

# 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 July 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@marionpolkfoodshare.org](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## LIHEAP program is open

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is currently open. The program is available to Tribal members who have not received regular LIHEAP assistance as of Oct. 1, 2021, through Feb. 1, 2022, and/or have not received LIHEAP assistance through other agencies. LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. Eligible Tribal members must reside in the six-county service area or Clackamas County. For more information, contact Emergency Assistance Programs Coordinator Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or [tammy.garrison@grandronde.org](mailto:tammy.garrison@grandronde.org). ■

## 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 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, via the Zoom teleconferencing application. 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.

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**2017** – With 33 grants totaling \$671,500 distributed at its most recent check presentation, Spirit Mountain Community Fund surpassed the \$74 million mark in charitable giving since it was formed in 1997. In those two decades, the Tribe’s philanthropic arm distributed 2,474 grants funded by 6 percent of proceeds from Spirit Mountain Casino.



2017

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**2012** – Tribal voters approved a primary election amendment to the Tribal Constitution, but it fell 13 votes short of the required two-thirds approval to institute the measure. In certified election results, 407 Tribal voters favored a primary election and 222 opposed it for a 64.7 percent approval rate, just 2 percentage points short of the requirement. If the amendment had been approved, starting in 2013 the field of Tribal Council candidates would have been pared to six candidates through a primary election if 10 or more Tribal members were nominated in June.

**2007** – Tribal members flew to New York City for the annual visit to Tomanowos, the Willamette meteorite, which is housed in the American Museum of Natural History. Tribal Council member Jack Giffen Jr. led a group that included Elders Monty Parazoo, Gladys Hobbs, Sharon Hanson, Louise Medeiros, Violet Folden, Anna Hannah and Kathryn Harrison. The group also included Public Affairs Director Siobhan Taylor, Tribal members and Public Affairs Secretary Teri Mercier, and Language Specialist Bobby Mercier.

**2002** – Spirit Mountain Stampede brought more than 200 riders competing for more than \$14,000 in prize money to the Tribe’s rodeo grounds on the Tribal campus. Tribal members Shonn Leno and Duke Kimsey competed in the bareback riding event. Kimsey, a former ring toss winner, won the event.

**1997** – The Grand Ronde Tribe and Spirit Mountain Casino announced a \$100,000 grant from the casino would be given to the Portland Art Museum to underwrite a landmark exhibition of Native American art, the first stage in its plans for a permanent installation of its collection. The grant also supported transportation and admission costs to the exhibit for more than 3,500 Oregon students.

**1992** – Tribal members Celeste Wolf, Willie Mercier, Crystal Tonihka, Peggy Brickell and adviser Camille Van Vleet attended the National UNITY Conference in St. Paul, Minn. They joined approximately 1,000 Native American youth from all over the United States. “I made friends not only with people from all over the U.S., but with people in my own community,” Willie Mercier said. The conference theme was “Discovering Our Common Ground.”

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