

## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək'hmək 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, Dec. 7;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 (holiday box distribution);
- Closed with week of Dec. 23-27;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

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](mailto: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'hmək 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, Dec. 13. 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 Committee** 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: Bryan Langley.
- **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 Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **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: TBD.

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** – More than 200 attendees packed the great hall at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center for the Tribe’s second Tribal History Conference. Tribal Historian David Lewis served as the master of ceremonies.

“The conference has become a must-attend event for many people working in heritage in Oregon,” Lewis said. “There are few events like the conference that offer such a powerful array of scholars working in different disciplines, presenting in the same location.”

**2009** – Tribal member Justine Colton, a senior at Willamina High School, was elected student body president for the 2009-10 school year. “I take this responsibility very seriously,” she said. “I feel that it is my responsibility as a leader of the youth of today to advocate for the young people.”

**2004** – Tribal members learned cultural traditions during the Circle of Weaving gathering in the Grand Ronde Community Center. The event was organized by Tribal member and Tribal Tourism Project Coordinator Elaine LaBonte. “The intent of this gathering was to get our Tribal members familiar with the various basketry techniques of our ancestors and to get them interested in carrying on the tradition,” she said. Of the approximate 100 in attendance, 70 percent were Grand Ronde Tribal members.

**1999** – More than 200 Tribal members and their families gathered at Grand Ronde Elementary School on Nov. 21 to celebrate the 16th anniversary of Grand Ronde Restoration. At the celebration, Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison thanked the people who were involved in the Restoration effort during the early years. “We should thank these people who worked so hard for us,” she said. “Not just today, but any time of the year.”

**1994** – Spirit Mountain Development Corp. Manager Bruce Thomas announced that he would present a briefing for Grand Ronde residents on the progress of the Tribe’s gaming center. “It will give people a chance to ask questions on all aspects of the project,” he said. A one-page fact sheet was to be handed out at the meeting, which would list project highlights and inform people of the most important aspects.

**1989** – No December edition available.

**1984** – Tribal members passed the Tribe’s Constitution by a vote of 145-14. The new Constitution stated that the blood quantum requirement for enrollment in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde would be lowered to 1/16. All applications on file with sufficient documentation to be enrolled under the new requirements of the Constitution were set to be presented to the Enrollment Committee.

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



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## 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 Dec. 17.

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

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

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