

# 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 January food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting on Jan. 8. The Food Bank is closed Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday.

“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@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 Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan 22, 2021, 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.)



**2016** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde finalized purchase of the 31-acre Multnomah Greyhound Park site in Wood Village. The Tribe closed on the property in December. The site, which was no longer used for dog racing, was listed for sale at \$11.2 million in 2015. “Economic diversification has always been a priority for our Tribe and our membership,” Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said. “We have worked hard since our Tribe was restored to become self-sufficient, and to provide essential programs for our members. Striving toward a diversified economy is an objective that helps us prepare for the future.”

**2011** – The Tribal plankhouse received a name. “achaf-hammi” is a Tualatin-Kalapuya word meaning “a house built of cedar planks.” The name was finalized in December, said Tribal member Bobby Mercier, the Tribe’s language and cultural specialist. Henry Zenk, an anthropologist and friend of the Tribe, helped with the translation.



2011

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**2006** – Tribal Elder Steve Bobb Sr. created a memorial to loggers who lost their lives on the job. His work, “View from the Top,” was a bronze statue of a logger at the top of a large tree and was put on display at Coyote Joe’s restaurant in Willamina. The idea came to Bobb while he and wife Connie were driving home to Willamina from the Oregon coast, and the couple saw a memorial dedicated to fishermen lost at sea. “So I thought, why couldn’t we do that same thing with people who had lost their lives in the timber industry?” Bobb said.

**2001** – Tribal member Tim Holmes was awarded the Paul G. Hearne Award for leadership. “It’s a tremendous honor to be selected,” Holmes said. “I would have never dreamed of it.” The awards program was established in 1999 in honor of the founder of the American Association of People with Disabilities. The program recognized emerging leaders with disabilities who demonstrated leadership while having a positive impact on the community of people with disabilities.

**1996** – The Tribe’s Education Department hosted 30 representatives of the Oregon Indian Education Council, an advisory board to the Oregon Department of Education. Participants were welcomed by Tribal Council Chair Mark Mercier and Vice Chair Kathryn Harrison. Tasks that the OIEC was looking to undertake included establishing of partnerships with school districts and educational institutions, supporting cultural competence training for teachers, and advocating for Indian education.

**1991** – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was putting together a two-part survey to assess the needs and desires of the Tribal population. One questionnaire was designed to collect socioeconomic, demographic and health-related information concerning 1,000 Tribal households. The other questionnaire would assess attitudes of 600 randomly selected Tribal member adults toward economic development plans in the service area that included Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Tillamook counties.

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

## Community Health Program

### Medical Transport Services

Medical transportation services are available to Tribal members within the six-county service area when an alternate means of transportation is not available. Advance notice required.

Please call 503-879-2078 to schedule a reservation.

