



Pay Dates: 12/7

## December TRAC Update

The institution is actively attempting to solve the staffing issue at TRAC. We apologize for the lack of TRAC access to all those on the afternoon callouts. We hope to start opening more consistently in the afternoon block soon. For those who's work schedule allows them to attend the AM session, please kyte Recreation Specialist Garrett to sign-up.

### Current Activities & Peer2Peer Classes offered @ TRAC

Yoga: Mondays, 8AM-9AM

Beginner Guitar: Mondays, 8AM-9AM

Insanity Fitness Class: Tuesdays, 3:30PM-5PM

### Upcoming Classes in the works

Beginner Spanish: Coming Soon

AIC Financial Wellness: Coming Soon

Introduction to Critical Thinking: Coming Soon

Please kyte Recreation or The Paradigm Shift Club to inquire into class offerings

Do you want to see a specific subject or activity provided in a class format at TRAC? Please kyte us with your ideas and suggestions.

### Holiday Reminders

- Please remember to bring photo tickets to your next TRAC visit so you can take holiday photos with our festive decorations.
- Holiday themed plushies arriving soon to TRAC!



# Upcoming PSC & TRAC Events

- **Cribbage Tournament (Incentive level 3): Tuesday, December 5th**
- **Off frequency Concert: Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Martha's House Holiday Donation Drive: Nov 27<sup>th</sup> – Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **Red lodge fundraiser (All Incentive levels): January Delivery**
- **Madden24 Tournament (Incentive level 3 TRAC Participants): Month of January**
- **Pinochle Tournament (All Incentive levels): Month of March (details coming soon)**

A poster for the Abolitionist Art Show. The background is dark green with abstract, glowing green line art. The text is white and black. The title "ABOLITIONIST ART SHOW" is in a white box at the top left. Below it, "ARTIST CALL" is written in large white letters. The deadline "DEADLINE JANUARY 2024" is in white. The main text, "SEEKING CURRENTLY OR FORMERLY INCARCERATED ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC ART EXHIBITION FEATURING ALL MEDIUMS", is in white. Below that, "SUBMIT WORK DIGITALLY TO pdx\_defensefund@protonmail.com OR MAIL IN" is in white. The address "PO BOX DEFENSE FUND PDX 3439 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD #631 PORTLAND OR 97214" is in white. At the bottom right, "PLEASE SUBMIT PREFERRED MODE OF CONTACT, NAME AND PRICE FOR ALL WORKS SUBMITTED" is in white.

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Order Forms Due:  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Red Lodge Fundraiser

SELECT ITEMS  
FOR YOUR  
INCENTIVE  
LEVEL

## Burritos Gigantes From Nelly's

### Steak or Chicken, You Choose!

- Open to All Incentive Levels
- You May Purchase 2 Burritos Total
- Price: \$15 Per Burrito
- Stuffed with Meat, Cheese, and Rice



### Burrito Delivery Information

Wed, January 17<sup>th</sup>:  
Corridor 4 / AHU  
Thu, January 18<sup>th</sup>:  
Corridor 1 / INF  
Fri, January 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Corridor 2  
Corridor 3 / MIN

## ACT MOUTHWASH

### CLEANSE & REFRESH WITH ACT RIGHT

- Open to Incentive Levels 2 & 3 Only
- Price: \$10 Per Bottle
- 2 Bottles Per Order



### Nalgene Bottle lid with

### Drinking Spout



Drink freely without limitations

- Open to Incentive Level 3 Only
- Price: \$15 Per Lid
- Max 2 Lids Per Order

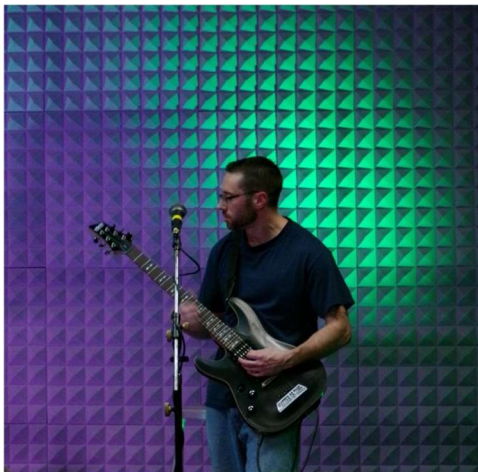
PARADIGM  
SHIFT

# Matter of Time Concert @ TRAC

November 18th, 2023



Band Members (above, left to right): Robin Muir (bass), Thomas Urvina (vocalist), Sean Riggs (drums), Rocky Stinger (lead guitarist/backup vocalist)



Photos powered by Cheeze Kat



The hard rock boys performed a show to remember earlier this month at TRAC. Lead singer and front man Tomas Urvina sand blasted us with some vivacious vocals as the squad played a mixed variety of songs. The wide range of songs included Papa Roach, Sublime, Korn, Green Day, Red Hot Chili Peppers and the crowd pleaser, The White Stripes "Hardest Button to Button." We watched in awe as drummer Sean Riggs took everyone for a trip down memory lane. Each pounding beat synchronized with the stage lighting flashes. It was a wonderful ambience in a new light.

# TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## College Assistance & Pell Grant Update

### What is available at EOCI, TRCI and PRCF:

Let me start with the current situation for College classes at TRCI.

Any individual willing to “self-pay” for College classes, can do so. There are only a few Colleges that offer traditional “correspondence courses.” (i.e., by mail-in format). Adam State University is one of them. I put a section below that explains their situation, as I have had many questions about Adams State.

#### Short History Lesson:

2nd Chance Pell “Experiment” was first established in 2015. In 2022, it was expanded to 73 new the “experimental” sites. TVCC at Snake River Correctional Institution (SRCI) was one of those sites approved in 2022. Due to COVID and many logistical challenges, last summer, classes were finally launched at SRCI. This approval allows incarcerated individuals to use Federal Pell awards, to pay for classes.

In July 2023 the “2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Pell, title was changed to PEP (Prison Education Program) as part of the FAFSA Simplification Act of 2020. This legislation in 2020, again, requires institutions to apply for approval to participate in Federal Aid programs for the incarcerated. TVCC did that at SRCI. We were approved and thus we continue to offer College classes at SRCI for Pell eligible students.

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, TVCC has been contracted to provide education service at EOCI, TRCI and PRCF. TVCC is now working with the Federal Financial Aid department to obtain approval to expand our ability to award Pell grants at these institutions.

When approved, we expect to use the same guidelines that we current used at SRCI. Again, this is after we obtain Federal approval for EOCI, TRCI and PRCF, but we also expect this to take a bit of time.

The Federal government never moves quickly.

### What is a Pell grant and how much money can be used for College?

Pell is part of the Federal Financial Aid package that is awarded to students who apply for Federal Financial Aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Pell grants are free money from the federal government **for low-income undergraduates** who need help paying for college. The **amount of the grant** depends on the student's and family's income and assets, the cost of attendance, and the enrollment status. Many Incarcerated individuals are eligible for “full” Pell which can be as much as \$7000 per year.

### What is FAFSA and Federal Financial Aid?

FAFSA is a Federal Application that allows the Federal Government to look at your eligibility for student aid. It is generally broken down into Grants and Loans. Incarcerated individuals are **ineligible for any Student loans**.

In order to receive federal student financial aid, students must meet the following criteria:

- have maintained a Satisfactory Academic Progress (i.e., you have to pass your classes to keep getting funding)
- be a U.S. citizen, a U.S. national, or an eligible non-citizen.
- have a valid Social Security number.
- have a high school diploma or GED.
- have signed the certification statement stating that:
  - 1) they are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant and
  - 2) federal student aid will only be used for educational purposes.
- have not been found guilty of the sale or possession of illegal drugs while federal aid was being received.

### **How Do I fill out a FAFSA while I'm still at EOCI, TRCI or PRCF?**

Currently, your only option is to obtain a paper copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. You should request (2) copies, as the instructions read:

After you complete this application, keep a copy of pages 3 through 8 for your records.

Then mail the original of pages 3 through 8 to: Federal Student Aid Programs, P.O. Box 7654, London, KY 40742-7654.

This gives you the ability to retain a copy for your records.

**We recommend you wait until we announce our approval, before you do this application, unless you are going home in the next couple months and plan to attend school immediately.** The new FAFSA comes out in December.

### **What about Adams State or other colleges?**

I have had a ton of questions both Adams State University. Adams State University is in Colorado. They are one of the few schools that still offer traditional "correspondence courses." They are an accredited school, that run on a semester system. Here is some information from their website:

**"The cost of a course is \$264 per credit hour. Typical classes are 3-credits (\$792).**

We require payment as follows:

*Full course tuition payment is required at the time of course registration.*

*Financial Aid/Pell Grants - from the Adams State University website:*

"Congress removed federal financial educational aid for incarcerated individuals when the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act passed in 1994. Therefore, no federal aid in the form of Pell Grants or guaranteed loans is available to students in state or federal correctional facilities. If you are a veteran or a child of a veteran, you may be eligible for veteran's educational benefits. Most incarcerated students utilize private sources of funding to pay for their education. This can include funding from savings, family members, supporters, Tribes, church groups, non-profit organizations, etc.

Currently, we are awaiting further guidance from the U.S. Department of Education to provide more information. We thank you in advance for your patience and hope to have more updates soon."

### **I am interested in getting started now**

I am working with TRCI to allow AICs to take correspondence courses. Please kyte me if you are interested and I can send you a copy of the approved programs and a copy of the TRCI Correspondence Course Approval Request form. Assuming you have resources to pay for courses; this currently is your only options. The application is sent to the Education department, and we will reach back to you, so you have written approval.

We will move that forward as quickly as possible with getting College classes, here at TRCI. I will continue to get information out in the Newsletter, as things move forward. If you sent me a kyte about an interest in College, I have kept your name on a list to ensure you get updates.

*Please direct all questions to:*

**Mr. Alves**

**Treasure Valley Community College**



# TRCI HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE FOR MARTHA'S HOUSE

**\*\*November 27<sup>th</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>\*\***

The Paradigm Shift Club would like to invite you to join us for our third annual AIC & Staff community donation drive to help support local family shelter, Martha's House!



Please drop ANY CANTEEN items you would like to donate in the designated bin next to the canteen officer at your canteen visit.



This is our opportunity to give back to the communities we have taken so much from.

Thank you for your love and support,



**Happy Holidays!**



**Martha's House is a transitional family shelter. We provide temporary housing for homeless families, with the goal of assisting the residents into permanent traditional housing. Martha's House provides a safe secure living environment for a 3-6-month period. We are not an overnight emergency shelter. Our goal is to provide structure and accountability in a home-style atmosphere offering encouragement while helping the family get back on their feet.**

## New Game Arrival(s)

Here are some new game titles that have been added to the TRAC Playstation library:

1. **Monster Hunter World**
2. **NBA 2K24**

In an effort to ensure that your time at the TRAC is the absolute best possible time, we encourage any and all TRAC attendees to give us suggestions to continue building our game library.

We appreciate all your support and your ongoing suggestions.

-Recreation Dept.

# Monster Hunter World: Icebound Edition



# NBA 2K24





# OFF FREQUENCY



## *CLASSIC ROCK CONCERT*

Songs From Bands Such As:

Pink Floyd, Neil Young, Guns & Roses, The Beatles,  
Steppenwolf, Metallica, Tom Petty,  
and *FEATURING* three original compositions from TRCI's own Rich Gustafson

Band Members:

Rich Gustafson – Lead vocals/Lead Guitar, Nick Simms – Keyboard,  
Bill Osborne – Backing Vocals/Bass Guitar, Andrew Evans – Rhythm  
Guitar/Backing Vocals, Damon Hoyer – Drums/Percussion

*Saturday, December 9th, 2023*

*9:00am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:30pm*

*To sign up:*

Send a kyte to Recreation before Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
You must choose your **primary** and **secondary** time preference!! Level 3 only!



# Financial Services

## *Informational Briefing*

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### *Holiday Period Information* *Adult in Custody Debts & Obligations*

#### What is the Holiday Period?

A period starting in November and continuing into December where existing Department of Corrections (DOC) debt collection is suspended, and some commissary spending limits are adjusted.

#### What types of debt are suspended?

Existing DOC debt which includes:

- Disciplinary fines
- Copy debts
- Postage debts

#### What types of debt (obligations) are not suspended?

- External obligations (non-DOC debt) will continue to be collected as DOC does not have the authority to suspend statutory collections. These include:
  - Court filing fees (County & U.S. Court)
  - Garnishment orders
  - Court-Ordered Financial Obligations (COFOs)
- While not a debt, transitional savings deductions will continue during the holiday period in accordance with ORS 423.105.

#### What happens if an AIC receives a new fine during the Holiday Period?

In the event an AIC receives a new disciplinary fine sanction, DOC debt collection will resume during the holiday period for that AIC.

**Note:** A memo will be provided to the AIC population detailing the exact start and end dates of the holiday period.

The Holiday Period occurs at the discretion of the Assistant Director of Operations in accordance with OAR 291 Div. 158-0065(d).

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# MADDEN '24

## TOURNAMENT



➤ **Kytes to sign up:** Due by Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Who can participate?** All Incentive Level 3 TRAC Participants

### **How to Sign Up?**

- Send a kyte to [The Paradigm Shift Club](#) stating you wish to enter the Madden 24 Tournament.
- **Participants must state their work schedule when signing up so the club can generate brackets that don't conflict with work times.**

### **Competition Information**

- There will be 4 “qualifying pre-tournaments” prior to the final championship
- These smaller tournaments will take place during the month of January, requiring a 4PM out-count for all participants
- All participants will be randomly placed into 1 of 4 “qualifying pre-tournament” brackets
- Out-count tournament dates and times will be determined on AIC work schedule availability
- All participants will be invited to the group placement event prior to tournament play @ TRAC

### **Game Rules:**

- Single Elimination Tournament
- 5 minutes Quarters
- There will be No accelerated Clock
- There are No Injuries
- Fatigue is to be set “On”
- Settings: All Madden Game play settings
- All adjustments available in game

### **Tournament Schedule**

Pre-Tournament Group A: TBD

Pre-Tournament Group B: TBD

Pre-Tournament Group C: TBD

Pre-Tournament Group D: TBD

**Final Championship: Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Championship Tournament!**

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**6:00PM – 8:30PM @ TRAC**

- The championship tournament will host 1 winner from each bracket (4 total)
- All 4 winners from the “qualifying pre-tournaments” will be given the choice to invite 2 incentive level 3 AIC guests to the **Final Championship Game**
- Popcorn and beverages provided at final tournament
- The championship tournament games will be played on the large projector screen

### **Winners:**

- TRCI 1<sup>st</sup> Place Champion will receive a 24-ounce Tervis Insulated Mug with professional sports team logo of their choice.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive an insulated 16-ounce Tervis Mug with professional sports team logo of their choice.

1<sup>st</sup> Place



2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Date: November 21, 2023  
To: All Adults in Custody  
From: Correctional Communication System (CCS)  
Office of the Inspector General  
Subj: Phone Validation

DOC understands some people are having difficulty with the phone validation process to receive calls from adults in custody. A new customer service number has been set up for phone validation issues. Friends and family can call **503-945-0945**, and leave a voicemail. Someone will get back to them and help them through the process.

If someone is having an issue with T-Mobile, they can call T-Mobile customer service at 1-800-937-8997, or visit DOC's website at [www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx) for more information.

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Fecha: 21 de noviembre de 2023  
Para: Todos los adultos en custodia  
De: Sistema de Comunicación Correccional  
Oficina del Inspector General  
Asunto: Validación telefónica

El DOC entiende que algunas personas tienen dificultades con el proceso de validación telefónica para recibir llamadas de los adultos en custodia. Se ha instaurado un nuevo número de atención al cliente para resolver problemas relacionados con la validación telefónica. Familiares y amigos pueden llamar al **503-945-0945** y dejar un mensaje de voz. Alguien les responderá el mensaje y ayudará a lo largo del proceso.

Si alguien tiene problemas con T-Mobile, se puede comunicar con el servicio de atención a clientes de T-Mobile al 1-800-937-8997, o visitar el sitio web del DOC, [www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/doc/contact-inmate/Pages/phone-calls.aspx) para obtener más información.

Date: November 7, 2023  
To: All ODOC Adults-in-Custody  
From: Correctional Services Division  
Subject: ACRS Adjustment

Beginning January 2024, Institution Counselors' caseloads will be adjusted. The Automated Criminal Risk Score (ACRS) adjustment will take place over a period of time. The first round of adjustments is listed below. Caseload sizes will be evaluated again in June 2024 or later. The adjusted cut-offs will determine how often you see your Institution Counselor for services.

**January 2024 – High/Medium Caseload ACRS cut-offs**

- .20 ACRS and higher for OSP, SRCI, SRCM, TRCI, EOCI
- .30 ACRS and higher for CRCI, OSCI, SFFC, PRCF, SCI, WCCF, DRCM, TRCM
- .15 ACRS and higher for CCCF, CCCM

Please send a kyte to the Counselor Caseload Management (CCM) Office at DOC Headquarters if you have questions.

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Fecha: 7 de noviembre de 2023  
Para: Todos los adultos en custodia del ODOC  
De: División de Servicios Correccionales  
Asunto: Ajuste al ACRS

A partir de enero de 2024, se ajustará el número de casos asignados para los Consejeros de la Institución. El ajuste al Puntaje Automatizado de Riesgo Delictivo (ACRS, por sus siglas en inglés) ocurrirá a lo largo de un periodo de tiempo. La siguiente es unalista de la primera ronda de ajustes. El número de casos asignados se evaluará nuevamente en junio de 2024 o posteriormente. Los recortes ajustados determinarán qué tan a menudo usted ve a su Consejero de la Institución para obtener servicios.

**Enero de 2024 – Recortes del número de casos asignados de reincidencia alta/media del ACRS**

- ACRS de .20 y superiores para OSP, SRCI, SRCM, TRCI, EOCI
- ACRS de .30 y superiores para CRCI, OSCI, SFFC, PRCF, SCI, WCCF, DRCM, TRCM
- ACRS de .15 y superiores para CCCF, CCCM

Por favor, si tiene preguntas, envíe un mensaje por escrito o "kyte" a la Oficina de Gerencia de Casos Asignados para Consejeros (CCM, por sus siglas en inglés) en la sede del DOC.