

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 for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 5; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 19; and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.

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

Those who are 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 in repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes on distribution days and end-of-the-month inventory. Groups are welcome and other opportunities are available.”

Call on non-distribution days to ensure someone is available to assist you. You also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

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

Tribal Council OKs June 12 per capita date

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved a per capita date of Friday, June 12, during its Wednesday, May 20, meeting.

The per capita payment will be the first processed in-house by the Tribe’s Finance and Member Services departments.

Tribal Controller Linda Hanna said the move to in-house processing will save the Tribe about \$85,000 annually.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Approved an application for a state domestic violence grant that will bring the Tribe \$10,000 a year in grant funding and \$10,000 a year in federal pass-through money during the biennium, for a total of \$40,000;
- Held a first reading on amendments to the General Committee and Special Event Board Ordinance that would allow committees and special event boards to make donations if authorized by Tribal Council;
- Approved the Tribe’s application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for a Tribal Homeland Security grant. The three-year grant would be for \$301,535 and pay for staff time, emergency training and exercises, a vehicle, and communications and emergency equipment

and supplies;

- Approved an amendment to the Tribe’s retirement plan that would include the forest technician job as an eligible employee under the plan;
- And approved the Right of Way Logging Unit sale to Round Valley LLC. The sale will harvest approximately 258,000 board feet and bring in about \$83,154 in revenue.

Also included in the May 20 Tribal Council packet was a board directive approving monthly instead of quarterly meetings for the Grand Ronde Food & Fuel Co. Board of Directors and an authorization to proceed that directed the Natural Resources Department to develop, in conjunction with Legal, emergency amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance to provide for implementation and enforcement of the Tribal Wildlife Management Plan.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Land and Culture employees Bobby Mercier and Brian Krehbiel led a group of Tribal youth in 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. ■

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
- **Grand Ronde Food Bank:** www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank



Housing installs stop signs, speed limit

The Grand Ronde Housing Department has installed two new stop signs near the welcome center, as well as changed the speed limit in Tribal housing from 35 mph to 25 mph.

For more information, contact Homeownership Coordinator Vicki Jones at 503-879-1465. ■

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. ■