

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 April 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 məkʰmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 23, 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 Tuesday 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 – A Celebration of Life event was held for Tribal Elder Richard Ray, which he was able to attend in person. Fellow Elders decided to host the event before he passed away from terminal cancer. “I’m on a different path,” Ray said. During the service, friends and family recalled his youthful adventures, childhood in Willamina and adulthood working for his own logging company. Ray served on the Tribe’s Timber and Elders committees.

2011 – The Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department hosted a photograph identification session. The department compiled several photos, which were laid out for people to look at and hopefully identify some of the people and items in them. The cache of 150 pieces, including 20 letters and a huge basket, dated back as far as the late 1800s and as recent as the 1950s.



2011

File photo

Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison inspected image after image with a magnifying glass. It was the first time she had seen one photo of her oldest brother as a baby. “I just wish the last generation was still around,” she said. “Especially the Hudson girls.”

2006 – More than 150 Native youth participated in the fourth annual Native Youth Wellness Day at the Tribal gym. The day included motivational speakers, Native American pop music artist Jana, breakout groups, a basketball tournament and a pizza dinner. “I go around to talk about motivating and empowering the youth,” Jana said. “I like to spread my message and visiting Grand Ronde has been a great experience.”

2001 – Approximately 25 Japanese exchange students who were attending Marylhurst College visited Grand Ronde and toured the Tribal offices. The college students were on a spring break trip studying different cultures and tourism. They performed a traditional Japanese dance in the Tribal Governance Center for Tribal staff and second-grade students from Grand Ronde Elementary School.

1996 – Spirit Mountain Casino’s Phase 2 expansion was progressing rapidly, with employees and customers anticipating the addition of 36,500 square feet of new gaming, dining and family entertainment space. Scheduled for completion by July, the new expansion would include the Legends restaurant, a children’s attraction, video arcade and expansion of gaming space. The expansion would add between 125 to 150 new employees to the facility, according to David Hargo, vice president of development.

1991 – Tribal Council Chairman Mark Mercier and Tribal Council member Larry Brandon attended a Tribal Leaders Forum in Seattle, Wash. The event included Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Inouye told the group of Tribal leaders that he was genuinely supportive of Native people and was at the meeting to take his “marching orders” from them. Approximately 60 Tribal representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska attended the event.

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

Hunters Education Field Day set for May 1

The Natural Resources Department’s Parks and Recreation Program is coordinating a Hunters Education Field Day on Saturday, May 1.

Registration for the class must be done at the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife website. There is a \$10 per student fee and the class is open to Tribal and nonTribal youth ages 9 to 17 by the beginning of the 2021 hunting season.

The class is only the field day and students must have attended either a conventional course, online course or completed an at-home workbook. Spots will be limited.

In Oregon, all youth hunters 17 and younger must pass a certified hunter education class before hunting unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter Program. The minimum age to hunt big game is 12 and hunters age 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older when hunting.

To register for the Field Day, visit myodfw.com. For a full list of youth hunter regulations, visit www.eregulations.com/oregon.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Coordinator Jerry Bailey at 503-879-2337 or jerry.bailey@grandronde.org. ■