

Food Bank seeking volunteers

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək 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.”

The Food Bank also is looking for volunteers to help serve food and lead activities during the spring break lunch program being held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27.

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. ■

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, March 20, and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

For those who are homebound or Elders unable to pick up a food box, you may fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

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

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



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 as needed at Chachalu Museum and Cultural Center. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at 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 10 a.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 Center. 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.

Council backs re-opening of Willamette Falls Locks

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a resolution on Wednesday, March 11, to support the re-opening of Willamette Falls Locks.

The resolution urges the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the rehabilitation of the Willamette Falls Locks and re-opening of the locks to the public and commercial, recreational and marine traffic in a manner that does not harm fish and other aquatic resources.

The resolution also supports the creation of a state task force that would include the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a plan for sustainable operations of the locks.

The resolution also urges Oregon’s congressional delegation to support re-opening the locks and says that rehabilitation of the locks is an integral part of the State and National Heritage Areas at Willamette Falls.

Willamette Falls Locks opened on Jan. 1, 1873, to allow passage around the waterfall at Oregon City. In November 2011, the locks were placed into “non-operational” status and were closed to vessel passage based on an engineering assessment that identified safety concerns. The status has rendered the Willamette River non-navigable above Willamette Falls.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Appointed Kevin Schultz to serve on the Grand Ronde Gaming Commission. The interim appointment will last until June.
- Appointed Tribal Council member Chris Mercier to serve as the Tribal representative on the Willamette Partnership Board. Ceded Lands Manager Michael Karnosh was named as the alternate.
- Named the General Manager’s Office as the signing authority for Housing Department contracts.
- And approved the enrollment of four non-infants and one infant into the Tribe.

Also included in the March 11 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that changed the canopy being installed on the powwow arbor to a UV shade only and gave permission to the Nutrition Program to establish hen houses at the Community Garden to supply farm fresh eggs to the Elder Meal Site, preschool kitchen, Adult Foster Care and the Tribe’s Farmers Market.

Land and Culture Department employees Reina Nelson, Michael Karnosh, Jan Looking Wolf Reibach, Travis Stewart, Bobby Mercier and Travis Mercier performed 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 News tab and then click on the Video link. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

<u>Social Services Committee</u> 1 Vacancy 2 terms expiring on March 31	<u>Election Board</u> 1 Vacancy for an alternate 3 board terms and 1 alternate position expiring on March 31
<u>Powwow SEB</u> 2 Vacancies 3 terms expiring on March 31	<u>Enrollment Committee</u> 3 terms expiring on March 31
<u>Ceremonial Hunting Board</u> 1 Vacancy 2 terms expiring on March 31	<u>Fish & Wildlife Committee</u> 2 terms expiring on March 31
<u>Culture Committee</u> 2 terms expiring on March 31	<u>Health Committee</u> 4 terms expiring on March 31
<u>Cultural Trust Board</u> 1 term expiring on March 31	<u>Timber Committee</u> 3 terms expiring on March 31
<u>Education Committee</u> 5 terms expiring on March 31	<u>Veterans SEB</u> 2 terms expiring on March 31

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

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 971-241-6170. ■