

## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək 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, June 16
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 21;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 30.

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 re-packing food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes and end-of-month inventory.

The Food Bank will be offering a Bucket Garden Day this summer where everyone can take home free supplies to start a bucket garden on your front porch. The Food Bank also will be offering a food preservation class series in partnership with Oregon State University’s Extension Services. Dates will be announced soon.

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.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at [fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Graduation set for June 23

The annual Grand Ronde Graduation Celebration will be held 6 p.m. Friday, June 23, in the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The theme of this year’s celebration is “What you plant now ... you will harvest later.”

The ceremony recognizes the accomplishments of Tribal graduates from kindergarten through college-level degrees. Dinner will be provided.

If you graduated during the 2016-17 academic year, contact the Tribal Education Department at [education@grandronde.org](mailto:education@grandronde.org) or by calling 503-879-2275 to be added to the list. ■

## Hunters Education Course set for June 24-25 in gym

A Hunters Education Course will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, at the Tribal gym, 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

The Tribe’s Parks and Recreation Program needs a count of how many youth will be attending so it can inform the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife about class size. The class requires attendance at both sessions and is for young hunters 17 or younger. The class is open to Tribal and non-Tribal members ages 9 to 17.

There is a \$10 fee to take the class. However, Tribal members can contact Youth Education for sponsorship opportunities.

Young hunters 17 or younger must pass a certified hunter education class before hunting unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter program. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey at 503-879-2337 or [jerry.bailey@grandronde.org](mailto:jerry.bailey@grandronde.org). ■

## 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. ■

## St. Michael’s offers brunch

St. Michael’s Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass. The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

### 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<sup>h</sup>mək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets next at 10 a.m. Friday, July 14, in Room 204 of the Tribal Governance Center. Chair: Siobhan Taylor.
- **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](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).

## 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)
- **Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department:** [www.facebook.com/grandrondepolice/](http://www.facebook.com/grandrondepolice/)
- **Children & Family Services:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRCFS/](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRCFS/)
- **Social Services Department:** [www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/](http://www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/)



## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

### COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

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| <b>Election Board</b>      | 1 alternate vacancy |
| <b>Education Committee</b> | 2 vacancies         |

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