

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, July 6;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 12;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 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: 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: 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 – Seventy-eight Tribal employees were recognized for a combined 875 years of service to the Grand Ronde Tribe during an employee recognition event held at the Community Center. Health & Wellness Business Officer Manager Tresa Mercier reached her 29th anniversary of working for the Tribe. She began working on Oct. 1, 1984.



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2009 – Tribal Elder Gene LaBonte was elected to chair the Governor’s Veterans’ Affairs Advisory Committee. LaBonte, a Vietnam War-era Navy veteran, was appointed to a four-year term on the committee the year before. His one-year term as chair was set to begin in September. The group was working toward building a second veterans’ home in the state, as well as seeking legislation that equalized payments to all veterans, regardless whether one served in a battle zone or at a base.

2004 – Tribal member Jan Michael Reibach was chosen as one of the nominees for the Indian Summer Music Awards to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., in September. The awards were designed to honor the best Native American music that had been released nationwide. Reibach’s “Native Blues” album was nominated in the blues category and his “One Heart, One Spirit” album was nominated in the flute category. “My music has evolved into something unique,” he said.

1999 – The Tribe signed an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service as a first step toward coordinating management of 6,600 acres of national forest lands with the Reservation. The agreement was a result of an idea that was raised at a Forest Service meeting almost two years previously and proposed to Natural Resources staff. The stewardship agreement would allow the Tribe to cooperatively manage Forest Service land in the same watershed basin as the Reservation.

1994 – The Department of the Interior gave the go-ahead for the Tribe to begin construction of its proposed multi-million gaming facility. After a compact agreement was approved by the state of Oregon the year before, final approval was delayed by the Interior Department on the grounds that the land along Highway 18 was not part of the Grand Ronde Reservation. Spirit Mountain Development Corp. expected the facility to open in mid-1995 and employ approximately 500 people.

1989 – The Tribe was developing a long-term master plan that focused specifically on housing and community development. “A long-term planning strategy is needed to obtain land and develop community facilities and housing in the Grand Ronde area,” Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier said. Once a land purchase was complete, the Tribe would have access to funding options through Housing and Urban Development and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

1984 – Eleven Tribal youth were hired through a contract with the Mid-Valley Jobs Council to work in the local area through mid-August. There were three major worksites: Tribal offices at the Depot, the Tribal greenhouse and cemetery. Youth employees were scheduled to scrape off old paint, care for plants, perform minor repairs, mow lawns and keep cemetery grounds clean.

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

Lamprey harvesting schedule announced

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife set the lamprey harvest season at Willamette Falls from Saturday, June 1, through Wednesday, July 31.

Harvesting is allowed from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays through Mondays. Harvesting is prohibited Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Harvesting is restricted to the east side of Willamette Falls and does not include the Horseshoe Area at the peak of the falls. Gear is restricted to hand or hand-powered tools only.

A permit is required, but Tribal members are allowed to use their Tribal enrollment card in lieu of a state-issued permit. In addition, Tribal members can harvest for distribution to other Tribal members. However, the distribution must be done without charge.

Harvests must be recorded on an ODFW harvest card available from the Grand Ronde Natural Resources Department or by contacting the Clackamas ODFW Office, 17330 S.E. Evelyn St., Clackamas. Harvest cards must be filed by Aug. 31.

People planning on harvesting lamprey should stop by the Natural Resources office off Hebo Road and pick up an information packet.

For more information, call 503-879-2376. ■