

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 January 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 in February 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. Interim Chair: Valeria Atanacio.
- **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 Monday 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: Harris Reibach.
- **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.



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2020 – Three Grand Ronde Tribal Council members traveled to Tacoma, Washington to attend a rally in support of the Chinook Indian Nation’s fight for federal recognition. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George and Tribal Council members Denise Harvey and Lisa Leno attended the rally at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Employees from the Cultural Resources Department also attended, along with other Tribal members and government employees.

2015 – The Tribe closed on the purchase of a 91-acre parcel worth more than \$900,000 on the Chahalpam property along the North Santiam River in Marion County. The purchase, funded entirely by the Bonneville Power Administration’s Wildlife Mitigation Program, brought the Tribe’s total acreage to more than 429 acres managed for conservation purposes at the site downstream from Stayton.

2010 – The Tribe’s Natural Resources Youth Crew was named the Frank Roberts Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Project of the Year, for the fourth time in seven years.

2005 – The Tribe provided a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross Willamette Chapter’s International Relief Fund, to aid victims of the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami, which occurred on Dec. 26, 2004. It was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. More than 220,000 people died in 14 countries.

2000 – As the Tribal campus continued to grow, four offices moved locations. The Cultural Resource Protection and Office of Museum Development departments moved from the Governance Center into the newly remodeled Community Center, while the Tribe’s Small Business Development Department moved from the Human Resources Department building on Highway 18 to the Governance Center. The Grand Ronde Gaming Commission moved to a building off of Salmon River Highway, shared with Spirit Mountain Casino’s Human Resources Department.

1995 – The Tribal Council adopted a budget for 1995 that included a pension program for Tribal Elders from its timber revenues, an economic development fund, a cultural board and additional funds for education and training scholarships.

1990 – No edition available.

1985 – The Tribal Council authorized the general manager to develop and submit a proposal to the Housing and Urban Development Agency for construction of a 4,000 square-foot Social Services facility near the Depot. The Tribe’s \$250,000 proposal was competing for funding with all of the other Tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

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

Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship now open

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde’s Cultural Resources Department Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship (IPKA) is now open.

It is expected that two fellows will be named in 2025. Fellows will receive \$20,000 to advance their artistic work. The fellowship exists to develop Indigenous artist capacity within the Grand Ronde Tribe’s homelands.

“The Cultural Resources Department feels that art by Indigenous people is one of the most effective and recognizable ways that Indigenous people of place can hold a place in their homelands and further their own recognition and persistence,” an email stated.

The fellowship is open to anyone who can demonstrate a verifiable Indigenous connection to the ancestral peoples of western Oregon from the lower Columbia River in the north all the way to the Klamath River in the south.

Applications are due on Monday, Jan. 20.

Full details about the 2025 Indigenous Place Keeping Artist Fellowship and how to apply are available on the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center website, chachalu.org/programs/ipka-fellowship/. ■



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PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN ELDER HOUSING

Also, please make sure and maintain low levels of music in the Elder community.