

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, Oct. 2; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16; 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30.

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^hmək 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.”

A mandatory volunteer training is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 5, for those who have not yet attended. The training will cover safe food handling, non-discrimination and warehouse safety.

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@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Tribal Council approves Head Start applications

Kennedy elected secretary

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council approved applying to the Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start for grant funding to continue the Tribal Head Start program at its Wednesday, Sept. 16, meeting.

The application is seeking \$337,795 in Head Start funding and \$321,072 in Early Head Start monies per year. The grant would be for five years.

The Head Start funds would serve 20 center-based children and the Early Head Start grant would serve eight center-based children and 20 home-based children.

The Tribe has received a Head Start grant since 1998 and started Early Head Start in 2009.

Planning and Grants Manager Kim Rogers said that based on the Tribe’s standing, its application is not competitive. However, the Tribe is limited to applying for the same funding it currently receives.

Head Start serves children 3 to 5 years old and Early Head Start targets 2-year-old children.

During the Sept. 15 Legislative Action Committee meeting, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said

the Tribe is currently analyzing whether it wants to continue receiving federal Head Start funding, which comes with guidelines and regulations.

Instead, Leno said, Tribal Council might decide to fund Head Start out of Education endowment earnings, allowing the Tribe to operate the program as it sees fit.

“Grants are great, but they also come with rules and regulations that we may view at this time that we can afford to basically make the funding even less costly and basically serve our membership in more of a way that we choose to do here,” Leno said. “We’re not doing away with Head Start.”

In other action, Tribal Council elected Cheryle A. Kennedy as secretary, replacing Toby McClary, who did not seek re-election.

Kennedy was nominated by Tribal Council member Chris Mercier. Tribal Council member Ed Pearsall nominated Jon A. George, who declined the nomination.

The meeting was the first for newly elected Tribal Council member Brenda Tuomi.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed on the Tribal website www.grandronde.org under the News tab and then click on Videos. ■

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



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Powwow SEB	1 Vacancy
Education Committee	1 Vacancy
Election Board	1 Vacancy for an alternate
	1 Vacancy
Timber Committee	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 Hunting 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. ■



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Help Raise Funds for *Iskam Mək^hMək-Haws*

OCTOBER 24TH, 4pm-6pm (tentative)
LOCATION: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Activities to be included:
ALL AGES COSTUME CONTEST &
JUDGED SPAGHETTI SAUCE CONTEST
SILENT AND ORAL AUCTION (SEEKING DONATIONS)

Please contact: Francene Ambrose at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org or 503-879-FOOD (3663) for more information.

