

Food Bank providing boxes on Fridays in September

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 September 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.

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 the 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 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, Sept. 18, 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 – Tribal members, who were descendants of the original tilixam “people” of the Portland area, led the way at the grand opening of the new Tilikum Crossing Bridge in Portland. In the interest of giving the general public a word that was easy to pronounce, the Tribe proposed spelling the word with a “k” instead of an “x” as it is in Chinuk Wawa. The Grand Ronde Honor Guard led the procession of Tribal members alongside the first ride of TriMet’s Orange Line during the grand opening celebration. “This is truly a wonderful moment, a blessed time,” Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said.



2015

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2010 – The Grand Ronde Tribe submitted a 155-page comment on the Cascade Locks resort and casino project proposed by the Warm Springs Tribe to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. “Grand Ronde is significantly affected and very concerned by the Cascade Locks Resort and Casino Project and is troubled by the Bureau’s failure to address Grand Ronde DEIS comments,” wrote Tribal Attorney Rob Greene. More than two years after holding public comment sessions in Oregon and Washington in 2007, the BIA issued an Aug. 6 final environmental impact statement naming Cascade Locks as the preferred alternative for the Warm Springs Tribe to build an off-Reservation casino in the Columbia River Gorge.

2005 – The Tribe and Portland State University were planning to offer a class called “Great Tribal Leaders of Modern Times” and hold it in the Education Building on the Tribal campus. The series would present videotaped interviews with modern Tribal leaders, and span the fields of political science, American history, Native American studies, U.S. government, multi-cultural studies and sociology. Almost 30 Tribal leaders had been interviewed for the series, including Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison.

2000 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted a group from Willamette National Forest for a tour of the Reservation and Tribal campus. The five ranger districts and the Tribe came together for two days of team building and learning. The event followed a memorandum of understanding that was signed earlier in the year. Under the agreement, the Forest Service and Tribe agreed to work together on projects and gain input on ideas that affected all parties involved.

1995 – Kathryn Harrison and Ed Larsen were re-elected to Tribal Council for three-year terms. Margaret Provost took Andy Jenness’ seat as he opted not to run for another term. More than 600 Tribal members voted in the election, making it the most widely participated one the Tribe had ever had.

1990 – Tribal youth Shonn Leno traveled to the National High School Wrestling Championships. He was one of the team members representing Oregon. Of 40 wrestlers in his bracket, Leno placed 10th. He qualified for the national tournament by placing second in the state for Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling at a private competition, and third in the state for high school championships as a freshman.

1985 – The Western Oregon Unit of the Indian Health Service needed to keep current information on those who used it. Those who had not completed an application for 1985 were encouraged to do so as soon as possible. All health care funding was dependent on the number of Tribal members participating.

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