

## 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 limiting 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](http://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. 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](mailto: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 at 10 a.m. 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](mailto: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** – Grand Ronde Tribal artisans joined other artists from throughout Oregon who were being featured as part of the Ikanum art exhibit at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. Ikanum featured contemporary artwork from the Columbia River and Willamette Valley. The art form is of traditional stories that were often told through markings on a wall, the pattern in a weave, shadows cast in a piece of wood or stone, and the deliberate forms in nature. Featured artists included Grand Ronde Tribal members Greg Archuleta, Connie Graves, Jon A. George, David Harrelson, Brian Krehbiel, Bobby Mercier, Jordan Mercier and Travis Stewart.

**2010** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted an event in honor of Sue Shaffer, a former chairwoman of the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, for her years of service to Indian County, both in Oregon and nationally. The event was emceed by Tribal Council Secretary Kathleen Tom and attended by Tribal Council members Wink Soderberg, Steve Bobb Sr., June Sell-Sherer, Valorie Sheker and Chairwoman Cheryl A. Kennedy. “We are a witness of greatness,” Kennedy said, adding that Tribal sovereignty had been a goal of Shaffer’s for many years.



2010

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**2005** – More than 70 canoes from Tribes as far north as St. Paul, Alaska, and as far south as Grand Ronde participated in the 2005 “healing and unity” Canoe Journey. The 200-mile “Paddle to Elwha,” journey began at the Squaxin Island Tribe in Shelton, Wash., and ended in Port Angeles, Wash. The trip took 12 days. “This event helps strengthen unity between the old Tribes,” Tribal member and Language Specialist Bobby Mercier said. “Just getting the traditional feeling back was a big thing for us.”

**2000** – The Tribal Elders housing site was dedicated, bringing to fruition an idea that had been in the works since Restoration to build affordable housing for Elders. Tribal leaders were seeking to build a community within a community, a place where Elders would be safe, comfortable and close to each other. “During Restoration, Elders would call and a lot of them wanted to come back, but we didn’t have a place for them to live,” Tribal Chair Kathryn Harrison said. “Now, today when they call and want to come home, we say, ‘Yeah, come on, we got a place.’”

**1995** – Spirit Mountain Casino’s Job Fair attracted more than 1,000 applicants who had the opportunity to fill out job applications and have on-the-spot interviews. The casino planned to hire 850 people for full- and part-time work in 59 different job categories. Job seekers hailed primarily from the West Valley communities near the casino.

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



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