

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:

- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 27.

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.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team sets 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, March 20, 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 – Thirty-four people attended the Tribe’s Community Emergency Response Team training class. It was the first time the training had been held at the Tribe in an effort to be prepared for potential or man-made disasters. The class dealt with a mass casualty event. Previous classes in the series dealt with preparedness, fire safety and suppression, disasters, medical emergencies, terrorism, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.



2015

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2010 – The Tribe feted for the first time ever two employees who had reached the 25-year employment anniversary mark with the Tribe. Tribal Elder and Tribal Wellness Manager Bonnie Mercier and Tribal member and Tribal Health & Wellness Business Office Manager Tresa Mercier both reached the silver anniversary mark almost simultaneously.

2005 – The Grand Ronde Tribe continued negotiations with MAGNA Entertainment about the possibility of the Tribe purchasing Portland Meadows horse racing track and incorporating a “racino” on the existing site. “We have to pursue all viable options if the rules of gaming in Oregon are about to change,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “If the governor is going to allow off-reservation gaming, and he repeatedly said in recent months that he is about to for the Warm Springs, we have a responsibility to our 5,000 members to continue to sustain our economic self-sufficiency.”

2000 – In an effort to honor the past and recognizing the importance of sharing the Oregon Trail of Tears story with future generations, the people of the Grand Ronde Tribe relived an important piece of Tribal history by hosting the first Trail of Tears Commemorative Walk. It featured youth, Elders, Tribal Council members and the community. The group walked from Grand Ronde Grade School to the Tribe’s Governance Center.

1995 – The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Needs Assessment summary report was complete and available to all Tribal members. The report presented an analysis of the findings from a recent housing survey. “As part of the Tribe’s long-range planning, it has recognized the importance of evaluating current and future housing needs of Tribal members,” an article stated. “One of the preliminary findings from the Tribe’s strategic planning process has been the desire on the part of the Tribal members for housing assistance programs.”

1990 – Tribal Council members Mark Mercier, Kathryn Harrison and Candy Robertson traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services and legislative representatives regarding youth services, child welfare, health services, forestry and other issues affecting the Tribe.

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

CHAT WITH THE
CHIEF

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

Where:
Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department
9655 Grand Ronde Road,
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

When:
Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Time:
Noon - 4 P.M.

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