## What About External Savings Accounts?

AIC's may have accounts with external banking institutions however, ODOC staff are not able to facilitate. AIC's may not have unauthorized money items in their possession (such as checks).

Note: Trust Account Transfer Request Forms (CD1832) are available on AIC housing units or through Business Services. If the amount being transferred is excessive, it will be limited. The minimum transfer amount is \$5.00.

Please address any questions to Business Services by submitting an AIC communication (available electronically on the tablet).

### Questions?

AlCs may submit an AlC Communication form to Business Services (electronic communication option preferred & available on the tablet). Friends and Family may submit questions to dldoctrustinfo@doc.state.or.us.



*DATE:* FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

TO: Adults in Custody

FROM: Anita Nelson, Distribution Services Statewide Operations Manager

**SUBJECT:** Commissary News, Updates and Reminders

#### News:

Due to year-end inventory, sales of the following pre-sale items will be suspended from May  $22^{nd}$  close of business - July 10, 2023.

#### **Incentive form**

Incentive Order Form							
Please use my Protecte	ed Funds for this order	Please allow upto 6 weeks for delivery as we do not carry an inventory of items.					
Signature I	Required	Your order was processed					
SID: Date:		Shoe Order #					
Name		Incentive Order #					
Last Institution Block-Unit	First Cell-Bunk	TV Order #					

Any orders submitted for suspended items during this period will be cancelled. Normal sales of these items will resume beginning July 10, 2023.

<u>June Movie Schedule</u>									
Week 1	Run Time	June 2 <sup>nd</sup> – June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rating		Movie	Playing	Times 🗆		
Ch.51	Loop	Shameless Season 10 Disc 1 / Ray Donovan Season 1, Disc 1 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 52	1:40 / 1:29	Knock At The Cabin / CB4	R/R	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 54	Loop	Power Book II: Ghost Season 2 Disc 3 / Westworld Season 4 Disc 1 (3 eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Week 2		June 9 <sup>th</sup> – June 15 <sup>th</sup>							
Ch. 51	Loop	Shameless Season 10 Disc 2 / Ray Donovan Season 1, Disc 2 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 52	2:00 / 1:33	Jesus Revolution / Blank Check	PG-13 / PG	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 54	Loop	True Blood Season 6 Disc 1 (2 eps.) / Strike Back Season 2 Disc 4 (3 eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Week 3		June 16 <sup>th</sup> – June 22 <sup>nd</sup>			☐ 1:30, 6:30 & 10:30 Tin Repeat ☐				
Ch. 51	Loop	Shameless Season 10 Disc 3 / Ray Donovan Season 1, Disc 3 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA		6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 52	2:05 / 4:00	Ant-Man Wasp Quantumania / Black In Latin America (2 discs)	PG-13 / NR	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 54	Loop / 1:54	The Good Place Season 1 Disc 1 / Westworld Season 4 Disc 2 (3 eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Week 4		June 23 <sup>rd</sup> – June 29 <sup>th</sup>							
Ch.51	Loop	Shameless Season 11 Disc 1 / Ray Donovan Season 1, Disc 4 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch.52	1:57 / 1:29	Creed III / Surrogates	PG-13 / PG-13	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 54	Loop / 1:47	True Blood Season 6 Disc 2 (2 eps.) / Strike Back Season 3 Disc 1 (3 eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Week 5		June 30th – July 6th							
Ch. 52	Loop	Shameless Season 11 Disc 2 / Ray Donovan Season 1, Disc 5 (3 Eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch.52	1:35 / 2:16	The Old Way / Dune: 1984	R / PG-13	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Ch. 54	Loop	The Good Place Season 1 Disc 2 / Westworld Season 4 Disc 3 (2 eps.) (IN CELL VIEWING ONLY)	TV-MA	1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		
Week 5		Independence Day Movie (July 4th & July 6th)							
Ch. 52	1:54	Operation Fortune		1:30 PM	6:30 PM		10:30 PM		



## LIBRARY NEWS

## JOB OPENING: LEGAL ASSISTANT Spanish speaking

### Minimum Requirements:

- GED, High School Diploma or above
  - Non-cash incentive Level 2 or 3
- Minimum of 1-year misconduct free
  - · Ability to follow directions
- Communicate orally to get across complicated instructions, interpretations, and to maintain as much confidentiality as possible
  - No DOC record of staff assault(s)
- No DOC record of prior removal from library assignment that resulted in an adjudicated disciplinary report (DR)
- Minimum of 2 years' time remaining to be served if at a medium custody facility and a minimum of 1-year time remaining to be served if at a minimum custody facility or prior experience as a Legal Assistant

### Desired Attributes may include, but are not limited to

- Knowledge of (Oregon's?) legal system
  - Legal research capabilities
    - Legal writing skills
      - Typing skills
  - Ability to work independently
- Ability to work well as a team member
- Please send applications to West Law Library

### **ORDERLY – Physical Plant**

#### **Minimum Skills:**

- Complete TRCI Admission & Orientation Class
- Level 2 & 3
- GED or High School Diploma Required
- Program Compliant
- Attention to Detail (Organized, Productive, Hard-Working, Quality Work)
- Team Oriented
- Regularly Lift 50 lbs.
- Bend and/or Stoop (possible long periods)
- Stand (long periods)
- Basic Cleaning Supply/Tool Knowledge

#### **Preferred Skills:**

- Follow Operational and Safety Guidelines
- Multitask while maintaining Quality Work
- Customer Service Oriented
- Capable of pushing cleaning cart as well as lunch cart back to cafeteria

#### Hours of Work:

• 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (Monday thru Friday)

#### **PRAS Points:**

• 12 Points (ability to increase with performance improvement per schedule)

## Send Application to Physical Plant, Attention: Office Specialist II Supervisor Ms. Dilley

Revised: 05/23/2023