

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 email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed 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. Wednesday, May 15, via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **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 first and 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: Reyn Leno.
- **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 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets as needed at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second 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. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.

Health & Wellness Center offering vaccines

The new COVID-19 vaccine, Spikevax, is available at the Health & Wellness Center for adults 18 and older. It is recommended for those with chronic health conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, kidney failure and heart failure, regardless if they have received older vaccines. Spikevax is not a booster.

Another vaccine that is recommended is for RSV, which is available to babies 8 months and younger, for expectant mothers who are 32 to 36 weeks pregnant and in limited amounts for those 60 and older.

For more information, call the Health & Wellness Center at 503-879-2002. ■



2019 – Tribal Council member and Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr. was inducted into the first Willamina High School Hall of Fame at an induction dinner and auction. The event was a benefit for the school’s athletic program. “Steve has made outstanding contributions to the athletic program at Willamina High School as a Bulldog supporter,” Athletic Director Jerry Buczynski said. Bobb attended Willamina High School in the 1960s.

2014 – The Tribe’s Cultural Education and Outreach Program was working on a Chinuk Wawa language application. Tribal members had an opportunity to volunteer to have their photo taken to accompany words in the app. The free app was being made for the iPhone and iPad, and one for the Android operating system was to follow in 2015.

2009 – Tribal member and Youth Education High School Lead/Tutor Chris Bailey was accepted into the Sapsik’wala Teaching Program at the University of Oregon. Sapsik’wala is a teaching degree program that supports education, training and mentoring of Native American teachers. Classes began in June 2009 and ended in August 2010.



2009

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2004 – The Tribe’s Youth Education Department held its annual College & Career Fair in the Tribal gym. More than 200 students attended the fair, which had 34 booths and included representatives from Northwest Indian College, community colleges, state colleges, private universities, military recruiters, lending agencies and job corporations. The purpose of the day was to promote colleges and careers for students after high school graduation.

1999 – For the first time ever, Grand Ronde’s basketball team made the national Indian tournament where they made a valiant effort against some tough competition. Melvin Brisbois, Richard Brisbois, Haa-nah Mike, Issack Kentta, Lenny Logan and Duane Manyhides played some tough games in the National Indian Athletic Association’s 26th annual basketball championship in Salem, but did not bring home any victories.

1994 – Tribal Council and the Spirit Mountain Development Corp. developed an employment policy for staffing the new gaming center. Bruce Thomas, the corporation’s executive director, said that if a Tribal member and non-Tribal worker applied for the same job, the Tribal member would be given preference – if the two were judged to be equal in all requirements.

1989 – The Tribe’s annual Memorial Day gathering was set for Saturday, May 27. It was held at the Grand Ronde Elementary School.

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

FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for a food program to help youth in the Sheridan area for weekends and non school days. Now through May 15th

DROP-OFF LOCATION:

Elder Activity Center
48940 Blacktail Drive
Grand Ronde, OR

ITEMS NEEDED:

Non Perishable, Individual items would be preferred.
Mac and Cheese, Noodles, Fruit Cups, Granola Bars, Cheese and Crackers, Soup, etc. All items are appreciated!

