

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 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 appoints Hoyle as Community Fund trustee

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

When Secretary of State Kate Brown suddenly ascended to the governorship earlier this year, it had the unintended consequence of vacating a seat on the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees, which oversees the Tribe’s philanthropic arm.

That empty seat was filled on Wednesday, June 3, when Tribal Council appointed Oregon House Majority Leader Val Hoyle to serve the remainder of Brown’s term through September 2016.

Hoyle represents District 14, which includes west Eugene and Junction City.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Director Kathleen George said at the June 2 Legislative Action Committee meeting that appointing Hoyle would add another woman to the Board of Trustees and include a representative from the southern end of the fund’s 11-county granting area.

According to her Oregon House website, Hoyle earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Emmanuel College in Boston, Mass., and lives in west Eugene with her husband and two dogs. Her two children attend college in Oregon.

She also has more than 25 years of private sector business experience in domestic and international sales, wholesale distribution and retail management in the sporting goods industry.

“I think she is viewed as someone who is a real up-and-coming leader in the state of Oregon at this time and I think the Tribe has seen how the relationship developed with Kate Brown over the years has been

very rich,” George said. “I think this is a great selection.”

George said Brown also endorsed Hoyle as her successor on the Board of Trustees.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Adopted amendments to the Children and Families Ordinance that require grandparent notification of hearings at various stages of dependency proceedings;
- Approved final adoption of amendments to the Tribal Housing Ordinance that turned the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority into a Housing Department and created a Grievance Review Board to hear tenant complaints;
- Approved a \$217,662 contract with Cearley Construction LLC of Estacada to construct a new laboratory and refrigerator/freezer facilities for the Natural Resources Department;
- And approved the enrollment of one infant into the Tribe.

Also included in the June 3 Tribal Council packet was an authorization to proceed for Tribal staff to prepare a letter of intent for a Spirit Mountain Community Fund Tribal Grant to be used for construction of a community building that can be used by community programs and organizations, including the Lighthouse Church and Recovery.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Land and Culture employees Jordan Mercier and Kathy Cole 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. ■

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/CTGRRoyalty
- **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



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. ■