

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2011**Changes to Social Services
Emergency Assistance
and Medical Gas Voucher Program**

For all income criteria programs, wage verification for past 60 days (wage stubs) will need to be submitted. If client has not worked for a period of time, client will need to submit a printout from their State Employment Office or printout from Oregon Self Sufficiency Office as verification of income. Rental/deposit or utility assistance may be utilized only one time in a 24-month rolling calendar period and is not to exceed the maximum contribution of \$1,000 per household within any 24-month rolling calendar period.

Medical Gas Vouchers

Social Services will not provide gas vouchers for medical appointments, counseling or drug & alcohol treatment. The only exception to this is for scheduled treatment plans, (i.e.: radiation, chemotherapy, surgery, etc.) and has caused hardship on the family, medical gas vouchers can be distributed to meet the need of the circumstances. A copy of all scheduled treatment plans must be received before client is eligible to receive this service. Assistance will end on the date of the last treatment appointment.

For a complete copy of policy or questions, please contact Tammy C. Garrison at 503-879-2077. ■

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11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, according to ATNI Conference Coordinator Phillip Hillaire (Lummi).

The Grand Ronde Canoe Family will drum and sing, welcoming procession attendees from among some 2,500 attendees to the Convention Center. A procession to follow will walk up Naito Parkway, across the Broadway Bridge and to the Convention Center.

In addition, on Tuesday night, a culture presentation will be led by Cowlitz Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall. Drum groups have been invited from the Southern Plateau Tribes, the Umatillas, the Washat Nation, the Makahs and Squaxin Island. In addition, the Grand Ronde, Cowlitz and Westshore canoe families have been invited to perform.

Planners are expecting 150 vendors, both Native and non-Native, including many well-known Native artists.

A limited edition blanket designed by Yakama Tribal artist Toma Villa, woven by Portland-based Pendleton Woolen Mills, will be for sale at the conference with proceeds benefiting ATNI's local planning efforts. The blanket run is limited to 250.

Among the sessions slated for the conference are ones discussing food sovereignty in Indian Country and the battles over treaty fishing rights.

For Grand Ronde Tribal members, the conference cost can be paid through the Tribe's Higher Education Noncredit Program, said Tribal member and Education Specialist Bryan Langley.

"Applications are due 10 days before the event," Langley said. ■

**Graves teaching weekly
basket weaving class**

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class at 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Elders' Activity Center.

The class is open to the public.

For more information, contact Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org. ■

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