Smoke Signals **JUNE 15, 2016**

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, June 17, and 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 22.

The Food Bank will begin to offer preservation and canning classes starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 15. The second class will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 29.

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-ofthe-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 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21.

In addition, the Food Bank is participating in a program called Fresh Alliance where volunteers pick up food donations directly from area stores. Volunteers with a truck who could pick up at these stores at least once a week and a partner to ride and help load the truck are being sought.

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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Ceremonial Hunting Board Election Board Powwow SEB

- 1 Vacancy
- 1 Vacancy, 1 alternate vacancy
- 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.

Graduation Ceremony set for June 17

The Education Department's Graduation Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the Tribal gym.

Dinner will be provided.

The ceremony will recognize Grand Ronde students who have reached an educational milestone in K-3 Chinuk language class, eighth grade, high school, GED completion, certificates and college diplomas.

If you graduated or will be graduating in the 2015-16 academic year, contact Education via e-mail at education@grandronde.org or call 503-879-2275 or 800-422-0232, ext. 2275. ■

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.

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/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/CTGRY outh Education

• 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-ofthe-Grand-Ronde-Community • Community Garden: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden

- Grand Ronde Food Bank: www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank



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