

# 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 June 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. ■

# LIHEAP program is open

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps pay heating bills, is currently open. The program is available to Tribal members who have not received regular LIHEAP assistance as of Oct. 1, 2021, through Feb. 1, 2022, and/or have not received LIHEAP assistance through other agencies. LIHEAP is a first-come, first-served program and income criteria applies. Eligible Tribal members must reside in the six-county service area or Clackamas County. For more information, contact Emergency Assistance Programs Coordinator Tammy Garrison at 503-879-2077 or tammy.garrison@grandronde.org. ■

## 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 a.m. Thursday, June 16, via the Zoom teleconferencing application. Chair: Mia Prickett. Contact: 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: 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.



**2017** – An emotional Reyn Leno announced during a Tribal Council meeting that he would not seek re-election in 2017, ending 21 years of service on Tribal Council. Leno said he would be on a plane to Hawaii with his children and grandchildren during Tribal Council nominations. His 21 years on council were the most of any Tribal member who had been elected since 1983’s Restoration. “When I think of being on council, I always think you are only one of nine up here. If anybody thinks you don’t make a mistake up here, you’re kidding (yourself).”

**2012** – The Willamette Heritage Center and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde won the 2012 Award of Merit from the Leadership in History program of the American Association of State and Local History for its exhibit “Grand Ronde Canoe Journey.” David Lewis, manager of the Tribe’s Cultural Resources Department, said the award “means we are doing good



**2012** File photo

work, and the local community is beginning to recognize and understand the importance of the cultural work occurring.”

**2007** – The old Porter House, built in the 1920s, was torn down to make way for the new Elders Activity Center. The house served as a home, as the Tribe’s alcohol and drug rehabilitation center, an AA meeting hall and most recently as an office for the workers building the Elder foster care homes nearby.

**2002** – *Smoke Signals* hired staff writer Ron Karten to work at the Tribal newspaper. Karten hailed from New York and was a long-time freelance writer. He said the best part of his job was making connections. “I really like my work,” he said. “I really like talking to people and writing about people. I’m just floored by the people I meet (here). Everybody’s been wonderful.”

**1997** – Spirit Mountain Casino’s float “Mountain Joy,” which depicted a bobcat playing with a butterfly, won first place for the second year in a row at Portland’s Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. The theme of the festival was “Having Fun,” and Tribal members Jackie Provost, Emma Leno and Miranda Provost represented the Tribe while riding on the float during the parade.

**1992** – Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin’s wife, Susan, and her daughter, Stacy, toured Nanitch Sahallie, the Tribe’s youth residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Keizer. It was reported that the AuCoin family was very interested in the Tribe’s dedication in helping Native Americans afflicted with chemical dependency and would share what they had learned.

**1987** – Tribal member Tamara Kennedy was one of the first Grand Ronde Tribal members to graduate from Chemawa Indian School since the Tribe was terminated in 1954. She said the best thing about attending the school was meeting students from different Tribes, and during her time there she played softball, basketball and participated in a youth mentorship program.

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

## ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

Tribal Council is considering amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. The proposed amendments were given a First Reading at the May 18, 2022, Tribal Council meeting.

The proposed amendments (1) add a provision allowing Children and Family Services staff to have access to kinship reports and birth records for use in protecting Tribal children and serving their families; (2) provide that any unauthorized use of the information shall be a violation of the Ordinance; and (3) may include other minor and technical changes.

Tribal Council invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney’s Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney’s Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

**Comments must be received by June 30, 2022. ■**