

# 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 December 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. ■

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## 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, Dec. 9. 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.

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**2017** – Pearl Lyon, the Tribe’s Eldest Elder at 105 years of age, walked on in the early morning of Wednesday, Nov. 29, in McMinnville. Lyon was born Feb. 20, 1912, at Bay City Hospital in Tillamook before the sinking of the Titanic. She was the oldest of three sisters, which included Bernice Jensen and Ruby Bigoni. Lyon attributed her longevity to drinking rich goat’s milk when she was a child.

**2012** – During what Tribal Council Vice Chair Jack Giffen Jr. called “a monumental day for Tribal self-governance,” Alvin LaChance Jr. was sworn in as chief of the Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department. LaChance, 60, was a longtime veteran of the Redmond Police Department and he joined fellow Tribal member Jake McKnight, who also was sworn in the same day as a sergeant, as the first two official members of the Tribal police force.

**2007** – Several Grand Ronde officials attended the 10th annual Tribal State Summit. The purpose of the summit was for representatives of Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes to meet with state government representatives. Attendees ranged from eight Oregon Tribal chairs to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, and included legislators, state department heads, state agency staff members and Tribal government representatives. The summit’s theme was “Looking 10 Years Back and 10 Years Forward.”

**2002** – Twenty-two Tribal Elders traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., for a National Indian Council on Aging event called “Healing Ourselves, Healing Our Spirits, Healing Our World.” With a focus on Elder abuse as an ongoing problem and healing circles as part of the solution, Tribal members came back to Grand Ronde equipped with this new knowledge. Other attendees noted the few programs available to them on their reservations. Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison noted that even in Grand Ronde, there wasn’t an Elder’s advocate.

**1997** – People attended the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde’s 14th Restoration celebration, which featured a meal, historical displays, a blessing of the Sacred Hide and a mini powwow. Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison spoke about the first and past Restoration celebrations. Past Tribal Council member Marvin Kimsey told the audience about the 10-year struggle to get the Tribe restored to federal recognition, which included working out of a small office, volunteering hours of time and traveling to meet with government officials.

**1992** – Tribal Health Administrator Cheryle A. Kennedy was honored as Outstanding Portland Area Health Administrator at an awards banquet in Portland featuring more than 250 health care workers. Kennedy served as the Grand Ronde representative to the Native American Indian Health Board and had worked in the Grand Ronde Health Department for eight years. “It was wonderful to be nominated for the award. When I got the invitation to the banquet, I didn’t know I’d won,” she said.

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



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Free Playgroup in  
Grand Ronde!



**When:** First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am

**Where:** CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

**Who:** Parents and Caregivers of children under 5 years.

**Why:** Come to play, have a snack and have fun!