

Housing Report

By Dave Bailey
Housing Director

FY' 1990 will see an increase in funding for housing programs and more people will receive assistance this year than have been helped for quite some time.

There are also many people whose applications are outdated from 2-5 years and will not qualify for housing assistance unless they are brought up to date this spring.

Also, as of February 28, 1990 I will no longer carry these outdated applications in the active file. I have written many letters to these applicants to ask them to update their application, but have received no response. At this time I feel that there is no point in keeping these files on active status unless I hear from the applicant. I know that many of you have been disappointed by not receiving housing assistance and feel that it is not worth the effort to keep your file current, but I think housing assistance is going to increase in the near future and would like all of you to be eligible for the benefits.

I would urge you to update your application now to at least have a chance when the funds are available.

There will still not be enough funding to address all the needs, but there will be much more than in the past few years. I am sure there will be even more housing assistance available as the Tribe continues to develop and programs become more established.

Please write or call the housing office if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank-You,

"FIREWOOD"

Just a short reminder to all Tribal Members that the Forestry Division is issuing Firewood Permits. Call 879-5222 to get your name put on the list.

1990 GRAND RONDE POW WOW CALENDAR ORDER FORM

ORDERING INFORMATION: Calendars will be available December 6th either by mail order or direct purchase from the Grand Ronde Tribal Office.

PRICE LIST:	1-20	\$7.00
	21-100	6.00
	101-500	5.50

(For order over 500, contact Shelley Hanson at (503) 879-5211 - Ext. 101)

NAME:
OF CALENDARS:

ADDRESS:
Price/Calendar:

PLEASE SEND ORDER & PAYMENT TO:
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, PO Box 38,
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Housing News

If you are a resident of rural POLK county and you own your home or have equity in a home you are buying you may be able to receive home repair assistance from Polk County Housing Authority.

PCHA is currently doing a survey to find rural homeowners in Polk County who would qualify for their home repair program. If there is enough interest in the program, the PCHA would apply for a grant to help qualifying homeowners with repairs and improvements to their properties.

The assistance would be in the form of low-interest loans with monthly payments. This program would require a lien to be filed against the property as security until the loan is paid back.

This is a very good program to help county homeowners improve their homes and one which I would recommend to those of you who are in need of repairs or upgrading but do not qualify for other loan or grant programs.

This program, if enacted, will be open to all rural residents of Polk County who qualify within program guidelines.

Polk county residents who wish more information should call Polk County Housing Authority at 623-8387 in Dallas, Oregon and ask for Rita Grady or Terri Doerfler.

There are programs available to residents of other counties throughout Oregon. To find out about these programs contact your local housing authority in your city or county.

Commission on Indian Services Meeting

The next Commission meeting will be March 9, 1990 at Commission on Indian Services office, 454 State Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon.

AIAP: Expanding the Circle

The American Indian Association of Portland is looking for individuals who want to increase their networking power through a formal organization. AIAP's goal is to build communication among Indian organizations and Indian/non-Indian individuals, to enhance our ability to work together, develop resources, and advocate for Indian people. Board meetings (2nd Tuesdays) are open to the public; an agenda is posted at Portland Impact a week before the meeting. Membership forms, bylaws, and the most recent work plans are available through Christine Lowery, 233-5000.

Archaeology

Dave Brauner, from Oregon State University, will be attending our next General Meeting, on March 4, 1990. And will be giving a brief run down on what Archaeology is, and some of the things that the University is doing concerning Archaeology.

Dave has worked closely with the Tribe's Archaeology Committee, and we are looking forward to having him with us on the 4th.

USDA DATES

The USDA Food Distribution for Salem will be March 6,7, & 8 1990. The Siletz Distribution will be March 20, 21,22 & 23 1990.

We would like to Thank all the people who helped unload the Truck, Abb, Stacey, Bob, Frank, Benny, Ivan, Doug, Kevin, Gene, Wanda, and Jim. We would like to thank Eugene Russell for coming on the spare of the moment.

For Your Information we cross check your Social Security Numbers with the Food Stamp Office in Oregon. If you are participating on both programs. You will be disqualified from Food Stamps and USDA Program. The Penalty will be to pay back the Programs to cover the cost of the USDA Food Items or Food Stamps.

This is being brought to your attention because of the Dual Participation with in the Programs.

Household Income

1	611.00
2	781.00
3	951.00
4	1,121.00
5	1,291.00
6	1,461.00
7	1,631.00
8	1,801.00

Each additional member \$170.00 - Current maximum allowable dependent care cost is \$160.00 per dependent. This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture. This facility is operated in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture Policy, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, handicap, religion, or national origin. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write to:

ADMINISTRATOR
FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICE
3101 PARK CENTER DRIVE
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22302

Tax Help

Frankie Neal, and a friend will be coming out to the Tribal Office on March 20, 1990, at 9:00 a.m.

Frankie has been coming here for the past few years helping with filling out tax papers.

If you are interested, and would like to make an appointment, please call Joann Mercier at 879-5211.

Smoke Signals is the monthly publication of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon P.O. Box 38, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. Phone (503) 879-5211.

Brent Merrill.....	Editor
Karen Lord.....	Word Processing
Michel Childers.....	Word Processing

CONTRIBUTORS:

Dean Azule.....	Education
Dave Bailey.....	Housing
Joann Mercier.....	Social Services
Margo Mercier.....	Enrollment