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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."

In reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold October 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.

The Farmers to Families food box distributions that were occurring on Tuesdays in Grand Ronde have been discontinued until a new distributor is set up. Please follow the Food Bank on Facebook for updates about how and when distributions will start again.

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@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 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
- Editorial Board meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, using the Zoom conferencing program. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@
- 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
- 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 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund topped \$67 million in giving. Since its inception in 1997, the charitable arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde had awarded 2,214 grants totaling more than \$67 million to area nonprofits. Tribal member Kathleen George, the Community Fund's director, welcomed grant recipients to Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, where the third-quarter grant distribution was held. During the ceremony, the fund distributed 43 grants totaling more than \$1.8 million.

2010 - The Tribal plankhouse grand opening was a three-day event that represented not only a new cultural landmark for the Tribe, but individual growth in impressive ways for Tribal members. Tribal member and Language and Culture Specialist Bobby Mercier took the lead in the plankhouse creation. "Bobby's a pretty good leader for the young people," said Tribal Elder Margaret Provost, who led the Tribe's successful Res-



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toration effort that culminated in 1983. "It's very hard to organize young people."

2005 – Housing construction was visible at the Tribe's new 20-acre site south of Tyee Road, which would include 72 mixed-income units. "They could come as fast as a house a day," Development Construction Coordinator Duane Hussey said. "All of the road bases are in. All of the sewer lines are in. Fifty percent of the water lines are in." The construction plan included setting up a plant right on site to build the wood-framed structures, and 50 homes had been completed so far. The project also would include 12 one-bedroom units, two five-bedroom units and eight four-bedroom units.

2000 - Grand Ronde Housing Director Linda Layden was named Indian Health Authority's Executive Director of the Year. She received the honor at the Northwest Indian Housing Association's annual meeting and awards banquet in Port Angeles, Wash. Layden had served as Tribal Housing Executive Director since 1996. "I was shocked," she said. "And I was really pleased."

1995 – Tribal members were invited to enjoy the very first look inside the new Spirit Mountain Casino during a special open house. Informal tours of the 90,000-square-foot facility were planned so that Tribal members could view the glass-domed rotunda, 21-foot ceilings, and jackpot sounds and light displays. Some of the more elaborate displays included an exploding Mount Saint Helens and Spruce Goose airplane that took off overhead. A highlight was viewing the twice life-sized bronze statue depicting historic Tribal member Martha Jane Sands, which would greet visitors at the main entrance to the casino.

1990 - Tribal Council was in the process of acquiring four modular units for the Tribe to move into so it would be possible to vacate the Manor building. "We hope to be moved into the modular units sometime in November," Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier said. "About two years ago, the Tribe considered the option of purchasing the manor building. We had an architectural study conducted, and the finding was that it would cost \$250,000 to renovate it into usable office space."

1985 – Carol Terp joined the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde as a Community Health nurse. She was available for home visits, blood pressure monitoring and general health information.

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