

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. There will be no distribution on Wednesday, June 19, as the food bank will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.

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. Friday, June 21 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.

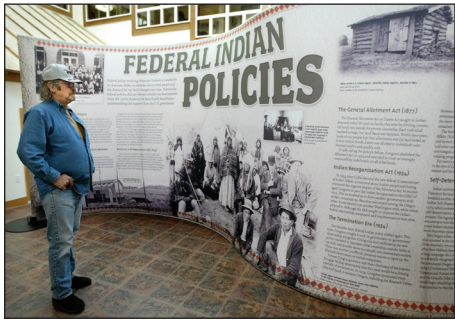
For more information, call the Health & Wellness Center at 503-879-2002. ■



2019 – The 17th annual Memorial Day ceremony was held at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. Fifteen names were added to the four black granite pillars that represent the major branches of the U.S. armed forces.

2014 – A meeting was held to discuss the new 3,300-square-foot food bank under construction in Grand Ronde. With \$500,000 from a federal Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block grant and a \$167,000 Tribal Housing Authority match, the Tribe designed and was building a new, larger and more comprehensive food collection and distribution center for the community. The new facility replaced the location in the old house at the entrance of uyxat Powwow Grounds off Hebo Road.

2009 – Three Grand Ronde Tribal buildings hosted an exhibit of historical panels. “Oregon Is Indian Country,” a traveling exhibit of the Oregon Historical Society, included three panels, each describing part of the Native experience in Oregon. The Historical Society created the project in cooperation with Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes.



2009

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2004 – The second annual Agency Creek Round Dance took place in the Tribal gym. The two-night dance was hosted by the Grand Ronde Tribal Youth Social Services Program. Drum groups from as far away as Warm Springs, Umatilla, Yakama and Saskatchewan, Canada, attended the dance. There were singers from well-known drum groups Black Lodge, Blackstone and Grand Ronde’s own Eagle Beak Singers.

1999 – Oregon Native American Week was celebrated at the Oregon State Capitol building in Salem. For the third year in a row, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber proclaimed the third week in May to be Native American Week in Oregon. The signing of the proclamation coincided with Tribal Information Day at the capitol. Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, Junior Miss Grand Ronde Ali Holsclaw and Miss Tiny Tot Halona Butler represented the Tribe at the event.

1994 – Tribal member Kathy Tom, who worked at the Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Facility in Keizer, hosted a Mother’s Day brunch for the Tribe’s Elder women at the facility. Tom said the meal was a way of honoring Elders as well as the Tribe’s women who have done so much. The mothers were joined by many of the Nanitch staff and clients.

1989 – At the close of winter term 1989, the Tribal Education Program assisted a total of 23 students in the Higher Education Program; 16 in the Employment Assistance – Adult Vocational Training and 13 in Adult Education. The projected enrollment outlook for fall term 1989 indicated the Tribe would have approximately 30 students enrolled in Higher Education, with 20 participating in Adult Vocational Training Programs.

1984 – Tribal Council members Kathryn Harrison, Merle Leno and Candy Robertson attended the “Presidents Commission on Indian Reservations Economies” workshop held in Spokane, Wash.

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

MAPLE BARK WORKSHOP

We will be processing Maple Bark & making skirts



JUNE 1ST 9-6 & JUNE 2ND 9-12PM

YOUTH AGES 10-24 PARENTS/ GUARDIANS WELCOME MEAL PROVIDED



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