

## Food Bank news

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək<sup>h</sup>mək 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 April 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](http://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](mailto: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<sup>h</sup>mək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
- **Editorial Board** meets monthly. The next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 19 via Zoom. Contact Chair Mia Prickett at [Editorial.Board@grandronde.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@nwiha.org) or 360-220-9212. ■



**2019** – Tribal Elder and World War II veteran Herman Hudson received a Quilt of Valor from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Hudson was nominated to receive the honorary quilt by Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr., a Vietnam War-era Marine Corps veteran who previously received one and then was asked to nominate a worthy veteran to receive one.

**2014** – The Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, inched closer to the \$62 million mark in giving during its quarterly check presentation held in the Tribal Governance Center. Community Fund Executive Director Kathleen George welcomed grant recipients and thanked them for creating solutions that make western Oregon a healthier, more resilient place to live.

**2009** – A get-together was held at the Facilities Department to honor and celebrate Tribal Elder Russell Leno's retirement. He retired from his position as senior groundskeeper at the Tribal Cemetery after working for the Tribe almost 22 years.



2009

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**2004** – The Tribe switched the Spirit Mountain Casino complex from the community water system to treated water from the South Yamhill River. The rollover affected the casino, lodge and convenience store. More than 4 years of work went into development of the system that finally allowed expansion at the casino complex without jeopardizing growth in the rest of the Grand Ronde community.

**1999** – The Tribe co-sponsored a dinner at the Portland Hilton in honor of retired Rep. Elizabeth Furse. Furse and her husband were given blankets with the Tribe's logo. Before she was elected to Congress, Furse advocated for the federal restoration of Oregon Tribes and served as Restoration Coordinator for Grand Ronde.

**1994** – Community Health Representative Bonnie Martin-Tom won recognition with the National Association of Community Health Representatives for her commitment and service to the Tribe. During the National Triennial Education Conference in Spokane, Bonnie was given a shoulder sash and special seating at the banquet dinner.

**1989** – Agenda items for the General Council meeting included a review of the Tribe's Master Plan and acquiring the Depot facility for office space. Coopers Consultants had been preparing a master plan for the Tribe to look at the housing and facility needs of the Tribe and its membership. The plan was in draft form and Tribal Council invited input from the membership.

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

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<https://www.grandronde.org/services/member-services/>

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