

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:

- 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.

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.

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. 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.



2015 – The first Native Plant Propagation Workshop was held at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center. It was funded by an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant, which incorporated traditional ecological knowledge into restoration sites. One of those sites was in Grand Ronde, the second at Champoege State Park and a third at Herbert Farm in Corvallis.



2015

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2010 – Two videos that were part of Tribal member Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach’s anti-drug/alcohol project, “Breakin’ Free,” were available for viewing on YouTube. The music videos included “Addiction” and “You’re Not Alone,” filmed in Salem at the Historic Grand Theatre. Reibach, the Tribe’s Lands Manager and 2009 Native American Music Awards Artist of the Year, shot the videos as part of “Breakin’ Free,” a CD and DVD project that supports Native youth drug and alcohol prevention.

2005 – The Tribe began construction on three new buildings that would provide much-needed storage space for records archiving, procurement and facilities programs. Construction was done by Storm King Construction of Tillamook, with site utilities being installed by a Tribal construction crew.

2000 – Tribal leaders and employees of the Willamette National Forest signed a memorandum of understanding, which solidified a longtime relationship between the Tribe and the Forest Service. The agreement stated that that government will seek the Tribe’s input and consultation on forest management practices. Tribal leaders had been invited to two different forest excursions, where rangers and other Forest Service employees conducted tours of areas that they had improved and preserved.

1995 – Tribal Council member Ed Larsen was featured for his efforts to bring a better water system to the Grand Ronde area so the Tribe could have an adequate supply for housing needs. He was a member of the Grand Ronde Valley Water District Board of Directors and a member of the Yamhill County Action Plan advisory committee. “I am proud we have come so far, so fast,” he said. “My only regret is that I waited so long to become involved in Tribal affairs. I really love what I am doing now.”

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

Request for Proposals

Architectural/Engineering Services The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for the Grand Ronde Language Education Building

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde wishes to retain an Architectural/Engineering team to perform planning and design services for the construction of an approximately 8,000-square-foot building with up to six classrooms, restrooms, kitchenette and appliances and support facilities and is anticipated to be located to the west of the existing Adult Education building. Access and parking areas will be included in the design. The building is expected to initially serve approximately 50 children, and will require additional space for future program expansion.

The Tribe plans to design the full building, but anticipates the construction may need to occur in phases depending on funding availability. The selected proposer will need to consider phasing potential in its designs.

The project is to be constructed on the Tribal Governance Center campus located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Ore.

Electronic copies of the RFP documents are available by e-mailing Lewis Younger at lew.younger@grandronde.org or calling 503-879-2199.

Respondents shall provide a written proposal by 4 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, to Jesse White, Engineering and Public Works manager, at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347. Specific information regarding document submittal procedures and due dates will be found in the RFP. ■