

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.

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.

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 4; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 18; and 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 23.

Also, a Disaster Preparedness Training open to all community members will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Food Bank.

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.

“We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat,” says Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose. “You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.”

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes and end-of-the-month inventory. All volunteers must attend annual mandatory training once a year. The next training will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, and cover food handling, non-discrimination and warehouse safety.

Volunteers also will start to work on beautifying the Food Bank with edible landscaping. People are welcome to join in the effort on Thursday and Friday, March 24-25, as they begin to build spaces where food can grow. The Food Bank is seeking donations of edible plants, herbs, fruit trees and bushes, and funds for soil and materials.

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.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, March 2.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23.....	5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Grand Ronde Preschool is expanding

The Grand Ronde Preschool is expanding and is seeking Tribal families with children who were aged 3 or 4 before Sept. 1, 2015.

Call 503-879-2161 to request an application or contact Early Childhood Education Manager Angie Blackwell at 503-879-2287 for more information.

If you have an application on file, you do not need to re-apply. The classroom is scheduled to open in mid to late February, although the exact date is not yet known. ■

CPA returns

Doris Rose, a certified public accountant, will be returning to the Grand Ronde community.

She will be in the Grand Ronde Housing Department office on Tuesday and Thursday through April 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, call 503-293-4128. ■

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



LIHEAP program available

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is now available for eligible Tribal members in the six-county service area and Clackamas County.

LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies.

For more information, contact Social Services Department Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

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.
- **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 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday 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: Michael Mercier.
- **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.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Matt Thomas.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037 or Kalene Contreras at 503-879-2165. Next meeting is March 16. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **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.

Election Board

1 Vacancy for an alternate

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 503-917-8732. ■