

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 June 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 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, in the Employment Services building, 9615 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 – Sixteen Tribal artifacts from the Summers Collection, housed for the last 118 years in a warehouse outside of London by the British Museum, returned to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and were showcased during the Phase II re-opening of Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center. Enthusiasm to see the historic cultural items was high. An Elders and guest-only admission started early as approximately 30 people arrived promptly to view the remodeled museum. They also welcomed home the artifacts gathered by Episcopal minister Robert Summers in the 1870s from the first Native Americans to inhabit the Grand Ronde Reservation.



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2013 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde acquired 338 acres on the North Santiam River southeast of Salem in Marion County, known as the Chahalpam property and valued at more than \$3.5 million. The purchase was made using funding from the Bonneville Power Administration. The property was acquired through BPA’s Willamette Wildlife Habitat Agreement, a 15-year agreement that required BPA to provide stable funding for habitat acquisitions in the Willamette Basin to offset the effects of federal dams on the Willamette River and its tributaries.

2008 – Tribal member Stephanie Wood researched Native baskets at the University of Oregon’s Natural and Cultural History Museum. Wood, a senior, focused on baskets made when her grandmother, Tribal Elder Opal Davidson, was young. Wood was majoring in cultural anthropology. The 250 baskets she was studying came from Tribes living in the Willamette Valley in the 1800s and early 1900s and were part of the university’s collection housed on the campus. She became involved with the museum after being asked to be a tour guide.

2003 – The first Native Youth Co-ed Basketball Tournament was held in Grand Ronde. The community came out to support the youth during a weekend of “fun, togetherness and basketball.” The event was sponsored by the Tribal Youth Prevention Program and featured teams from Washington and Oregon. The Grand Ronde team was coached by Dustin Harmon. The 13 and younger division had four teams and the 18 and younger division had six teams. The tournament was held in the Tribe’s new gymnasium.

1998 – Spirit Mountain Casino and the Grand Ronde Tribe took home the grand prize for best float more than 35 feet long during the annual Rose Parade in Portland. The display featured a storyteller wearing regalia and a headpiece featuring a Coyote story. Entitled “Adventures of the Spirit,” the float was one of approximately 90 entries in the Rose Festival’s Grand Floral Parade.

1993 – The 1993-94 Grand Ronde Royalty Court was named. Senior princesses were Kristina Dizick and Lisa Schmid. Melanie Summerlin, Sydney Clark and Courtney Warren were junior princesses. During the Royalty competition at the Tribe’s annual powwow in August, they would be judged on participation at required events, personal interviews, public speaking ability, dance ability, knowledge of their Tribe and family history, poise and personality, and regalia.

1988 – Eleven candidates were nominated for three open Tribal Council seats. They were John Allen, Frank Harrison, Merle Holmes, Marvin Kimsey, Gene LaBonte, Ed Larsen, Merle Leno, Tom Leno, Ray McKnight, Darrel Mercier and Riley Porter. The seats were held by Merle Leno, LaBonte and McKnight. Elections were scheduled for September and all voting information would be included in the July edition of *Smoke Signals*.

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