

**Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority**



The Tribal Housing Authority is out of Tribally funded down payment assistance at this time.

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blades. Mostly, I think he wanted to teach me, and keep me out of trouble."

Adam did not have to think twice about taking the position.

"They were trying to find somebody to fill it. They were thinking about rotating groundskeepers down here, but when the opportunity came up, I jumped on it," he says.

"It's fulfilling to take care of the upkeep of our ancestors' graves, and I'm finding out that a lot of people are happy with my working here. They've always seen me with my grandpa since I was a little kid. Somehow, it makes them happy that I'm working here, that Russ's descendant is working here. They like the way he kept the place, how he handled it with respect."

The change has played well among other members of the Tribe.

"I had one person tell me that it puts him at ease that Russ's grandson is up here taking care of

all these graves," he says. "When you love a place, you end up taking care of it as best you can."

Adam also purchased his grandfather's house when it was put up for sale after he walked on. It had been built by Russ's great-grandfather, David Leno, and David Leno Jr., Russ's grandfather, in 1935.

"None of his sons or daughters could buy it," Adam says. "Rather than letting the house go, I worked hard, got a loan and ended up buying the place. The house was almost lost. I was lucky to be able to save it. I lived there pretty much my whole life. Lot of good memories in the house."

And he is making new ones. He and his girlfriend, Rachel Clark, are raising their 4-year-old son, Nicholas, and 5-month-old daughter, Ashley, in the house he grew up in.

"Someway, my grandpa Russ still lives on because of the house and this job, and it kind of fell in my lap," he says.

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# Help wanted

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's 477 Employment and Training Program and Land and Culture Department have resources that can be utilized along with community members who have a passion for gardening or want to learn the art of agriculture.

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal community member and want to be a part of the planning, preparation and cultivation of the Tribal garden and orchard site for next year's planting season, contact Barbara Gibbons at 800-242-8196, ext. 2135, or e-mail [barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org](mailto:barbara.gibbons@grandronde.org). ■

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**Please come join us for our Longhouse Birthday!**

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013  
**ACHAF-HAMMI**  
 3 years old

We will be starting at 1 p.m.  
 Doors will open at noon  
 Dinner will be at 5 p.m.  
 Giveaway will be at 7 p.m.

Contact info: Bobby Mercier  
 503-879-2076 or  
[bobby.mercier@grandronde.org](mailto:bobby.mercier@grandronde.org)

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**K-12 Costume Bowling Party and Trick-or-Treat**

Friday, October 25

Leave Grand Ronde at 9:30 a.m.  
 Walnut City Lanes 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
 Return to Grand Ronde 1:30 p.m.  
 CTQR Campus Trick-or-Treat 1:30-3 p.m.  
 Halloween Party 3-4:30 p.m.

All Families Welcome!!!

COMING BOWLING PIZZA  
 TRICK-OR-TREAT FUN

RSVP to Tiffany Mercier by October 23rd @ 503-879-2101

**Family Movie Night**

Sponsored by Youth Prevention  
 Presents... **IRON MAN 3**

Date: 10/18/13  
 Time: 6 p.m.  
 Place: Tribal Gym

We will have built your own Sundae and juices, water and snacks

**NON SMOKING EVENT**

If you have any questions you may contact Youth Prevention staff, Shannon Stanton: 503-879-1489 or Tina Lara: 503-879-2040

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde Community & Culture by not displaying gang affiliation and by not bringing drugs, alcohol, or weapons to this event.