

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 September 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 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, 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 – For 101 seconds beginning at 10:17 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, the temperature in Grand Ronde dipped noticeably, street lights in Tribal Elder housing activated and the sun disappeared from the sky as totality for a solar eclipse enveloped the area. The total solar eclipse made landfall in Lincoln City, Ore., and ended its path across the United States in South Carolina. It was the first solar eclipse to traverse the continent since 1918.



2017 File photo

2012 – Tribal musician Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach traveled more than 4,700 miles to Northern Ireland to preform concerts and tour the ancestral homelands of his great-grandfather. After a full day of radio interviews in Derry, Northern Ireland, Reibach headed to the Waterside Theatre, site of his scheduled concert that night, and met two other Grand Ronde Tribal members – Liam O Gallachoir, 7, and his mother, Mary Frost – while signing autographs. Reibach gifted the boy with a pair of boots, hand-beaded with wolves and medicine wheels, a small cedar flute and drum.

2007 – President George W. Bush signed a bill allowing development on Chemawa Station, the jointly owned Grand Ronde and Siletz property in Keizer. The signature approving Public Law 110-78 would enable the Tribes to move forward with developing the 15.7-acre property and diversify beyond their gaming profiles. The master plan called for a gas station, restaurants, retail and office space.

2002 – Tribal member Kevin Simmons, 26, was selected as the 2002-03 Hatfield Fellow by Spirit Mountain Community Fund. During his fellowship, Simmons would work in the office of Rep. David Wu, acting as a liaison between him and Tribes on issues that affect Native Americans. Simmons called his selection “a great honor for a young man.”

1997 – Construction began on a 57,000-square-foot expansion at Spirit Mountain Casino with a tentative completion date of spring 1998. The expansion would include additions to the main casino, the bingo hall and buffet area, double the size of the current gaming floor and open up much needed space for new games.

1992 – The Grand Ronde Water Board held a meeting to get input on a possible expansion of the water system into the local community. The discussion was led by Water Board District Manager Ed Glass, who explained to Tribal and community members why there was a moratorium on new hookups, and why some residents were experiencing periods of water unavailability.

1987 – Miss Grand Ronde and Junior Miss Grand Ronde were selected in conjunction with the Tribe’s third annual powwow. Cindy Martin was selected as the 1987 Miss Grand Ronde and Marlo George as Junior Miss Grand Ronde. The two would represent the Tribe during the following year at powwows, parades and other functions.

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