

## Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

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.”

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 4;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 18;
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receiving a food box.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center’s Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that 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](mailto:fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org) for more information or to volunteer. ■

## Smoke Signals starts own Facebook page

*Smoke Signals* has launched its own Facebook page and will be posting its stories, photos and podcasts to that page beginning on Tuesday, May 1.

New Deputy Press Secretary Sara Thompson, who is a Tribal member, will take over administrative duties for the Tribal Council and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Facebook pages, which were previously administered by Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Hernandez and *Smoke Signals* Editor Dean Rhodes, respectively.

Popular features, such as photo galleries from Tribal events and links to *Smoke Signals* podcasts and stories, will now be featured on the newspaper’s Facebook page.

“This is part of the continuing evolution of an independent Tribal press for the Grand Ronde Tribe,” Rhodes said. “The other two Facebook pages are outlets for official Tribal government announcements and positions, while the *Smoke Signals* Facebook page will be a conduit of information dissemination for the independent Tribal press that was created in January 2017. This also accomplishes a goal of the Grand Ronde Editorial Board, which seeks to create a defined separation between the Tribal government and the Tribal independent press.”

Editor Dean Rhodes will be the moderator of the *Smoke Signals* Facebook page, which can be “friended” at [www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/](http://www.facebook.com/SmokeSignalsCTGR/).

“Although I will miss having the more than 4,500 friends on the main Grand Ronde Facebook page, I am hopeful that many of them will quickly friend *Smoke Signals* on Facebook so that they can keep abreast of independently reported news about the Tribe,” Rhodes said. “In addition, this separate page will give us more latitude to post links of other stories about Native American Tribes and issues regionally and nationally that Tribal members might be interested in reading about.”

For more information, contact Rhodes at [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org) or call 503-879-1463. ■

## Lighthouse Church helping area homeless

Lighthouse Church, located in the Tribal building at 24697 Grand Ronde Road, is opening its doors from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday to provide temporary shelter for homeless Tribal members and Tribal families in the Grand Ronde area.

If a family with children needs shelter, they will be allowed to stay overnight if they arrive before 7 p.m.

The church provides refreshments and information on where to receive additional help.

For more information, contact Pastor Ken Haller at 971-237-4949. ■

## Health & Wellness Center Entrance

**Reminder:** The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only.

The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

**Thank you,  
Grand Ronde Health &  
Wellness Center Administration** ■

## Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **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. May meeting TBD. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto:Editorial.Board@grandronde.org).
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first 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: Jennie VanAtta.
- **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Michael Mercier.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Monday of the month in the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Steve Bobb Sr.

To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or [dean.rhodes@grandronde.org](mailto:dean.rhodes@grandronde.org).

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