

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmæk 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 May 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 Blacktail 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 məkʰmæk haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting was to be determined as of press time. 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 – Tribal GIS Analyst Alex Drake became the Tribe’s first Unmanned Aircraft Systems pilot. He obtained a license through the Federal Aviation Administration to pilot a drone that the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department purchased. The DJI Phantom 4 Quadcopter drone was to be used for Natural Resources and Cultural Resources programs.



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2012 – Several cedar bark portions and yew trees were gifted to the Tribe during the renovation of the Sellwood Bridge in Portland and were to be used for future cultural activities. Approximately 800 trees were being removed for the bridge project. The Tribal connection came through Kevin Kilduff from the Portland office of Healthy Working Rivers, who put Multnomah County officials in touch with Tribal member and consultant Greg Archuleta.

2007 – The fourth annual Youth Leadership Conference hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde attracted approximately 100 youth from eight Northwest Tribes for three days aimed to help students consider relationships from four sides — spiritual, emotional, physical and mental. The event included activities such as workshops, community presentations and a basketball tournament.

2002 – Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council members June Sell-Sherer and Val Grout poured over approximately 50,000 historic documents shared with the Grand Ronde Tribe through a concerted effort by the Coquille Tribe and the University of Oregon. The materials were copies of important Tribal-related information such as maps, treaties and pictures from Tribes all over the Northwest.

1997 – An open house was scheduled to introduce a new program in Grand Ronde entitled “Venture Out,” which was directed toward Native American women interested in home-based or income supplementing business partnerships. The program would include instruction, ongoing technical assistance, locating startup funds and marketing support.

1992 – The new Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center was hailed as a new beginning. “The dedication of this great facility marks the opening of a new chapter in the history of the Grand Ronde Tribe,” Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin wrote in a letter. “There were many dark days on the Trail of Tears, but this is a bright day indeed.” The new Community Center was already booked for classes, Tribal and public meetings, church services and exercise sessions.

1987 – The proposed Grand Ronde Reservation would result in economic and employment benefits for the West Valley economy, according to a report by Tribal General Manager Jim Willis. He projected that the proposed Reservation could generate \$1.2 million annually in timber revenues and create many new jobs for the Sheridan, Willamina and Grand Ronde area.

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

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