

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 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 məkʰmək 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 Wilkin-
- **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.

Construction zone

Now through Dec. 31, 2024, construction is occurring for the new child development center. During this time, there will be construction traffic using the loop road around the old powwow grounds across the street from the Governance Center.

The road surrounding the old powwow grounds will have restricted access to allow the contractor adequate space to access the site, as well as store materials and equipment.

For more information, contact 503-879-2404 or Ryan.Webb@grandronde.org. ■



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2019 – Tribal Elder Ann Lewis had her work displayed at the Willamette Valley Vineyards tasting room and the Washington County Museum. She took up painting later in life during a wine and art class.

2014 – Tribal Council announced that it had passed amendments removing itself from the disenrollment process, to “remove these decisions from the influences of political process in a more appropriate way.”

2009 – The Tribe increased its trust land holdings when 40.44 acres were officially granted trust status by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This increased the total amount of acres in trust land holdings to 396.23 and the acres owned in Yamhill County to 10,839.47.

2004 – Sam McCracken (Fort Peck/Sious and Assiniboine), Nike’s Native American Business Manager, spoke with 25 youth from Grand Ronde about his life and choices. McCracken, who left his reservation at the age of 19, began working in the warehouse at Nike but eventually went on to create his own position, which he used to help support Native communities.

1999 – The Eagle Beak Singers invited two young adolescents to learn from “Grandfather drum,” part of their ongoing program to watch for potential new young singers and drummers.

1994 – Tribal Elder Harold Blair’s donation of \$45,000 enabled the Tribe to purchase a mini-bus with a wheelchair lift for senior services transports. Blair had sold some of his land to Hampton Lumber, and said he wanted to do something for Elders, particularly those who did not have transportation and had difficulty getting to Tribal events.

1989 – Darrel Mercier, Gene LaBonte, Patti Tom-Martin, Bob Mercier, Larry Brandon, Val Grout, Russ Leno, Kathryn Harrison, Gary Reibach, Tom Leno and Merle Leno ran for election to the Tribal Council. The Tribe had been reinstated for just six years and was working on implementing its master plan.

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

EMERGENCY KIT ESSENTIAL ITEMS

- Non-Perishable food items
- First aid kit
- Personal medications
- Bottled water
- Flash light
- Extra clothes
- Matches or lighters
- Credit cards/cash
- Important documents
- Blankets
- Batteries



For more information reach out to your local fire agency or contact:
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