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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 continuing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold November food distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21. The Food Bank will be closed Thanksgiving week, Nov. 23-27.

"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 found. 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, Nov. 20, 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 4 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 - Grand Ronde Tribal member Marcel Allen won the 40th annual World Junior **Bull Riding Championship** at the 2015 Indian Nation Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas, Nev. Allen qualified for the world championship after winning three of seven bull riding events the past summer. "There were a lot more people," Allen said. "There was a different setup and it was just a whole different thing. I was super excited about the whole thing. It was fun."

2010 – Oregonians rejected a private casino proposal in Wood Village in the November general election. "I hope they got the point," Tribal Council member Chris Mer-



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cier said. "Sixty-eight to 32 is a very convincing statement." If approved, the measure would have been the first step in opening the door for a privately owned casino in Oregon.

2005 – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. testified before Congress with other Tribal gaming representatives from across the United States. They traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge their representatives to block other Tribes from setting up casinos outside their Reservations. Kennedy said her three main concerns were an explosion of off-Reservation casinos that undermined the policy foundation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, off-Reservation casinos threatened public support for existing Tribal gaming, and each approval of an off-Reservation casino set a bad precedent by changing the nature of Tribal gaming.

2000 - Warm Springs Tribal member Alyssa Macy was named the third recipient of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship. She was slated to begin work as a liaison for Native American issues in Rep. Darlene Hooley's office. "This definitely creates more possibilities for me," she said. "And I've always wanted to get a good understanding of how policies are developed."

1995 – The Grand Ronde water tank project was almost complete. The last phase of construction had begun and was scheduled to be on line in early 1996. The 500,000-gallon tank would provide water to Grand Ronde residences and businesses, as well as add to the fire protection in the area, and would allow a moratorium on new water hookups to be lifted. The water tank was the result of cooperative efforts between the Grand Ronde Tribe, Grand Ronde Community Water Association, the Economic Development Association, Housing and Urban Development and Spirit Mountain Development Asso-

1990 – A landmark bill honoring America's First People was passed by Congress. It designated the month of November to be recognized as National American Indian Heritage Month. Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, Rep. Eni Falcomavaega of American Samoa, letters of support from Tribes and the American Indian Heritage Foundation spent several years securing national support and the more than 270 necessary votes.

1985 - The Tribe's new Parent Committee officers were Chair Margo George, Vice Chair Mike Larsen, Secretary Sandra Roselle, Treasurer Lennis Mercier, Coordinator Jayne Mercier, L.E.A. Darlene Kepford, Teacher Representative Becky Fendall and Alternate Teacher Representative Sandra Petty.

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