

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 August 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 mək^hmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, 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 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.

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 – Chachalu Museum opened a new temporary exhibit, “Witness,” that told the story of Tomanowos, and included a 110-pound foam replica of the sacred meteorite, created by artist Garrick Imatani. The exhibit was 4 years in the making, and included items loaned from several other institutions, and a video of visits to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, where the meteorite is now housed. The exhibit also contained a film depicting an imaginary journey home by Tomanowos, which was originally removed from the Willamette Valley from land that had once belonged to the Tribe.

2014 – The Tribe broke ground for its new Human Resources, TERO and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs building in late July. The 12,000-square-foot building was expected to be completed by spring 2015 and was intended to be a “one-stop-shop” for members seeking Tribal employment.



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2009 – Grand Ronde Station announced it would be open 24 hours a day, and was switching to environmentally-friendly take-out containers made from wheat and utensils made from cornstarch, rather than plastic. Convenience Store Assistant Manager Margie Holmes said that loggers and casino employees often needed to dine late at night or in the early morning hours, and the new schedule would make it easier to accommodate them.

2004 – Veterans turned out in force for the 2004 Veterans Powwow, celebrated on a weekend of perfect weather. Announcers Nick Sixkiller (Cherokee) and Tribal Elder Bob Tom presided over the ceremonies, while host drum Eagle Beak Drummers were joined by Northwest Connection, Warner Austin, White Wolf Singers, Redland and the Chet Clark Group.

1999 – The Cultural Resources Department hosted a daylong cultural heritage workshop at the new Governance Center to inform members about efforts to recover ancestral artifacts and remains, revive Native language, and the link between Grand Ronde and Iroquois Tribes. According to Historian Bruce Watson from Vancouver College in British Columbia, at least six Iroquois who were employed by the Northwest Fur Trading Company came to Oregon, where they married members of local Tribes and lived near each other on the Yamhill River.

1994 – The Tribe reached an agreement with Polk County to hire a deputy to begin patrolling Grand Ronde, to combat increasing crime and drug use. The Tribe agreed to pay for the new deputy’s salary and benefits. In exchange, the agreement called for patrolling both Tribal and non-Tribal lands.

1989 – Tribal Chairman Mark A. Mercier reported to the council and Tribe that the Tribe was seeking to purchase available property in the Grand Ronde area. He received council authorization to work with a real estate consultant to appraise potential properties.

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Event Details:

August 2nd, 2024
Elder Activity Center
Blacktail Drive, Grand Ronde
10am to 2pm
• Tribal Members will be selling
their hard work

