

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – iskam mək^hmək 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 March food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“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 mək^hmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 19, 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: Harold Lyon.
- **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 – Lewis and Clark College Professor Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham traced the “Trail of Tears” of the Umpqua Tribal people that occurred in January 1856. His work helped shine a new light on a period in Tribal history that was before completely reliant on two detailed accounts of Indian removals authored by non-Indians. It detailed the removal of the Umpqua people before the removal of the Rogue River Valley people from Table Rock the next month.



2016

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2011 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde regained ownership of more than 139 acres of its original reservation by purchasing eight tax lots owned by the Rink family. “This is a big one,” said Tribal Lands Manager Jan Reibach. “The Rink family purchased the property after the Termination of the Tribe and now the Tribe has purchased it back.” The purchase was the culmination of a dozen years of discussion between the Tribe and Rink family.

2006 – Grand Ronde Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy joined Siletz Chairwoman Dee Pigsley and Warm Springs Chairman Ron Suppah Sr. in supporting future plans for the Clackamas River hydroelectric project. Among the issues resolved were a plan for improved fish and wildlife protection along with provisions for a number of recreational activities.

2001 – The Oregon Senate voted to remove the word “squaw” from the names of landmarks and public property in Oregon because of the demeaning nature of the word. One of the two bills approved would urge the Secretary of the Interior, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and the Oregon Geographic Names Board to remove the word from various geographic areas and sites. Senate Democratic leader Kate Brown, who sponsored both measures, said the word “squaw” was derogatory and should no longer be used.

1996 – Tribal Council members honored Tribal member Marie Schmidt with various gifts at the March General Council meeting in honor of her service to the Tribe. She served on the Education Committee and as Tribal representative to the statewide committee, as well as on the board of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. She also had recently been honored at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians’ winter conference. Before retiring, Schmidt worked for 36 years at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

1991 – Dorothy Ledford was honored as the Nanitch Sahallie employee of the month. “I try to give 100 percent all of the time,” she said. “I have always done that and I take pride in my work.” Ledford served as the center’s housekeeping supervisor, and was respected by her coworkers because of a “willingness to work hard and ability to maintain a pleasant smile,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

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

Cultural Lifeways Online

March 31st, 2021 3pm-5pm

Bear Grass Bead Making | March 31st 3pm-5pm

Make traditional braided bear grass beads with Grand Ronde relatives and friends on Zoom. Supplies provided. 10 spots available per session. To sign-up please contact:

CulturalEducation@grandronde.org
503-879-1690