

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.”

The Food Bank will hold March food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

“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 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. Friday, March 18, 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.)



2017 – Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno and Tribal Employment Rights Office Acting Director John Mercier testified against a proposed agreement between the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, saying that the proposed agreement would create overlapping TERO districts. The two-year agreement between the state and Warm Springs would include a 60-mile radius that overlapped on the west side of the Cascades. Leno reminded ODOT officials that Grand Ronde signed a memorandum of understanding with ODOT that ensured contractors engaged in federal-aid highway construction projects within a 60-mile radius of the Grand Ronde Reservation work with its TERO program to provide employment preference to qualified Native American workers.

2012 – The Grand Ronde Tribe's eldest Elder, Pearl Langley Lyon, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Elders Activity Center. Dozens of friends, relatives and well-wishers celebrated with the family. “One of the kindest individuals I know,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy said. “You’ve set a very high bar for the rest of us.”



2012

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2007 – Cultures connected after a performance by the Watoto Children's Choir in Grand Ronde. The concert was the brainchild of Tribal Council member Wesley West, who learned about the group from his sister. The choir members were orphaned children from Uganda and proceeds raised from their concerts were used to build homes, clinics and schools to serve the children who lived in the Watoto village.

2002 – Former Tribal Natural Resources Director Cliff Adams was hired to serve as the Tribe's general manager. He had worked in the Natural Resources Department for 14 years. “I'm excited about this because now I really get to see everything,” he said. “In Natural Resources I dealt strictly with forestry and things like that. You couldn't help but feel away from the Tribes sometimes. Now I get to know about all aspects of what goes on.”

1997 – Tribal Council made appointments to the newly reorganized Powwow Committee. Among the members named to the committee were Donna Casey, Carol Gleason, Dana Leno, Mark Cook, Jon George, Kathy Tom and Joann Mercier. Alternates were Mychal Leno and Dakota Whitehead. Tribal members Jackie Provost and Buddy Haskins were appointed to serve as head woman and head man dancers at the powwow.

1992 – A new Tribal dental clinic was scheduled to open later in the month at the Tribal Community Center. The clinic would include a dentist, dental assistant and administrative assistant. The clinic was set up with three treatment rooms and new equipment. Future plans included hiring a hygienist and another assistant to keep up with expected growth of the practice.

1987 – Tribal Elder David LaChance, 95, of McMinnville was presented with the Purple Heart 69 years after wounds sustained during combat in World War I. He was wounded in the left shoulder and both legs while serving as a private with an infantry unit of the U.S. Army in France. He was subsequently hospitalized for 22 months and had a lifelong disability from the wounds.

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