Smoke Signals **APRIL 15, 2015**

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."

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, April 17, and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 22.

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

Homebound people or Elders unable to pick up a food box 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/The Confederated Tribes Of Grand Ronde Tribal Council

• 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/The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Royalty

• Veterans Special Event Board:

www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-ofthe-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 & 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:
- Health Committee meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Health and 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.

Family Tutoring Nights slated

Family Tutoring Nights are being held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 20 and 27 and May 4 and 11, in the Youth Education K-12 building, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. Activities will include a healthy family dinner, Computer Lab access, tutorial assistance, homework support, cultural crafts, literacy skills building and prizes. Free transportation is being offered to Native American youth and their parents who live in the Willamina and Grand Ronde area. Contact Youth Education at 503-879-2040 before 4 p.m. the day of the event if you need transportation. For more information, contact Cristina Lara at 503-879-2040. ■

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Social Services Committee

3 Vacancies

Powwow SEB 5 Vacancies

Ceremonial Hunting Board

3 Vacancies

Culture Committee

2 Vacancies

Cultural Trust Board

1 Vacancy

Education Committee

5 Vacancies

Election Board

3 Vacancies for an alternate 3 Vacancies

Enrollment Committee

3 Vacancies

Fish & Wildlife Committee 2 Vacancies

Health Committee

4 Vacancies

Timber Committee 3 Vacancies

Veterans SEB

2 Vacancies

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. ■

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APRIL 17, 2015 FROM 9:00AM-12:00PM

ISKAM MakhMak-Haws:

9675 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347 Coordinator: Francene Ambrose Phone: 503-879-FOOD (3663) Email:

fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org Follow us on Facebook!



- · Experience the satisfaction of growing your own food!
- · Learn how to grow fruits and vegetables in moveable containers.
- Tools available on site.
- Limited quantities of buckets, soil, and seeds will be provided.
- You can learn to grow: tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squash, eggplant, peppers, beans, onions, lettuce, beets, carrots, radishes and herbs!
- Come and ask questions!

