

# Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam məkʰmæk 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.”

The Food Bank will hold February food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. It will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of the Tribal Chiefs’ 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@mari-onpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@mari-onpolkfoodshare.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 məkʰmæk haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, 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](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.)



**2017** – Tribal youth joined Grand Ronde Tribal Council members at the State Capitol in Salem for Tribal Government Day. The annual event was a chance for Oregon’s Tribes to make intergovernmental connections, and educate legislators and the public about who they are. Youth Council member Izaiah Fisher



File photo

met Gov. Kate Brown

and told her general counsel Ben Souede that he was going to be in the governor’s spot in a few years. It was the first opportunity the newly-formed Youth Council had to attend the annual event and mingle with Oregon’s eight other Tribes as well as state legislators.

**2012** – Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in support of Senate Bill 356, which would amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to streamline how the Tribe took former Reservation land into trust. The amendment would end the two-step process that required the Tribe to take each piece of former Reservation land into trust with approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then request that it be designated Reservation land by Congress.

**2007** – Tribal member Olivia Kathryn Larkin, 7, was headed to the Reno Music Festival to join other young musicians. The young piano player planned to perform two pieces, “Shepherd’s Lullaby” by Denes Agay and “The Bear” by Vladimir Rebikov. She had been playing the piano for four years and was considered by her teacher to be a natural. The event would be the first festival Larkin performed in, and to overcome any nervousness, she said she would “play and walk away, and take a bow.”

**2002** – Tribal employees assisted Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Department employees with placing 200 Coho salmon carcasses in three miles of Agency and West Fork Agency creeks to add nutrients that enhanced stream value to fish and wildlife. Similar stream enrichments had recently been conducted in the upper Clackamas and Sandy rivers, and Rogue Valley-area streams. “We primarily threw fish directly from the truck bed into the creek. We also carried a few to the creek when it was a little farther from the road,” Tribal Biologist Jeff Baker said.

**1997** – The Nanitch Sahallie Youth Treatment Center was doing well in addressing drug- and alcohol-addiction issues with Native youth. The residential treatment center for teenagers in Keizer was opened by the Grand Ronde Tribe in 1989 and was one of only eight Native American youth treatment centers in the country. It took a holistic approach to recovery, meaning that staff tried to impress upon the clients the importance of physical, mental and spiritual health in living a well-balanced life. The eight-week program had a 75-percent completion rate.

**1992** – A Tribal museum, cultural center, campground and full-service restaurant/lounge topped the list of tourism development projects mentioned at a Tribal economic development meeting. Ten Tribal members met with Tribal Economic/Business Program Specialist Shelley Hanson and discussed priority tourism projects. Other ideas were an art gallery, a historical play with Tribal member actors, a mini mall and sports complex. “The purpose of the meeting was to get feedback on projects being proposed by the Economic Development Department,” she said.

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

# POLK COUNTY WIC

Is now in Grand Ronde  
for more information please call  
503-623-8175 Ext 2297