

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 a continuing reaction to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, the Food Bank will hold August 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

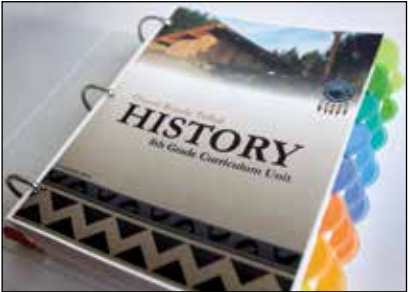
- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/iskam məkʰmək haws, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting is TBA, using the Zoom teleconference application. Vice Chair: Mia Prickett. 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 Grand Ronde eighth-grade Tribal history curriculum was released to the public and being shared with Oregon schools. The new curriculum began as a pilot project in 2014 that was funded mostly by an Administration for Native American’s Social and Economic Development Strategies grant. Seeing the need for culturally relevant and historically



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accurate information for Oregon students as a priority, the Tribe’s Education Department began work on a fourth-grade project that had been in public schools for two years. The Tribe’s newly released eighth-grade curriculum was a follow-up to that successful project.

2011 – The Grand Ronde Tribe flew its flags at half-mast in honor of the life of Mark Hatfield, the U.S. Senator from Oregon who played a pivotal role in ushering through Congress the Grand Ronde Restoration Act in 1983 and the Grand Ronde Reservation Act in 1988. He walked on Aug. 7 at the age of 89. “Words cannot describe what he did for us,” said Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison, who worked on the Grand Ronde Restoration effort in the early 1980s and served many terms as Tribal Council chairwoman. “His kindness, dignity and respect. ... He was a genuine friend of the Tribe. What a loss.”

2006 – Tribal member Una Birchum met her son she gave up for adoption 40 years after he was born. She gave birth to the child at the age of 15 at a home for unwed mothers in Portland, and he was adopted by a family who lived in Salem. Through Internet research and phone calls, the two were reunited. “I see it as a miracle,” Birchum said. “It’s given me a whole different way of looking at the future. I have all my children now.”

2001 – After several months of studying various appellate rules of other Oregon Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde established its own appeals court. “We are welcoming lawyers and non-lawyers and all Tribal members to visit and use the Tribal Court,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated.

1996 – The Natural Resources Department completed a management plan to be used as a directive through the year 2000. The plan detailed how the Tribe would manage the Reservation and recreational areas for its benefit, while protecting natural and cultural resources, as well as threatened and endangered species. The plan also analyzed the timber market, made projections for the future and explained processes by which the Tribe inventoried timber on the Reservation.

1991 – Tribal Council voted to amend the Election Ordinance to change the notarization of signatures for absentee ballot requests from mandatory to optional after concerns were voiced about the timing of requiring notarizations in a short period before the upcoming election. Council members stated it is was their intention to make notarization mandatory following the Sept. 7 election.

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