

## 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, Feb. 1;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21;
- And 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit [211info.org](http://211info.org).

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that designated 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, Feb. 17, in observance of Tribal Chiefs' Day.

The Food Bank also will be holding a Valentine's Day bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.

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. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in the Employment Services Building conference room. 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: 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** – A fire in Tribal market-rate housing at 9533 Raven Loop displaced four residents who lived inside the unit, as well as Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, who lived next door. No one was seriously injured despite the intensity of the fire, which gutted portions of the interior. The four residents and Mercier were temporarily housed at Spirit Mountain Casino.

**2010** – The Tribe donated more than \$10,000 to non-profit Mercy Corps in the wake of an earthquake in Haiti. Additionally, Spirit Mountain Casino was requesting donations from guests and employees to aid earthquake victims. Tribal Nurse Supervisor Jennifer Leggett also was deployed to Haiti in her role as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Public Health Service. She spent two weeks aboard the Navy hospital ship *The Comfort* helping people injured in the earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince.



2010

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**2005** – Tribal Elder Dean Mercier was featured in a *Smoke Signals* article that focused on his work as Tribal Council chair during the time of Restoration and his life in Grand Ronde. “I was born in an environment where everybody works,” he said. “I did everything. You had to survive.”

**2000** – Entertainer Jay Leno performed back-to-back stand-up comedy shows at Spirit Mountain Casino. Leno poked fun at the news, talked of his airline adventures, relationship with aging parents and life in Los Angeles. Before the show, some were wondering why an A-list performer needed to go on the road when he had a long-running hit TV show that paid well. Leno answered that question by likening it to working out. “You can’t be a weightlifter and not train,” he said. “The way you keep sharp is you go out and learn something at each show, and you get another ad lib that you can turn into a joke or something.”

**1995** – Ordering began for slot machines that would be located in Spirit Mountain Casino, as well as accounting systems and furnishings. “We are also starting a search for a marketing director,” said Spirit Mountain Development Corp. Director Bruce Thomas. “The marketing manager will be responsible for the marketing program, including work with advertising and agencies, and then making a budget.” Work also was slated to begin in the spring on the traffic diversion project on Highway 18. In late 1994, the Oregon Department of Transportation issued a permit for the project.

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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



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For questions call Shannon Stanton, 503.879.1489

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