

Food Bank news

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.”

The Food Bank will hold April food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. 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@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Clothes Closet open Fridays

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Black-tail Drive. The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **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 at 10 a.m. Friday, April 29, at Chachalu Tribal Museum and Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Mia Prickett. 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: Daniel Ham.
- **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: Harold Lyon.
- **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 4 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 Tuesday 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.



2017 – The Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department started its annual spring gathering activities in and around the Reservation. Staff members were busy gathering willows and preparing for berry season, said Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier, and there would be many opportunities for Tribal members to participate in the annual traditional materials gathering rituals. He recently had joined other Cultural Resources staff members to strip European willow branches for a planned hamper making class.



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2012 – A celebration of western Oregon Native women opened with an invitation-only sneak peek at the exhibit for Grand Ronde Tribal members at Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem. Along with the exhibit, “Grand Ronde Women – Our Story,” approximately 200 Tribal members, museum members and guests enjoyed a meal prepared by Spirit Mountain Casino staff. The exhibit was organized by the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department and covered Native women in the fur trade, women weavers of clothes and baskets, women contributing to knowledge of Native language, Restoration efforts and “The Missing Generation,” which tells the story of Native women held in prison and mental institutions, some used like test animals for scientific research.

2007 – The Tribe’s Career Development Program was off to a good start helping find the right career paths for Tribal members. “The program is for retention of Tribal employees,” Tribal Elder Sanda Henny said. “A majority of our turnover has to do with external difficulties. Meeting one-on-one with Tribal members gives us an idea of the basic needs of each individual.”

2002 – Tribal members, archeologists and anthropologists gathered in Grand Ronde to attend a five-day archaeology course hosted by the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department. The program helped familiarize archeologists with cultural site protection and educated a new generation to help find and preserve cultural artifacts.

1997 – Several construction projects were underway at the Reservation. A gravel addition to the Tribal Cemetery was added for more parking, the 37-lot Grand Meadows manufactured home park was ready for occupancy once the land was transferred into federal trust status, work on the Health & Wellness Center was ongoing, the new Natural Resources facility was being constructed off Hebo Road and plans for a new Tribal administration building to replace the modulars on Grand Ronde Road was in the architectural design phase.

1992 – Tribal member Tom Leno was the first client to be served at the Tribe’s new dental clinic after coming in for a broken tooth. “He overcame his fear of the dentist long enough to fix his tooth. With an overall pleasant experience behind him, Tom said it was nice because he didn’t feel a thing,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

1987 – It was announced that Tribal members would be able to exercise their fishing, hunting and gathering rights starting on April 25 in the Trask Management Unit. A valid Tribal license was necessary. Those who did not obtain a license or went outside of the area to fish or hunt would be subject to state as well as Tribal penalties.

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



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