

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, July 17; 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 22; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 31.

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 sends TERO amendments out for comment

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Tribal Council voted to send amendments to the Tribe’s Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance out for a first reading during its Wednesday, July 1, meeting.

The amendments, among other changes, clarify the roles of the TERO Commission and director, set requirements for TERO involvement in various stages of the employment process, and address such issues as promotions, retention, succession planning and prohibition of retaliation.

The amendments will be advertised in two issues of *Smoke Signals*, seeking Tribal member comment, before returning to Tribal Council for formal adoption.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno requested at the June 30 Legislative Action Committee meeting that the Tribal Attorney’s Office prepare a summary of the proposed changes for the membership.

The original Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance was adopted by Tribal Council on Nov. 6, 2013. The ordinance is designed to create more jobs suited for Tribal members and ensure that Tribal members can participate in economic activities occurring on or near the Reservation.

Tribal Council also approved a resolution that waives three Tribal Building Code requirements for the arbor under construction at Uyxat Powwow Grounds. The three items, relating to fire alarms, plumbing fixtures and roof classifications, had to be waived before a certificate of occupancy could be issued.

Also included in the July 1 Tribal Council packet was a staff directive for the Tribal Attorney’s Office to bring proposed amendments to the Tribe’s Marriage Ordinance forward to a Legislative Action Committee meeting for a first reading, as well as authorizations to proceed for staff to circulate a draft letter to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown regarding protection of Tribal reservations and ceded lands from toxic spills to other Tribes for signature and an authorization for the Natural Resources Department to add a second Reservation fire patrol for this year’s fire season.

Tribal Council member Jon A. George and Land and Culture Department staff members Jordan Mercier and Travis Stewart 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



WIC to visit Community Health

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more. A WIC representative will be at Community Health on the first and third Tuesday of the month between 9 and 11 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2078. ■

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.

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.

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. ■