

## Food Bank news

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.”

The Food Bank will hold April food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit [211info.org](http://211info.org).

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated 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](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

### Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **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 monthly. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 14, at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Editorial.Board@grandronde.org).
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last 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: Carmen Robertson.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Debi Anderson.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

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).



**2018** – Grand Ronde Tribal Council members and the Metro Council held a joint meeting in Portland to discuss shared goals of developing partnerships, environmental and economic stewardship, and preservation of cultural heritage. The government-to-government



**2018**

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consultation was the first official one that the Tribe had with Metro. Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said that the Tribe had been “active and involved” with Metro for several years on various regional projects.

**2013** – Grand Ronde Tribal member April Campbell testified before the Oregon House of Representatives’ Ways and Means subcommittee in support of creating an Indian education specialist position within the state Department of Education. The position had been a sought-after addition by Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes since 2003 as a part of the Indian Education Plan, which was developed by Oregon’s Tribes as a way to work with their respective local school districts to improve student achievement.

**2008** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received national TV exposure when “Little People, Big World” featured Tribal members building a miniature plankhouse and blessing it afterward at Roloff Farms near Hillsboro. The episode featured Tribal members Bobby Mercier, Greg Archuleta and Jon A. George, and Tribal Council members Kathleen Tom and Chris Mercier. In addition, Tribal royalty and warriors, drummers, dancers and Canoe Family members participated in the making of the show.

**2003** – Several Tribal members who had chosen to serve in the military during Operation Iraqi Freedom were featured. They included Second Class Petty Officer Tony Norton, E-4 Specialist Frank Grammer, E-4 Specialist Frank Hostler II, Chief Warrant Officer Arch Bly and Private Ira Harrison-Woolf.

**1998** – During an annual meeting of the Grand Ronde Community Water Association, an official reported that a lawsuit between the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and the association could affect future operations. After a discussion about the lawsuit, Tribal Executive Officer Francis Somday informed attendees that the Tribe had not filed a lawsuit against the water association and was unaware of any pending litigation involving the group.

**1993** – Gayla Tulensru joined the Tribal staff as the new adult education coordinator. She had spent two prior years working in the Salem and Woodburn school districts as a substitute teacher, and in the federal prison in Sheridan as an instructor who also set up their library system.

**1988** – Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin introduced new legislation creating a reservation for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The AuCoin-Hatfield Bill called for a 9,811-acre reservation that restricted the export and purchase of timber for 20 years, and required that a minimum of 30 percent of timber revenues go to economic development.

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## Easter Bunny will be posing for pictures with children

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the part of parents and prospective Easter egg hunters, lest they miss out on the various treats.

“We are very excited to be able to have the Easter egg hunt,” Housing Services Coordinator Lacy Leno said. “We look forward to seeing everybody and watching the kids have fun finding eggs.”

There are four hunt categories for children ages 1 to 2, 3 to 4, 5 to

8, and 9 to 12. Typically, there are approximately 200 participants.

The Easter Bunny will be posing for pictures with children before and after the hunt, but parents will be responsible for taking their own photos.

Members of the Tribe’s Housing Department, Community Health employees and other volunteers stuff about 2,000 plastic eggs with candy during the week before the event. Tribal Council sponsors the hunt and pays for the candy. ■