

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.

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

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14; and holiday food boxes will be distributed 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20. The Food Bank will be closed during the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-27.

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.”

A mandatory volunteer training is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 13, 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. ■



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

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Speed limit reduced on part of Grand Ronde Road

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

The speed limit on the southern part of Grand Ronde Road between Highway 18 and the first bridge has been reduced to 20 mph because the area meets the state criteria for a business district, said Polk County Public Works Director Todd Whitaker.

The speed limit was officially decreased from 40 mph by the Polk County Board of Commissioners during an Oct. 8 meeting.

Whitaker said that once an area meets the state statute definition for a business area, the speed limit automatically becomes that which is mentioned in state law.

Whitaker said the county examined the area after a request from the Confederated Tribes of Grand

Ronde seeking to reduce the speed limit on the road for improved pedestrian safety following the tragic death of a Tribal youth who was struck on Sept. 7 while crossing the road on her bicycle.

Whitaker said the county also is working with the Tribe’s Public Works Department to install additional signage near Tyee Road and also has requested that the Oregon Department of Transportation conduct a speed study with the goal of reducing the speed limit on the entire length of Grand Ronde Road between highways 18 and 22.

Grand Ronde Tribal Police Sgt. Jake McKnight said officers will be patrolling that section of Grand Ronde Road and giving reminders to drivers that they need to slow down and obey the new speed limit. ■

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 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 & 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.

Powwow SEB	1 Vacancy
Education Committee	1 Vacancy
Election Board	1 Vacancy for an alternate
	1 Vacancy
Timber Committee	1 Vacancy
Social Services Committee	3 Vacancies

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. ■