

## Workshop facilitators for micro-enterprise business classes wanted

MERIT is a microenterprise program that provides business training and one-on-one business counseling to residents of Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties who are in the process of starting their own businesses.

A microenterprise is defined as a very small (or micro-) business, having fewer than five employees (usually a single self-employed person or family), minimal capital needs, and whose owner has some social, cultural, economic or physical barrier to overcome that prevents access to traditional business training and counseling resources.

We are looking for individuals who possess the best practices in workshop facilitation, instruction and classroom management to facilitate discussion and student information exchange on the topic of business development.

Our goal is to create a safe, interactive, non-critical learning environment that encourages self-reflection and learning. We are looking for individuals who will build trust with each student to ensure they become completely engaged in the course to the best of their ability.

**Application Instructions:** Please send your resume and a bio to the MERIT Program manager Mona Edwards at medwar44@chemeketa.edu. ■


**USDA Distribution**

### ~Salem~

Jan. 21: 2 to 6:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 22: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 23: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Jan. 24: 9 to 11 a.m.

If you need assistance, call Joyce Retherford at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.

Dec. 31  
 Happy 6th Birthday  
**Adriana Sanchez**  
 Love: Daddy, Mommy & Noey.



## Tribe creates Enrollment Audit hotline

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has created an Enrollment Audit hotline with which to collect frequently asked questions from the Tribal membership.

The goal of the hotline is to develop a list of commonly asked questions regarding the audit information that was distributed in the April *Tilixam Wawa*.

The answers to those questions will be published in an upcoming *Tilixam Wawa*, as well as be distributed to the membership in an information packet.

Please ask general questions only; please do not leave personal inquiries regarding yourself or family.

The toll-free phone number is 877-645-2641. ■

## Graves teaches basket class

Tribal Elder Connie Graves teaches a basket weaving class, which is open to the public, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Elders' Activity Center.

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

### GET YOUR BUSINESS STARTED ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

MERIT helps you:

- Explore your business idea
- Find the information you need
- Get connected with the people who can help

To find out more, attend a FREE *Start Your Business* class!

► **JOIN US** at the Grand Ronde Adult Education Building on the second Thursday of every month from 10—11AM  
 9615 Grand Ronde Road  
 Grand Ronde, OR

MERIT helps people explore, launch & grow successful small businesses through training and support.

► **LEARN MORE AT:**  
[www.merit-microenterprise.org](http://www.merit-microenterprise.org)  
 or call: 503.399.5088




## Elders' phone numbers wanted

The Tribal Elders Committee is compiling a volunteer phone list of Elders. If you would like to submit your phone number and address to be available to other Elders, send it to elders.committee@grandronde.org or leave a message at 503-879-2231. ■

## Grand Ronde Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe is operating its own Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to assist Grand Ronde Tribal member households with energy payments (utility bills, firewood, etc.), energy emergencies and weatherization (e.g. furnace repairs). Income eligible households within Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties with a Grand Ronde Tribal member are eligible to apply. CTGR members in these counties need to contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance instead of from the community action agency in their area. Grand Ronde's program enables more CTGR members to be served than would otherwise have been possible.



If you are interested in obtaining services contact Social Services at 1-800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2405 for weatherization. The Tribe's LIHEAP program also serves all income eligible Indians on Grand Ronde Reservation or trust land.

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The Youth Education Department Presents

## Annual K-12 Roller Skating Trip

Friday, January 17th 9am-3pm  
 Hillsboro's Skate World  
 Lunch Provided

(Students are allowed to use their own indoor skates, pads, and other supplies upon approval from Skate World staff)

Families of K-12 youth are welcome to attend

RSVP to Tiffany at 503-879-2101