

Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in July

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 COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will be holding July food distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

“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** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held Friday, July 24, using the Zoom conferencing program. 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.

(Editor’s note: All in-person committee and special event board meetings have been suspended during the Tribe’s reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – The new arbor at úyxat Powwow Grounds was the star of the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held in Grand Ronde. Just before the opening grand entry, Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno asked everyone involved with building the new arbor to come out on the powwow grounds to be honored. Leno started with



2015

File photo

Tribal Engineering and Public Works Manager Jesse White. “Jesse is the guy that council said, ‘Build us an arbor, have it ready by Veterans Powwow and make it your number one priority,’” Leno said.

2010 – Oregon Tribes were organizing to combat two November ballot measures that would have a “devastating effect” on Indian gaming statewide. Backers of a private casino in Wood Village, which would detrimentally affect revenues at Spirit Mountain Casino and Grand Ronde charitable contributions, collected enough signatures to put the issue before voters. “Obviously, everyone is opposed to this,” Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin said. “Beyond Grand Ronde, I think it would have a devastating effect on the Indian gaming industry.”

2005 – Tribal member Shelley Hansen was named Spirit Mountain Community Fund’s new director. She brought experience in accounting, grant management, small business development and real estate experience to the position. She had previously been employed as grant coordinator for the Salem-Keizer School District.

2000 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde donated \$500,000 to the Portland Art Museum through Spirit Mountain Community Fund. The donation was intended to give visitors a better sense of the museum’s Native American collection. With a matching donation of \$500,000, the museum planned to begin a two-year remodel of its Hoffman wing and create the Grand Ronde Center for Native American Art. The new center would provide 7,000 square feet of exhibition space for new galleries dedicated to Native art.

1995 – An arts and crafts gallery was planned for Grand Ronde. Sam Henny, development specialist for small business development, was in the first phase of organizing a gallery that would house Tribal member, Native American, and local and regional artwork with both cultural and contemporary themes.

1990 – No edition available.

1985 – Barbara Mercier accepted a job as Tribal receptionist after Candy Robertson resigned to devote more time to Tribal Council. Additionally, the Tribe was looking to fill positions in the Enrollment and Social Services departments. Jim Willis was heading the Housing Department and Diana Stogsdill led Higher Education, Adult Education and Employment Services. “The administration is turning the corner on completing the piles of work needed to close out the last four years of work for accounting records and reports,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

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

Afterhours health line

Tribal members can contact the Afterhours Health Line for questions about health care concerns you may have when the clinic is not open. You can reach the Afterhours Health Line by calling 503-879-2002 and follow the prompts.

The Afterhours Health Line will coordinate care and communicate with Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center providers. ■

WIC visits Community Center monthly

Pregnant? Breastfeeding? Does your family include a child under the age of 5? If so, you may qualify for the Women, Infants and Children program.

With WIC, people can receive answers to nutritional questions and access fruits and vegetables, whole grains, eggs, milk, cheese, juice, cereal and more.

A WIC representative visits the Tribal Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month, which will be July 21.

Walk-ins are welcome between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 503-879-2034. ■