

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 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 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 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.

NWIHA offers youth scholarships

The Northwest Indian Housing Association is offering youth scholarship opportunities.

Applications can be obtained by visiting www.nwiha.org and clicking on the Youth Scholarship Program tab.

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by email to info@nwiha.org by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

All applicants, selected or not, will be notified of the NWIHA executive committee decisions. Successful applicants will be recognized at a banquet held on Tuesday, May 7.

Complete instructions are contained in the application form. For more information, contact info@nwiha.org or 360-220-9212. ■



2019 – Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy became the fourth Grand Ronde Tribal leader to lobby for adequate and stable federal funding of terminated Tribes’ public safety efforts when she appeared before the House of Representatives Appropriation Committee’s subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies in Washington, D.C. In her prepared testimony, Kennedy called federal funding for police services for Terminated Tribes “grossly inadequate.” She said, “Grand Ronde’s inability to secure recurring federal funding for its Tribal police force is one of the continuing impacts of Termination.”

2014 – Tribal member April Campbell was honored for her position as the Oregon Department of Education’s Indian Education specialist. She was presented with a Pendleton blanket and a framed powwow poster that was signed on the back by members of Willamette University’s Native American Enlightenment Association during her honoring at the 12th annual Social Powwow at the university in Salem.



2014

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2009 – Tribal member and Sheridan High School senior Denny Linton continued his family’s tradition of winning Oregon wrestling titles at the 2009 3A State Championships. His older brother, Tribal member Brandon, won two straight state titles in 2007 and 2008 for Willamina High School while Denny won state championships as a freshman and sophomore at Willamina.

2004 – Members representing the Tribe’s 14 committees met at Spirit Mountain Casino for the second annual Committee Summit. “We look to you to tell us what’s happening with the membership,” Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy told committee members.

1999 – The ad hoc committee to create the Tribal Veterans Memorial held its first meeting with the Grand Ronde Veterans Committee. The ad hoc committee decided to meet regularly to discuss progress on building a Veterans Memorial. The committee was tasked with creating several subcommittees responsible for different aspects of the creation of the memorial. They included fundraising, design, location and research.

1994 – The first Life Skills for Independence seminar took place in Grand Ronde for many Tribal members and JOBS participants. The four-week seminar covered a variety of topics including career planning and job search, personal development and support services. Coordinated through a program at Chemeketa Community College, all participants received college credit for attending the seminar.

1989 – The Powwow Committee was sponsoring a contest for a poster design to use to advertise the Tribe’s fifth annual powwow. A \$50 honorarium was awarded for the selected design.

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