

## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək 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, Sept. 7;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18;
- And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The Food Bank will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day and will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10. It also will have a food preservation class from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, regarding beans.

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@marion-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 mək<sup>h</sup>mək 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, Sept. 6. 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** – Six grants brought in more than \$573,000 for phase II work on the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center. The museum, long a dream of the Tribe, received a jump-start in



**2014**

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the summer of 2011 when the Tribe purchased the former Grand Ronde Middle School site from the Willamina School District. After almost three years of renovation work, phase 1 was complete.

**2009** – The Tribe’s longstanding effort to be recognized by the federal government as a Columbia River Tribe received a significant boost when U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader introduced House Resolution 3514, which would amend the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act to include the Grand Ronde. “I was approached by Tribal Chair Cheryle Kennedy and other members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, who asked for my support of their effort to be recognized as a Tribe with historic ties to the Columbia River,” Schrader said.

**2004** – The Tribe opened a new Portland satellite office to better assist the membership by providing several on-site services. These included vocational rehabilitation, employment and training, education services, behavioral health counseling and cultural classes. A \$95,913 Administration for Native Americans grant was awarded to the Tribe for its satellite offices in both Portland and Eugene. The new offices included a classroom, small conference room and computer lab.

**1999** – The three-day second annual Chinook Language Conference was held in Grant Ronde, and attracted 30 participants ranging in age from preschoolers to Elders, and included both Tribal members and outside academics. Elder and Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison recalled that her father often spoke Chinook at home. “Some of those stories I remember are still dear to me,” she said. “Then I went to boarding school and you know what happens there, they don’t allow you to speak Indian. Maybe, I tell my grandchildren I will study it when I retire.”

**1994** – Tribal Council adopted three changes to the Elections Ordinance, two of which would take effect that year. The changes were that in the event of a tie between third and fourth place for a Tribal Council seat, the two candidates would have a runoff election, which would take place in November. Also, names on the ballot would no longer be in alphabetical order if there was more than one person with the same last name. The third change would be that walk-in voters were no longer required to register. Only a Tribal identification card would be required.

**1989** – Several Tribal youth participated in a “Survival Hike,” which left from Hebo Lake and included an eight-mile trek. Tribal Operations Manager Greg Archuleta offered advice to the young hikers. The group went fishing after reaching South Lake, and Fish and Wildlife Committee member Rick McKnight took time to teach youth about hunting safety.

**1984** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde held its first annual Powwow. Rudy Clements served as emcee. Matilda Mitchell, Sylvia Wallulatum and Minty Showaway from Warm Springs gave the invocation. “Thanks also goes out to all of the dancers in the Grand Entry and throughout the celebration,” *Smoke Signals* Editor Pat Gray said. “You all did your best and we succeeded in pulling off the greatest powwow yet.”

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