

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 October 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. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11 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.

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. ■



2019 – The Tribe sent 10 members to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of Native American activists takeover of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay for 19 months in 1969. The takeover is credited with helping to pave the way for Tribal self-rule and for leading to the return of several million acres of ancestral land.

2014 – The Tribe’s Emergency Management Advisory Council held its first meeting to discuss preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake that could hit the Pacific Northwest at any time in the next 50 years. Help from outside would be unlikely to come for weeks or months, and the Advisory Council wanted all members to understand their role, and work to ensure that families have emergency kits and an understanding of what to expect.



2014 File photo

2009 – With worries about the H1N1 swine flu circulating, the Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino were preparing for a potentially severe flu season, with a separate entrance at the Health & Wellness Center for people with flu symptoms. They also provided reminders to people to keep themselves prepared with a two-week supply of medicine, food and cleaning supplies in their homes, to practice good hand-washing techniques, cover their coughs and sneezes, and clean and disinfect their work areas often. People were also advised to keep a balance of paid time off available to be able to stay home for a week to 10 days if they became ill.

2004 – A delegation of Tribal members attended the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., joining thousands of Native Americans from across the nation. Tribes helped to fund, design, curate and landscape of the 250,000-square-foot building on the National Mall. However, some criticized it for failing to adequately address how European settlers and later Americans treated the first peoples.

1999 – The Tribe thanked outgoing Tribal Council members Chips Tom and Mark Mercier for their service to the Tribe with cake, gifts and remembrances by friends and family members. Tom was presented with a Pendleton jacket and Mercier with a Pendleton blanket.

1994 – Three new Tribal Council members were sworn into office: Bob Haller, Ed Pearsall and Eugene LaBonte. Haller and Pearsall were new to the office, while LaBonte had served on council in an earlier term.

1989 – An outbreak of giardia in the West Valley was reported to have affected at least 12 people, with one person in Yamhill and one in Dayton also affected. The Yamhill County Public Health Department was unable to determine the source. The parasite is often found in river water.

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



Learn more about our efforts to digitize and catalog boarding school records from **Chemawa, Cushman, and Mt. Edgecumbe** Indian boarding schools in our **October 17th** Listening Session. **A meal will be provided.**

This listening session is led by the NABS Digital Archives team in collaboration with the Grand Ronde Tribal Library.

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