

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, Sept. 18;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27.

The Food Bank 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@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, Oct. 11. 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. the first Monday of the month 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 – Tribal voters re-elected Chris Mercier and Reyn Leno in the Tribal Council election. First-time Tribal Council candidate Tonya Gleason-Shepek received the third most votes with 539. She ran on a slate with Leno and incumbent June Sherer. There were 3,606 votes cast in the election, the most since 2008.

2009 – After working for the Tribe for 23 years, Margo Mercier resigned as Enrollment Program manager to embark on new adventures. Mercier, 54, had worked for the Tribe in various capacities and attended some of the first Restoration meetings. “My experience here at the Tribe has led me to following a dream to serve others in a different arena,” Mercier said. “Hopefully, continuing to serve the Elders. I am happy to move on, because I will have more of my personal time to pursue those dreams.”



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2004 – Tribal member Joseph Hostler was named the 2004 Hatfield Fellow. At Humboldt State University, where he received his bachelor’s degree, Hostler worked with other Native American students to raise the issue of the university’s role in its Native American Studies program and faculty selection. Hostler also studied and advised about agency politics and procedures affecting 170 Tribes on the West Coast while an intern for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

1999 – The Forest Service invited the Tribal Cultural Resources Department and several Grand Ronde Elders to visit parts of the Willamette National Forest to provide input on how to maintain areas of the forest that were culturally significant to Tribal people. Attendees included Elders Peachie Hamm and Beryl Contreras, Tribal member Christina Contreras, Cultural Resources Department Manager June Olson and Cultural Resources Specialist Lindy Trolan. During a visit to what was then called “Squaw Mountain,” members of the Forest Service asked if the Tribe would like the name changed. “Squaw is a very degrading word toward Native American women,” Hamm said. “I know our people find it offensive.”

1994 – The Tribe was starting its third phase of a strategic planning process. Tribal members had the opportunity to participate in the process by completing a survey or attending a community meeting. Phase one began with an identification of key issues that could affect the Tribe’s future plans. Phase two directly involved Tribal members through participation in the survey and community meetings. Phase three, which was expected to run through November, was a time to further refine issues and strategies, leading to the draft and final strategic plans. Implementation of the plan would begin in early 1995.

1989 – Tribal Accounting Supervisor Shelley Hanson was featured for her dedication to both job and family. Hanson, a Tribal member with a business degree, decided she wanted to work for the Tribe due to its expanding growth. Her duties included overseeing the fiscal operations and producing payroll checks. “Shelley is one of the most dedicated people I know,” said co-worker Pat Mercier. “She works very hard for her Tribe and for her new family. She really deserves this honor.”

1984 – Tribal staff were looking into the possibility of pursuing a Johnson O’Malley contract. The program was for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade and funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and provided tutoring, cultural activities, special education activities and parenting classes.

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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC. JUST COME ON IN!

We will check your child’s teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
Phone 503-879-2020
Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00–5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30

