

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, Dec. 18, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. Holiday food boxes will be distributed on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 2 to 6 p.m.

The food bank will be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, closed on Christmas Day, closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 31, and closed on New Year's Day. 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."

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 22-23, to help with extra food for the Christmas holiday.

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. ■

Youth Powwow set for Monday, Dec. 21

There will be a Youth Powwow from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, in the Tribal gym.

All ages are welcome to join and dance. Regalia is encouraged.

Lunch will be provided and grand entry is slated for 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Brian Krehbiel at 503-879-4639 or brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org. ■

Bike helmets available

The Tribe's Social Services Department has bicycle helmets available for distribution. Those needing a helmet need to visit the department and sign a helmet application, as well as get fitted.

For more information, contact Social Services at 503-879-2034. ■

Grand Ronde in path of 2017 solar eclipse

The daytime sky will go dark in Grand Ronde on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, as a total solar eclipse will block the sun.

According to www.eclipse2017.org, the sun will actually rise in the Pacific Ocean while eclipsed, which is a sight that few people have ever seen, and the shadow will start racing across the surface of the water at supersonic speed.

The shadow – the umbral cone – will make landfall at a rocky spot just north of Newport at about 10:15 a.m. and experience a full minute and 50 seconds of totality. Darkness will then envelope Lincoln City and Depoe Bay and race eastward to Grand Ronde, Dallas, Albany, Lebanon, Philomath, McMinnville, Woodburn and Salem.

In eastern Oregon, the eclipse will darken the skies over Warm Springs, Mitchell, Prairie City and Ontario before moving into Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The swath of the shadow will touch the United States for slightly more than 93 minutes.

After continuing out over the Atlantic Ocean, the shadow will not touch any more land, lifting off the Earth's surface near Africa.

Spirit Mountain Casino General Manager Stan Dillon said the lodge has not seen any out of the ordinary interest in reservations for August 2017 yet. ■

Special Event Board seeking help

The Tribal Veterans Special Event Board is attempting to recruit younger veterans – Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans – to join.

"Our committee is getting older," said Veterans SEB Chairman Steve Bobb Sr., who is a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran.

Members of the SEB attend events as flag carriers and represent the Tribe, as well as their branch of service.

Veterans interested in volunteering should contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org. ■

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** will resume meeting in January 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>	1 Vacancy
<u>Election Board</u>	1 Vacancy for an alternate
	1 Vacancy
<u>Timber Committee</u>	1 Vacancy
<u>Social Services Committee</u>	2 Vacancies
<u>Health 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. ■