

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS ON THE SSI/SSD SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME PROGRAM

Attention Tribal members on SSI or SSD programs:

It's getting to be that time of year again. Time to remember to send us a copy of your current 2016 benefit statement from the Social Security Administration so that we can update your file. **This is a requirement for members between the age of 18-54 who are wanting to re-qualify for this supplemental program.** If you do not receive your current benefit statement you may order one by calling the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at www.ssa.gov. Your current benefit statement **must** reach our office by Jan. 31, 2016, to avoid any future delays in your benefits.

For Elders age 55 and up, **it is a requirement that we have an updated Social Security Administration letter of eligibility once every two years.** We will need a copy of that document (SSA award letter) to update your file.

Please mail copies of your benefit statement and the application to:

CTGR Member Services
 Attn: Jolanda Catabay
 9615 Grand Ronde Road
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347
 Fax: 1-503-879-2480
 E-mail: jolanda.catabay@grandronde.org

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received, interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. My contact numbers are 503-879-2253 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2253.

Respectfully,

Jolanda Catabay
 Enrollment Member Services Specialist
 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

If you receive SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance, you automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road.

No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Holiday food boxes will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 6 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30.

The food bank will be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, closed on Christmas Day, closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 31, and closed on New Year's Day.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box may fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək'hmək haws* – is run by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

"It takes a community to fight local hunger," says Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose. "Your gift of time and talent means so much to individuals, families and children who are struggling. We are looking for assistance in repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes on distribution days and end-of-the-month inventory. Groups are welcome and other opportunities are available."

Mandatory volunteer training is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 8, for those who have not yet attended. Training covers safe food handling, non-discrimination and warehouse safety. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22-23, to help with extra food for the Christmas holiday.

Call on non-distribution days to ensure someone is available to assist you. You also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolk-foodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

ATTENTION CTGR TELEPHONE SERVICE

If you have an emergency and need to dial "911" you must first dial a "9" (9911). The only calls that do not require that you dial a 9+ are those made from the CTGR extensions within the CTGR campus and/or those who use CTGR Tel for their home phone service. ■

Special Event Board seeking help

The Tribal Veterans Special Event Board is attempting to recruit younger veterans – Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans – to join.

"Our committee is getting older," said Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran.

Members of the SEB attend events as flag carriers and represent the Tribe, as well as their branch of service.

Veterans interested in volunteering should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

1st Annual CTGR Holiday Middle School Girls Basketball Tournament

Hosted by CTGR Recreation Department
 For Who: Middle School Teams
 Cost: \$300

Divisions: Middle School Girls (entering into 6th thru 8th grade in the 2015-16 school year)
 Each team must have a coach who is 18 years or older.

When: Tournament starts: Monday, Dec. 21 3-8 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 22 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: CTGR Gym

Prizes: 1st and 2nd Place Teams for each Division

Deadline to register: Dec. 4, 5 p.m.

Limited Openings!
 A limited amount of teams allowed due to the amount of courts and time to play games. Don't wait to the last minute, secure your team spot by registering today.

Registration forms and sign-ups are available at CTGR Recreation Department.
 Contact Recreation Coordinator Jeremy Bailey at 503-879-1369 for more information.
Jeremy.bailey@grandronde.org

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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Powwow SEB	1 Vacancy
Election Board	1 Vacancy for an alternate
	1 Vacancy
Timber Committee	1 Vacancy
Social Services Committee	2 Vacancies
Health Committee	1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

Clothes Closet open Monday, Friday

The Clothes Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Friday on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

It accepts clothes, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565 or Daniele Powley at 971-241-6170. ■