

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 October 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 məkʰmæk haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting was still to be determined at press time. 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 – Tribal Elder Rosetta LaBonte Manangan traced the non-Native side of her family back to being some of the first settlers in Oregon. Her great-great-great grandfather Louis LaBonte was on a list of Astorians of the Pacific Fur Co. who lived near the Columbia River during the winter of 1813-14. She said she found the list of Astorians, as the Pacific Fur



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File photo

Co. men were known at the time, in her papers after having received it originally in 2007 from a friend who was a history buff.

2012 – Tribal member Erin Soderberg was taking her love of culture from her home in Alaska to Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. She learned Native carving and culture through a Tlingit master carver in southeastern Alaska and made carvings, moccasins, a bowl, rattle and other projects over the years. She was hoping being closer to home would help her become more immersed in her Tribe’s culture. “I want to learn more because culture is part of who I am. Not living in Grand Ronde has affected me, because I always wanted to be more involved.”

2007 – More than 100 people came to Grand Ronde to share ideas to combat use of methamphetamine. Two dozen speakers were featured during the two-day “Tools for Healing and Meth Prevention” conference. “It’s a full-phase approach that deals with enforcement, treatment, prevention and recovery. If you leave any of these out, there will be a lapse in the program. The big thing now is to bring people together to learn from each other,” Tribal Social Services Director David Fullerton said.

2002 – A scale replica of a planned Veterans Memorial in Grand Ronde was on display in the Tribal Governance Center to let people know what the full-scale statues would look like when the project was complete. The statues were designed by Tribal member and Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran Steve Bobb Sr. The memorial would be dedicated to all veterans from the Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan areas.

1997 – The first residents moved into Grand Meadows, a new 37-lot manufactured home park in Grand Ronde. Tribal member Carl Lambert and his wife Betty were excited to be back in the area after Carl moved away in 1951. The retired couple said that they were looking forward to volunteering, taking computer classes, having lunch at the Elders meal site and meeting new friends.

1992 – Tribal member Chris Leno was featured for his new job as a business development analyst for Spirit Mountain Development Corp. His job duties included researching grants, gathering information on potential business ventures and attending conferences. He had one more term left at Oregon State University before he would receive a degree in marketing management.

1987 – With the start of the fall school term, the Grand Ronde Tribal Education program reported it had approximately 15 adult vocational training students, 14 higher education students and 10 adult education students participating in various schools and programs. “The Tribal Education program is looking forward to a successful 1987-88 academic year. Let’s show our Tribal members participating in school all our support and encouragement for the upcoming year.”

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

Drop box installed

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department, 9655 Grand Ronde Road, now has a medication drop box located in the front lobby.

Lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The drop box is for any prescribed or over-the-counter medication. If the containers are too large to fit in the drop box, please repackage them in a zip-lock plastic bag. Tribal Police employees cannot handle the medications so the person dropping them off must repackage them.

Needles and liquids are not allowed in the drop box.

Tribal Police suggest mixing liquid medications with cat litter or coffee grounds and then throwing them away with the household trash.

For more information, call 503-879-1821. ■