

Tribe accepting Hatfield Fellowship applications

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is accepting applications for the Mark O. Hatfield Congressional Fellowship.

Every year, a Hatfield fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation. The fellow is selected from adult Native American applicants who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe in Oregon.

If there are no qualified applicants from Oregon, enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes in Washington, Idaho and Montana will be considered.

The selected Hatfield fellow will intern in Washington, D.C., for nine months and receive a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation. New for 2009, fellowship applications must be completed and submitted via the Internet.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 24. Applicants will then be notified if they qualify for interviews. Late applications will not be accepted.

To access the new online application process, visit www.thecommunityfund.com. For additional questions, contact Program Officer Louis King at Spirit Mountain Community Fund at 503-879-1462 or louis.king@thecommunityfund.com or by mail at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

The fellowship honors Mark Hatfield for his accomplishments as a U.S. senator from Oregon, former Oregon governor and for his mentorship of many leaders in their own communities. ■

Grandparents support group meets March 19

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group will meet 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 19, in the Elders' Activity Center in Grand Ronde.

The topic of discussion will be "Interventions: Parenting Young Children" and Dawn Cottrell from Yamhill County Health & Human Services' Family & Youth Programs and Jeff Lukehart from the Center for Successful Living NW Senior & Disability Services will be in attendance.

For more information, contact Carmen Mercier at 503-879-1646. ■

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



It's a poster contest!

It's time for the AMERIND Risk Management Corporation 2009 National Fire and Home Safety Poster Contest for children currently in grades K through 8 (only one entry per child).

All posters entered are to illustrate a fire safety theme, and must be originals created by the child in crayon, markers or paint, drawn horizontally on 8.5" x 11" paper (no pencils, please).

This year's winner of the poster contest will receive a \$2,000 savings bond in his or her name. Entry forms are available through the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority office, 28450 Tyee Road, Grand Ronde, or by calling Shawn Kennedy or Victoria Jones at 503-879-2401.

All AMERIND Poster Contest entries must be submitted to the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority office no later than March 26.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT ON GRTHA'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) receives grants under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended.

HUD provides these grants to Indian Tribes and Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas. To be eligible for the grants, the Housing Authority must submit an annual Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and submit regular performance reports to HUD.

Grand Ronde Tribal members are hereby notified that the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority has prepared the Draft 2008 Annual Performance Report (APR), and public comments are encouraged. All comments will be incorporated into the final report.

Copies of the 2008 APR are available by calling GRTHA at 503-879-2401, or 800-422-0232, ext. 2401.

Copies may also be e-mailed or picked up at the GRTHA office.

Comments must be submitted to GRTHA by 5 p.m. March 25, 2009.

Ke'lani Chumani Lxmucane' Martinez

Born on 2-14-09 at 12:12 a.m.

7 lbs., 15 oz., 20 1/4 inches.

Born to the parents of Shilo Fechtner and Jeffry Martinez.



USDA Distribution

~Siletz~

April 6: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 7: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 8: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 9: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 10: 9 a.m. to noon

~Salem~

April 20: 2 to 7 p.m.

April 21: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

April 22: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNAL OPENINGS

■ Certified Medical Assistant

Medical Clinic

Grade: 6

Closing date: March 26

EXTERNAL OPENINGS

■ Caregiver

(on-call)

Adult Foster Care

Grade: 5

Opened until filled

For a detailed job description, please contact the Tribe's job line at 503-879-2257 or 1-877-TRIBEGR.

Internal applicants are

1. Current Regular Employee, past their six-month introductory period, receiving at least a "meets expectations" on most recent performance evaluation and not under disciplinary action or performance improvement within the previous six months,

2. Grand Ronde Tribal members

3. Spouse of a Grand Ronde Tribal member or

4. Parent or legal guardian of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

Internal recruitment

For those individuals meeting minimum qualifications an interview will be given in the following ranking order:

1. Grand Ronde Tribal members

a) Qualified Grand Ronde Tribal members who show they meet the minimum qualifications of the position during the course of the interview process will be given first consideration for hire and the recruitment process will end

2. Tribal member spouses, parents and/or legal guardians of Grand Ronde Tribal member children

3. Current regular employees

www.grandronde.org

Casino hosts Winemakers Faire

Spirit Mountain Casino will host a Winemakers Faire from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The event is free to the public.

The Faire will feature wines, artisan cheeses, chocolate confections and fresh bakery items as the casino showcases some of the Northwest's finest wineries and vineyards.

For more information, contact casino Marketing Coordinator Angela Sears at 503-879-3276. ■

Tribal Court schedules Awareness Day

Tribal Court staff members are holding a Court Awareness Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in Tribal Court offices in the Governance Center.

The goal is to introduce Tribal members to the different programs and services offered by Tribal Court. There will be door prizes, snacks and information.

For more information, call Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

Cultural Resources seeks plankhouse giveaway items

In anticipation of an early fall opening of the Grand Ronde plankhouse, the Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is seeking donations of giveaway items for the planned blessing ceremony.

Giveaway items can be about almost anything, including beads and blankets, but not alcohol or drugs.

The items are intended to recognize people from outside the Grand Ronde community who will come for the blessing ceremony.

"By having people from outside the community, they are helping to strengthen our house," said Tribal member and Cultural Resources Protection Coordinator Eirik Thorsgard.

Giveaway items can be dropped off at the Cultural Resources Department in Grand Ronde or at the Tribal satellite offices in Eugene and Portland.

For more information or to check on the appropriateness of possible giveaway item, call Angella McCallister at 503-879-2268, Thorsgard at 503-879-1630 or Language & Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier at 503-879-2076.

An article on proper plankhouse protocol written by Cultural Resources Department staff will appear in *Smoke Signals* closer to the blessing ceremony. ■