

## 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:

- 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Aug. 5, 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](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).



**2014** – Tribal Elder and Navy veteran Gene LaBonte was honored during the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at uyxat Powwow Grounds. During the Vietnam War, LaBonte served in Stockton, Calif., for three years, 11 months and 29 days. “I never went to sea,” he said. “I was a dry land sailor. It takes 100 nonfighting personnel to support one soldier.” He was active in veteran’s affairs and participated in many capacities for many years at the Tribe.

**2009** – Tribal Elder Steve Rife was in the midst of making his third commemorative walk from Table Rock to Grand Ronde. He walked up Interstate 5, approximating the actual route of the Applegate Trail, better known among Tribal members as the Trail of Tears. It brought several Tribes and Bands from southern Oregon’s Umpqua Basin and Rogue River Valley together for a 33-day, 263-mile march in 1856 to what became the Grand Ronde Reservation.



2009

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**2004** – Oregon State University’s Native American Collaborative Institute sent student interns to work in Tribal communities as a part of its focused effort to serve Tribes. One student, Danielle Fournier, who was majoring in Ethnic Studies, served as a *Smoke Signals* intern for three months in the spring.

**1999** – The Tribe’s \$225,000 grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund helped bring a new exhibit to the Oregon Historical Society. Called “Willamette Valley: Visions of Eden,” the new exhibit included several interactive, hands-on components ranging from video stations with archival footage showing “history in motion” to a recorded Native American story telling how Turkey Buzzard lost his feathers.

**1994** – Tribal member Clyde Stryker was featured as entrepreneur of the month. The Sherwood resident had owned Spirit Communications since 1993 with his wife, Gretchen. Spirit Communications was a voice and data insulation company. The Strykers installed and maintained the systems for commercial and private use. Their customer base included Tektronix, the city of Eugene, Valley Insurance and all Payless stores in Oregon.

**1989** – The Education Department reported that the 1988-89 school year had been a very successful one. During that time, 20 percent of the students had graduated and 70 percent were still pursuing degrees. Enrollment for the upcoming school year was also on the increase and a majority of students enrolled were on track to graduate.

**1984** – The Health Committee met with Interim Tribal Council to discuss the Equitable Fund Contract proposal for the Tribe to administer health care services in Grand Ronde. Employees were to include a health director, nurse, two nursing assistants and four temporary outreach workers, and a clerk. The purpose of the proposal was for the staff to work with the membership to help improve general health in addition to having services at Chemawa Clinic and contract care.

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

## Lamprey harvesting season ends July 31

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. ■