

Food Bank provides food boxes

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

Upcoming food box distributions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16; 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

Call on non-distribution days to make sure someone is available to assist you. Please contact Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. ■

Food bank seeking volunteers

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 putting food on the shelves and handing out food boxes on distribution days.”

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org. The food bank is at 9675 Grand Ronde Road. ■

Tribal Council amends its own travel policy

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council amended the policy governing its members travel during the last meeting of 2014 held on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The appendix to the Tribal Council Travel Policy allocates \$9,000 annually for each Tribal Council member for business travel. However, travel expenses directly attributed to unavoidable travel delays caused by bad weather, mechanical issues, national disasters and any other cause outside of the control of a Tribal Council member will not be applied toward the travel allowance.

In addition, newly elected Tribal Council members who take office in September will have \$6,000 for business travel from the date of their election until the end of the year.

If a Tribal Council member exceeds the annual limit and no additional funding is approved by the rest of Tribal Council, he or she will be billed for the expenses incurred.

In other action, Tribal Council approved the 2016-17 funding application for a Performance Partnership Grant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said at the Dec. 30 Legislative Action Committee meeting that the Tribe has received

the grant since 1999 and the funds help pay for a portion of the wages of four Natural Resources Department employees to ensure the Tribe is in compliance with federal environmental rules.

Tribal Council also approved the 2015 annual funding agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior, which will bring almost \$4 million in federal funding to the Tribe.

In addition, Tribal Council approved the enrollment of four infants into the Tribe because they have been found to meet Tribal membership eligibility requirements.

Also included in the Dec. 31 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed to continue the Tribe’s membership in the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance for 2015 and appointing Tribal Council member Chris Mercier as the delegate with all other Tribal Council members designated as alternates.

Bobby Mercier, Brian Krehbiel, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Tribal Council member Jon A. George, Leslie Riggs and Travis Mercier led a large contingent of Tribal members performing the cultural drumming and singing to open the meeting.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website, www.grandronde.org, under the “Video” shortcut. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:**
www.facebook.com/CTGRgov
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:**
www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed
- **Grand Ronde Youth Education:**
www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:**
www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund
- **Grand Ronde Station:**
www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:**
www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesofGrandRondeRoyalty
- **Veterans Special Event Board:**
www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-of-the-Grand-Ronde-Community
- **Community Garden:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden



St. Michael’s offers weekly brunch

St. Michael’s Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community.

Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center. Chair: Betty Bly.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Julie Duncan.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets TBA at the Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Social Services conference room. Chair: Alan Ham.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Community Center. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

CTGR Tribal Youth Prevention, Youth Education and Cultural Education Programs

Family Tutoring Night

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For Who:
Native American youth
Reading Program for K-5th grades
Tutoring for 6th-12th graders including Home School

Where:
CTGR Youth Education Building

Dates/Days/Time:
♦ Thursdays 5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.
♦ Jan. 15 – March 12

Dinner:
Provided for those attending the tutoring and culture activities only.

Cost: FREE

Family Tutoring Night is an opportunity to build academic skills, receive homework support and culture activities in a safe and healthy environment

Contact Cristina Lara at 503-879-2040 or cristina.lara@grandronde.org

Thank you for respecting Grand Ronde’s tribal community and our culture by not displaying gang affiliation or by bring drugs, alcohol or weapons to this event.