

Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in August

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 August food distributions 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 is continuing to disburse Farmers to Families food boxes from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at various locations and has started Farm Share Rx program with 35 farm shares being distributed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the food bank. It is a first-come, first-served distribution until the shares are depleted.

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 will be held Friday, Aug. 28, using the Zoom conferencing program. 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 in-person meetings have been suspended during the Tribe's reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.)



2015 – Archeology students from the University of Washington in Seattle participated in an archeological dig at a site on Grand Ronde Road. The Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, in collaboration with the university's Department of Anthropology, hosted a summer archeology “field school” on the Tribal homelands for students. The course, “Field Methods in Indigenous Archeology,” taught students how to document and preserve Tribal cultural resources by working with Tribal staff and students. “There is a need for additional information about the time period from the settlement of the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation up until Termination,” Tribal Historic Preservation Program Manager David Harrelson said. “This is an era of history where we don't have living people to tell us about those days and so the material evidence by archeology can help with that.”



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2010 – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family completed the Paddle to Makah in Neah Bay, Wash. More than 80 canoes participated in the journey. Tribal member and Grand Ronde Canoe Family skipper Bobby Mercier introduced the family during the Landing Day ceremony. Other participants included Social Services Manager David Fullerton, Tribal members Brian Krehbiel, Kailiyah Krehbiel, Shannon Stanton, Kalene Contreras and Christina Lara, and Elder Henry Petite.

2005 – A group from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde visited New York City and the American Museum of Natural History to see Tomanowos, a 15.5-ton meteorite that holds spiritual and cultural significance to the Tribe. “It holds a lot of power,” Tribal member and Language Specialist Bobby Mercier said. “Who knows how many generations before us have touched it in the same spots that we have.” Other members of the Grand Ronde delegation included Elder and past Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison, Elders Pat Allen, Betty Lambert and Patsy Pullin, and Tribal members Hope Lafferty, Ashley Bedortha, Denise Harvey, Alicia Selwyn and Tribal Council member Angie Blackwell.

2000 – Grand Ronde's Polk County Sheriff's Office deputies contingent grew to six. Sgt. Jeff VanLaanen and Deputy Allister Bunch were the latest additions to the Grand Ronde community. VanLaanen had worked in the area before and recently returned as a supervisor. Bunch was a former Los Angeles Police Department officer and had moved to Polk County after living in Southern California for many years.

1995 – A historical marker was unveiled in Grand Ronde, marking the 97th marker to be erected for Oregon's Historical Marker Program. The marker, located one-fourth of a mile east of Grand Ronde Road, depicted Tribal photos and a summary of the history of the Grand Ronde Tribe and its people. Tribal Council and staff members had been working on the marker project for several years. The process included meeting about location, text and design of the marker. At the dedication ceremony, Tribal Elder Ila Dowd delivered “The Lord's Prayer” in Chinuk Wawa.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Sheridan, SW Polk and West Valley Fire Districts are recruiting volunteers for fire response, emergency medical response, and support functions. Please see our websites for volunteer applications and instructions.

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