

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.

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 – The Tribe unveiled a bronze statue of three visionaries, Marvin Kimsey, Margaret Provost and Merle Holmes, who began the Tribe’s Restoration efforts in the early 1970s and campaigned extensively to gather public and legislative support.



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2014 – The Tribe donated \$5,000 to the Navajo Code Talker Association to help build a Navajo Code Talker Museum. Speaking in Navajo, the code talkers serving during World War II were able to prevent the Japanese military from decoding transmissions.

2009 – The Grand Ronde Tribal Council and West Valley Fire District entered an intergovernmental agreement to provide around-the-clock and faster fire and emergency medical coverage in the Grand Ronde area, including Spirit Mountain Casino and Lodge, the Tribe’s government campus and Tribal housing areas. The agreement called for the Tribe to build a fire substation on 2.5 acres of Tribal land at the southeast corner of Grand Ronde and McPherson roads.

2004 – Artists John and Gail Hawks opened Spirit Hawk Inc. in Sheridan, intending for it to serve as a “gathering place for the Indian Nation.” The complex would include an art gallery, sales of materials for Native crafts, a restaurant offering Native foods, Indigenous arboretum, teepee campsites and other amenities.

1999 – The Tribal Council invited comment on a proposed ordinance to establish the Grand Ronde Tribal Health Authority to oversee general operation of the clinic and other Tribal health programs, with a goal of providing Tribal members high-quality health care.

1994 – The Indian Law Technical Corrections Act, Senate Bill 1954, was signed by President Clinton on May 31 and approved by the Department of the Interior in June, clearing the Tribe to proceed with building its proposed multi-million-dollar gaming facility. Spirit Mountain Development Corporation expected the facility to open in 1995.

1989 – Tribal Council Secretary Kathryn Harrison, the first woman to serve as Tribal Council chair, was elected as delegate-at-large for the Oregon Women’s Political Caucus. Harrison represented the Tribe as a delegate to the National Congress of American Indians and to the Commission on Indian Affairs. She organized a panel of Native American women for the annual meeting of the Oregon Caucus. Harrison was honored at the National Women’s Political Caucus in St. Paul, Minnesota, for her accomplishments.

1984 – The interim Tribal Council announced to the general membership the completion of the Tribal Constitution and by-laws, meeting the requirement in the Tribe’s Restoration bill. The documents had been sent to Washington, D.C. for approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

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