

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 – In an effort to continue improving communication with Tribal members, the Tribe was starting a LISTSERV service that would allow for multiple e-mail distribution groups to be established for different types of information. The first distribution groups would be for Tribal Council News, which would include agendas for meetings as well as other general Tribal news. Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez said if interest was high enough, more lists would be added for different areas of Tribal business.

2012 – The Grand Ronde Canoe Family completed its annual journey with the Paddle to Squaxin Island, which began at Wallace Marine Park in Salem and ended in Kamilche, Wash., several days later. “It gets tough,” Tribal member Kyoni Mercier, 14, said. “But I keep praying and thinking about what our ancestors went through. There are Elders nowadays who are in wheelchairs, and they can’t experience it.” The Grand Ronde Tribe first participated in the annual northwest Tribal canoe journey in 2005.



2012 File photo

2007 – Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski moved the Grand Ronde Tribe closer to full sovereignty when he signed his first state-Tribal proclamation in the Tribal Governance Building atrium. The proclamation was the first step toward giving Tribal members increased access to game for ceremonial purposes outside of state-mandated hunting and fishing seasons, as well as permitting the Tribe increased management of its own lands.

2002 – The Tribe held an open house for its new education complex on the Grand Ronde campus, which included a full-size gymnasium, library, youth education classrooms and preschool classrooms. With more than 30,000 square feet of space, the new campus was large enough to meet all of the Tribe’s educational needs for the foreseeable future. “Our Tribal Council is very generous and supportive of the Education Division,” Tribal Education Director Marion Mercier said. “This building is a tribute to their dedication to education. It’s very much a worthwhile investment.”

1997 – Tribal Cultural Resources Protection Specialist June Olson and other Tribal members visited the Fern Ridge area just outside of Eugene for a day of harvesting camas. The Cultural Resources program was in the process of creating a list of Tribal members throughout Oregon interested in traditional gathering and harvesting, with the ultimate goal of revitalizing camas fields on Reservation lands or on trust lands to be harvested on a yearly basis.

1992 – The Northwest Area Indian Health Board met in Newport for a two-day conference to discuss Native American health issues with Tribes all over the Northwest. Grand Ronde Health Program Representative Cheryle A. Kennedy went on behalf of the Tribe. The meeting focused on varied issues including HIV, drug/alcohol misuse and the Indian Health Service budget for the coming year.

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

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