

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 March 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.

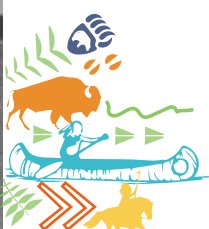
Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■



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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 at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 24, at Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. 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.



2018 – Despite snowfall that covered several parts of Oregon, all nine Tribes attended Tribal Governments Legislative Day held at the State Capitol. The theme was “Oregon is Indian Country: Who We Are.” Tribal Governments Legislative Day was designed to be a time for lawmakers, legislative staff, agency directors and their staff, as well as members of the public, to learn about Oregon’s nine federally recognized Tribes. Grand Ronde was well-represented at the event, with eight of nine Tribal Council members attending: Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, Vice Chair Chris Mercier, Kathleen George, Jack Giffen Jr., Denise Harvey, Michael Langley, Lisa Leno and Brenda Tuomi.



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2013 – Tribal Council held a first reading on the proposed Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The ordinance’s purposes would include providing Tribal laws and rules governing preference in employment and contracting within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, increasing employment of Grand Ronde Tribal members, and providing a fair, enforceable and effective system of priorities in contracting or subcontracting where a significant part of the work would be performed on or near the Tribe’s Reservation.

2008 – The Cultural Resources Department planned a celebration to commemorate the return of 600 items from Oregon State University’s Horner Collection. The return of the Tribal artifacts was the result of 10 years of negotiations. After years of work and collaboration, an agreement was reached to create a process for the return of Oregon-affiliated Native American objects in the Horner Collection to their rightful place. All nine Oregon Tribes were consulted throughout the process.

2003 – Tribal member Jake McKnight joined a team from the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department firefighting crew and as many as 3,500 others from across the country who were deployed to Texas to help find remains of the NASA shuttle Columbia, which disintegrated upon re-entering Earth’s atmosphere, killing all seven crew members. Finding the remains within 30 days was crucial because spring foliage would soon cover everything up.

1998 – The new governance building was under construction and scheduled to open in September. The 40,000-square-foot building and parking was expected to take up four acres and allow for a view of Spirit Mountain. The new building was set to become home to Tribal Council, the Legal Department, Tribal Court, Finance and various support staff and function in a manner similar to a State Capitol building. The project team was HGE and Elliot-Sheets Construction.

1993 – Tribal member Charlene Freeman was featured as entrepreneur of the month for her business, C Street Hair in Independence. She said she worked very closely with Economic Development Specialist Elaine Moore to refine the details of her business, such as having customers in a database, utilizing tax write-offs and working on expense tracking. “Thanks to the Tribe I am a lot more organized,” Freeman said. “I have learned more than I ever dreamed. Every day, there’s something new.”

1988 – A Tribal voter registration drive was set by Social Services staff in an effort to register every eligible voter for upcoming elections. Staff offered to assist in the voter registration process and had forms available at the offices, or could arrange for an in-home visit if needed.

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

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6:00PM TRADITIONAL SALMON DINNER
7:00PM ROUND DANCE

SATURDAY MARCH 4TH 6:00PM DINNER
7:00PM ROUND DANCE

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