

Opening Day



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Ray Duran selects a package of spaghetti off the shelf as Grand Ronde Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose accompanies him to tell him how much he can obtain of each item during the first food distribution held at the new Grand Ronde Food Bank on Friday, Dec. 5. The food bank's name is *iskam mək'mək-haws*, which means "house where you get food." The food bank, at 9675 Grand Ronde Road, is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share. Fifty-five food boxes were distributed and 169 individuals were served. The next food distribution will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Request for Proposals Architectural/Engineering Services The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Police Station

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde wishes to retain an Architectural/Engineering team to perform planning and design services for the new construction of an approximately 3,900-square-foot police station and associated site work. The structure is to be constructed on or near the Tribal Governance Center campus located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore. This project is primarily funded through a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant.

Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing Jesse White at jesse.white@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2404.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 4 p.m. Jan. 8, 2015, to Jesse White, Engineering and Public Works Manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore. 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■

Tribal Council handles several financial issues

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

With the end of the year approaching, Tribal Council dealt with a series of financial issues during its Wednesday, Dec. 3, meeting.

In reaction to new appointments in the General Manager's Office and Finance Department, Tribal Council amended Chris Leno's title to finance officer for the Tribe's investment and line of credit accounts, authorized Interim General Manager Rick George as a signer on the Tribe's bank, sweep and investment accounts, and amended Linda Hanna's title to controller.

Also in the financial realm, Tribal Council authorized a Tribal credit card for Information Systems Manager Bill Kephart for use in the performance of his duties.

Tribal Council also declared a member benefit payment date of Friday, Dec. 12. Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno also read a statement explaining the payment, which includes per capita, timber distribution and a settlement due the Tribe from the Indian Health Service regarding unpaid contract support cost claims from fiscal year 1996 through fiscal year 2011.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a contract between the Oregon Judicial Case Infor-

mation Network and the Tribal Attorney's Office and Children and Family Services Department;

- Appointed Kristy DeLoe to the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term expiring in March 2017;

- Appointed Penny DeLoe, Sharon Hanson, Deanna Johnson, Joanne Mercier and Michael Mercier to serve on the Election Board for the Bureau of Indian Affairs special constitutional amendment election to be held in early 2015;

- And approved the enrollment of three infants into the Tribe.

Also included in the Dec. 3 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that permitted the resumption of live streaming of Tribal Council meetings, authorized work on the Powwow Arbor Project, set the amount of the member benefit and per capita payments disbursed on Dec. 12, and OK'd the expenditure of \$3,439 for Christmas lighting on the Tribal campus.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Bobby Mercier and Travis Stewart opened the meeting with cultural drumming and singing.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, under the Video shortcut. ■

Certified Application Assister sets Portland date

Certified Application Assister Loretta Meneley will be at the Tribe's Portland office, 4445 S.W. Barbur Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, to provide information and answer questions about applying for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment, as well as to sign up members for health insurance.

For more information, contact Meneley at 503-879-1359 or by e-mail at loretta.meneley@grandronde.org. ■

Tribal Police address parking problems

Tribal Police Chief Al LaChance said that the Grand Ronde Police Department has received multiple complaints of vehicles parking for too long in loading zones and others areas on the Tribal campus not designated for parking.

"The two areas receiving the most complaints are in front of the clinic and the Community Center entrance," LaChance said. "This makes it very difficult for Tribal Elders who get dropped off or picked up in those areas. It also blocks emergency vehicle access and can delay responses into those buildings."

LaChance said that people need to park in designated parking spots when visiting the Community Center, Adult Education, Chachalu and the Health & Wellness Clinic. He also said that the designated handicapped parking spots near the gym are often being used by non-handicapped people.

"The new Public Safety Ordinance includes the ability of the Police Department to issue parking citations. Our officers will be issuing warnings to start with, but repeat offenders could receive a parking citation in the future. We need to keep these areas clear for those persons being dropped off or picked up," he said. ■

T3nas Intervention

Services to be provided to babies & moms-to-be:

- Checkups
- Cleanings, if applicable
- Injection-free fillings, if needed and appropriate
- Cavity prevention treatment
- Age-appropriate goodie bags
- Raffle ticket for one of two blankets to be raffled every six months

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic



Pregnant women and babies under 2

Tribal members: pregnant women or 0-2 year olds (teeth or no teeth!) who come in for a scheduled dental checkup or other appointment will be entered in a raffle for a baby Pendleton Blanket!



To schedule call: 503-879-2020

