

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək^hmək 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 July 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 mək^hmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 20, remotely via Zoom. 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 – Approximately 110 educators from two different states filled the Tribal gymnasium for the second annual Grand Ronde Education Summit. Teachers from all grade levels learned more about the Grand Ronde Tribe, how to create meaningful Indigenous curriculum and Oregon’s Senate Bill 13.



2018

File photo

2013 – Several Tribal Elders were invited by the Tribe’s Land & Culture Department to record oral histories to increase the Tribal museum’s archive. Tribal Historian David Lewis and Collections Specialist Veronica Montano spearheaded the effort. The museum was undertaking the task of completing oral histories for the 350 Tribal Elders who were listed on the Termination Roll and still living. “We’re trying to do a couple hundred in the next year,” Lewis said. “It’s pretty ambitious.”

2008 – Record high heat and humidity did not deter Grand Ronde Tribal members on their annual pilgrimage to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, which houses Tomanowos, the 15.5-ton meteorite also known as the Willamette meteorite. Tribal Council members Valorie Sheker and Kathleen Tom led a delegation of seven Elders, family members, student interns and representatives from Cultural Resources and Education on the trip.

2003 – Tribal Elder and longtime Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison received an honorary degree from Portland State University in recognition of her commitment to public policy and Tribal government. She was awarded a Doctorate of Humane Letters at the graduation ceremony. Harrison was also a board member of PSU’s Institute of Tribal Government, a component of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.

1998 – The Grand Ronde Tribe was in a dispute with the Grand Ronde Water Association over what it deemed unfair fees charged for installing a water line to the Grand Meadows housing development, prompting the Tribe to file a restraining order to prevent the utility from shutting off water services to the community.

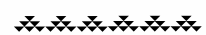
1993 – Staff members at Spirit Mountain Development Corp. had been devoting all of their time and effort to the development of the Tribe’s gaming facility project. The board of directors included Chair Bob Mercier, Vice Chair Mike Larsen, Secretary/Treasurer Pat Mercier and Council liaison Ed Larsen. “SMDC and Tribal Council believe that the gaming facility and related development represents an incredible opportunity for the Tribe to enhance its standing in the community as well as provide funding for important Tribal programs.”

1988 – The U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved a bill for the establishment of a 9,811-acre Reservation for the Grand Ronde Tribe. It was sponsored by Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin. “The varied policies implemented by the federal government in its relations with Indian Tribes over at least the last century have failed, with one of the biggest disasters being the drive in the 1950s to abolish several Indian Tribes, including the Grand Ronde,” AuCoin said. “Establishing the Grand Ronde Reservation is the second step in putting the Tribe and its members back on appropriate social, economic and cultural footing,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

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



CULTURAL EDUCATION



Are you missing out on what Cultural Education has to offer? Follow us on Facebook to get detailed class information, photos from events, and updates.

Plus, check out the tribal calendar for a quick glance of upcoming events and classes.

Open to Tribal and Community members. Join us!



Search Facebook for Grand Ronde Cultural Education

Tribal Calendar // www.grandronde.org/tribal-calendar