

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək^hmək 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,” Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. “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, May 5;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 19;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, May 29, which is Memorial Day.

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.

Ambrose and Larry Bittner attended the Oregon Food Bank’s Hunger Response Day at the state Capitol in Salem on Thursday, April 13.

“We gathered 48 handwritten plates from pantry clients and gave them to state representatives and shared how important this year’s budget is for pantries like ours,” Ambrose said. “Thank you for sharing your stories with us. It made a great impact when we spoke with them.”

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. Volunteer training will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

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.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

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Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Carmen Parren, left, a caregiver at the Tribe’s Adult Foster Care, holds the cake as Tribal Elder Opal Davidson blows out the candles during her birthday party at Cougar Lodge, where Davidson resides, on Wednesday, April 19. Davidson turned 102 on the 19th and the staff held a small gathering for her. She is the Tribe’s second oldest member with Tribal Elder Pearl Lyon at 105 years of age.



Carmen Parren, a caregiver at the Tribe’s Adult Foster Care, shows Tribal Elder Opal Davidson the bird feeder Anna Huston, another Adult Foster Care caregiver, gave Davidson for her birthday. Parren helped Davidson open her presents during her party held at Cougar Lodge on Wednesday, April 19.

MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Court is now issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. For questions regarding scheduling, please contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

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 mək^hmək 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.

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

