

# 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 May 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](mailto: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, May 21, using the Zoom teleconference application. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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](mailto: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’s fourth annual First Salmon Ceremony took on additional meaning as the Tribe had recently seen its ceremonial fishing rights at Willamette Falls restored. The ruling, which had come the month before from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, allowed Tribal members to take as many as 15 fish in a traditional way at Willamette Falls. “You go to these ceremonies and feel like you’ve accomplished something and you’re going back in time,” Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said. “You have to wonder, did you just walk in the footprints of your ancestors? Did they do the same thing?”

**2011** – Cultural Resources Department staff members worked together to get hundreds of pages from Grand Ronde Agency land allotment and pass books photographed at the Oregon Historical Society. Cultural Resources Department Manager David Lewis came across the books while researching Grand Ronde history at the society. “We’ve seen these allotments before,” he said. “But not the original books.”



2011

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The pass books were dated in the 1860s, and the allotments in the 1890s.

**2006** – Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach was named a finalist in the eighth annual Native American Music Awards. His DVD, “Tribute to the Native American Flute,” was a finalist for best long or short music video. “It’s an honor to be recognized by the Native American Music Awards,” Reibach said. “The Tribute DVD is really intended to share the beauty of the Native flute, which has touched so many lives in a good way. Thanks to my Tribe for all the support.” The awards show was set to take place in June in Hollywood, Fla.

**2001** – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison was honored at the May General Council meeting for her years of service to the Tribe. She announced that she would not be seeking re-election. Tribal members gave her a standing ovation as Tribal Council Secretary Reyn Leno presented her with an honor corsage. Attendees also personally thanked Harrison for her leadership.

**1996** – Two attractions, the Strawberry Patch and Song Basket Marketplace, were set to open adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino. The marketplace focused on Native American art, but welcomed all crafters who wanted to display their work. The Strawberry Patch offered shortcake, milkshakes and ice cream. “The butterfly is a symbol of renewal,” Tribal Business Development Specialist Sam Henry said. “And this is a renewal of both the Strawberry Patch location and of our own Tribe’s cultural and artistic heritage.”

**1991** – Tribal member Cindy Martin represented Grand Ronde at the Miss Indian World competition. The Grand Entry featured more than 1,000 people from Tribes across North America. “Although I did not come home with any awards, I did come home with a full heart and some great memories to cherish forever,” she said. Martin said a highlight was learning about other Tribes and their cultural traditions through the 17 other contestants from 10 states. “I made some really good friends and I will never forget this experience,” she said.

**1986** – Tribal member and Willamina High School senior Pam Brown was one of two Oregon students awarded the Oregon Indian Education Association’s achievement award. She was honored during the association’s annual conference held in Newport.

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