

Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in May

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.”

In reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will be holding May food distributions only from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

“We are asking clients to not come for a food box if they are having any symptoms or concerned about their health,” Ambrose said. “We are going to limit our geographic service area to Sheridan to Otis on Highway 18 and Sheridan to Hebo on Highway 22. We are asking clients and volunteers to wash their hands immediately upon entry to the building. Our lobby is closed until further notice.

“Food box distribution is happening outside while maintaining a safe distance between clients. We are sanitizing and keeping the food quarantined for three days before distribution. Pre-made boxes are available on distribution days, limited to two days of food for two adults. Clients within our geographic service area are still welcome to visit us weekly.”

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. 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 e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marion-polkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting has not been scheduled. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
- **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: Bryan Langley.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Simone Auger.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the first Monday 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. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Rich VanAtta.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.

(Editor’s note: All committee and special event board meetings have been suspended during the Tribe’s limited shutdown in reaction to the coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – TriMet’s new bridge across the Willamette River not only had a Chinuk Wawa name – Tilikum Crossing – but also three prominent pieces of Tribal artwork decorating it. The Tribe gifted two basalt carvings and a large bronze medallion to help remind Portland and its residents that Native Americans have lived and continue to live along the shores of the river since time immemorial.



2015 File photo

2010 – Tribal member Jake McKnight patrolled the Grand Ronde Reservation as its Forest Patrol officer. His investigations on the 10,000-acre reservation included a slew of criminal activities ranging from poaching game and dumping garbage to stealing firewood and growing marijuana. In addition, McKnight was soliciting the help of members of the public who used the forest most if they saw any evidence of illegal activity.

2005 – Spirit Mountain Casino opened a 163-room expansion of the Spirit Mountain Lodge, bringing the total number of rooms to 254. Approximately 200 people attended a ribbon-cutting event that featured comedian Jay Leno. The expansion included 12 new Jacuzzi suites, a gift shop, continental breakfast room and 35 new jobs.

2000 – The Tribe donated \$10,000 toward the installation of rumble strips on Highway 18. Tribal Council authorized the donation because of concerns regarding highway safety. “We want to continue our tradition of sharing with the community and we believe this is an important issue,” Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison said.

1995 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde approved the Upper Agency Creek restoration and recreation projects. The purpose was to implement projects that would restore fish and wildlife habitat to the area, and expand recreational and educational opportunities for the public.

1990 – Miss Grand Ronde Jolene Poole, her mother Annabelle Poole and grandmother Leona Severin had the opportunity to meet with Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt at the Magnolia Manor Nursing Home, where Severin resided. The governor was there at the request of a patient for her 100th birthday celebration.

1985 – Results of the recent Tribal Council election were released with a tie between Russell Leno and Frank Harrison for the eighth and ninth seat. The seven other council members elected were Kathryn Harrison, Henry Petite, Darrell Mercier, Eula Petite, Merle Leno, Mark Mercier and Cheryl A. Kennedy.

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