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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 January food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting on Jan. 8.

"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, 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 – Tribal member and Grand Ronde Police Department Sgt. Jake McKnight was tapped to take over as police chief for retiring chief and Tribal Elder Al LaChance. McKnight was hired as the Tribe's first police officer after graduating from the Oregon Public Safety Academy in 2011. Additionally, a Tribal Security Department was created to bring security services in-house.



2016

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2011 – The Salem-Keizer School Board voted to name its new elementary school after the Kalapuya Tribes of the Willamette Valley, making it the first Salem-Keizer school building name in honor of Oregon's Native American culture. The Kalapuya Tribe is one of the five principal Tribes of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Salem-Keizer School Board members acknowledged during the meeting that the Kalapuya peoples had a long history in Oregon.

2006 – An icon of the American Indian Movement visited Grand Ronde and talked to Tribal members about the importance of knowing their history. Robert Robindeau was one of four men indicted in a firefight that resulted in the deaths of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. He was acquitted on the grounds of self-defense. He spoke about the history of the American Indian Movement, which began during the civil rights era in the 1960s. "We, too, thought it was time to stand up and lend a voice to the oppression we were feeling," Robindeau said.

2001 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted the American Indian/Alaska Native Leadership Academy at Spirit Mountain Casino. Willamina High School Native American Club President Teresa Henry provided the welcome for participants, which included 96 youths from Portland, Salem and Willamina. Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Ila Dowd gave the invocation and the Eagle Beak Singers provided music.

1996 – Spirit Mountain Casino was preparing for a phase two expansion that would include a steak house and lounge, banquet and meetings rooms, children's play area, video arcade, RV park and expansion of its gaming space. The development would add approximately 36,000 square feet to the existing building and the RV development was expected to feature up to 150 spaces.

1991 – The Grand Ronde senior meal site was completed, giving Tribal Elders a place to gather and enjoy a hot lunch together Tuesday through Thursday. The meal site was built by maintenance crew member Greg Leno, Tribal Elder Russ Leno and others.

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



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ATTENTION ALL HOUSING TENANTS AND GUEST PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community

GRAND RONDE TRIBAL LIBRARY MAIL OUT LITERACY PACKET PROGRAM

The Tribal Library is excited to announce our literacy packet program to tribal members and descendants living <u>outside</u> the Grand Ronde area.

Registration February 1st- February 12th

We have <u>20</u> openings so early registration is encouraged. Tribal members and descendants accepted into the program will receive an email confirmation.

Each literacy packet will include activity sheets and a book.

Packets will be mailed out once a month starting in February and going through April 30th

SIGN UP AT THIS LINK http://bit.ly/mailoutpacket



Please contact the library with any questions at kathy.cole@grandronde.org or call 503-879-1488

