

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, 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.

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, 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 – A Chinuk Wawa name was chosen for a Portland park. K’UNAMOKWST Park came from a suggestion by Tribal cultural consultant Greg Archuleta, with technical support from Tribal Historian David Lewis and Cultural Education and Outreach Program Manager Kathy Cole through the Native American Community Advisory Committee of the Portland Parks and Recreation Department. Translated as “together,” it offered hope that the new greenspace would bring neighbors at 52nd Avenue and Northeast Alberta Street closer.



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2009 – The Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center received a \$600,000 grant to remodel the existing 300-square-foot dental office space and build a 1,900-square-foot addition to Wing C to allow the Wellness Department staff to relocate into a single office area. The remodel also would allow access to space for dietary and exercise classes. The Tribe received the grant from American Recovery and Re-investment Act funds.

2004 – President George W. Bush addressed members attending the UNITY conference in Washington, D.C., while Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry addressed a gathering of journalists at the convention. The convention drew a record number of 7,000 attendees and included speakers such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson, National Congress of American Indian President Tex Hall and Secretary of State Colin Powell. Native journalists also were given a sneak peek at the new National Museum of the American Indian.

1999 – The Grand Ronde Food Bank opened its doors to local residents in need of emergency food assistance. It was a project of the Grand Ronde Community Resource Center Board, comprised of local residents interested in providing services to the community. “This project has been a long time in the making,” board member and Tribal member Tim Holmes said. “And it wouldn’t have happened without the support of a lot of folks.”

1994 – Grand Ronde Tribal member Rosetta Manangan of Portland and five other Oregon Native American women were invited by Hillary Rodham Clinton to be part of the Pioneer Courthouse Square rally that kicked off President Bill Clinton’s proposed health care reforms. Rodham Clinton’s appearance inspired an enthusiastic, noisy crowd estimated at more than 10,000 people. Manangan and her companions traveled on a bus caravan from as far away as Pendleton to be there. “It was a thrilling experience,” she said. “I’m so glad I was invited and could participate.”

1989 – Cory Meneley was hired by the Tribe as its first-ever Youth Recreation aide in the Alcohol, Drug Prevention and Education Department. He attended Willamina High School and worked throughout the summer helping the department with its youth-related activities and programs.

1984 – The monthly Health Committee was held with Ellen Campbell, Joyce Millsap and John Lillard attending. The topic of the meeting was the upcoming health needs assessment survey. General Council was to be notified before the survey began.

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