

# 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 July 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. 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** – The fourth annual Veterans Summit: Gathering of Warriors at úyxat Powwow Grounds continued to attract large numbers. Even the rainy weather didn't keep people from turning out to honor Vietnam veterans. They were chosen as the focus for the event as 2016 marked the 50th



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anniversary of the country's military escalation in that conflict. Every Vietnam veteran who attended received a commemorative eagle pin. “On Friday, I was really worried about how many veterans we would get, but then on Saturday we ended up having a grand entry that had one of the highest turnouts of veterans we have ever had in the circle,” Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno said. “That was a great turnout.”

**2011** – Tribal member Jordan Schultz had his moment in the spotlight when he had an opportunity to try out for “American Idol” when the popular show came to the Rose Garden in Portland. Schultz was among 6,000 hopefuls who waited hours in line to try out for the show. The 22-year-old was also a radio producer and host at 750 AM The Game in Portland. Although he ultimately did not advance to the next round of auditions, Schultz left with no regrets. “It was fun,” he said. “I had a friend that got through. I know there's options. I'm going to deal with rejection many more times in my life. This wasn't the first and it won't be the last. You can't take it personally.”

**2006** – Three Elder foster care homes were completed and ready for residents. The Black Bear, Cougar and Elk lodges each had five private rooms, and common areas for cooking, eating, socializing and relaxing. The Elder Foster Care homes were built as a joint project of the Tribe and grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**2001** – Two Tribal members, Connie Lopez and her sister Carmen Brown, completed the San Diego Rock and Roll Marathon after being inspired by Native American running legend Billy Mills. It was the fourth marathon for Lopez and the first for Brown. “I'm very proud of her,” Lopez said. “With this being her first marathon, she did very well.”

**1996** – Legends restaurant opened with weekend visitors who gathered for food, fun and celebration. Special prizes were given away all four days of the grand opening and included cash wheel prizes of up to \$500, season tickets to the Portland Trail Blazers, Super Bowl tickets, an all-expenses paid trip to the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, and a brand new Chevy Blazer. Legends first opened to Tribal members and their families and included a sit-down lunch of their choice in the restaurant.

**1991** – Tribal member Mary Ring was honored for completing a course at the Native American Leadership Institute on Aging in Arlington, Va. She was one of 32 people selected from throughout the United States for the program. She served as the Community Services director for the Klamath Tribe. Some of the subjects studied at the institute included leadership skills development, negotiations, management and federal legislation affecting Native American Elders.

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



## Chat with the Chief

*We are back! We would love to see you, it's been too long.*

**Date: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Time: 11:30am – 4:00pm**

**Place: Tribal PD**

**Box lunches provided (limited supply) first come first serve**