

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 29.

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.

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.”

Call on non-distribution days to ensure someone is available to assist you.

Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolk-foodshare.org to volunteer. ■

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



Tribal Council holds first readings of amendments to two ordinances

By Dean Rhodes
Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council held first readings of possible amendments to two ordinances – the Fiscal Management and Public Records ordinances – during its Wednesday, May 6, meeting.

The proposed amendments to both ordinances would allow for distribution of audited financial information materials to Tribal members and also make various technical amendments.

However, during the May 5 Legislative Action Committee meeting, several Tribal Council members expressed concerns about the amendments.

Currently, Tribal members can view the Tribe’s audited financial information by visiting the Governance Center in Grand Ronde.

Copies are not allowed. Under the amendments, the Tribe would send that information out to adult Tribal members.

Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary said he would support sending the proposed amendments out to Tribal members for comment, but that he will not vote for them when official adoption comes before Tribal Council because of his concern that proprietary Tribal financial information could be leaked by someone who inappropriately comes into possession of the information.

McClary’s concerns were endorsed by Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno, Vice Chairman Jack Giffen Jr. and Tribal Council member Ed Pearsall.

Tribal Council member Denise Harvey said the amendments are

an attempt to provide more information to Tribal members, especially those who live too far away from Grand Ronde to make the trip, and that the Tribe needs to trust its membership to understand and respect the confidentiality of the information.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George said he would favor a middle ground where Tribal members who live far away could access the information electronically, but the Tribe would not run the risk of sending out hard copies of the information in the mail.

The amendments will be published twice in *Smoke Signals* seeking Tribal member comment before returning to Tribal Council for a formal decision.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved a request for a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for its master custody agreement with Northern Trust. Co.
- Approved the enrollment of two infants and one non-infant into the Tribe and corrected the blood quantum of one Tribal member.

Also included in the May 6 Tribal Council packet were authorizations to proceed that appointed Harvey as the Tribal representative to the Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights Bureau Advisory Committee and authorized Leno to sign a cultural significance letter to the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program as presented by staff.

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. ■

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: Harold Lyon.
 - **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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

<u>Powwow SEB</u>	2 Vacancies
<u>Ceremonial Hunting Board</u>	1 Vacancy
<u>Culture Committee</u>	1 Vacancy
<u>Election Board</u>	1 Vacancy for an alternate 1 Vacancy
<u>Timber Committee</u>	1 Vacancy

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. ■