

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.”

In reaction to the novel coronavirus outbreak, the Food Bank will be holding food distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays only in April.

“We are asking clients to not come for a food box if they are having any symptoms or concerned about their health,” Ambrose said. “We are going to limit our geographic service area to Sheridan to Otis on Highway 18 and Sheridan to Hebo on Highway 22. We are asking clients and volunteers to wash their hands immediately upon entry to the building. Our lobby is closed until further notice.

“Food box distribution is happening outside while maintaining a safe distance between clients. We are sanitizing and keeping the food quarantined for three days before distribution. Pre-made boxes are available on distribution days, limited to two days of food for two adults. Clients within our geographic service area are still welcome to visit us weekly.”

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 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 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 Board** meets monthly in the Employment Services Building conference room. The next meeting is yet to be determined due to the coronavirus pandemic. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: TBD. 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.

(Editor's note: All committee and special event board meetings have been suspended during the Tribe's limited shutdown in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – The Tribal Constitution remained unchanged as two proposed amendments failed to receive enough support to pass. The first proposed amendment would have removed Secretary of the Interior oversight and approval of amendments to the Tribe's Constitution. The second proposed amendment, which would have instituted term limits on Tribal Council service of a one-year break after three consecutive terms, also fell short of the two-thirds approval required to change the Constitution.

2010 – Spirit Mountain Casino paid for all bus fares between Grand Ronde and Salem during the month of April. The move was due to a combined effort between the Salem Mass Transit District and the Confederated Tribes of Grand



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Ronde to increase ridership on the 2X route. Transit District Finance Director Pat Mercier estimated the casino sponsorship would cost approximately \$4,500.

2005 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde played host to the second annual Native Youth Leadership Invitational Conference. Organization for the event was spearheaded by the Youth Leadership group, which teamed up with the Youth Education Department to organize and plan accommodations for all in attendance. Keynote speaker was Robert Johnston of the Native Wellness Institute. He also held workshops on leadership, unity and maintaining positive attitudes.

2000 – Retiring Grand Ronde Housing Authority Board members Robert Watson and David Foster were honored at a special dinner that was hosted by the Housing Authority. They were honored for their years of service and contributions to the board. Housing Director Linda Layden said the current projects were vital to Tribal members and Elders, and would not have been possible if not for the contributions of Watson and Foster.

1995 – The Tribe's Election Committee announced new election procedures. It would send out registration cards to any Tribal member who was eligible to vote, but not registered already. In addition, everyone who was registered would automatically receive an absentee ballot in the mail. Current Tribal Council members up for re-election were Andrew Jenness, Kathryn Harrison and Ed Larsen.

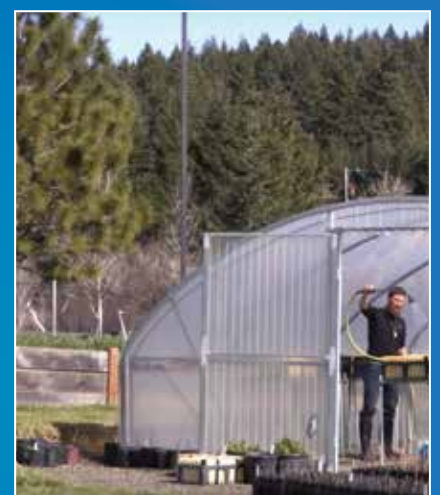
1990 – Willamina High School freshman and Tribal member Shonn Leno qualified for the Oregon National Team after placing second in a freestyle wrestling event. There were 400 competitors in the tournament. Leno was the first freshman in the state of Oregon ever to qualify for the honor.

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



NATIVE PLANT PARTNERSHIP

Grand Ronde Tribal Council approved the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Willamette Valley Native Plant Partnership on Wednesday, Feb. 19. This partnership connects and pools the resources from more than 25 different organizations interested in restoring the Willamette Valley ecoregion. This *Smoke Signals* video shares why this partnership is important to the Tribal Native Plant Materials Program and the Grand Ronde community.



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