

Thrift store seeks volunteers

The Tina Miller Community Center Thrift Store, 110 B. St., Willamina, helps fund the after-school and weekend youth community center located in the old high school gym.

The thrift store is seeking volunteers who can help run the store, in addition to donated items and customers.

The store accepts clothes, books, knickknacks, etc., as donations. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and closed Sunday and Monday. Donations also can be left at the Wildwood Hotel and Restaurant in Willamina.

For more information on volunteering, call 503-876-7897.

The youth center and thrift store are nonprofit and 100 percent self-sustaining and volunteer-run. ■

Grand Ronde Royalty

Royalty participants and their parent or sponsor must attend all required events (powwows, parades, fundraisers, organizational meetings and others). Absences can be prearranged with the Royalty Coordinator. Three unexcused absences will result in disqualification from Royalty. Royalty participants are expected to stay for the duration of the events. This includes helping set up for events, such as meetings and parades, as well as dancing during Grand Entry, InterTribals and staying until the flags are retired unless pre-approved with the Royalty Coordinator. Participants are expected to speak in front of large groups of people. Royalty participants must be willing and able to dance. **Remember: You are all part of a team and are expected to treat yourselves, running mates and others with respect at all times.**

GRAND RONDE ROYALTY COURT

Participating in Royalty Court is an excellent opportunity for Tribal girls and young women to learn our traditions and powwow protocol. Participants represent the Tribe by attending powwows and various community events.

We encourage all young woman ages 5-18 to join. Participants must provide their regalia.

Serving on Royalty Court requires a considerable commitment from the participant and her sponsor; travel, fundraisers, classes and meetings are required for all competing participants.

Little Miss Grand Ronde — 5-8 years of age
Junior Miss Grand Ronde — 9-13 years of age
Senior Miss Grand Ronde — 14-18 years of age

General Requirements:

1. Enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
2. Must be alcohol and drug free
3. Never married, no children
5. Attend school regularly and be in good standing
6. Sign and comply with Royalty Guidelines and Agreement

~ OFFICIAL APPLICATION ~

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name, Address and Phone (if different than a parent): _____

Why do you want to participate in Royalty? _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Sponsor's Signature (if different than a parent) _____

**Return this application to: Public Relations,
 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, May 3**

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



Opportunity for comment on GRTHA's 2012 Annual Performance Report (APR)

Under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, (NAHASDA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide grants to Indian Tribes/Indian Housing Authorities for the development and operation of low-income housing in Indian areas.

Grants are made to eligible recipients under the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. To be eligible for the grants, respondents must submit an Indian Housing Plan that meets the minimum requirements of the Act, and also submit an Annual Performance Report to HUD, and maintain records for HUD monitoring.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has received multiple grants under this program which were active during 2012.

Comments on the Annual Performance Report are welcome and copies of this report can be obtained at the GRTHA office or by calling 503-879-2401 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401. Comments must be submitted in writing to GRTHA no later than 5 p.m., Monday, March 22, 2013.

All comments will be incorporated into the final report submitted to HUD.

Down Payment Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has 2013 Down Payment Assistance available for applicants with moderate to low incomes. Although the budget for Tribally funded Down Payment Assistance has been committed for 2013, HUD funds may be available for qualified Tribal applicants whose gross household income either meets, or is less than the guidelines below:

Family size/Gross income

1	\$40,900
2	\$46,750
3	\$52,600
4	\$58,400
5	\$63,100
6	\$67,750
7	\$72,450
8	\$77,100

Please call Victoria Jones, Homeownership Coordinator, at 503-879-1465 to pre-qualify for HUD funded assistance.

Applications being accepted for grandfamily housing

A grandfamily is defined as: A family, whose head or spouse is Elder, containing minor children in the legal long-term custody or guardianship of the Elder. A grandfamily shall not include any other adults under the age of 55 (including the parent(s) of the minor children).

If your family fits this definition, qualifies as low income and you are interested in moving into our new grandfamily units, which are part of Elders' Housing Phase II, we started accepting applications on Jan. 2.

You can pick up an application at the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority offices at 28450 Tyee Road, Grand Ronde, Ore., 97347. If you cannot come into the offices to pick up your application you may call the front desk at 503-879-2401 and an application will be mailed to you.

Make sure you specifically request the application for "grandfamily housing."

Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is important that applicants provide all requested documentation at the time they submit the application.

If you have any questions, you may contact Leon Ramos or Deborah Kroeker at Grand Ronde Tribal Housing, 503-879-2401. We look forward to working with you.