

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 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. ■

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■

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 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 19, at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last 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: Carmen Robertson.
- **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: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **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.



2018 – Tribal Council signed off on a loan agreement with the British Museum in London that would bring 16 items from the Summers Collection to the Tribal museum Chachalu for an exhibit called “Rise of the Collectors” that would run through May 2019. Part of the agreement stated that the Tribe would not invoke sovereign immunity and seize the items once they were in the Tribe’s possession. Tribal Historic Preservation Manager Briece Edwards said the items were selected to complement cultural programming that would occur during the almost 12 months that the items would be displayed in Grand Ronde.



2013

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2013 – Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol honored the ways Oregon’s nine Tribes were teaching their children educationally and culturally. Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy briefed Government Day attendees about Grand Ronde Tribal efforts in educating its youth while speaking in the State Capitol rotunda. Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno carried in the Grand Ronde flag during the opening ceremony as an All Nations drum played. All nine Oregon Tribes attended the event.

2008 – Tribal member and Natural Resources employee Jake McKnight won his mixed martial arts fight in a split-decision against Ray Armstrong at the Salem Armory. His coach

was Chris Toquero. It was McKnight’s debut event as a professional fighter.

2003 – Tribal member Denise Ripley was hired to lead the Tribe’s Mentorship Program, which was a two-year pilot program designed to “create opportunities for Tribal members to acquire the necessary education, experience and skills to perform positions of leadership and responsibility for the Tribe,” according to the program’s mission statement. Ripley worked closely with Tribal members James Buxman and Elaine LaBonte as they sought to advance their careers. “You have to design (each program) to the environment they’re in,” Ripley said. “We’re totally flexible. Communication with department heads is key.”

1998 – The Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Cultural Resources Protection Department joined forces to preserve a 75-acre wetland area near Corvallis that a band of the Kalapuya people considered part of their home country. The area, adjacent to Marys River, held special meaning for many Tribal people. The land was originally going to be a housing development, but when the historical and cultural importance of the area was revealed, the plan was halted.

1993 – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier attended the Forest Conference held in Portland with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. The purpose was to discuss both sides of the timber crisis with various political figures, business owners, Tribal officials and environmentalists.

1988 – A hearing on recently introduced legislation by Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin to establish a 9,811-acre Reservation for the Tribe was held in Washington, D.C. On the same day as the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs hearing, Sen. Mark Hatfield introduced companion legislation in the Senate to show his support for the establishment of a Reservation in Yamhill County. AuCoin called the Reservation bill a compromise that worked in the interests of the Tribe and the community.

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