

# 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 November 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 TBD, using the Zoom teleconference application. 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 Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde decided not to seek a Supreme Court review of a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling that allowed the Cowlitz Tribe to keep its new 152-acre Reservation and continue building a casino 15 miles north of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area. The ruling handed down by the Court of Appeals rejected arguments made by the Grand Ronde Tribe and Clark County, Wash., during a March 18 hearing held in Washington, D.C. Tribal member and lobbyist Justin Martin said the change of plans occurred because the Tribe decided to focus on other economic opportunities in the Portland area.

**2011** – The Tribe's plankhouse, achaf-hammi, was feted with a first anniversary celebration that included a dinner of traditionally cooked lamprey, salmon and elk stew. The Grand Ronde Canoe Family danced, sang and drummed to commemorate the event. The plankhouse celebration included a full day of sharing, visiting and celebrating the Grand Ronde community.



2011

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**2006** – The Tribe began building a new fish weir in the Yamhill River in an effort to accurately identify and track the fish population. For the past three years, the Tribal Natural Resources Department had put up temporary fish weirs to count the number of steelhead and Coho swimming up the south fork of the Yamhill River to spawn. The weir would allow them to perform this task in a more efficient way and also implant transmitters to track migration patterns.

**2001** – Tribal member Tim Holmes won the 2001 Governor's Award from the Oregon Disability Commission. Holmes served as the chairman of the State Rehabilitation Council and acted as the representative of the Native American Vocational Rehabilitation Program. He also was chair of the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority and trustee at the Blanche Fisher Foundation.

**1996** – Several Tribal youth were honored at an awards banquet luncheon held at Spirit Mountain Casino for their participation in the first-ever Summer Youth Employment program, which was started in an effort to help young people who were looking to earn extra money during the summer and gain experiences in whatever career field they were interested in. Tribal youth who received awards during the banquet were Courtney Galligher, Marissa Leno, Misty Carl, J.R. Jones, Brian Krehbiel, Nick Bailey, Manny Mercier, Bobby Mercier and Ben Bishop.

**1991** – Rebecca Crocker, granddaughter of Wilson Bobb Sr., was selected as the new Adult and Family Services JOBS Program coordinator. The program assisted Tribal members who resided in the six county service area and the program provided assistance in education, job skills training, readiness, development and placement. The program also paid for child care during attendance of educational classes and job training.

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

## ‘We encourage everyone to join us’

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Tribal Communications Director Sara Thompson said. “While the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to hold our annual celebration virtually for the second straight year, we are still looking forward to gathering with our family and friends to commemorate this day and those that have gotten us here.”

There also will be a virtual raffle held at 10 a.m.

“Just like last year, every Grand Ronde Tribal member will automatically be entered into the raffle and the raffle will be broken down into various age categories,” the

Facebook post said. “We encourage everyone to join us.”

On Nov. 22, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed House Resolution 3885 restoring the Grand Ronde Tribe, which had been terminated 29 years earlier, to federal recognition. His signature on the bill officially ended the dark time of Termination.

Every year since, the Tribe has held a celebration that includes a meal, giveaways, speeches, dancing, drumming, singing and a Restoration Powwow. Approximately 200 Tribal members, family, friends and elected officials traveled to Grand Ronde in 2019 for the last in-person event, which was held in the Tribal gym. ■