

## 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** – Grand Ronde Tribal member David Lewis had a new title to add to his list of accomplishments – Indigenous video game contributor. Lewis, an ethnohistory researcher and adjunct professor, wrote 14 narratives for the newly released “When Rivers Were Trails,” an educational, 2-D adventure game that explored the effects of allotment acts on Indigenous communities in the 1890s.

**2014** – The first of two informational sessions was held about proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution. The first proposed amendment removed the oversight role that the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, had over Tribal constitutional amendment elections. The second proposed amendment would set term limits for future Tribal Council members.

**2009** – More than 50 youth from Grand Ronde, Siletz and Klamath Tribes participated in the Native Youth Leadership Conference held in the Tribal gym. The conference focused on the idea of sustainability.



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**2004** – The Tribe’s Youth Education Program hosted its first annual spring break camp. The camp was open to the Native Club, Youth Leadership and Tribal students in sixth- through 12th grade. They were there to learn leadership and team building skills and to become more familiar with their homelands. The camp was held at the Tribe’s new campground at Agency Creek.

**1999** – The Polk County Sheriff’s Office Grand Ronde substation was relocated to the Tribal Governance Center grounds and included additional deputies. They were added to keep pace with the increase in the Grand Ronde community’s population growth.

**1994** – The Grand Ronde Chemical Dependency Program hosted a basketball tournament at Chemawa Indian School. There were nine teams from different Tribes. The Spirit Mountain team, coached by Grand Ronde Prevention Counselor Vernon Kennedy, took first place. Grand Ronde had another team entered called Greg 49ers, coached by Mike Larsen and Greg Leno.

**1989** – Tribal Chairman Mark Mercier stated in his chairman’s report that the Tribe was seeking a site for the Forestry Program. The site needed to have adequate office space and storage facilities for vehicles and related forest machinery.

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



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## SUMMER YOUTH INTERNSHIP

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Have questions?

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