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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.

"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."

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 7; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, which will be a holiday box distribution; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 21; and 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26.

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.

In addition, the Food Bank is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, in the Tribal Community Center.

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.

The Food Bank also 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 along and help load are being sought.

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 contact her at fambrose@ marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Elders schedule second sewing class

Tribal Elders will be holding their next sewing class from $10 \, a.m.$ to $2 \, p.m.$ Tuesday, April 18, in the Elders Activity Center, $48940 \, Blacktail$ Drive. Lunch will be available and the class is open to everyone, not just Tribal members.

There will be a \$10 fee for each project no matter how long it takes for each project. The first two projects Elders are working on are a log cabin quilt and a purse. Instructor is Susan Clark.

For more information, contact Elders Committee Chair Gladys Hobbs at 971-241-8486 or Elders Activity Assistant Dan Ham at 503-879-2233 to find out what you will need to bring to the class. ■

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: Francene Ambrose.
- 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: Gladys Hobbs.
- **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: Tyson Mercier.
- 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. 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 5:30 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.*

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 SEB1 vacancyEducation Committee1 vacancyVeterans SEB1 vacancyCulture Committee1 vacancyFish & Wildlife Committee1 vacancy

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

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
- 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
- Grand Ronde Youth Council: www.facebook.com/CTGRYouthCouncil
- Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:

www.facebook.com/grandrondepolice/

Clothes Closet open Monday, Friday

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, 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. ■

Adult Foster Program "A Place To Call Home"



The Tribe's Adult Foster Care lodges are committed to offering quality care to our Elders and helping them remain as independent as possible, while providing the personalized assistance they need. At our lodges, a wide range of services is available in a comfortable setting where privacy is respected and maximum independence is supported. For information, contact Adult Foster Program Director Peggy Shaver at 503-879-1694.