

# Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək'hək 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 April food box distributions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. In addition, there is a light food box (mostly bread and produce) distribution from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box on both days. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit [211info.org](http://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 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@mariopolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@mariopolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■



**STUDY CHINUK WAWA**

Fall 2021 – Lane Community College  
 CW101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa  
 Tu/Th 4-6pm via Zoom – 4 credit hours  
 CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa  
 M/W 4-6pm via Zoom – 4 credit hours

These courses will be online for the entire 2021-2022 academic year – please join us from wherever you are!

Lane Community College has two cost saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa:  
 1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW101, after completion of CW 103 and CW 104.  
 2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no credit at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LCC Arts and Humanities Division.

## 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 mək'hək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board meets monthly.** The next meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 29. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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: Daniel Ham.
- **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 Elder Ed Larsen Jr. was profiled in *Smoke Signals*. Larsen served on Tribal Council from 1992 through 2004 and owned the Spirit Mountain Store at the corner of Hebo Road before starting his 12-year tenure on Tribal Council. During the time he owned the store and served as an elected official, Larsen gained a reputation for giving and looking out for his friends, family and customers. “My way was to get it done and not fight about it. My idea was to make it work whether it was my idea or somebody else’s idea. I think my strongest deal was getting along with people.”

**2012** – A celebration of Grand Ronde Tribal women was slated to run at Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill in Salem. The exhibit was called “Grand Ronde Women – Our Story” and featured Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Elder and key Restoration figure Kathryn Harrison, Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom and Tribal Elder Margaret Provost, who was also instrumental in the Tribe’s Restoration effort. “Without the work and leadership of women, I don’t know that we would have many of the cultural programs we have today, including a vibrant language education program,” Tribal Cultural Resources Department Manager David Lewis said.



**2012**

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**2007** – Approximately 125 veterans from World War II, Vietnam and the Korean War visited the Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial where the Grand Ronde Honor Guard presented each of them with a medallion of honor. The veterans were part of a group that traveled with a nonprofit organization called Remembering America’s Heroes, which brought veterans to local high schools to talk to students about their wartime experiences.

**2002** – Tribal member Steve Hudson had a new lease on life after being released from prison: He got a gig performing blues acoustic guitar songs at The Summit View at Spirit Mountain Casino with local blues figure Richard Day-Reynolds. Hudson was born in North Bend, Ore., and had been playing the guitar since he was 8. During a two-year prison sentence for assault and drug charges, he used the time to practice his songwriting and guitar playing, and to address his addictions.

**1997** – The Native American Club held its first election of club officers. Tribal members Brian Krehbiel, Sol George, Brianna Leno, Brandy Leno and Joe Mercier were elected to officer positions. Other club members included Ben Bishop, Erica Mercier, Manny Mercier, Rachel Towner, Jason Greenlaw and Tara Leno. The club was supervised by Tribal employees Marion Mercier and Marty Branch.

**1992** – Tribal members Dustin, 14, and Shonn Leno, 16, won their high school wrestling division state championships. Wrestling had been a part of the boys’ life since they were toddlers and the two underwent intensive practices 10 months out of the year. During their high school wrestling season at Willamina, the boys also commuted to Portland at least weekly for private practices with the Peninsula Wrestling Club.

**1987** – Tribal Council approved identification cards for members. The photo ID cards would be issued to enrolled members who were 11 years and older. An enrollment update form was also to be completed when the card was issued. There was no fee charged for the cards but those who lost them would have to pay a \$2 replacement fee. No fees would be charged for Elders to replace the cards.

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



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