

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. 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 repackaging 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 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, Jan. 17. 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 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.

2020 Contest Powwow date changes to Aug. 14-16

The 2020 Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 and not the following weekend as tentatively listed in the recently released Tribal calendar.

Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam said the Powwow SEB had been working to confirm the dates of the Siletz Tribe’s annual powwow due to Aug. 1 falling on a weekend. Ainam received confirmation after the calendar was sent to be printed by the Publications Department. The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 instead of the originally estimated date.

Tribal members are encouraged to check *Smoke Signals* for any events listed as “tentative” in the 2020 Tribal calendar as the event date approaches, said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.

“Since we have to work so far ahead when creating the calendar, some event dates were still tentative when we had to send the document to our contactor,” Rhodes said.

For more information on the 2020 Contest Powwow, contact Ainam at 503-879-2037 or dana.leno@grandronde.org. ■



2014 – General Council was briefed on the state of Tribal housing. Current housing included 61 Elder apartments, 108 family apartments and a 20-unit low income apartment complex set to open in March. Administrative Program Manager Joani Dugger reviewed the assistance programs administered by the Housing Authority, which included down payment assistance, medical adaptation grants, home repairs, Indian Health Service Water and Sanitation funding, rental assistance and student rental assistance.



2014

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2009 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund topped the \$49 million mark in giving. The fund awarded \$3.676 million in 2009 in its 11-county service area, with 120 large grants and 37 small grants. “This past year, SMCF experienced a significant increase in the number of grant applicants, which, in part, was reflective of the downturn in our economy,” Community Fund Director Shelley Hanson said.

2004 – A lucky visitor to Spirit Mountain Casino struck it rich, walking away with \$1.9 million on the Wheel of Fortune machine. The jackpot was the largest in the history of Spirit Mountain Casino and the fourth largest payout in the state of Oregon. The winner, Lorene Alexan Anelon, lived in Alaska. She stopped in at the casino while visiting family. “I’ve never played Wheel of Fortune, but my family loves the game,” she said. “I put in \$100 and had \$66 left when I hit (the jackpot).”

1999 – Deputy Director of Operations Chris Leno said that in the future he would like to see Tribal members given easier access to information about the various Tribal programs. Leno envisioned that access being available online. Leno used the Member Services program as an example of how technology could improve access. “They could go to a website and download the needed information right there or send information electronically,” he said. “I think we could reduce our administrative cost and allow people to focus on other things.”

1994 – *Smoke Signals* featured Tribal Elder Nora Kimsey, then 86, referring to her as one of the most active Elders in the Tribe. “Nora can be seen at almost every Tribal function, meeting and event,” the article stated. Kimsey participated in Elders activities, arts and crafts, and at the time was one of the few Tribal members who could speak Chinuk Wawa. She and fellow Elder Ila Dowd traveled to Eugene, where they attended the Windows of the Past exhibit and told stories in their Native language.

1989 – No December edition available.

1984 – A health survey was being implemented by outreach workers Kathy Olson, Georgene Gillespie, AnnaBelle Hamm and Diana Harrison. The survey was being implemented to determine the needs of the Grand Ronde Tribe and what health services would be offered. All members were encouraged to participate.

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