



Tribal Senior Service Cook Michael Burton, right, puts pieces of cut beef round roast in a bowl as he and Tribal Senior Service Cook and Tribal member Kevin Campbell cut the meat for the next day's birthday meal of beef tips and noodles at the Elders' Activity Center on Tuesday, April 24. Each month the Elders have a birthday meal to celebrate the birthdays of Elders that month. On birthday meal days, the cooks plan to feed 125 to 150 Elders, both on site and through meal deliveries.



Tribal Senior Service Cook Michael Burton unloads clean silverware as he washes dishes after lunch at the Elders' Activity Center on Tuesday, April 24. In addition to preparing the meals, the cooks wash and put away the clean dishes.

## A Day in the Life of Tribal cooks

Tribal Food Services is a department of three people who prepare almost 30,000 meals each year for Tribal Elders and Tribal events. In addition to the actual cooking, once a week they shop for the food for the meals. The only food they have delivered is produce. Tribal Food Service Coordinator

and Tribal member Kristy DeLoe also leads cooking classes for Elders once a month, food education classes for parents whose children attend the Tribal preschool and Youth Education's Summer Cooking Camp. For the last two years she also has cooked for Youth Education's Spring Break Camp. ■

Tribal Senior Service Cook and Tribal member Kevin Campbell loads a tray of coleslaw on to a speed rack as he prepares lunch for Tribal Elders at the Elders' Activity Center on Tuesday, April 24. Four days a week lunch is prepared for about 90 Elders. Of those, about 50 are served on site and the rest go to the Tribe's Adult Foster Care and delivered to Elders in Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan.



Tribal Food Service Coordinator and Tribal member Kristy DeLoe make a meatloaf dinner for the "Making Parenting a Pleasure" class on Tuesday, April 24. In addition to making lunch for the Elders four days a week, Tribal Food Services fills Tribal catering orders. In 2011, they made more than 12,000 meals for catering requests.



Tribal Senior Service Cook and Tribal member Kevin Campbell closes bag lunches of an egg salad sandwich, coleslaw, potato chips and an orange at the Elders' Activity Center on Tuesday, April 24. About 40 lunches are delivered each day to Elders in Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan.

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