

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, Aug. 3;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

The Food Bank will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day.

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 also will hold a Preservation Class on tomatoes from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

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.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@mari-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, Aug. 16. 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, 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.



2014 – The Tribe received a \$250,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust for its new Chachalu Museum & Culture Center. Tribal Lands and Culture Department Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach said the funds would be applied to the second phase of the museum expansion. “This grant is a great honor,” Reibach said.



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2009 – Grand Ronde sewage scored in the upper levels in the first-ever drug test of sewage plants in Oregon. There were 96 municipalities representing 65

percent of Oregon’s population that agreed to submit single-day samples of their sewage for testing. Kevin Dobie, Grand Ronde Sanitary District superintendent, said he was not surprised that Grand Ronde’s sample ranked in the upper levels on all three tests. “I’ve been here 16 years,” he said. “I know what goes on out there.”

2004 – Candidates for Tribal Council included three incumbents, Tribal Elders Val Grout, Bob Haller and Ed Larsen, and 10 others including Tribal member Mark Mercier, who previously served as Tribal Council chair. Tribal Elders Betty Bly, Diana George, Linda Olson and Wesley (Buddy) West, and Tribal members Angie Blackwell, Charlene Hoover, Elaine LaBonte, Chris Mercier and Daniel Provost also were running for three open council positions.

1999 – The Tribe renewed its agreement with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office to provide deputies who patrol the Grand Ronde area exclusively. In addition to the two who currently worked from the Grand Ronde substation, two more were set to be on board by the end of the summer. All four Grand Ronde deputies were going to be involved in the Service Integration Team, which mentored local youth. The Grand Ronde substation also received funding for a second patrol vehicle.

1994 – A donation of \$45,000 by Tribal Elder Harold Blair was used to purchase a mini-bus for Senior Services’ transports and excursions. The van was hand-painted by Tribal member Steve Bobb Sr. It had three doors, a wheelchair lift and held 23 people. Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier thanked Blair for his contribution and presented him with a Pendleton blanket. He also was gifted with a clock from the Elders Committee.

1989 – Tribal youth and Elders worked together at craft and dance classes offered at the Tribal office in Grand Ronde. Classes were held for anyone who wanted to learn how to dance or just wanted to observe. Toby McClary, 11, enjoyed learning to make a drumstick. “Right now I am in the process of finishing a drumstick that I’m making in craft class,” he said. “Jessie Standing Bear is teaching me how to drum at the dance classes and it’s really exciting.”

1984 – Summer youth employees were acknowledged for their work in clearing the cemetery and Depot grounds. The youth were hired through a grant from the Mid-Valley Jobs Council. Youth employees were Debby Childers, Angie Childers, Lydia Hostler, Doug Colton, Gregg Leno, Chris Current, Marty George, Scott Denhem, Jimmy White, Kenny Adams and Teddy White.

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

Need something notarized?

Tribal Court staff is available at no charge for notaries 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with the exception of noon to 1 p.m.

Please be sure to bring a photo ID with you. If you have any questions, contact the court at 503-879-2303. ■

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 Aug. 20.

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

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