

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 August 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 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, via the Zoom teleconferencing application and possibly in-person. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the last 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 – Grand Ronde was preparing for what could be the most anticipated 101 seconds in modern history when a total solar eclipse would make landfall in Lincoln City and head across the United States. Grand Ronde was right in the middle of the area of totality, a 60-mile wide zone in which the moon would completely block the morning sun. Spirit Mountain Casino and the Tribe were preparing for an influx of people, as the event was expected to attract one million plus to Oregon along the swath of totality.



2017

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2012 – The Tribe continued its effort to amend the 1988 Grand Ronde Reservation Act to streamline how the Tribe takes former reservation land into trust when Tribal Council Vice Chair Reyn Leno testified before the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. The proposed amendment by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader would end the two-step process that required the Grand Ronde Tribe take each piece of former Reservation land into trust with approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and then request that the land be designated Reservation land by Congress.

2007 – The Tribe hosted its annual Elder Honor Day and started the program by announcing a king and queen from the Elder community. They were Gene LaBonte and Marcella Norwest. Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Leslie Riggs led the Lilu preschool program in a Chinuk Wawa meal song, complete with drums and followed with an Elder participation song. Raffle prizes at the event included dart boards, BBQ grilling skillets, cordless drills, luggage, dust busters and gardening tools.

2002 – Three teens – Kevin Linton, Cedar Westley and Nathan Meuller – participated as part of a Tribal youth summer maintenance crew, helping Tribal Elders with various yard work tasks. The main purpose of the program was to provide an employment experience for the teens along with a sense of civic pride in a community setting. The youth mowed grass, pulled weeds and picked up trash. “My goal is to get them used to the idea of showing up, putting in the hours and doing things responsibly,” Tribal Maintenance Coordinator Lonnie Leno said.

1997 – Grand Ronde Tribal Council and Spirit Mountain Casino hosted a dinner for the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the President’s Council on Sustainable Development. Representatives visited Spirit Mountain Casino to learn everything they could about casino operations, economic development and contributions to the community. Attendees were provided with a bus ride from Portland, a tour of the casino and dinner. During the meal, entertainment included two songs in Chinuk Wawa from Tribal children and a Chinuk story from Tribal Elder Ila Dowd.

1992 – A new HeadStart preschool was set to open in Grand Ronde, part of a cooperative effort between the Community Action Agency of Yamhill and the Tribe. The program was free of charge and provided services such as classroom teaching, identification of health issues, breakfast and lunches, parent involvement, social service assistance for families, bus transportation, and curriculum that promoted positive self-image and taught about the heritage and cultural traditions of the Tribe.

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

Interior to end use of derogatory term

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of the Interior announced on Friday, July 22, that the 13-member Derogatory Geographic Names Task Force has reviewed more than 660 geographic features on federal lands using an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur for Indigenous women.

“I am grateful to the Task Force for their work to ensure that racist names like (expletive) no longer have a place on our federal lands,” said Interior Secretary Deb Haaland. “I look forward to the results of the U.S. Board of Geographic Names vote, and to implement changes as soon as is reasonable.”

The Task Force, which was established in February, received more than 6,600 comments from the public and 300 comments through nation-to-nation consultations. It provided replacement name suggestions to the Board of Geographic Names, which is expected to vote on the suggestions in September. ■