

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 February 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 at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month 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 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 via Zoom. 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 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 4 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Shayla Myrick-Meyer.
- **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 Smoke Signals Editor Danielle Harrison at 503-879-4663 or danielle.harrison@grandronde.org.



2019 – Three Tribal members – Jackie Many Hides, Duke Kimsey and Jim Holmes – served as stand-ins for their parents, who were going to be memorialized in bronze for their contributions to the Grand Ronde Tribe’s Restoration. The three traveled to Portland’s 3-D Foundry to pose for 3D body scanning and digital remodeling for the bronze memorial “Visionaries.” It would pay tribute to the efforts of Tribal leaders Margaret Provost, Marvin Kimsey and Merle Holmes, who began working to restore the Grand Ronde Tribe in the early 1970s. After more than a decade of work, the Grand Ronde Reservation Act was signed into law on Nov. 22, 1983.



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2014 – The ceremonial hunting season began with deer tags good for one month and the right to hunt the tags with a bow. Tribal members were entitled to new \$25 gas vouchers for each harvest and a knife for all hunters who harvested their first animal. The knives had the Tribal logo and the year of the harvest on the blade.

2009 – The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde received a \$500,000 federal grant to expand the Health & Wellness Center dental clinic. The Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Block Grant would help add six new dental chairs, two consultation rooms and three dental offices.

2004 – Tribal Elders who lived in Elder housing presented a Spirit Mountain Pendleton blanket and award to Tribal Elder Harvey Grout following the New Year’s Day storm. He was out every day throughout the weeklong ice and snowstorm, shoveling the sidewalks and driveways for those living in the Tribe’s Elder Housing development. “If it wasn’t for Harvey, I wouldn’t even be able to visit my next door neighbor,” Tribal Elder Anna Hannan said. Thanks to Grout, residents were able to pick up items including medicine and groceries. “I was raised to help others whenever I could,” he said. “It’s the Indian way.”

1999 – The grand opening celebration of Spirit Mountain Lodge included Tribal Council, community members and other guests who toured the inside of the lodge, casino and Hall of Legends. Tribal Council member Val Grout gave an opening blessing. Spirit Mountain Board of Directors Chairman Mike Larsen said it was a wonderful day for the Tribe and the community. “I want to give thanks to the people who gave us their support to build here,” Tribal Council Chair Kathryn Harrison said. “Not only our own people but the community as well. I hope when the future generations take over, they will have good things to say about us. Because then, we will be the ancestors.”

1994 – As the Tribe continued to grow, different departments adopted new programs or expanded existing ones. The Social Services Department enacted a program patterned after a state program to assist Tribal members in finding employment or developing skills to meet future goals. The Tribe applied for a grant to fund the program. “We offer help with career planning, extended schooling, retraining for a position or working on getting a GED,” JOBS Coordinator Carmen Mercier said. “Whatever barriers a client is facing, I help that person work through them one step at a time.”

1989 – The Tribe held an open house for its new youth treatment center in Keizer, Nanitch Sahalie. The facility would be used as a youth residential treatment center for American Indian youth in the Pacific Northwest who needed substance use disorder care. The Tribe worked with Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rep. Les AuCoin, Sen. Mark Hatfield, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and other Oregon Tribes in planning the treatment center. Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier provided opening comments and approximately 100 visitors attended the open house.

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

Tribal nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a nonemergency text line at 541-921-2927.

“If you have a nonemergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line,” said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. “When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time.”

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911. For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■

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