

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 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. There will be no distribution on Wednesday, July 3, or Friday, July 5, as the food bank will be closed for the July 4 holiday weekend.

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 1 p.m. Monday, July 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. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **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: Harris Reibach.
- **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 Wilkin-son.
- **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.

Vaccines available now

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 – Approximately 200 educators from two different states attended the third annual Grand Ronde Education Summit held at Spirit Mountain Casino. Teachers from all grade levels came to learn more about the Grand Ronde Tribe, how to create meaningful Native American curriculum and how to teach new standards required by Oregon’s Senate Bill 13. Senate Bill 13 required the Oregon Department of Education to develop curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon. This includes Tribal history, sovereignty, culture, treaty rights, government, socioeconomic experiences and current events.

2014 – Tribal Council approved contracts to build two new buildings. The first was the Employment Services building on the Tribal campus next to the Community Center. The second was a food bank building on the Curl Property on the west side of Grand Ronde Road across from the Tribal Housing Authority office.

2009 – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family participated in the Paddle on the Willamette. The 26-mile paddle started at Willamette Falls in Oregon City and finished at Kelley Point Park in Portland.

2004 – “A Journey of Tradition” won the Sweepstakes Award in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. The Spirit Mountain Casino float depicted a traditional Chinookian family in a Western red cedar canoe gathering plants native to Grand Ronde, such as wapato, skunk cabbage and camas. The Sweepstakes Award was awarded to the most outstanding float.



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1999 – The Tribe hosted a gathering at the Portland Art Museum for Spirit Mountain Community Fund grant recipients. One grant was in the amount of \$15,150 to the nonprofit A Child’s Place/Un Lugar Para Ninos for a school readiness project.

1994 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier joined other Tribal officials and leaders from across Oregon in participating in the Grand Floral Parade in Portland. The parade was televised throughout most of the Western states.

1989 – Tribal youth and Elders got together for dance and craft classes held weekly at the Tribal office. The classes were for anyone who wanted to learn how to dance or just wanted to come and watch and make new friends. The main purpose of the classes was so everyone had the opportunity to learn how to bead and dance, but did not want to start learning in the middle of powwow.

1984 – Tribal member Toni Mercier represented her Tribe at the Delta Park Powwow in Portland during the Rose Festival. She was first runner-up for the Junior Miss Delta Park Princess Contest.

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

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