

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. Thursday, July 2; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 17; 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 31. The food bank is closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Fourth of July.

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 mək'mək 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 OK four grant applications

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council approved applying for four grants during its Wednesday, June 17, meeting.

The largest grant applied for – \$150,000 from Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s Tribal Grant program – would help design and build a community building in Grand Ronde that could be used by community programs and organizations, including partial use by a local church.

Other grants applied for include \$33,207 in funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to conduct early seral habitat enhancement projects on two of the Reservation’s elk meadows and on portions of the Thomson and South Yamhill properties, a \$62,500 Oregon Emergency Management Performance grant that would cover part of the Emergency Operations coordinator and a half-time assistant, trainings and event exercises, supplies and communications equipment, and a \$107,360 Transportation and Growth Management grant that would cover the cost of updating or replacing the Tribe’s 2007 Transportation System Plan.

In other action, Tribal Council approved a memorandum of agreement between the Portland Harbor Natural Resources Trustees and the Freshwater Trust, which provides for Tribal oversight and input, as well as associated funding, on a potential project benefitting Tribally important species such as salmon and lamprey near West Hayden Island.

Tribal Council also approved the enrollment of five applicants into the Tribe.

Land and Culture Department employees Michael Karnosh, David Harrelson and Jordan Mercier 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



Free pet food available

A Cause For Paws, operated by Joni Kucewicz, distributes free dog and cat food between 10 and 11 a.m. Fridays in the back parking lot of Bonanza Antique Mall at the corner of Grand Ronde Road and Highway 18.

“I buy pet food with all the proceeds I receive from selling collectibles in a booth I rent at the antique store,” Kucewicz says. “I also receive pet food donations from several caring individuals in the community and a business in McMinnville occasionally. I set up a big rummage sale in July and buy pet food with all the proceeds from that, too.”

Kucewicz started A Cause For Paws in September 2013 and to date 40 people have signed up.

“I feel many people are able to keep their pets because they know they have a resource for food for them,” she added. “Anyone is welcome.”

Kucewicz can be contacted at jonikucewicz@gmail.com. ■

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.

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| <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. ■