

# Tribal employees collect month's worth of food

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Rebellious weather failed to keep the sun from shining on the food bank at the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center.

After an early fall when the cupboards were almost bare, the community, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Spirit Mountain Casino all stood up with significant contributions.

For instance, the Tribal work-

force's food drive nearly doubled last year's donation.

With bins accepting food all over the Tribal campus from Nov. 5 through Dec. 17, two fewer weeks than last year, Tribal employees nevertheless brought in a combination of food and cash equivalent to 17,268 nonperishable items of food. Last year, Tribal employees donated the equivalent of 10,071 food items.

The donation represents about a month of the food bank's annual

needs, said Jolanda Catabay.

Catabay, who works in the Health Clinic's business office, teamed with fellow staffer Melody Baker to start the employee food drive in 2005. This year, Catabay and Baker passed coordination of the annual project on to Genifer Grout, Shanna Eide, Shannon Simi and Angella McCallister.

"What they have done is unbelievable," Catabay said.

The Grand Ronde Community

Resource Center is serving more than 200 families this season.

Uncounted among the numbers are a few week's worth of Elders' bake sales, shopping trips, large cash donations and people generally opening up their cupboards for the effort.

Also uncounted are more than 200 casino employees, each given a Christmas ham by the casino who re-directed those hams to the local food bank. ■

## YCTA Welcomes Grand Ronde!

# A Grand Addition.

Yamhill County Transit Area, is pleased to welcome Grand Ronde to our service area. At YCTA, our mission is to provide convenient and efficient service to travelers throughout Yamhill County. Much of Grand Ronde is outside the YCTA area but the Grand Ronde Tribe receives transit funds from the State and is using them to extend this service to the public in the Grand Ronde community through a contract with YCTA. As a result, YCTA is making the following changes to our West Valley and Salem routes.

### Route changes beginning December 3:

- YCTA's Hwy 18 Link to the West Valley will be extended to Grand Ronde.
- Amity will now be served by our Salem Route and no longer be serviced by the West Valley Route.
- The Salem Route will no longer travel Hwy 221 through Dayton. Instead, the Salem Route will travel Hwy 99W South from McMinnville. Dayton passengers are encouraged to use YCTA's Highway 99W Link service.

### Routes and Links

Whether for shopping, work or play, Yamhill County Transit is the best way to get where you're going. YCTA provides bus service for everyone in and around Grand Ronde, Sheridan, Willamina, McMinnville, Amity, Carlton, Yamhill, Cove Orchard and Newberg with Link Routes to Hillsboro/MAX, Sherwood/TriMet and Salem/SAMT.

### Schedules, Maps & Fare Information

Find out more at our website at [www.yctransitarea.org](http://www.yctransitarea.org) or call us at 503.474.4910 or 503.554.7897.

### NEW Salem Route Schedule

	McMinnville US Bank 3rd St.	Amity	Lincoln Store	Cherriot West Salem
AM	6:00	6:10	6:30	6:40
	7:25	7:15	6:55	6:45
	8:00	8:10	8:30	8:40
	9:25	9:15	8:55	8:45
PM	12:00	12:10	12:30	12:40
	1:25	1:15	12:55	12:45
	4:00	4:10	4:30	4:40
	5:25	5:15	4:55	4:45
	5:30	5:40	6:00	6:10
	6:55	6:45	6:25	6:15

Route Operates Monday - Friday

### NEW Hwy 18 West Valley Route Schedule

	Grand Ronde Comm. Center	Casino	Willamina- Downtown	Sheridan TJs	McMinnville US Bank 3rd St.
AM	5:00	5:10	5:25	5:35	5:55
	6:55	6:45	6:30	6:20	6:00
	6:55	7:05	7:20	7:30	7:45
	9:10	9:00	8:45	8:35	8:15
	9:10	9:20	9:35	9:45	10:05
	11:05	10:55	10:40	10:30	10:10
PM	11:05	11:15	11:30	11:40	12:00
	1:05	12:55	12:40	12:25	12:05
	1:05	1:15	1:30	1:40	2:00
	3:00	2:50	2:35	2:25	2:05
	3:00	3:10	3:25	3:35	3:55
	6:10	6:00	5:45	5:35	5:15
	6:10	6:20	6:35	6:45	7:05
	8:25	8:15	8:00	7:50	7:30

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