

Attention full-time students

All full-time students must submit verification that they have applied to a scholarship outside the Tribe before funding will be released for the term/semester. Verification can include a scholarship award or denial letter, e-mail verification that an application was submitted, a copy of the application or the financial aid award letter that lists an outside scholarship. Please contact Education at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2275, if you have any questions. ■



Garden starting up third year

By Patti LeClaire

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Good morning, Garden peeps and Happy New Year! 2016 will be our third year with the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Garden.

The garden has made a lot of progress since 2013, when the garden was totally eradicated of weeds and we rebuilt the beds, repaired the water lines, re-laid cardboard and topped it with cedar chips. This preparation needed to be completed before planting of numerous vegetables in 2014.

Other projects finished in 2014 included the greenhouse being close to completion. In 2015, we started all the garden vegetables from seed in the greenhouse, built the pole barn and a water line was placed at the greenhouse and the pole barn.

And we can't forget about our chickens. They were a day old when we got them and they now will soon be a year old. We built the chicken coop (aka Chicken Taj Mahal) and extended the chicken run into the garden.

They have done an awesome job. The chickens started laying eggs in the middle of July. Total amount of eggs in 2015 was 3,271 eggs. The total harvest in the garden for 2014 and 2015 was 5,003 pounds, which was distributed between the Food Bank, preschool, foster care and our volunteers.

This year we have many educational series that will be coming, such as learning the importance of amending soil for gardening and advanced composting and its benefits. Dates will be posted on the Tribal Community Garden Facebook page soon.

We are starting a list of individuals interested in volunteering at the garden this year. For the garden to be successful, we need at least 10 to 20 volunteers. The last three years we have had four dedicated people who still volunteer. We had numerous garden days where we had a pretty good turnout each time. Yet we need to ramp up our volunteers so we can do a weekly schedule. With more volunteers we could accomplish so much more.

A huge thank you and appreciation goes out to Scott LeClaire, Rob Wiggs and Mike Wiggs for being so dedicated and helping the garden become successful. We wouldn't be this far without the three of you!

Kristy Deloe and Patti LeClaire would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the garden!

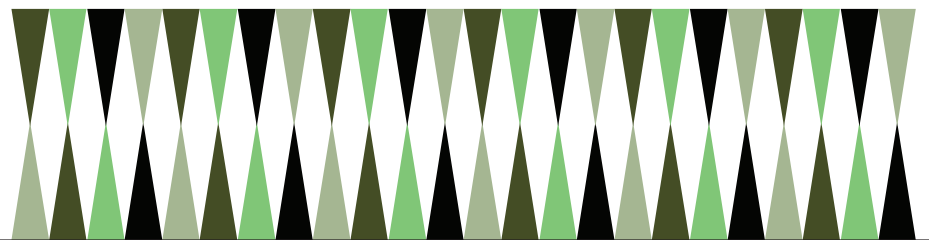


Family Game Night

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Please join us in our Gambling Prevention Game Night on 2/26/2016 from 5:15 PM to 7:00 PM in the gym for dinner, a little family fun and door prizes!! Please contact Andrea at 503-879-2162 or andrea.verduzco@grandronde.org

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



Nurturing Parenting

A positive parenting system that is easy to implement and has proven parenting solutions.



Would you like to talk with other parents who you can share the challenges and joys of parenting?



Would you like to develop skills to promote a positive family life?



Would you like more confidence in parenting?
Do you need more time for yourself?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, we invite you to join us for **FREE** 12-weekly group sessions of **Nurturing Parenting**.

FOR: Parents and Caregivers with children between the ages of 0-8.

WHEN: February 17th to May 4th from 10:00am to 12:00pm

WHERE: Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community Center
9615 Grand Ronde Rd, Grand Ronde

FREE with child care and a meal.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Online at www.midvalleyparenting.org or by Contact Amber Amouak at 503-879-2147 or calling Heather at (503) 623-9664 ext 2368 amber.amouak@grandronde.org

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Groups form Helping Hands

The Clothes Closet, iskam makhmak haws and A Cause For Paws have started an ad hoc group called Grand Ronde Helping Hands and are inviting community members to join the effort of supporting local families.

"The goal is to bring those of us together who are supporting families in Grand Ronde to share the services and resources we provide and create a resource guide we can all use," said Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose.

The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road.

"If you provide any type of services to families in our community, please consider attending," Ambrose said. "We are looking for meal site calendars, food box sites, clothes closets, showers and laundry services. We are asking churches, church groups, departments and support groups to share with us."

There also will be a collection day at the Food Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13. Items being sought include blankets, pillows, sheet sets, warm clothing and pet items.

If you are interested in joining the effort, contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■