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# Fun Walk



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal employees participate in the sixth annual Fun Walk on the Tribal campus on Wednesday, April 20. After the walk, a lunch and door prize drawings were held the Tribal Community Center. The walk supports safe and happy childhoods



and healthy families for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Sixty people participated in the event organized by the Social Services Department's Children & Family Services program.



Tribal Records Administrator Kim Mueller picks out a bird feeder and bird seed as a door prize during the sixth annual Fun Walk and Lunch at the Tribal Community Center on Wednesday, April 20.

## **Groups form Helping Hands**

The Clothes Closet, iskam məkhmək haws, Empowerment Outreach Ministries 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, May 10, at The Clothes Closet at the end of Blacktail Drive near the Elders Activity Center. In addition, a collection day at the Food Bank is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and is seeking donations of children's birthday kit items, school supplies, camping equipment for homeless families and pet items.

"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."

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

### **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 503-917-8732. ■

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Carrot Cake Cookies

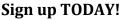
Power Popeye Smoothies

Tuesday, May 17

5:30pm



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Call Francene Ambrose, coordinator at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org

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Wednesday evenings 5:15 to 7 p.m.

May 4, 11, 18
Youth Education K-12 Building

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- YED Computer Lab access
- Tutorial assistance
- Homework support
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- Lots of PRIZES

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For more Information Please contact Youth Education @ 503-879-2101





