

## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam məkʰmək haws – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance 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 distributions will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21; and 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The Food Bank is continuing its preservation and canning classes. The next one will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, focusing on meat and fish.

The Food Bank also is holding its annual Spookghetti Fest fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 29, at a location and time to be determined. A spaghetti meal will be served followed by a silent and oral auction fundraiser. The Food Bank is seeking volunteers and items for the auctions.

“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.”

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can 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 Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes and end-of-month inventory. In addition, the Food Bank is participating in a program called Fresh Alliance in which 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 are being sought.

Mandatory volunteer training is scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People 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. ■

## Tribe receives \$1.45 million in Justice grants

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received more than \$1.45 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Justice on Monday, Sept. 26, to help improve public safety, help victims and strengthen Tribal institutions.

The grants were announced by Attorney General Loretta Lynch during the eighth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference being held in Washington, D.C.

The Tribe received a \$298,585 Public Safety and Community Policing grant that will help the Tribal Police Department retain an officer and maintain 24/7 police coverage, a \$364,483 Corrections and Correctional Alternatives grant to help fund construction of and purchase equipment for the Tribal police station and renovate the men’s transitional living center and purchase furnishings and equipment, a \$445,044 Violence Against Women grant to help the Tribe staff its domestic violence victim assistance and reduction program, and a \$343,596 Tribal Youth Program grant.

“These vital grants support everything from hiring law enforcement officers to empowering Native youth, giving Tribes the resources they need to meet the particular challenges facing their communities,” Lynch said.

The Department of Justice distributed more than \$107 million spread out over 249 grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Tribal Council approved applying for the grants during its Feb. 17 meeting. ■

## Official Tribal Facebook pages

- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde:**  
[www.facebook.com/CTGRgov](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRgov)
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Council:**  
[www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/TheConfederatedTribesOfGrandRondeTribalCouncil)
- **Grand Ronde Higher Education:**  
[www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed](http://www.facebook.com/grand.r.ed)
- **Grand Ronde Youth Education:**  
[www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthEducation)
- **Spirit Mountain Community Fund:**  
[www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund](http://www.facebook.com/SpiritMountainCommunityFund)
- **Grand Ronde Station:**  
[www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation](http://www.facebook.com/GrandRondeStation)
- **Grand Ronde Royalty:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRRoyalty)
- **Veterans Special Event Board:**  
[www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-of-the-Grand-Ronde-Community](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Veterans-Board-of-the-Confederated-Tribes-of-the-Grand-Ronde-Community)
- **Community Garden:** [www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden](http://www.facebook.com/GrandRondeCommunityGarden)
- **Grand Ronde Food Bank:** [www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank](http://www.facebook.com/GrandRondeFoodBank)
- **Grand Ronde Youth Council:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil/)



## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

<b>Ceremonial Hunting Board</b>	1 vacancy
<b>Election Board</b>	1 vacancy, 1 alternate vacancy
<b>Powwow SEB</b>	1 vacancy

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 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. 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 Board** 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.

**COME AND JOIN US FOR  
OUR PLANKHOUSE  
CELEBRATION**

**OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**PLANKHOUSE  
BIRTHDAY**

**Doors will open at 3pm**

**Opening songs at 4pm**

**Dinner will be at 5:30**

**Start protocol at 6:30**

**For more info call**

**Bobby Mercier 503-879-2076**

**Or bobby.mercier@grandronde.org**