

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 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. ■

2016 Community Input meeting

The Grand Ronde Tribe’s annual Community Input meeting will be held at the Tribal gym at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, starting with the meal. It will be followed by a brief PowerPoint overview and the rest of the meeting involves visiting open house tables for programs and projects and providing input. This will include Health, Housing, Education, Culture, Social Services, Police, Emergency Management, public transit and others. The meeting will end with door prizes including a Pendleton blanket.

This annual meeting is offered as an opportunity for members to provide comments and suggestions that will help guide Tribal programs and grant applications such as the Administration for Native Americans, the Indian Community Development Block Grant, Head Start, Child Care Development Fund and others. Those unable to attend can submit written comments and suggestions to: Kim Rogers, Planning & Grants Manager, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. For additional information, please contact Rogers at 503-879-2250. ■

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.

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. ■

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.

Ceremonial Hunting Board	1 Vacancy
Election Board	1 Vacancy, 1 alternate vacancy
Powwow SEB	2 Vacancies

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.
- **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. 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.

Farmers Market!

Dates May 16, June 13, July 11, August 8, and September 19

All Mondays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location Upper Parking Lot of the Clinic

Cost \$20 per spot per date

Open to Tribal Members first, then community

10 spots available

Contact Kristy DeLoc 503-879-2018