

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 January 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 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. 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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2018 – The first phase of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass was completed thanks to a \$4 million donation made to the project by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The first section of the bypass officially opened to traffic on Jan. 6, but the ribbon



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cutting was held on Dec. 18, 2017, due to the holidays. Tribal Council members Chris Mercier, Jon A. George and Denise Harvey attended the event along with Gov. Kate Brown.

2013 – The Tribe joined the West Coast Electric Highway with two electric charging stations installed at the Tribal convenience store, Grand Ronde Station, adjacent to Spirit Mountain Casino and along heavily traveled Highway 18. The Tribe was planning a grand opening ceremony for later in the year. The project was funded by an Oregon Department of Transportation grant so there were no upfront costs to the Tribe.

2008 – Tribal member David Harrelson was heading for Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to begin a three-month internship in Sen. Gordon Smith’s office. Harrelson, 22, said he wanted to work in Smith’s office because of the senator’s placement on the Indian Affairs and Energy and Natural Resources committees. “I’m interested in any opportunities working within the government in Indian affairs or natural resources,” he said. “I hope to network. I don’t expect to get a set something, but I’m looking forward to being able to observe leadership, and to understand compromise and the political process through which Tribes have to function.”

2003 – Grand Ronde Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison played a prominent role in the award-winning film about Elder abuse prevention called “Restoring the Sacred Circle.” The film was named best public service production by the American Indian Film Institute. “Much as I enjoyed doing my part, I felt it was sad that we were doing it. But if we have one poor Elder who understands that they have rights, then the whole thing was worth it.”

1998 – More than 200 memory bricks were purchased by Tribal members and community members to honor living and deceased family. The bricks were a fundraiser by the Health Committee for the Health and Wellness Center, and were installed at the walkway right outside the main clinic entrance.

1993 – The Tribe finalized a 197-acre land purchase with the Zimbrick family, whose land was located near Tribal forestry offices along Highway 18. The land had long been considered for a number of economic development possibilities because of its location along the highway and across the Yamhill River. The Tribe paid \$420,000 for the land, the largest single purchase it had ever made in a quest to extend its Reservation land base.

1988 – The Grand Ronde Tribe’s oldest living member, Georgia Renfrow, turned 100 years old. She was born in Woodburn and grew up in the Eugene area. Renfrow credited her longevity to avoiding alcohol and tobacco. A week before Christmas, Social Services staff members bestowed her with gifts of canned salmon and a basket full of baked goods.

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

Tribe offering warming centers during winter

The Tribal Emergency Services Department recently announced its plan to activate a warming center if needed during the daytime hours at the Elders Activity Center if the temperature dips to 25 degrees or lower for more than four hours and there is a need for the center to open.

In addition, the plan includes a nighttime overnight center, but only for the hours from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Tribal gym if the temperature reaches 25 degrees or lower for more than four hours in duration.

If there is a need for either of the centers, people should call Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Brandy Bishop at 503-879-1837.

“If more services are needed, we will help to guide the appropriate agencies and departments to try and meet the needs of the individuals,” Bishop said. ■