

Portland Area Tribal Office Classes

■ **GED Tutoring offered every Thursday**
— 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. —

Portland Satellite Office Bake Sale & Native American Arts Day

Monday, December 19, 2005 — 2-8 p.m.

For more information, call
Lisa Archuleta at 503-235-4230.

*All classes held at the Portland Area Tribal offices,
3312 S.W. Kelly Ave., Portland, Oregon.
Call 503-235-4230 or 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2282.*

Election Board Alternate Vacancy

The Election Board is seeking a Tribal member to fill a vacant alternate position on the Election Board for a term expiring in April of 2007. Alternates are appointed by Tribal Council and serve in lieu of board members who are disqualified from serving or unable to serve in an election. Alternates may also observe election functions and perform incidental tasks at the request of the board. If you are interested in being an alternate and you or an immediate family member are not planning on being a candidate in the 2006 Tribal Council Election, please send a letter of interest to Claudia Leno, Election Board Chair, P.O. Box 99, Grand Ronde, OR 97347, by January 15, 2006.

Education Committee Seeking Member

The Education Committee has a vacancy and is now taking applications. Interested parties can contact Patsy Pullin at 503-879-4543, Dakota Whitecloud at 503-879-1309, Lauri Smith at 503-879-2304 or Colleen Branson at 503-879-2301.

Tribal Members Requested to Participate in Online Survey

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (the "Tribe") strives to continue providing quality health care for Tribal members, with a focus on access of care, quality of care and cost of providing care.

Your participation is requested to collect information for the Tribal Member Health Plan as currently administered by United Medical Resources (UMR). The purpose of the survey is to gather information about Tribal members, and their access to other health insurance coverage through alternative carriers (via your employer, Medicare, etc).

Tribal members eligible for primary coverage through other carriers are required to provide information about the alternative carriers. Providing this information will not change health benefits to Tribal members, but will assist the Tribe in continuing to provide access to quality health care for all Tribal members while helping to manage cost of care.

Responses to this survey will be strictly confidential and will be available only for the above mentioned purpose. The survey will be available online from **January 23, 2006 through March 10, 2006**. Members will also receive the paper survey via first class-mail the week of January 16, 2005, however, online participation is encouraged to (1) enter you promptly into the drawing, (2) reduce the chance that your responses may be lost in the mail, and (3) save on the cost and time of mailing. Although no action is requested at this time, the direct web address for the survey will be posted in future communications. Members will also have access to the survey through the Tribe's website at www.grandronde.org. Information to be posted at the Tribe's website is forthcoming.

Your input is crucial and so is a successful return rate; therefore, we are organizing a drawing with great prizes in return for your participation. In addition, there will be an extra incentive for those who 1.) Complete the online survey by March 10 or 2.) Who return the paper survey by March 6. Prizes to be announced soon in future communications.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Debby Larsen, Financial Risk Manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, at 503-879-2332.

LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program will begin scheduling appointments December 1, 2005 to assist households with their heating bills. Appointments will begin January 3, 2006.

Residents of Marion and Polk counties whose household income is within 60% median income (Oregon statewide average) guidelines may apply. All appointments are first come, first serve.

Applicants will need to bring in proof of income for all persons age 18 and over, birth dates and social security numbers for all household members, proof of subsidized housing, and a current heating bill. Income includes gross wages, self-employment, unemployment compensation, public assistance, social security benefits, Veterans benefits, work-study, child support, interest, etc. Deductions will not be allowed.



IF YOU LIVE IN MARION OR POLK COUNTY AND WANT TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL THE SALEM OFFICE AT:

503-588-9016 OR 503-588-6928

TOLL FREE OUTSIDE OF SALEM 1-866-299-4216

Calls accepted in the Salem Office 8 p.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

MWVCAA (Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Inc)

2585 State St, Salem OR 97301

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

60% of Oregon Median Income for 2006

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	ANNUAL INCOME	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$19,210.00	\$1,600.83
2	\$25,121.00	\$2,093.41
3	\$31,031.00	\$2,585.91
4	\$36,942.00	\$3,078.50
5	\$42,853.00	\$3,571.08
6	\$48,763.00	\$4,063.58
7	\$49,872.00	\$4,156.00
8	\$50,980.00	\$4,248.33
Each additional member	\$1,108.26	\$92.35