

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,” 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, March 16;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 21;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 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 repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

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. ■

WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5?

If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program. With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be March 20.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■

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.
- **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: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
- **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.

‘This is an event for the kids to have fun’

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Typically, there are approximately 200 participants.

Parents are reminded to bring their own camera and Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr. is slated to be this year’s Easter Bunny again as he has in past years. He will be posing for pictures with children before and after the hunt.

Members of the Tribe’s Housing Department as well as a handful of other volunteers stuff about 2,000 plastic eggs with candy. Tribal Council sponsors the event and pays for the candy.

“We have a lot of fun stuffing the eggs and we don’t eat that much of the candy, unless a piece falls on

the floor,” Kroeker joked.

She has been involved with the egg hunt since it was restarted in 2006 and said although it can be a tiring event for organizers, seeing the children smile makes the effort worth it.

“This is an event for the kids to have fun,” Kroeker said. “They all seem to have a great time with old-fashioned fun. I think it’s fantastic.”

This year, attendees are encouraged to take in the Spring Jamboree event in the Tribal gym following the hunt to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. It is sponsored by Children & Family Services, and will begin at 10:15 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Activities will include a “fun walk,” prizes and lunch while supplies last. ■

COMMUNITY FOOD CONVERSATION

Let’s talk about: the ability to sustain ourselves and our community through food

Thursday, April 12th | 6-8pm

Grand Ronde Community Center

Free dinner! Please RSVP: 503-879-3663



CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES PRESENTS: Spring Jamboree

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Saturday, March 31 - 10:15 a.m -12:30 p.m.

(After Easter egg hunt in Tribal housing)

Join us at the Tribal Gym for the Annual CFS FUN WALK

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| • 10:15 a.m. | Registration |
| • 10:30 a.m. | Walk begins |
| • 11 a.m. | Lunch |
| • 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. | Activities/Prizes |

Lunch while supplies last
Some activities weather permitting

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