

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 July food box distributions on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Food Bank will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence 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 mək^hmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 22, using the Zoom teleconference application. 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 – Twenty-three Tribal members visited the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to pay their respects to the meteorite Tomanowos in a private ceremony. The delegation was one of the largest ever, and included Tribal staff, Tribal Council members, Tribal royalty, and Tribal members and Elders. For many, it was the first time they participated in a private ceremony with the meteorite.



2016

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2011 – After a two-year hiatus, the Spirit Mountain Stampede rodeo was back. It had been corralled in 2009 and 2010 as the Tribe tightened its collective belt due to the nationwide recession. The rodeo also had the financial backing of Spirit Mountain Casino to help make it financially successful. There were billboards advertising the event along Interstate 5 and Highway 18, a Facebook page and radio ads.

2006 – Tribal member Jake McKnight was profiled in *Smoke Signals* after launching a mixed martial arts career. “I just got into it and now I love it,” McKnight said. “It’s a great sport.” In addition to cage fighting, McKnight also worked at the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department. McKnight had spent the past five months training for his newest challenge, and had an extensive history in boxing and wrestling.

2001 – U.S. Attorney Kristine Olson, who worked with Oregon Tribes throughout her career, was honored at the Mark O. Hatfield Courthouse to celebrate her retirement after a long career. “She had the Tribe’s best interests at heart,” Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison said. “She was a good friend to the Tribe, and not only with us, but throughout the nation.” During the event, Olson announced that she would be working with Harrison to write an autobiography of her life. Olson had been collaborating with Harrison on the project for the past several months.

1996 – In an effort to further increase the number of Tribal members employed at Spirit Mountain Casino, the Human Resources Department was looking to hire someone who could spend the majority of their time to accomplish this goal. “We share the desire to increase the number of Tribal members employed at the casino,” Human Resources Director Kit Devine said. “The new HR representative will take a hard look at finding the right job for every Tribal member who wants one and to work with Tribal programs to ensure Tribal members receive the skills and training necessary to find that right job.”

1991 – A Grand Ronde veterans group held several meetings during the last few months, hosting organization speakers and planning activities. Recent meetings included information sharing from various veteran organizations. The Grand Ronde group was hoping to become involved with the Northwest Indian Veterans Association and had representatives visit to discuss NIVA activities. In addition to meeting with other organizations, the Grand Ronde group also hoped to establish a Tribal Honor Guard for special events and veteran funerals.

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



Enrollment and membership meetings – follow-up

Smoke Signals invited Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy and contracted attorney Robert Lyttle, right, to recap the four enrollment and membership meetings held in June. The meetings were intended to provide uniform information to Tribal members about Grand Ronde's enrollment issues. In this podcast, they discuss how they think the meetings went and what the next steps will be for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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