

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 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. ■

Lewis to discuss Kalapuyan Tribes of central valley

David Lewis, Grand Ronde Tribal member and Oregon State University assistant professor, will be the featured speaker during the Luckiamute Watershed Council’s first Sips ‘n’ Science talk of the fall/winter series at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Lewis will discuss Kalapuyan Tribes and bands of the central Willamette Valley and talk about their culture, how they cared for the land and adjusted when white settlers arrived. He’ll also talk about the removal process, treaties, encampments and work by Indian agents to remove Native peoples to the Grand Ronde Reservation.

The free virtual presentation will be held on Zoom and people can register by visiting www.luckiamutelwc.org/kalapuya-history.html. ■

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. Wednesday, Oct. 26, using the Zoom teleconference application. 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 – The Health & Wellness Center feted 20 years of healing with an anniversary celebration. Approximately 100 people attended the event. Grand Ronde Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe said it was an honor to serve her Tribe and that the last two decades had been an amazing time of growth and opportunity.



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Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, the former Health & Human Services director for the Tribe, gave the keynote address.

2012 – Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison was named “History Maker” and “Woman of the Year” in the same week. “Nobody has shown more grit,” Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk said at the History Maker event. The next night, at the Governor Hotel in Portland, Harrison accepted the 2012 Betty Roberts Woman in Leadership Award from Emerge Oregon, a Portland-based training program for Democratic women.

2007 – A recent shooting at Tribal housing was believed to be gang related, which increased concern among Prostar Security personnel and Tribal Housing authorities. Two bullet holes were found in a stop sign on Tyee Road after unidentified men in a vehicle fired two shots and sped off. No one was injured, but the spike in criminal activity was cause for concern during a housing meeting.

2002 – Employees at Spirit Mountain Casino celebrated seven years of operations with Interim Chief Executive Officer Bill Pierce. A plaque honoring the 1,480 employees recognized them for “exemplary service, commitment to quality and dedication to duty.” A separate plaque was presented to Organizational Development and Training Manager Laurie Roe.

1997 – Members of Tribal Council honored health staff and other guests at the dedication ceremony for the new Health & Wellness Center. Royalty and the Grand Ronde Honor Guard were also there to post flags and participate in drumming and dancing. Molly Rimer performed “The Lord’s Prayer” in sign language and Nora Kimsey said the blessing. Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison spoke about the importance of health care for Tribal people and how proud she was that the dream of a health center had been realized.

1992 – Newly elected Tribal Council members Kathryn Harrison, Ed Larsen and Andrew Jenness were sworn in at the Tribal offices by Judge Les Marston. Twenty percent of the eligible Tribal voters cast ballots in the election.

1987 – Samson Simmons, a member of the original “Trail of Tears” families, passed away in September and was buried at the Grand Ronde Cemetery. During the memorial services, Karen Harrison sang “Amazing Grace,” the Rev. James Crunican gave a blessing and a eulogy written by Eula Petite was read aloud by Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier.

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