

## Grand Ronde Road cleanup

Please join in cleaning up the ditches and roadsides of Grand Ronde Road. Cleanup will begin at 9:30 a.m. on **Thursday, April 3** from St. Michaels Church to Andy Riggs Road. Safety vests, gloves and garbage bags will be provided. To sign up, call Tammy at 879-2017, Vernon at 879-2027, Pearl at 879-2049, or Jill at 879-2018.

## Change in Clinic walk-ins

The Medical Clinic will be closed the first Friday morning of each month. The new Walk-In time is from 8:10 to 9 a.m. on Monday through Thursday. The clinic staff must participate in administrative activities related to the opening of our Health and Wellness Facility. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause our patients. This change will take place beginning **Friday, April 4**.

## Family photo quilt project

On **Monday, April 17** the Elders will meet at 1 p.m. at the Community Center to plan the size and design of the tribal quilt that is being made to hang in the new Clinic.

If you would like to have your family included in this project, please plan on attending this meeting. For arrangements on getting your quilting materials and to reserve a spot in the design of the quilt, please contact June Olson, Cultural Resource Specialist, at 879-2249 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2249.

## Diabetic Support Group meeting

On **April 17**, there will be a Diabetic Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Ruth Jensen will be there to speak briefly about mammograms, and the regular meeting will follow after. Anyone is welcome to attend.

## Housing awards repair contract

K. Schmid Construction was awarded a construction job for home improvement after submitting the lowest bid of ten contractors to the Housing Department. The work will include replacing a roof, furnace, new sheet rock, painting the interior and exterior, floor coverings, new doors and windows, addition of a bedroom, and new kitchen cabinets. D.K. Olsen Construction submitted a bid for \$39,132, Honey Dew Construction submitted a bid of \$33,322, and K. Schmid Construction submitted the low bid of \$32,400.

## Grand Ronde Pow-wow; Aug. 15-17

The newly appointed Pow-wow Committee have met frequently to get the plans rolling for this year's activities. If anyone is interested in helping or have suggestions, please contact the sub-committee person listed below.

**Vendors and Maintenance:** Mark Cook, 879-5017

**Royalty:** Donna Casey, 876-4663.

Royalty application deadline is April 15.

**Elders and Parade:** Joann Mercier, 879-5551

**Kitchen and Fry Bread Stand:** Jon George, 235-1499

**Parking and Clean-up:**

Kathy Tom, 463-9431 or 1-800-552-0939

**Competition Dancing, Circle and Drums:**

Dana Leno, 879-2037

**T-shirts:** Carol Gleason, 879-5543

## U.S.D.A. Distribution

SALEM — April 7: 3 to 7:30 p.m.;

April 8: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 9: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SILETZ — April 22, 23, and 24: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Job Opportunities and Basic Skills

The JOBS program is one that assists people that are on cash grant from Adult and Family Services with employment and training needs. The goal of the JOBS program is self-sufficiency. A tribal member that is in this program may choose to work with the state or the Tribe. Grand Ronde has the only Native American JOBS program in the state of Oregon.

Support services can be given to clients that are in job search, JOBS activities, or training according to each client's Employment Development Plan. The JOBS program goal is for you to become employed and to eliminate all barriers from obtaining that employment.

The support services that can be provided are:

- Day care (provided through Grand Ronde Education Department while in JOBS program)
- Work clothing (when starting a new job)
- Bus passes
- Mileage
- Car repair (limited)
- Fees and licenses
- Car insurance (start-up fees)
- Rent and deposits (relocation to obtain employment)
- Utilities assistance

We serve the Six County Service Area with an office in Grand Ronde, and outreach offices in Salem and Portland. The JOBS program works in close contact with Adult and Family Services.

The JOBS program assesses your skills as well as barriers to employment. After the assessment has been done, a plan will be developed to help overcome any identified barriers and to obtain the skills necessary for employment. There are many paths to self-sufficiency that you and the Employment/Training Counselor can explore.

Please call to schedule appointments with Sheila Elliot at 1-800-775-0095 x3, or 879-2034.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

**NANITCH SAHALLIE  
ANNIVERSARY AND  
ALUMNI GATHERING**

**CHEMAWA INDIAN SCHOOL  
SALEM, OREGON**

**GRAND ENTRY WILL BE AT 1 P.M.  
RETIRING OF COLORS AT 6 P.M.**

**We will be honoring  
Nanitch Sahallie alumni,  
family, special people, and  
the Elders of the community.**

**Please bring your family  
and come to share  
on this day of celebration.**



Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority

## Portland housing survey

Low Income Housing for Native Americans of Portland Oregon (LIHNAPO) is interested in hearing from Native Americans in the Portland area regarding the need for housing in the Portland urban area. This is a non-profit housing development organization that develops housing for low-income Native Americans in that area. They are currently focusing on developing housing in the north Portland area. To get on their mailing list you can call them at (503) 283-8504, or contact the Tribal Housing Authority at (503) 879-2401 or toll free at 1-800-422-0232. You will receive updates on the housing projects being developed, vacancy notices for rental unit openings, surveys, and other pertinent information from this organization. They are currently developing a 5-year plan for the Portland area. There are a large number of Grand Ronde tribal members in the Portland area and LIHNAPO would like to hear from you!

## Grand Meadows

There are still lots available in the Grand Meadows manufactured home subdivision in Grand Ronde. Tribal members who are interested in homeownership in this development are invited to call Bryan Langley at the Tribal Housing Authority to obtain information and/or applications. Financing is available to qualified applicants through Funders Mortgage. Copies of the Rules and Regulations are also available from the Authority. Call toll free at 1-800-422-0232, or 503-879-2467.

## Homebuyer seminar helpful

The Homebuyer Education Seminar sponsored by the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority was a big success. The seminar was open to tribal members and other persons interested in learning about the home buying process. Thirty-three individuals attended the seminar. The presenters for the seminar were Joanne Beilke and Nancy Downie with Coldwell Banker Mountain West Real Estate Inc., Rob Norton, Norwest Mortgage Inc., Patrick Lesire, Fleet Mortgage Corp., and Mike Swearingen, Virgil's Termite & Pest Control. The presenters donated their time and expertise for the seminar. Information was presented on the following topics:

- ◆earnest money agreement (a legally binding contract)
- ◆home inspections (why you need one)
- ◆what to look for when shopping for a home
- ◆loan application and processing
- ◆credit reports (good and bad)
- ◆real estate agents and what they can do for you
- ◆debt to income ratios (and what the bank looks for)
- ◆title insurance (why you need it)

At the conclusion of the seminar applicants had an opportunity to meet with the presenters and get specific answers to their questions. An evaluation was handed out to the participants asking for input on the value of the seminar and all of the input we received was very positive. Because of the success of this seminar the Housing Authority will be putting together more seminars of this type in the future.