

## 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:

- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24;
- And 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

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.

The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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](mailto: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. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in the Employment Services Building conference room. 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: Rich VanAtta.

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).



**2015** – The Grand Ronde Tribe closed on the purchase of a 91-acre parcel at the Chahalpam property fronting the North Santiam River in Marion County, bringing the total acreage to more than 429 that the Tribe would manage for conservation purposes. The 91 acres were worth more than \$900,000 and the purchase was funded entirely by the Bonneville Power Administration's Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program. The transaction included more than \$140,000 in operation and maintenance costs, which also were funded by BPA.

**2010** – A powwow originally organized to remind Oregonians that Native peoples inhabited the Pacific Northwest long before statehood is on its way to becoming an annual event. The second annual Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Powwow was set for Jan. 30 at the Oregon State Fair & Expo Center's Salem Pavilion. The late January event date was picked to symbolically occur before Oregon's official 150th birthday in 2009, commemorating Native history that occurred before statehood, which occurred on Feb. 14, 1859.



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**2005** – The Tribe donated \$10,000 to the Red Cross to aid victims of the Thailand tsunami, which killed more than 200,000 people. "I think it shows that we are trying to do our part," Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno said. "Although our main focus is the well-being of our people and our community, we have compassion. This is about the big picture."

**2000** – Tribal Council members Ed Larsen and Earl LaBonte were appointed to serve on the Yamhill County Transportation Advisory Committee to help with a public transportation study in the county, along with safety issues along highways 99, 18 and 22. The group also was exploring how to best help those who were "transportation disadvantaged," such as the elderly, those with disabilities and youth.

**1995** – Tribal Council adopted the 1995 budget, which included funding to establish an Elder pension program, economic development fund and a cultural board, and provided additional funding for education and training scholarships. Tribal Council also directed that new housing repairs and improvements be funded with Tribal dollars rather than BIA funds to allow the Tribe greater flexibility in how the money was used.

**1990** – No January edition available.

**1985** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde announced its first post-Restoration election would be held in March to select a new Tribal Council in accordance with the Restoration Act, which stated that an election must be held within 120 days of when the Secretary of the Interior signed the Tribal Constitution. The election was to be conducted by a yet-to-be-selected committee of Tribal members.

**1980** – No January edition available.

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

## Free Playgroup in Grand Ronde!



Children & Family SERVICES

Family Building Blocks  
Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

**When:** First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am

**Where:** CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**Who:** Parents and caregivers of children under 5 years.

**Why:** Come to play, have a snack and have fun!