

Down Payment Assistance applications

Important Notice: When you complete an application for the Down Payment Assistance Grant program the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority will send you a confirmation letter stating that we have received your application and that your name has been added to the waiting list for this program. It is important that you keep this letter for verification that your letter was received, because if your application is lost we can use the date from the confirmation letter as your application date. Once you have sent your application to the Housing Authority you should receive a confirmation

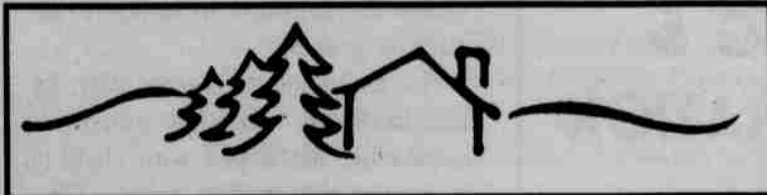
letter within two weeks. If you do not receive the confirmation letter, it means that we have not received your application and you should contact the Housing Authority for a new application.

Also if information on your application changes it is important to report this information directly to the Housing Authority, because information reported to other departments does not necessary come to us. If you have questions about your application or would like to receive an application please contact Bryan Langley at 1-800-422-0232 or (503) 879-2467.



JULIE LITTLE, who has worked in Contract Health for several years, has moved to another position within the Health and Human Services Division. Julie is now a Billing Specialist for Contract Health. If you have any billing questions, call Julie, Penny DeLoe, or Vivian DeMary at 1-800-775-0095.

Elders Wanted!



Only five lots in the 37-lot Grand Meadows manufactured home subdivision in Grand Ronde are still available for lease. These lots are all in the Elder section. The few remaining lots in the family areas are now committed to families currently working with the Housing Authority and Norwest Mortgage to qualify for financing.

Eighteen of the twenty homes now in Grand Meadows are occupied. The average monthly payment for the mortgage (including site improvements) and the land lease combined is slightly less than \$700. The land lease includes water, sewer, and garbage, as well as common area maintenance and management. Homebuyers can get into a Marlette home in Grand Meadows for about \$350 to \$375 for a smaller size home, plus the \$200 lease payment. The current interest rate on the loans

fluctuates slightly below 8%. A \$1,000 down payment is required by the home dealer at the time of ordering the home. There are no property taxes on tribal trust land, which is a benefit over other locations.

Prior to the end of the year, the common areas in the subdivision will be landscaped and the remainder of the cul-de-sacs will be paved. There are plans for planting numerous wetlands plants around the pond area, which will enhance the beauty of the community.

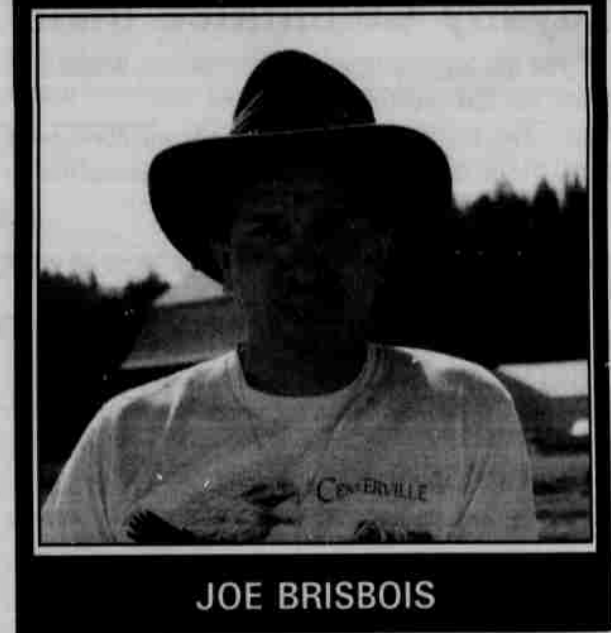
Any Elders who are interested in buying a home for placement in Grand Meadows are encouraged to call Bryan Langley at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2467, or 879-2467.



Alcohol Awareness

"Binge Drinking Kills College Student," the headline shouts. Abuse of and addiction to alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are in the news every day. Young people are particularly vulnerable to substance-abuse problems, and are the most difficult to reach with messages. Throughout April, which is Alcohol Awareness Month, we have the opportunity to increase awareness among people of all ages about the dangers of substance abuse. We all know or have known someone with an alcohol or drug problem. Take time to discuss substance abuse and addiction with your kids. You could be saving their lives.

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Birth Announcement

Samantha Gene Furtado was born on February 25, at 12:45 a.m. at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario, Oregon. Her parents are Davina Huston and Arlindo Furtado. Samantha weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.



Maternal grandparents are: Bruce and Anna Huston of Ontario; Maternal great-grandparents are: Larry and Priscilla Hofenbredl of Grand Ronde, and Al and Dorothy Rupe of Yuma, Arizona. Paternal grandparents are: John and Emilia Furtado of Emmett, Idaho; paternal great-grandparents are Roger and Patricia King of Anchorage, Alaska.

Elders receive CPR training

Some time ago, one of our tribal Elders choked on a piece of food at the mealsite. After this incident, many Elders became interested in learning about safety and CPR techniques and what they should do in an emergency situation like that. Jill Jeffers, the Tribe's Elder Outreach Advocate, was then inspired to teach an Elders' CPR class. Many of our tribal Elders' participated including Ivanetta Cook, Dorothy Lawe, Mabel Gaston, Beryle Contreras, Cherie Butler, and Louise Coulson. Through this class Jill, along with Pearl Mekemson, taught these Elders to become CPR certified, and are now able to help a conscious or unconscious person who is choking or hav-



ing trouble breathing. Jill also gave a brief lesson in first aid.

"I am very impressed with these women," said Jill. "This is the best class I have ever taught, and I've trained more than 200 people for CPR. It just proves that anyone is capable of saving a life."