

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.”

Food box distribution dates may be different due to Tribal holidays on Friday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29. Call 503-879-3663 for details.

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 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link and date.
- **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

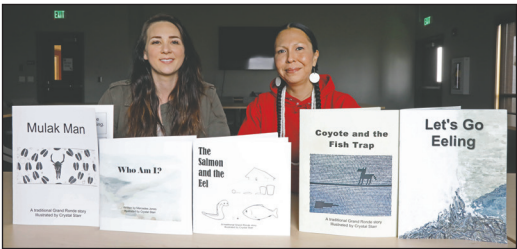
Now through Dec. 31, 2024, construction is occurring for the new child development center. During this time, there will be construction traffic using the loop road around the old powwow grounds across the street from the Governance Center.

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 – Educators Mercedes Jones and Judith Fernandes worked with Chinuk Language Specialist Crystal Starr Szczepanski to create children’s books about traditional Grand Ronde stories. The books were created to help Tribal children see themselves reflected in their school story books.



2019 File photo

2014 – Following a new ordinance, the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department began issuing concealed carry permits on Tribal lands. The permits were valid only on designated Grand Ronde lands, and weapons could not be carried inside buildings or locations where Tribal business was taking place.

2009 – Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy was scheduled to meet with President Barack Obama as a participant in the president’s Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C.

2004 – The Tribe’s Project Manager held a meeting to let local residents provide comments on a proposed road-widening project along Grand Ronde Road to add crosswalks, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, along with other safety improvements intended to accommodate children walking to and from school, as well as other pedestrians and cyclists.

1999 – The Cultural Resources Department succeeded in repatriating the remains of 180 men, women and children who had been stolen from their original burial places and incarcerated in museum vaults. A Smoke Signals article said, “These people represent only a small fraction of ancestors who still remain in various museums, institutions and private collections all over the United States and around the world,” and the department pledged to continue its work.

1994 – Tribal member Jacqueline Grant, the Director of Eastern Oregon State College’s Native American program, was selected to receive a 1994 TRIO Achievers Award in Washington, D.C. The TRIO program offered educational opportunity programs to low-income and disadvantaged students interested in college.

1989 – The Tribal Accounting Department was finishing up work on the 1988 and 1989 audits, and planning to start work within the next six months on an accounting manual and procedures.

1984 – The Tribe held its first Restoration Powwow, with 1,000-plus people in attendance. U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin gave a keynote speech to celebrate the Tribe’s first year of being restored to official recognition by the federal government, and presented the Tribe with the framed Restoration Bill.

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

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