

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 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.

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 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. ■

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



2017 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde hosted U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden’s Polk County Town Hall on July 2 and the debate over repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act was mentioned several times by the approximately 50 people who attended. Wyden started the Town Hall, his 828th since being elected in 1996, by asking that he not receive any partisan questions and that he not be queried about tweets sent out by President Donald Trump.



2012

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2012 – The circle of veterans extended halfway around the tent at the annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds. Nick Sixkiller was the master of ceremonies, and Tribal Elder Deitrich Peters and his wife, Rose, were the head man and woman for the powwow. An owl dance,

team dance, hoop dance and grass dances were held throughout the weekend and supported by drums from far and near. Past and present Veterans Royalty members attended and the Culture Committee hosted an arts and crafts booth. The Veterans Special Events Board held raffles to support the annual powwow work.

2007 – Tribal Elder and Vietnam veteran Steve Rife completed the 265-mile Trail of Tears walk in time to make grand entry for the Veterans Powwow. He dressed in regalia made by his wife, Margie, in whose honor he did the walk, and carried an eagle staff made by his sister. He was joined in the last mile by friends, relatives and members of the Grand Ronde Honor Guard.

2002 – A new, elevated viewing area for Tribal Elders was installed at the Tribe’s powwow grounds on the Grand Ronde Tribal government campus. Maintenance technicians Duke Olson and Lenny Logan built the platforms, which were also handicapped accessible, and provided shade and a good view of events.

1997 – Spirit Mountain employees, including Camille Mercier and Adam Henney, presented the Junior Achievement curriculum in Grand Ronde and Willamina. An aspect of the program was the community involvement component, where local business people shared the curriculum with students. Mercier and Henney gave a presentation called “Watching Our Money Grow” at Grand Ronde Elementary School.

1992 – Approximately 78 people participated in the planning session for developing a prioritized list of health care services for the new clinic that was being built on the Grand Ronde Reservation. “I know your time is very valuable and we appreciate your willingness to give to this project,” a *Smoke Signals* article stated. “Also, a special thank you to the community health council for all the work you have put in to make this meeting possible.”

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