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Food Bank holds grand opening

By Dean Rhodes

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Although it has been distributing food since December, an official grand opening event for the Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək haws (“The house where you get food” in Chinuk Wawa) – was held on Thursday, April 9, to commemorate the new partnership between the Tribe and Marion-Polk Food Share in building and operating the site.

The Tribe built the new Food Bank structure, which includes 3,300-square-feet of space to store produce, canned goods and frozen foods, at 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Construction was funded by a \$500,000 Housing & Urban Development block grant and a \$204,179 Indian Housing block grant.

Marion-Polk Food Share, which before only supported its partner agencies by distributing food to 48 sites in the two counties, agreed for the first time to operate a food pantry and hired Tribal member Francene Ambrose to coordinate activities in Grand Ronde.

The new Food Bank is located near Tribal housing, making it more convenient for Elders and other Tribal residents than previous locations. Currently, food distributions occur four times a month.

The grand opening started with Land and Culture Department

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Eggs scramble



Elvin Butler Jr. helps his 1-year-old son Ukiah collect Easter eggs during the Tribe's annual Easter egg hunt held at Tribal Housing on Saturday, April 4. The event was sponsored by Tribal Council.

Trudy Sylvia, left, hands her granddaughter Marley Smith, 2, a piece of candy from the basket as Marley visits with the Easter Bunny, aka Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr., during the Tribe's annual Easter egg hunt held at Tribal Housing on Saturday, April 4.



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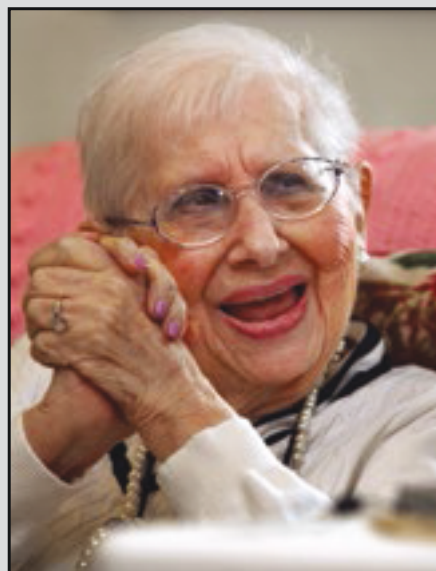


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Another gem

Opal Davidson to become Tribe's second centenarian

Tribal Elder Opal Davidson will turn 100 on Sunday, April 19. She is the second oldest living member of the Tribe and is proud to be the eldest Mercier.

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Since Tribal Elder Opal Davidson was born on April 19, 1915, in Grand Ronde much has happened. Like the terms of 16 presidents. Two world wars. Twenty-two summer and 22 winter Olympics.

As well as 36,525 days passing that amount to more than 3.155 billion seconds ticking off a clock.

When Davidson entered the world, Babe Ruth was 20 and starting his second season with the Boston Red Sox. Charlie

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