

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmæk 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, Feb. 16;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21.

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.

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 for more information or to volunteer. ■

Hatfield Fellow Program seeking applicants

By Angela Sears

Community Fund Program Coordinator

The web-based application for the 2018-19 Hatfield Fellowship opens on Friday, March 16, for members of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana Tribes and will close on Monday, April 30.

Each year, Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a congressional fellowship with a member of the Oregon delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between the federal government and Indian Country.

Past fellows have served in a number of Senate and House congressional offices, including those of Sens. Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley and Gordon Smith and Reps. Kurt Schrader, Darlene Hooley, Peter DeFazio and Greg Walden.

“The Hatfield Fellowship is a yearly investment in strengthening the understanding between Oregon Tribes and our congressional representatives,” Community Fund

Director Mychal Cherry said. “By spending eight months as part of a congressional office, these Tribal members come away with an invaluable understanding of how things are done in D.C. During the fellowship experience, working relationships are formed that will benefit the fellow throughout their career. The congressional staff also learn from a colleague about the realities in Indian Country and the huge potential for our communities. This is absolutely a learning exchange.”

Fellows begin their time in Washington, D.C., in November with a monthlong orientation with the American Political Science Association.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Sen. Mark Hatfield’s public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Additional information about the program is available at www.thecommunityfund.com/hatfield-fellowship. ■

Veterans’ Affairs seeking committee applications

SALEM – The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs is seeking applications from veterans interested in serving as a member of the department’s Advisory Committee.

Advisory Committee members are military veterans who are appointed by the governor and act as advocates for veteran issues and represent veterans’ concerns across Oregon.

Meetings are held throughout the state on the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December. To be eligible, a veteran’s service must meet the criteria defined under state law.

Completed forms may be submitted by e-mail to executive.appointments@oregon.gov or by regular mail to the Office of the Governor, Executive Appointments, 900 Court St., Room 160, Salem, OR 97301-4075. Deadline to submit applications is Thursday, Feb. 22. ■

Social Services offers clothing gift cards

The Social Service Department’s program to provide school clothing for Tribal member children has funding in the form of Old Navy gift cards.

To receive a gift card, contact Social Services for an application. The cards are for Tribal member children who have not accessed the program this year.

For more information, contact Administrative Assistant Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

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 məkʰmæk haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16, in the Publications Office in the Tribal Governance Center. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org
- **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: Jennie VanAtta.
- **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 Monday 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.

<u>Ceremonial Hunting Board</u>	3 terms expiring
<u>Culture Committee</u>	4 terms expiring
<u>Editorial Board</u>	1 term expiring
<u>Education Committee</u>	2 terms expiring
<u>Election Board</u>	1 term expiring, 2 vacancies (alternate positions)
<u>Enrollment Board</u>	3 terms expiring
<u>Fish & Wildlife Committee</u>	5 terms expiring, 1 vacancy
<u>Housing Grievance Board</u>	6 terms expiring
<u>Health Committee</u>	4 terms expiring
<u>Powwow SEB</u>	2 terms expiring
<u>Timber Committee</u>	4 terms expiring
<u>TERO Commission</u>	1 term expiring
<u>Veterans SEB</u>	2 terms expiring
<u>Youth Council</u>	7 terms expiring

Application deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, March 1. All applications must be submitted to Tribal Council staff before to the deadline to be considered for appointment.

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