

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, June 7;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, June 21;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 26.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

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.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

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@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

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 monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, June 7. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
 - **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first 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: Penny DeLoe.
 - **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Ann Lewis.
 - **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 Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
 - **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.
 - **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. Monday, June 10, in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
 - **Timber Committee** meets next at 4 p.m. Friday, June 7, 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: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.



2014 – The 12th anniversary of the dedication of the West Valley Veterans Memorial saw more than 250 people attend. The event began with a noon meal of ceremonial stew and an invocation by former Tribal Council Chair



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Kathryn Harrison. Tribal Royalty helped serve the meal and later performed “The Lord’s Prayer” during the memorial ceremony. Flags were at half-staff as the lunch crowd moved to the Veterans Memorial. Special mention was made of the passing of Tribal Elder and World War II veteran Gene Hudson.

2009 – Spirit Mountain Casino opened its two latest entertainment venues over Memorial Day weekend. “It was a true entertainment weekend,” said Spirit Mountain Casino Marketing Manager Greg Fritz. “People had four places to go for entertainment.” The 3,884-square-foot, 381-seat Mountain View Sports Bar and 2,900-square-foot, 287-person capacity Raindrops Nightclub opened and brought standing-room-only crowds to the casino over the weekend.

2004 – The Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department, in cooperation with the Mission Mill Museum Association, collaborated on the reprinting of Dr. Harold Mackey’s book, “The Kalapuyans,” long considered to be one of the most accessible resources for information and history on the Native Americans of the Willamette Valley. The book had been out of print for 30 years and was a challenge to locate. The book was re-released with the permission of the Mackey family in a second edition with a new cover, photographs and a new paragraph explaining the Grand Ronde perspective. There was also an updated bibliography with sources.

1999 – The Grand Ronde Tribe hosted almost 200 Tribal leaders and representatives at Spirit Mountain Casino for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians mid-year conference. The organization includes Tribes from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, northern California and Montana.

1994 – Construction of the Tribe’s multi-million gaming facility was scheduled to begin later in the year. The Tribe was awaiting an amendment to the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to pass, which would end Interior Department confusion about gaming on the land along Highway 18. The delay was a result of a technicality in the compact agreement signed between the state and the Tribe regarding what land was allowed for Tribal gaming facilities.

1989 – The Grand Ronde Tribe held its first Reservation timber sale, which included 3,695 board feet of timber that was purchased by Hampton Lumber. The Western Skies sale was valued at approximately \$1.3 million.

1984 – Tribal member Toni Mercier was running for the position of Junior Miss Delta Park. She was asking for support of her Tribe by people buying tickets to the event at the upcoming Memorial Day gathering in Grand Ronde.

Yesteryears is a look back at Tribal history in five-year increments through the pages of Smoke Signals.

Community Health Program

Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.

