

Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək^hmək 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 email for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider. Contact Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
- **Culture Committee** meets as needed at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/*iskam mək^hmək 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 15 via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at Editorial.Board@grandronde.org for the meeting link.
- **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 first and third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Carmen Robertson.
- **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: Reyn Leno.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Darlene Aaron.
- **Housing Grievance Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets as needed at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. the second 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. Chair: Jon R. George.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the Quenelle House. Chair: Raymond Petite.

To update information on this list, contact Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.



2019 – A 4.5-ounce sliver of the sacred meteorite To-manowos was returned to the Grand Ronde Tribe. The meteorite slice was repatriated by Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville during a ceremony at the museum’s theater. Those gathered watched in respectful silence as Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy accepted the piece in a red cloth-lined box from Evergreen Museum Collections Manager Lydia Heins.



2019

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2014 – Tribal Council voted to purchase a 17.5-acre island in the Clackamas River. Apsug Itcalxum, “the area of Eagle Creek” in the Clackamas Chinook language, is located west of Eagle Creek and near Bonnie Lure State Park within the Tribe’s ceded lands. “The history of the area is very important to the Tribe,” Tribal Land and Culture Manager Jan Looking Wolf Reibach said. “In addition to being a summer fishing place for the Clackamas Chinook people, this was near the birthplace of John Wacheno, son of Chief Wacheno, who signed the Willamette Valley Treaty for the Tribe.”

2009 – Ten-year-old Tribal member Brayden Langley won the Daisy/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation’s Youth Video Contest. His gun safety video featured quick cuts and bright photos interspersed with his commentary on the importance of gun safety. Brayden’s prize was a paid trip to attend the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Camp & Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo in Fort Worth, Texas. He also received a Daisy Ryder BB gun and gift card from Cabela’s.

2004 – Spirit Mountain Community Fund was awarded the Regional Cooperative Project Award by the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments at the COG Annual Awards meeting. The award honored “a project or initiative that has best exemplified regional, intergovernmental cooperation.”

1999 – A committee was formed to help set up a food bank in Grand Ronde. The Grand Ronde Community Resource Center committee had elected officers and written a mission statement.

1994 – Several Tribal members attended the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Visitation Day at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The day’s activities included touring the campus and visiting the offices of various Indian programs.

1989 – The Tribe’s Social Services Department sponsored a Positive Indian Parenting class. Frank Peterson, parent trainer, traveled to Grand Ronde to teach ways in which to better parent children. Participants included single parents, soon-to-be-parents and longtime parents. Tribal Council members Russ Leno and Ray McKnight were among those who attended the workshop.

1984 – The interim Tribal Council was sworn in at the Saint Michael Catholic Church cafeteria by Bureau of Indian Affairs official John Weddel. Kathryn Harrison, Dean Mercier, Candy Robertson, Frank Harrison, Darrel Mercier, Mark Mercier, Russ Leno, Merle Leno and Henry Petite were sworn in. Thirty-five people attended the event.

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