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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 are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 20; and 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 25. The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial 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 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.

"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. The next training, which will cover safe food handling, non-discrimination and warehouse safety, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 16.

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. ■

Official Tribal Facebook pages

• Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:

www.facebook.com/CTGRgov

• Grand Ronde Tribal Council:

www.facebook.com/The Confederated Tribes Of Grand Ronde Tribal Council

• 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

www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCoGrand Ronde Station:

www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation

- $\bullet \ Grand \ Ronde \ Royalty: www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty\\$
- 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.
- 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
- **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. 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 old Elders Craft House. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool is accepting applications for the upcoming 2016-17 school year.

We are now recruiting expectant mothers and children ages 0-5 for our home-based and center-based programs.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, and selection will take place on Friday, July 15.

Please stop by the school or call 503-879-2161 for an application, or go to our website: www.grandronde.org/departments/education/early-childhood-education

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The first day of school is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12.

Children with special needs are strongly encouraged to apply.

Transportation may be provided in the Grand Ronde/Willamina/Sheridan area. ■

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bership-proposed constitutional amendment to proceed.

The educational sessions will be held:

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at the Portland Community College Sylvania Campus cafeteria, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.;
- 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Governance Center Atrium in Grand Ronde following the reg-

ularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting;

• 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Lane Community College's Forum Building 17, 4000 E. 30th Ave., Eugene.

Tribal members will be required to register to vote with the BIA for the special election. Thirty percent of those who register to vote must cast a ballot and two-thirds of those voting must approve of the proposal for an amendment to be adopted.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Ceremonial Hunting Board

1 Vacancy

Election Board
Powwow SEB

1 Vacancy, 1 alternate vacancy

2 Vacancies

Please send completed applications to Stacia Martin, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

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