

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:

- 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@marionpolkfoodshare.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, July 19. 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, July 8, 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: Raymond Petite.

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



2014 – Drumming and singing greeted approximately 200 visitors to the first phase opening of Grand Ronde Tribal museum Chachalu. The museum’s opening was a long time in the works and a central dream of the Grand Ronde people since Restoration and for many, years before that. Guests included Tribal members and staff, and friends and contractors in granting, design and construction who helped bring the project to fruition. “This is a significant step,” said Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary. “Never before have we had a place to tell our story.”

2009 – Spirit Mountain Casino’s float, “Bridging the Past With the Future,” received the Golden Rose Award for best float shorter than 35 feet in the 2009 KeyBank Grand Floral Parade. The float was designed by Tribal Elder and Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr.



2009

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2004 – Groundwork for the Tribe’s upcoming Elder care facilities was underway. The new construction project was considered leading-edge and among best strategies for building care facilities. Work on the infrastructure was expected to begin that summer and on the first of the homes by fall. “I’ve promised them (Elders) a safe environment to discuss the most personal things,” Tribal Housing Authority Development and Construction Coordinator Duane Hussey said. Before the project began, Hussey spoke with a number of employees and Elders to determine different project needs from a wellness and cultural aspect, as well as basic requirements.

1999 – Members of the Elders Committee participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Elder housing complex. “This is a real historic day for the Tribe and especially for the Elders,” said Housing Director Linda Layden. “We are glad that so many Elders could join us.” Tribal Elder Ila Dowd gave an opening prayer, followed by a blessing by Travis Benoist, who had earlier performed a sacred blessing ceremony at the project site. The Elder housing complex would include 38 two-bedroom apartments and was to be located on Grand Ronde Road.

1994 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier attended a conference with President Bill Clinton to discuss Tribal issues with other leaders from across the country. More than 300 Native American leaders gathered on the White House lawn for the meeting, which also was attended by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and his wife Tipper, and the full Cabinet. Clinton assured the Tribes that Native American concerns were important to the administration and promised to “dramatically improve the federal government’s relationship with the Tribes” and to support Native American religious freedom.

1989 – Confirmation hearings for Eddie Frank Brown, President George Bush’s choice for assistant secretary of the Interior, were expected to begin shortly. Brown, 43, was a member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and formerly served as a director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. As assistant DES director, Brown restructured Arizona’s contractual relations with Tribes.

1984 – Tribal Council welcomed Barb Mercier and Teri Mercier to the staff at Tribal offices and Lynn Bear Robertson to the maintenance staff. Council also thanked everyone who had attended the general and special meetings that were called to establish the Tribal Constitution. “This is a very big step for each and every one of us, and we have more to come, so come on Tribal members, let’s do our best to contribute more input into our future meetings,” stated a *Smoke Signals* article.

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

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 June 18.

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

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