

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:

- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 21;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 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.

“Plan, Shop, Save, Cook!” classes are a partnership with the Oregon State Extension Services. These classes are open to everyone. Topics will include meal planning, budgeting and nutrition. The classes will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays starting on July 18.

A Preserving Fruit class will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20. Learn the basics of canning fruits in this hands-on class. Participants can learn how to prepare the fruit, liquids to use in the jar, basic equipment needed and safe methods for processing and storing this summer’s fruit bounty.

Bucket Garden Day is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, July 21. This event is where everyone is welcome to take home free supplies to start their own bucket garden.

“Budgeting Tips, Tricks and Idea” classes are continuing with a Couponing 101 class scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, July 23. Participants will learn the basics of using coupons and how to get organized.

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, volunteers are being sought for the Fresh Alliance program, Salem Harvest and master gardeners to help with Bucket Garden Day.

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. ■

Elders schedule sewing classes

Tribal Elders will be holding their next sewing classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 and Aug. 29, 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 class. Instructor is Susan Clark. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sewing machine.

For more information and to sign up, contact Elders Activity Assistant Dan Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

Weatherization funds available for Native homes

McMINNVILLE — Yamhill Community Action Partnership has limited funds available for weatherizing dwellings occupied by homeowners or renters who are Native Americans.

The partnership’s energy technician will perform a free in-home energy audit to determine what weatherization services may be installed. Eligible applicants must be at or below 200 percent of established federal poverty guidelines for the current year and a registered member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. For example, a family of four earning \$48,600 annually would qualify. The following items must be provided to qualify for weatherization: approved eligibility application/packet, necessary authorizations completed by the owner/authorized agent and occupant, proof that the property is clear from safety and health hazards, and the dwelling must be in Yamhill County. The purpose of the program is to lower energy usage and help lower utility bills. To request an application or appointment, contact Anaberta at 503-687-1483 or visit www.yamhillcap.org on the Internet. ■

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. ■

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/
- **Children & Family Services:** www.facebook.com/CTGRCFS/
- **Social Services Department:** www.facebook.com/CTGRSocialservices/



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.
- **Editorial Board** meets at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Election Board 1 alternate vacancy

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